
Our Village VOICE

A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village November 2019 Edition

Welcome to our November 2019 Newsletter

See photos of our past events, news of our upcoming events, information about our interest circles and committee reports. Enjoy!

Welcome
New Members!

The Member Services Committee welcomes our newest member: Peggy Hooper



Did You Know?

Clayton Valley lies within the Diablo Valley and incorporates the cities of Clayton and Concord. Clayton Valley Village, a registered 501c3 nonprofit, is part of a growing national Village movement of over 400 villages serving an ever expanding population of adults 55 years of age and older. We provide services to help our members live their lives in their own homes and their familiar neighborhoods. We are supporting members of the following state and national organizations:



Village Movement California is a coalition of grassroots community organizations called villages. Together with our partners, we seek to revolutionize the experience of aging.



The Village to Village Network is a national organization that provides expert guidance, resources and support to help communities establish and maintain their Villages.



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Announcing



TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

Clayton Valley Village is happy to announce a new program for those who would like to see if membership in our organization is right for them.

1. A 3 month commitment by Member at \$50/month for individuals or \$75/month for a couple paid monthly by credit card.
2. A 30-day written notice by email to withdraw the membership. Services by volunteers can be requested once the member has been accepted.
3. The usual procedure will be followed of submitting a membership application to Member Services Committee, and scheduling an interview.

Applications are available on our website:

www.claytonvalleyvillage.org or by calling CVV office at 925-626-0411.

Meet members • Enjoy refreshments • Make new friends

www.claytonvalleyvillage.org (a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization)



President's Message

Jim Whitfield

October was a busy time for our Village! We welcomed one new member, fulfilled 194 service requests, played Bocce, hiked and held our 6th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser! Please read the write-ups in this newsletter for the details on these activities.

One of the key things our Village does is support the other Villages that are in our geographic area. Did you know that there are 39 active Villages in Northern California? Please see the article later in this issue regarding BRAVO and click the link to discover other Villages nearby. Maybe you have a friend who wants to learn more about Villages: They have questions, we have answers.

My thanks to all who participated in our Dinner and Silent Auction Sunday night, October 20 -- it was a grand success!

Read the Weekly Blast for fun activities!

Upcoming Events for November 2019

Saturday, Nov 2, Endeavor Hall - Mel Brooks Young Frankenstein

Sat, Nov 2nd - Soroptimist 2Bit Auction and BBQ

Sunday, Nov 3rd - Summer Bocce Ball League

Sun, Nov 3rd - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Tue Nov 5th - Board of Directors Meeting

Sat, Nov 9th - Clayton Womens Club Macy's Fashion Show

Sat, Nov 9th - CVV Birthday Celebration for Members only

Sunday, Nov 10th - Summer Bocce Ball League

Tuesday, Nov 12th - Writers Circle - Closed group for Members and Volunteers

Wed, Nov 13th - Our Heroines' Journey featuring CVV Board Member, Carol Hansen Grey

Friday, Nov 15th - CVV Armchair Travel - Members and Volunteers

Thursday, Nov 28th - Thanksgiving

For additional info about these events and more, click the link below:

https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/events/index_list



PAST EVENTS

Village Explorers Walking Group

Newhall Park. We enjoyed the beautiful weather, serene setting, and wonderful views from the top of the hill!





Clayton Valley Village 6th Annual Fundraiser Oct. 20, 2019 • LaVeranda Cafe, Clayton





This year's annual event was held on October 20th at La Veranda restaurant in downtown Clayton with (36) members, volunteers and their guests attending. Everyone had a good time socializing with friends, family and neighbors. .This year Nick gave us a choice of 5 entrees: Cheese Tortellini - Pesto sauce; Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken; Grilled Salmon- Lemon Cream Sauce; Pork Chop - Honey Dijon Sauce; Eggplant Parmigiana - baked with marinara sauce; instead of salad, he offered delicious Butternut Squash Soup; plus veggies, bread, water, coffee. A great selection of wines and cookies were donated. Our silent auction this year featured some amazing items. **Below is the list of the donors.**

Business Donors

Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton Valley Auto Services, R&M Pool & Patio, Skipolini's , Clayton Frameworks, La Veranda, TJ's Nail Salon, Clayton Theatres Company, Peet's Coffee, Fiore Restaurant, Clayton Yoga Shala , Starbuck's, Rocco's, Ed's Mudville Grill, Mann's Chinese Restaurant,, Safeway Royal Rooster ,Dry Clean USA, Trader Joe's, Curry Bowl, Yogurt Shack, Ginger's Gelato, Swagat Indian Cuisine, KB Nail and Hair Salon, Bill's Ace Hardware, Ellen Potthoff, DC, ND.

