



**A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village
November 2023 Edition**

A Message from our Presidents. Our Events held in October, upcoming Events, and lots more.

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President's Message



Co-President
Marilyn Wollenweber



Co-President
Joyce Atkinson

It's been a busy month at CVV! On October 15th a large group of CVV members, volunteers and guests met at La Veranda for our Sunday Supper.

A great time was had by all! On October 21st a group attended the Clayton Theater production of Working. Great Show!

A new interest group has formed. HAPPY TRAILS is a travel group. Watch for more information on their activities.

Welcome to our new members, Judy Cook and Pat McEllen. Look for them at our activities and introduce yourselves.



November Birthdays

November 10th Marlyne L. (Lynn) Hadley—Member
November 21st Kathy Geddes—Member, Volunteer
November 26th James Whitfield—Member, Volunteer
November 29th Rosemary Harwood—Member, Volunteer
November 29th Shirley Solen- Member



Welcome

New Members!



Judith Cook



Pat McEllen

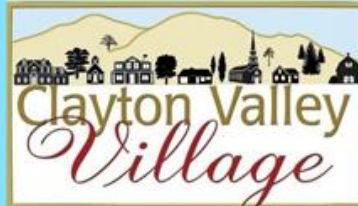
What's New

at Clayton Valley Village

Snap Shot of Stats from Jan 2023 to Sept 2023

Social

- Happy Hours/Birthday Celebrations
- Out to Lunch Bunch
- Hikes/Mah Jongg/
- ROMEO (Really Old Men Eating Out)
- Annual Sunday Supper
- Movie Group
- Bocce Group
- Bag Lunch Spinners



Service Request Examples

- Grocery Shopping
- RX Deliveries
- Driving to medical or self-care appointments
- Gardening Tasks
- Computer/Tech help
- Light Blubs changed/Alarm batteries swapped out

A Snapshot Jan –Sept 2023

Service Requests	Driving Hours	Volunteer Hours	Events	New Members
494	192	978	86	13

Learning Events

- Senior Programs
- Health and Wellness Workshops
- Gardening Sites Visits
- CVV Informational Events

- Number of Members – 67 with ages ranging from 62-102
- Number of Volunteers – 49 with ages ranging from 30-86

If you're interested in becoming a Member or Volunteer email village.clayton@gmail.com or call 925-626-0411

Did You Know?

What is the yellow border on traffic lights in California?



The yellow frames around the perimeter of traffic lights are called reflective backplates. They are designed to help motorists see the signals more easily during morning and evening hours, in areas of visual clutter where the lights might otherwise be obscure.

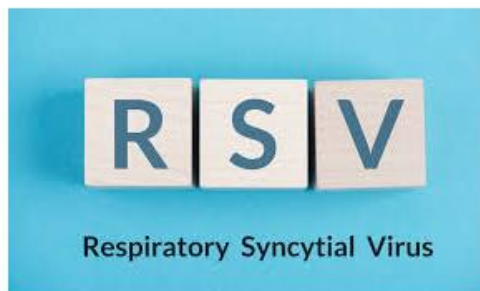


Another Covid-19 Season

"Thanks to the Pasadena Village for this very informative article".

**GETTING YOUR
COVID SHOT IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN EVER.**

What can we expect from the new vaccinations, testing and masking protocols? Villager Jan McFarlane surveyed local health agencies, practitioners and patients, so you can [learn the latest advice on how to stay healthy through fall and winter.](#)



[A Link to "What is RSV"](#)

