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A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village
December 2023 Edition

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

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President's Message



Co-President
Marilyn Wollenweber



Co-President
Joyce Atkinson

On October 28, Anita Stranik led our Strategic Planning Retreat where we selected five goals to address for the next two years. They are (1) increasing revenue via sponsorships, (2) creating continuity for critical Clayton Valley Village roles, (3) reducing our geographical service area, (4) creating partnerships within an in-home health services network, (5) and adding college students to our volunteer roster. We will be forming teams to work on these goals. If you are interested in serving on any of these teams, call 925-626-0411 and leave a number where we can reach you. We also updated our mission, vision, and values statements, so check out our website!

Our Village members and volunteers received poinsettias, purchased from R & M Pool, to help bring a little joy into each household. We hope you know how much you all are valued.

Joyce and I wish you a very warm and comforting holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2024 at our various meetings and activities.



December Birthdays

December 11th Jesse Christensen – Member
December 16th Ronald Mahlman - Volunteer
December 18th Anita Stranik – Member
December 17th Alfreda Young



December 23rd Bev Adams – Volunteer
December 23rd Mary Lou Callahan - Member
December 30th Sonja Wilkin - Member



Welcome
New Members
& Volunteers!



Janet Fox – Mem



Anne Stackhouse - Vol



Linda Garden - Mem



Light Your Cane
Story By Sue Manning



Today's Useful Information:

For those of you who use a cane, you might feel more comfortable when walking in the dark with a cane light attached to your cane. When lit, it spreads light on the ground at your feet and slightly ahead of you so you can see where you're going. Makes walking in the dark less scary. The cost is under \$15, clips easily onto the cane and uses one AA battery.

You can find a cane light on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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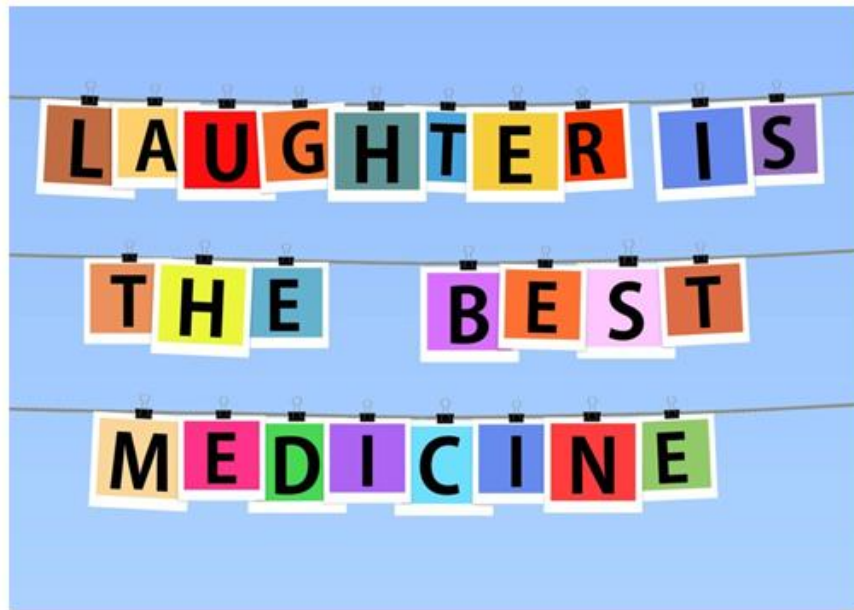
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The Olivia on Marsh Creek Housing Project

We thank our Clayton city officials for providing an update on this project.



3 separate 3-story buildings, each on its own parcel;
parcel sizes ranging from .93 to 1.11 acres,
located at 6450 - 6490 Marsh Creek Rd and 6170 High Street.

81 units (7 marked as low income units), consisting of
45 one-bedroom, one-bath units @ 623-640 square feet
36 two-bedroom, two-bath units @ 962-976 square feet

Classroom (3); Fitness Room (3); Reception Area (3)

106 on-site parking spaces

Underground utilities

Elevator in each building

All units have in-suite washer/dryer

The property is being developed because the property owner wanted to develop the property. The State Housing Laws impact some of the aspects of the development like the number of affordable housing units but not the reason why the property is being developed. The developer has the right to build on their property as long as it meets our zoning etc.