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Arlene Lewandowski, Linda Pinder, Lynn Hadley, Barbara Micallef, Diane Berger, Carol Hansen Grey, Kathy Geddes, Sonja Wilkin, Sue Manning, Fiona Hughes, Betty Armes, Bonnie Slatkin, Jeanne Boyd, Gloria Utley, Pete Bardea, Bev Adams, Jim Whitfield, Marilyn Wollenweber, Frank and Linda Fibley, Bhishma Lashkari.

**We thank all our members, committees, volunteers and donors
who helped make this year's event so successful, netting CVV \$3,600.**



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VMC has a website that enables people to see if there are any villages in a specific part of the state so you can refer friends and family to a local village. The link is: <https://villagemovementcalifornia.org/find-your-local-village>

BRAVO Meeting in Sausalito October 17, 2019



Upcoming Community Events for December

**CVV Monthly Mixer
December 10, 2019**

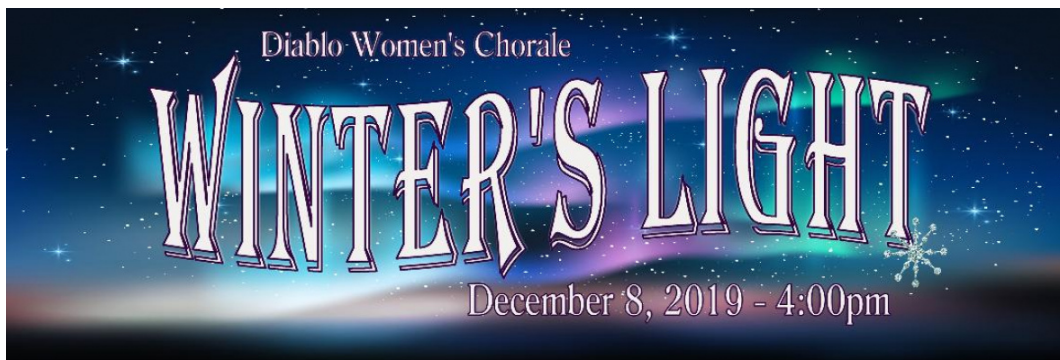


Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 4:00-6:00pm
The Old Spaghetti Factory in Downtown Concord
1955 Mt. Diablo Street

Open to all! We invite you to come to our December mixer, gather with our fun-loving, helpful members and volunteers and learn about the many programs offered by Clayton Valley Village to residents of Concord and Clayton.

Upcoming Community Event for December

Winter's Light - Diablo Women's Chorale Fall Concert
Sunday, December 8, 2019 (4:00-5:30pm)
Doors open 1/2 hour before concert time.



What do you get when you mix Fa-La-La with Cool Yule, add a dash of Christmas, Baby Please Come Home, and fold in a blend of other winter holiday songs? You get the Diablo Women's Chorale Fall concert, **Winter's Light!** Join the Chorale as they lighten a winter afternoon with jazzy, uplifting songs from Lisa Loeb, George Michael, Irving Berlin, Phil Spector, and many others.

This event is wheelchair accessible.

Temple Isaiah

945 Risa Road, Lafayette, CA 94549

Online Tickets, including fees:

General \$25 (age 18 to 64)

Student/Child \$15 (age 17 and under)

Senior \$22 (age 65 and over)

Reservations: <https://diablowomenschorale.org/concert>



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 by email Sue at <suemanning121@gmail.com>



**Open to Members
& Volunteers**



**Coordinated by
Sue Manning**

Have you dreamed about traveling to Turkey or Greece? Now's your opportunity to go there in your mind's eye without packing a bag! Join us at the Armchair Traveler's presentation by Jim Whitfield and Marilyn Wollenweber on Friday, November 15, at 7:00 pm, to see beautiful photos and hear of their adventures in both countries. Refreshments will be served. Register under EVENTS for location.



Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

2019 CVV Board of Directors

Executive Committee:

Jim Whitfield (President), Sonja Wilkin (Past-President)
Sue Manning (Secretary), Joanne Wasak (Treasurer)

Members-at-Large

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

Volunteer Representative Member

Pete Bardea

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- 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 third Tuesday of the month, participates in the HV Users Group and handles Database Management.
 - The CVV **Communications/Publicity Committee** interfaces with the Tech Committee and handles Website Development, Newsletters, Printed Promotional Material, Calendar Management, Social Network Outreach and Email Notifications. (No regularly scheduled meetings.)
 - The CVV **Outreach Committee** gives presentations to various organizations, organizes periodic community gatherings; joins other Bay Area Villages at resource fairs & programs; attends public meetings of various local, state and national government agencies; represents CVV at National and State Conferences; continuously promotes CVV wherever the opportunity occurs to increase membership. (Meets as needed.)
 - The CVV **Member Services Committee** meets on the second Thursday of the month. The committee processes new member applications, schedules new member in-home visits, creates, edits, and distributes the Member and Volunteer Handbooks. The committee also provides and monitors the call managers who are assigned days to answer calls and respond to emails sent to the Village. It receives members suggestions for service providers and adds them to the service provider list on CVV's website after review.

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