

Our Village VOICE

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Welcome to our February 2019 Newsletter

In this issue you will learn about brand new website, find news and photos of our 2nd Annual Meeting, meet our new Board Members, read a message from our new president, notes from our past president, upcoming events, past events and community events, and information about our interest circles and committees. Enjoy!

Announcing Our Brand New CVV Website!

Check out CVV's brand new website that was presented at our Annual Meeting on January 17. Go to www.ClaytonValleyVillage.org



If you want to get to the Members Only area where you can: • Submit Service Requests, • Sign up for our events, • view the member directory, • renew your membership... and more, simply follow the directions outlined below:

DIRECTIONS:

1. Click on the "Login" menu item on the new site.
2. You will be directed to a Member/Volunteer Login page
3. Click on the large Member/Volunteer Login button
4. Enter your name and password.

You will then be redirected to CVV's Helpful Village site.

CVV's 2ND ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17

Twenty-eight members and volunteers attended our second Annual Meeting at Hoyer Hall in the Clayton Library on Thursday evening wearing their CVV t-shirts and greeting each other over delicious home baked treats. Outgoing President, Sonja Wilkin, thanked the 2018 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and, in the absence of treasurer Joanne Wasak, presented the 2019 budget which was voted on and approved.

Sonja gave an update of CVV's participation in local, regional, state, and national Village organizations highlighting the upcoming BRAVO (Bay Regional Area Village Organization) meeting on January 30 which is being cohosted in Lafayette with the other two Contra Costa County Villages (Lamorinda and Walnut Creek). She also explained what it means to be part of the Village Movement California and Village to Village Network, our national umbrella.

Sonja then awarded a special Thank You in the form of beautifully framed poem designed by Carol Hansen Grey to all the CVV Volunteers. To see a copy of the poem go to: www.claytonvalleyvillage.org/media



Framed Gratitude Poem Presented to CVV Volunteers by Past President Sonja Wilkin

Following the awards, the audience was treated to a sneak preview of CVV's new website created by Carol Hansen Grey and Diane Berger. It is the front end for our existing Helpful Village site and will give CVV much more flexibility and its own unique look and feel.

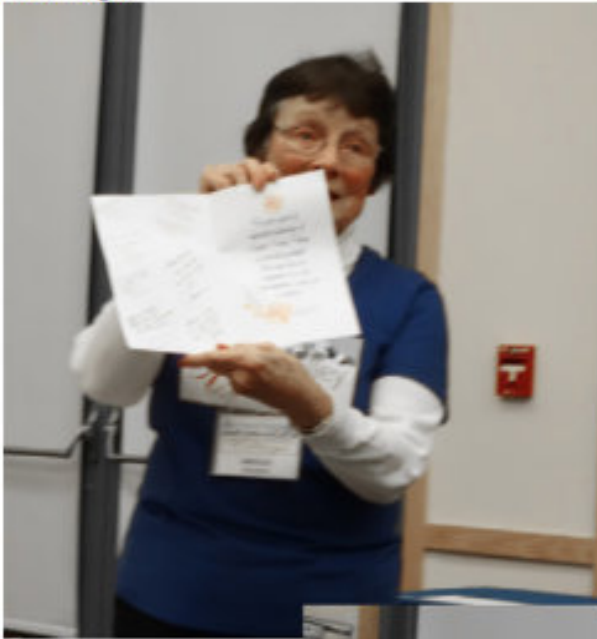
Pete Bardea then presented some of the in-depth data reports he creates not only for CVV but for other Villages who request them.

The 2019 Board of Directors, now totaling 11 members, was introduced: Incoming President: Jim Whitfield; VP/Incoming President-Elect: Kathy Geddes; Past President: Sonja Wilkin; Secretary: Sue Manning; Treasurer: Joanne Wasak; Directors: Pete Bardea, Diane Berger, Carol Hansen Grey, Mary Esther Loranger, Marilyn Wollenweber and Fiona Hughes.



