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A Message from our Presidents. Our Events held in August, upcoming Events, and lots more. Check out our Interesting Articles. **Check out our Ads only \$25.00 and it goes out to 500 local residents. Contact us at village.clayton@gmail.com to advertise in our newsletter.**

Happy Labor Day



Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. The three-day weekend it falls on is called Labor Day Weekend.

President's Message



Co-President
Marilyn Wollenweber



Co-President
Joyce Atkinson

On August 15th members and friends gathered at Moresi's for our monthly mixer. A good time was had by all. Our September mixer will be an Ice Cream Social at Bhishma's, **MUST SIGN UP! SPACE IS LIMITED!** This is always a fun event. If you need a ride, put in a request and one of our volunteers will pick you up.

Bocce Villagio continues to play on Sunday. Not the best team, but we have lots of fun!

On August 14th, sixteen Village Explorers walked downtown Concord to see murals, historical houses, and utility boxes painted by local artists, including CVV volunteer Fiona Hughes. All the Explorers really enjoyed the outing.

Many thanks to Arlene Lewandowski for arranging for the Smart Phone iPhone information meeting on Aug. 8th. Fourteen people attended the 1:30 meeting and some who missed it are asking for a repeat.

Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual Sunday Supper at La Veranda on Sunday, October 15th. No silent auction this year, but there will be door prizes.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember to keep cool!



September Birthdays

September 12th Sheila Driscoll - Member
September 12th Bonnie Slatkin - Member
September 14th Neil Brennan - Volunteer
September 14th Yoni Bushell - Member
September 17th Candy Negrete - Member
September 19th Ron Jacobs - Member
September 21st Millie Graham - Member
September 22nd Linda Miller - Volunteer
September 30th Dee McCombs - Volunteer



Welcome
New Members
& Volunteers!



Bonnie Slatkin



Amelia Olson

Did You Know?

Americans traveling to Europe will need 'Visas' starting in 2024



[How to Get Your Visas](#)

New Food Waste Recycling Program

A hand is shown holding a small amount of dark soil. To the left of the hand are some yellow and orange food scraps, possibly banana peels. The background is dark and textured.

COMING SOON
YOUR NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

LESS FOOD WASTE IN LANDFILLS
LIMITS GREENHOUSE GASES >>>

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 4, YOUR GREEN CART
WILL BECOME YOUR ORGANICS CART
AND WILL BE SERVICED WEEKLY.**

A food scrap pail will be delivered to your home in September.*
Use it to store kitchen food scraps and empty the contents into
your green organics cart.

*If you have other means for diverting your organics, please return the food scrap
pail to any MDRR office location.

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Submitted by Pete Bardea – CVV Volunteer

An amazing 2 letter English word.

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition.

UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but, if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U

P !

Did that one crack you UP?



Upcoming Events

- Monday, Sep 4th – Labor Day, CVV Office Closed**
- Thursday, Sep 7th – Tai Chi – Hoyer Hall, Clayton Library**
- Wednesday, Sep 13th – CVV Board Meeting**
- Saturday, Sep 16th – Clayton Memory Café – Hoyer Hall, Clayton Library**
- Tuesday, Sep 19th – CVV Ice Cream Social (Members & Volunteers)**
- Thursday, Sep 21st – Come & Learn about CVV**
- Thursday, Sep 21st – Tai Chi – Hoyer Hall, Clayton Library**
- Friday, Sep 22nd – CVV Birthday Celebration – Jul, Aug, Sep**
- Saturday, Sep 23rd – First day of Fall**
- Saturday, Sep 23rd - Volunteer Opportunity Diablo Valley Literacy Group**
- Friday, Sep 29th – CVV Events Committee Meeting**
- Saturday, Sep 30th - Volunteer Opportunity Diablo Valley Literacy Group**
- Saturday, Sep 30th - CBCA Octoberfest**



Save the Date!





Diablo Valley Literacy Council



Sheila Driscoll, CVV member, has enjoyed working as an ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor for several years and wants to let our members know that a tutor training is coming up in September for anyone interested in joining the program. Generally, after their training, people spend 1 - 2 hours a week tutoring one-on-one.

Volunteer Opportunity

Diablo Valley Literacy Council



"EACH ONE TEACH ONE"

English need not be your first language. No teaching experience is required.

We will teach you how to be a tutor! Come and help ESL - English As A Second Language - adults in your neighborhood to read, write and speak the English language. Working one-to-one, you will help adults gain confidence and skill which can lead to better jobs, citizenship, reading to their children..... many endless possibilities!

The next workshop will be held **Saturday, September 23, 2023 -- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** & **Saturday, September 30, 2023 -- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (possible zoom too) -- 4000 Clayton Road in Concord. You must attend both sessions. A \$20.00 fee covers training, material costs, refreshments, annual membership dues and ongoing support. Adult volunteers typically give one or two hours per week.

Register Today at dvlc4esl.org

Additional questions and for more information leave a message at (925) 685-3881 or e-mail at dvlc4esl@gmail.com.

You can be the person who makes a difference and changes a life!