It was marked as a 55+ community but it is not deed restricted as such – meaning that even though it was marked this way, it is not “deeded” this way, so the developer can rent to whomever he wants, regardless of age.

There will also be minimal or no activity on the property until February, once the winter weather has passed, unless the winter provides damage that needs to be repaired.



Upcoming Events

- Friday, Dec 1st – CVV Events Committee Meeting**
- Thursday, Dec 7th – Tai Chi – Clayton Library**
- Thursday, Dec 7th – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony**
- Thursday, Dec 7th – Start of Hanukkah**
- Friday, Dec 8th – CVV Q4 Birthday Celebration (Members)**
- Friday, Dec 8th – Diablo Women's Chorale Performance**
- Sunday, Dec 10th – Diablo Women's Chorale Performance**
- Monday, Dec 11th – CVV Explorers Hike**
- Tuesday, Dec 12th – CVV Board Meeting**
- Saturday, Dec 16th – Clayton Memory Café – Clayton Library**
- Saturday, Dec 16th – CVV Holiday Party (Members & Volunteers)**
- Thursday, Dec 21st – First Day of Winter**
- Thursday, Dec 21st – Tai Chi – Clayton Library**
- Sunday, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve**
- Monday, Dec 25th – Merry Christmas**
- Sunday, Dec 31st – New Year's Eve**





Veterans Day - Nov 11th

Clayton Valley Village honored our very own veterans with a tasty token of appreciation and our grateful thanks for their service.



Members honored CVV with a beautiful Thank You card.

It is very much appreciated.



To: Margaret McCarthy
Beverly Adams
Jim Whitfield
Don Stenick

For taking me to
shopping & to all the
kitchen appts I had this
month -

It was greatly
appreciated.

Ruby Christensen

To all members of Clayton
Valley Village workers -

At this beautiful season
of Thanksgiving,
may gratitude fill your heart
and peace and love
fill your world.

For delicious cup cakes
delivered to all the "Veterans
Day" members Thank you!
Jesse Christensen

Christmas Poinsettias were delivered on Nov 17th

A production team of Fiona and Pete produced CVV holiday labels, a delivery team of Margaret Bachman, Linda Pinder, Pat McEllen, Marilyn Wollenweber and Jim Whitfield made deliveries, and a lot of smiles and good cheer were received in return! The joy of delivering was almost as beneficial as the smiles and appreciation expressed by the recipients!

Our thanks to Nicole at R & M Pool Patio and Garden for her assistance in arranging a special order for CVV! These were by far the prettiest plants we have ever received!
If you are in the area, stop and thank her!



Clayton Valley Village Strategic Meeting



CVV held a Strategic Planning meeting on Sat Oct 28th. Sixteen members and volunteers including Kim Trupiano (Clayton City Council member) attended the event. The Mission, Values and Vision statements for CVV were revised and voted on to implement. The goal was to select 5 goals which would be implemented in the next two years. Anita Stranik, a CVV member, was the chairperson and did an excellent job coordinating the event. The five goals selected for implementation over the next two years were Increasing Revenue via Sponsorship and other Revenue Enhancement's Strategies, Creating Continuity for Critical CVV roles, Contraction of Geographical CVV Service Area, Creation of Partnerships within In-Home Health Service Network, Addition of college students a to CVV volunteer roster. Thank you to everyone who helped put this very informative meeting together. "The Board of Directors will provide subsequent communications regarding the progress made in implementing CVV's 2024/25 Strategic Goals."



Save the Date!



Purchase Tickets

Can you feel the chill of the winter air, or the warmth of a cozy fire?

Do you see the stars bursting through the night sky?

Join us for the Diablo Women's Chorale concerts as we celebrate holiday joys and memories "Under A Winter's Sky".

Erin Fishler; Director

Rebecca Hass, Accompanist

Friday December 8, 2023 7:00pm

Sunday December 10, 2023 3:00pm

Walnut Creek United Methodist Church

1543 Sunnyvale Ave

Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Brown Bag Spinners for Members and Volunteers

Brown Bag Spinners



Starts Tuesday, January 23, 2024

and meets every 4th Tuesday

12 Noon to 2 pm

Story Room, Clayton Community Library

Need to get out of your home??
Tired of looking at your four walls??
Bring your lunch and contained beverage and
enjoy company while you eat and then learn
an easy domino game.