CVV 2019 Board of Directors (from left): Mary Esther Loranger, Marilyn Wollenweber, Joanne Wasak (Treasurer), Sue Manning (Secretary), Pete Bardea, Kathy Geddes (President Elect), Jim Whitfield (President), Carol Grey, Fiona Hughes, Diane Berger, Sonja Wilkin (Past President)

At the end of the meeting Sonja was presented with a Thank You card and gift by the Board: A lined mahogany keepsake box with the CVV logo embedded on the cover. The box contained 4 ceramic tile coasters with the CVV Logo.



Did You Know?

ONE WAY TO BE SAFE WHEN PARKING AT AN AIRPORT!

If you are planning to fly and will be leaving your car at the airport, be sure to leave your garage door clicker at home and take your car registration with you. Otherwise, if thieves break into your car, not only can they find out where you live but by taking your clicker they can also get into your house. Be Safe.

THE HAMBURGER WAS CREATED IN 1900!

According to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, the hamburger was first created in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1900 by Louis Lassen, a Danish immigrant.



President's Message

Jim Whitfield

Greetings to our CVV family! I am your newly elected President with lots of ideas and a great Board of Directors to help execute some of them! Having been a prior President, I am hoping to focus on those ideas that the Board and I think will be of greatest value to CVV. I plan to meet with each Board member this month, then lay out some steps to integrate the best mix of the ideas into our Village. For those of you that attended the Annual Meeting last month, you have already seen or heard some of the plans: expand into Concord, revise our security process for all our volunteers, host small "come and see" meetings, consider modifications to our rate structure.

Hopefully you have transitioned to the new CVV website, designed by our own Diane Berger and Carol Hansen Grey. Go to <https://www.claytonvalleyvillage.org> to find and bookmark the new site. It is a much cleaner, more inclusive site, with easy-to-find calendar and activity information. What a great improvement! Thanks, Diane and Carol!

Our thanks and congratulations to Past President Sonja Wilkin who has done an excellent job for the past 2 years. She outlined a list of past year accomplishments in last month's newsletter, and Pete Bardea captured key volunteer and member data at the meeting. Most notable was the chart below showing the type and number of volunteer tasks accomplished in 2018:

Clayton Valley Village - Service Requests By Category - Summary

1/24/2019

For the Period 1/1/2018 Thru 12/31/2018

<u>Category</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Home (Ex-Lt Yard Work,Simple Maint: Plumbing,Smoke Det,Light Bulb)	50	84:45	33.56%
Mac/Apple Products	3	3:30	2.01%
Other	9	7:30	6.04%
Pets (Dog Walking, Feeding & Pet Sitting	1	:15	0.67%
Technical Assistance (Ex-PC,Social Media,Clerical)	11	16:00	7.38%
Transportation - Multiple Legs	14	29:30	9.40%
Transportation (Ex-Grocery,Shopping,Car Repair, Appts: Medical,Doctor,Salon,Social Activity)	61	88:30	40.94%
Total Completed Requests for the Period	149	230:00	

Please note the activities and bring friends to any of our outings. We all love to talk about the value of the Village! See you in February!

Notes from CVV's Past President, Sonja Wilkin

After a year of writing the President's Message for our newsletter, which allowed me to put my thoughts onto paper, I am glad to have the chance to do the following:

First of all, a **BIG THANK YOU** to the very dedicated 2018 Board of Directors:

Past President: Jim Whitfield, Secretary: Sue Manning, Treasurer: Joanne Wasak

Directors and Committee Chairs: Kathy Geddes, Pete Bardea, Carol Hansen Grey, Diane Berger, Fiona Hughes, Marilyn Wollenweber, Gloria Utley, Shirley Izard

Not only did the board meet monthly, but everyone did so much work independently behind the scenes to ensure smooth functioning during the year for CVV.

Committee/Interest group Chairs:

Volunteers Coordination and Training: Jim Whitfield Outreach: Jim Whitfield

Member Services: Marilyn Wollenweber

Events: Sonja Wilkin

Tech Committee: Diane Berger, Pete Bardea, Carol Hansen Grey

Website and Newsletter: Carol Hansen Grey and Diane Berger

Governance: Gloria Utley

Spring Bocce: Joanne Vanis

Summer Bocce: Jeanne Boyd

Movie Group: Jeanne Boyd

Out to Lunch Bunch: Mary Esther Loranger and Diane Berger

Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project: Shirley Izard

Since we have no paid staff, everyone who does anything for CVV is an appreciated Volunteer at CVV... and special thanks go to the Volunteers who perform the many service requests for our members. A special surprise at our holiday potluck party was presented by Arlene Lewandowski who read a terrifically funny poem she had written honoring our volunteers. It was made into a card designed by Carol Hansen Grey and copies were distributed to all in attendance. Below is a copy of the inside of the card.