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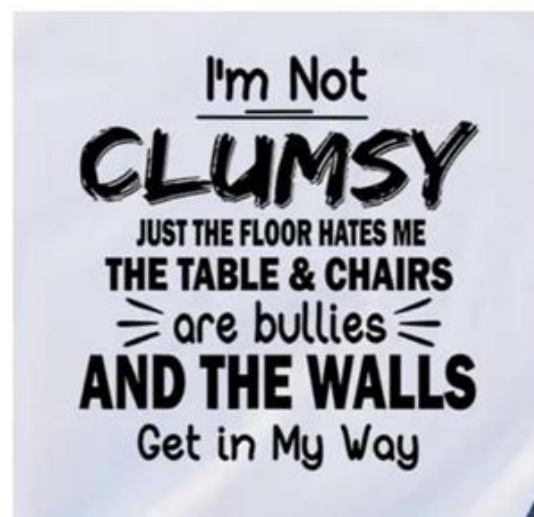
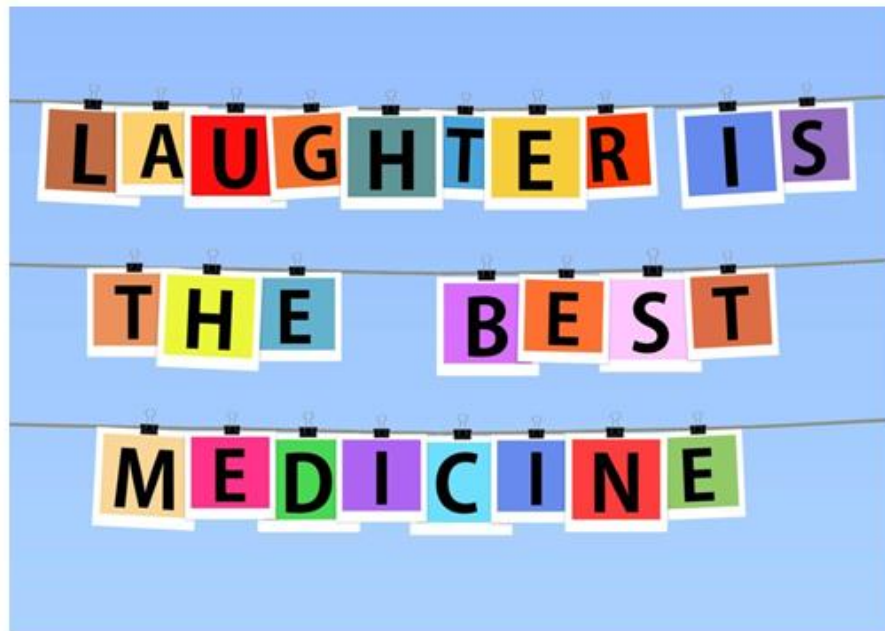
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Book, Movie & TV Reviews



Movie Review - by Barbara Molnar

Asterix and Obelix: The Middle Kingdom

Netflix Film 1h 51m



You might remember (from high school perhaps) Julius Caesar and his Roman army, but what about the small village of Gauls who consistently defeated the lot of them.

All due to the magic potion their Druid brewed for them, which endowed the drinker with incredible strength. Except for one Gaul who fell into the potion as a child and has all the strength he needs. And now these characters from the popular (translated) French comic book series are in their human forms and are out to save the Chinese empress from the warlords threatening her empire. With a jug full of potion for Asterix, he and Obelix along with the daughter of the empress and her bodyguard take on not only the warlords but also the Roman army. Is there a question of who will win?



Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov 3rd – iPhone Training (Members and Volunteers)

Friday, Nov 3rd – Holiday Boutique – Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Saturday, Nov 4th – Holiday Boutique – Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sunday, Nov 5th – Fall Holiday Marketplace – Todos Santos Plaza

Wednesday, Nov 8th – CVV Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 8th – BRAVO Meeting

Saturday, Nov 11th – Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov 12th – Diwali

Saturday, Nov 18th – Clayton Memory Café – Hoyer Hall, Clayton Library

Saturday, Nov 18th – Concord Historical Society Holiday Market

Sunday, Nov 19th – Concord Historical Society Holiday Market

Thursday, Nov 23rd – Thanksgiving Day - Office closed

Friday, Dec 1st – CVV Events Committee Meeting





CVV's 9th ANNUAL SUNDAY SUPPER - OCTOBER 15, 2023



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Sheila Driscoll – See's Candy

Carlyn Obringer - \$50

Arlene Lewandowski - Desserts for the Sunday Supper

**The Supper held at LaVeranda was spectacular as usual.
And Arlene made delicious desserts for the entire group.**







Clayton Theatre Company's "Working" - October 21, 2023

Clayton Valley Village was well represented at the Saturday Matinee. 15 members and volunteers enjoyed the performance, and had a chance to talk to the actors afterwards. Then some of us headed to Skipolini's for great food and conversation.