Space is limited. For more information, email or call Arlene Lewandowski -
Travelmomadl@yahoo.com or 925-672-7038.

RSVP: <https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/events/3101>

CVV Brown Bag Spinners Having a Good Time



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



Jim and Marilyn hosted our first 'happy trails' travel group and meeting. We brainstormed our travel goals and aspirations and are looking forward to coming up with some fun travel plans in the coming year!





**Nine people are already signed up for this August 24 - Sept 12 2024 Trip.
There are 4 more spots available ! Won't you JOIN US ?**

Crossroads of the Adriatic: Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Slovenia

Small Group Adventure

**18 Aug 24 - Sept 12 2024
DAYS**

Physical requirements: Moderate
Walk on rugged paths and
cobblestoned streets, travel by
bus over rural roads that may be
bumpy and narrow, and hike up
and down hills.

Flight Time: Travel time will be
12-20 hours and will most likely
have two connections.



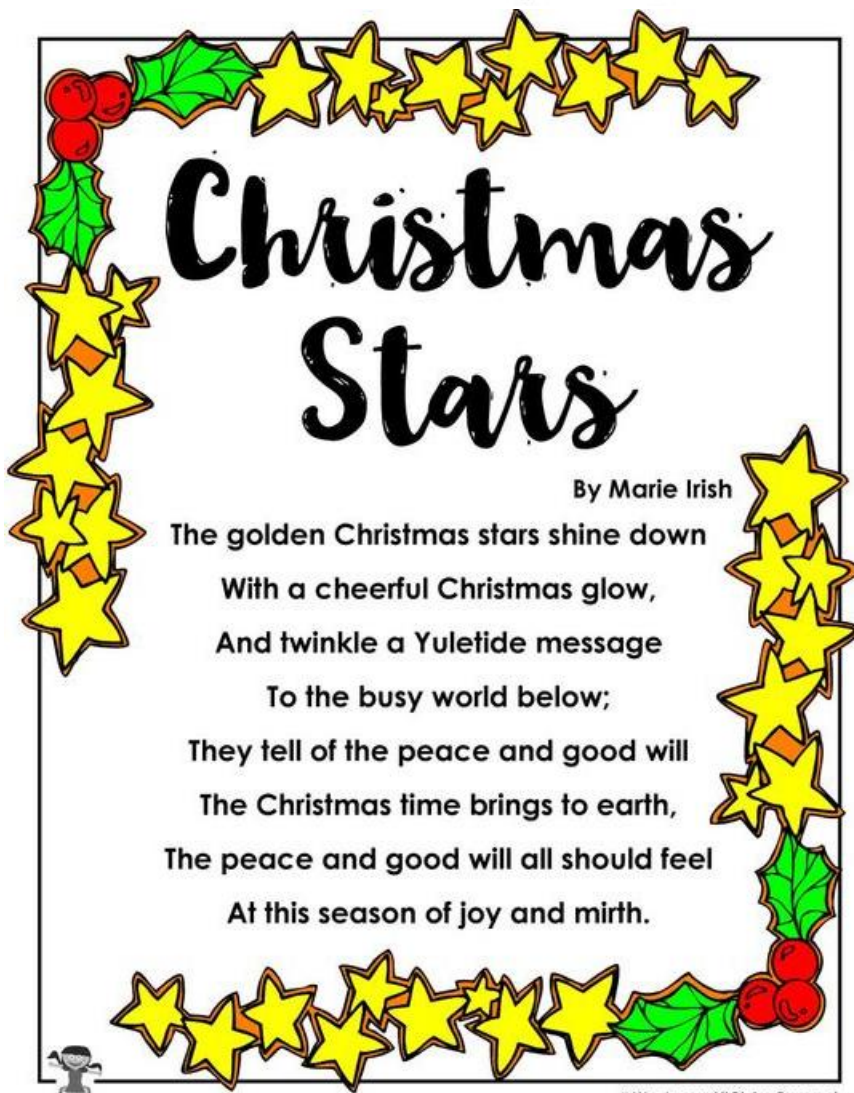
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DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Dubrovnik, Croatia
2-5	Dubrovnik
6-8	Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
9	Karanac Village, Croatia
10-12	Zagreb
13-14	Opatija
15-17	Ljubljana, Slovenia
18	Return to U.S.

Quote of the Month

Be present in all things and thankful for all things.

- Maya Angelou



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