Twas the week
after New Year's,
I was starting to bawl.
The faucet was dripping,
who do I call?
The sink was plugged up
with garbage and junk,
And my spirits, unfortunately,
were noticeably sunk.

The light bulb was out,
my room was so dark.
Who said being alone
was a walk in the park.

My cupboards were bare,
food I did need,



But my car
once again
was not
up to speed.

My doctor this morning,
I had to see.
I had fallen again and
wounded my knee.
Help I did need 'cause
I could not drive.
But glad, I was,
just to be alive.



The leaves in my yard
were all on the ground.
How could I get them
all in a mound.



The phone started ringing
so loud in my ears,
Village volunteers
were ready to
dry all my tears.



CVV Past Events

Clayton Valley Village Annual Holiday Celebration

Here it is! A record of the GREAT time we all had at our holiday party. Thank you, Joanne for sharing your beautiful home with us!

CVV HOLIDAY PARTY - JAN. 5, 2019



Clayton Valley Village January 15th Mixer

Our January Mixer was held at Mona's Burgers attended by 23 Members, Volunteers, a brand-new member and some new friends. A fun time was had by all.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members of Clayton Valley Village had a great time at the Oakhurst Crab Fest!

CVV Members Enjoying Oakhurst Crab Fest





CVV members and volunteers have many interests, hobbies and skills, so we invite you to start an "Interest Circle." It's a great way to meet, share and learn from others in our village who share common interests. Suggestions include: walking/hiking, arts & crafts, book club, creative writing, woodworking, doll making, card making, painting, quilting, sewing, photography, dining in private homes, conversations on various topics, attending musical events and/or local theater, travel. What it comes down to, however, is the willingness of our Members and Volunteers to lead and coordinate these Interest Circles. If you'd like to share ideas and discuss further, please contact Sonja by email <sonjawilkin@gmail.com>.



For Members Only



Coordinated by
Sue Manning

Have you been thinking lately that your days of traveling might be a thing of the past? Or would you just not go as far as someone else might even if you were able? "Armchair Travelers" is a new interest group of CVV for those who want to "visit" a destination without planes, trains or automobiles! We plan to hold quarterly gatherings to learn about adventures to far-flung locales or places not quite as remote beginning this April. We will be welcomed to a

member's or a volunteer's home where either coffee and dessert or wine and cheese will be served (it's up to the host or hostess.) Seating may be limited so be sure to reserve your spot early when the first "Trip" and Date are announced in the March Newsletter. Then get ready to "take off" in your mind's eye!

Note: members who would like to present their favorite journey are asked to contact Sue Manning, Coordinator, (925) 672-2727, for scheduling.

New Interest Group Forming: Walking/Hiking



At our annual meeting Dorothy Bradt and Kathy O'Toole took signups and answered questions for those interested in an upcoming group which will be opened to all members, volunteers, guests. Details will follow soon by the co-leaders, for this fun and healthy free group! We are grateful to Dorothy and Kathy, very active members of the Contra Costa Hills Club, to have volunteered to organize and lead this new activity.



Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

2019 CVV Board of Directors

Executive Committee:

Jim Whitfield (President), Sonja Wilkin (Past-President), Kathy Geddes (VP/President Elect),
Sue Manning (Secretary), Joanne Wasak (Treasurer)

Members-at-Large

Diane Berger, Carol Hansen Grey, Mary Esther Loranger, Marilyn Wollenweber

Volunteer Representative Members

Pete Bardea, Fiona Hughes

- The **CVV Events Committee** meets on the last Friday of the month between 1-3 pm and we welcome anyone to our hardworking team! We enjoy our meetings and the satisfaction of pitching in to make sure our events run smoothly.
- The **CVV Tech Committee** meets on the first Wednesday of the month and also participates in the monthly 3-Village Tech meeting and the HV Users group.
- The **CVV Member Services Committee** meets on the second Thursday of the month.

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