... it was a very enjoyable group outing!





CVV AFFINITY INTEREST CIRCLES



Bocce, Hiking, Mah Jongg, Movie Group
Romeo, Armchair Travelers, Brown Bag Spinners ,
Out to Lunch Bunch, CVV Happy Trails Group Travel

Quote of the Month

“Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare.

They are consumed in 12 minutes.

Half-times take 12 minutes.

This is not a coincidence.”

- Erma Bombeck

Two New CVV Interest Circles

Brown Bag Spinners



A new Interest Circle has been started by CVV members Shirley Boyd and Arlene Lewandowski. It's called "Brown Bag Spinners."

Spinner is a domino game played with 2 to 8 players. There are 55 standard-size dominoes with colored dots of 1 through 9 and blanks. Plus 11 extra Spinner dominoes emblazoned with the bold Spinner symbol, which looks like an asterisk, which are wild. It's a game of strategy and luck.

As you might imagine, Brown Bag indicates that players bring their own lunch to the game.

This fun group will be playing the 4th Tuesday of every month beginning October 24 from noon 'til 2 pm.

Arlene reports that there are 8 players already signed up.

Please contact her via email at travelmomadl@yahoo.com to be placed on the waiting list.

**CVV Happy Trails Group Travel - Members and Volunteers
enjoy the trip together!**



CVV is thrilled to announce the formation of a brand-new Interest Circle.

It's a Travel Group, and we would like to invite CVV members and volunteers to join us on this exciting adventure!

About Our Travel Group "CVV Happy Trails Group Travel"

Mission: To create memorable travel experiences, foster new friendships, and explore the world's most captivating destinations.

Why Join Us:

1. **Travel Companions:** Make new friends who share your passion for travel.
2. **Benefit:** from group discounts, special tours, and unique itineraries.
- 3: **Local Experts:** Tap into the collective knowledge of fellow members and volunteers for travel advice.
- 4: **Safety and Support:** Travel with a supportive group and stay informed about travel conditions.
5. **Expand Your Horizons:** Explore destinations you have always dreamed of visiting.

Our First Trip: Our first group trip to the Balkans is already in the works.

Nine people have already signed up.

Check out the details at <https://bit.ly/492RNTE>

and consider joining us on this incredible journey.

We will have a meeting in November, more details to follow.

Please email CVVHappyTrails@gmail.com to sign up for this meeting.



Fancy traveling to the Adriatic with friends from Clayton Valley Village?

Clayton Valley Village has established Happy Trails, a new travel group, and welcomes you to join our 2024 Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) over-land trip to "The Crossroads of the Adriatic" in Aug/Sept next year! For info go to:

<https://bit.ly/492RNTF>

- 18 day, overland trip visiting Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Slovenia. Trip dates: Aug. 26 through Sept. 12, 2024.
- Extra nights also available, and optional pre trips can be arranged to Albania.
- Walking/hiking involved.
- Type in the URL above to see full itinerary and pricing.
- **Group Code G4-28338** applies!
- **1800-221-0814 - or**
- **Call Jim Whitfield for more info on this trip.**



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Safe travels and see you soon!



A THANKSGIVING POEM

by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,
Looked down on us with holy care,
And from thy storehouse in the sky
Hast scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise
To thee, O Father, good and kind;
To thee we consecrate our days;
Be thine the temple of each mind.

With incense sweet our thanks
ascend;
Before thy works our powers pall;
Though we should strive years
without end,
We could not thank thee for
them all.

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