A DAY OF ART AND CULTURE WITH THE CVV EXPLORER'S GROUP

By Fiona Hughes

AUGUST 2023

A DAY OF ART AND CULTURE WITH THE CVV EXPLORER'S GROUP



The Clayton Valley Village Explorer's Group enjoyed an informative arts and culture walk around downtown Concord this week. The hike was ably organized by Dorothy Bradt and Kathy O'Toole, who had not only researched the optimal route to take in the many murals, art pieces and historic buildings, but provided informational hand-outs on what we'd be seeing during the tour.

During the past year, the Creative Concord initiative has produced 8 downtown murals which are worth a closer look, along with the many utility boxes the City has commissioned local artists to paint, which



"Dragon of Michinoku", (above) an Asian inspired mural by bay area native, David Hyde Cho was spray painted on enormous scale on the wall at Mt Diablo St. Below, "Land Reclaimed" is a vivid and imaginative mural by self-taught local artist, Arsenio Baca.



brighten the Concord landscape.

Our hiking group of 16 met in downtown Concord, at the historic Todos Santos Park, the 2.5 acre park (meaning "all saints") dedicated in the 1860's by Concord's founding father, Don Salvio Pacheco, whose statue (land grants in hand!) greets visitors at the entrance.



The Salvio Pacheco Adobe House (above) was the first permanent structure in the east bay, and has outwardly changed little in the past 100 years. Salvio Pacheco's home boasted a bull ring, ballroom, and a brick-lined swimming pool and became a cultural and social center as he hosted dignitaries and business meetings here, and re-allocated his 17K acres of local land grants. A friendly gardener allowed us to view the Peace Garden. Our CVV members remember this building as the Adobe Savings & Loan, as well as a restaurant during its time.

The Willow Pass Rd., artwork (right) outside the Brendan Theatre was an impressive mural of a canary guiding other birds, and called "Lead the Way" and painted by an LA artist, Emily Ding.



Across the road, a stop and explanation by our own volunteer and artist, Fiona M. Hughes, of the Mt Diablo landscape she painted (below) on the utility box at the corner of Galindo and Willow Pass.



Willow Pass also boasts an urban Aztec styled painting by Concord artist, Jess Hernandez, called "Mexican Tiahui" (above).

On Concord Blvd., we admired "Procession of Luminescence" by artist, Doran Dada, which is based on Egyptian cultural themes. On Colfax Street a digital art inspired mural, "Forever Growing Centipedes", by John Horton can be seen.



We viewed from afar two early homes on Grant Street: the Bibber House, built in 1912, and the elegant Neustaedter House known for its rich interior and fine staircase, which was built in 1906 by L. Perry for the owner of the early Pioneer Store.

On Concord Avenue we learned about two buildings that had been relocated to their current site: the Old Fire House (left) with its cast iron bell that summoned firemen and signaled curfew, and next door, the yellow landmark Perry House built in 1911 by Lawrence Perry, which has served as a home, a restaurant and currently a law office.

Our interesting art walk culminated back at Todos Santos Park, and a welcome chance to cool off by the fountain in the shady Visitor's Center plaza. A big 'thank you' to Kathy O'Toole and Dorothy Bradt for organizing such an interesting hike for our Explorers, the Concord Historical Society and Mary Rae Lehman for the Concord history, and Sue Elliott for pointing out the murals - as well all who walked!

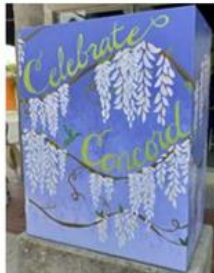


Explorers Hike to view Concord Murals - August 14th

It was a wonderful hike, so well researched and planned!!

Thanks Kathy and Dorothy and Fiona!

We saw murals, historical houses and utility boxes, one of which was painted by our own CVV Volunteer Fiona Hughes!





CVV Picnic at the Grove Concert - August 5th

It's become an annual CVV Event.



Moresi's Happy Hour - August 15th

Twenty five CVV members, volunteers, and guests braved the heat to enjoy the drinks, good food, and hospitality at Moresi's.





CVV AFFINITY INTEREST CIRCLES



Bocce, Hiking, Mah Jongg, Movie Group
Romeo, Armchair Travelers

Quote of the Month

**"Your Problem is not the outside World.
Your Problem is the Story you're telling Yourself
about the outside World.
And that Story is a CHOICE.
If you're not Happy with the Story, tell yourself another one."**

- 'You are AWESOME', by Neil Pasricha



Departing Summer By William Wordsworth

Departing summer hath assumed
An aspect tenderly illumed,
The gentlest look of spring;
That calls from yonder leafy shade
Unfaded, yet prepared to fade,
A timely carolling.

No faint and hesitating trill,
Such tribute as to winter chill
The lonely redbreast pays!
Clear, loud, and lively is the din,
From social warblers gathering in
Their harvest of sweet lays ...

So begins this Romantic meditation on the arrival of autumn, in which Wordsworth detects an echo of spring in the mellowing nature of everything.

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