



The Villager

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“A Taste of Spring” Fundraiser Planned for April 12

CVV to Host Regional Meeting

On March 27 Clayton Valley Village will host the first East Bay meeting of BRAVO (Bay Regional Area Villages Organization) at El Charro restaurant in Lafayette. BRAVO was established for local villages to share information, ideas and resources.

Representatives will attend from six East Bay villages - the two open villages in Alameda County: Ashby Village (Berkeley) and North Oakland, and the four villages in development: Eden Village (Hayward), Lamorinda, Walnut Creek and CVV. The new development team from Benicia will be there, as well. CVV volunteers will learn from other village reps in a casual, collaborative setting. If interested in attending, contact Maria Xiaris.

CVV will hold its second major fundraiser, “A Taste of Spring,” on April 12 at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton, according to Sonja Wilkin, Events Committee chair. Sample flyer is on page 4.

The event will run from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will raise funds for CVV projects, such as distribution of a needs survey to seniors in its planned service area, Clayton and South Concord.



“A Taste of Spring” will feature art exhibitions, wine-tasting from a half-dozen wineries, appetizers, and a raffle of gift baskets. There will be a no-host bar. Tickets for the event are \$35 per person, and the cost is tax-deductible.

“This is our second fundraiser to continue raising the seed money needed prior to launching CVV. We will need the support of everyone to promote this event to friends, family, neighbors and to help in the Committees. I am hopeful that each of us can bring in four guests and contribute to the raffle baskets,” says Wilkin.

“We will need additional volunteers, so please contact me as soon as possible at (925) 350-1330.

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Website Sponsorship Opportunities

Put your business in the spotlight and be a crucial part of CVV. Be a sponsor for the CVV website.

The website is up and running and we continue working on further developments. Take a look. Suggestions welcome.

www.ClaytonValleyVillage.org

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General Questions or Comments about CVV ?

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Clayton Valley Village is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible. And welcome.

Members and Newcomers Take on Taco Tuesday at Moresi's

February 17 was Fat Tuesday, fat like the splendido tacos at Moresi's as CVV held its monthly meet and greet happy hour. Seemed like an equal mix of new faces and returnees that kept the place buzzing from 4 to 6.



Bonnie Slatkin and Rita Pardella



Jim Whitfield and Renee Arriaga

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L-R: Helga Neumann, Linda Pinder, Peggy Buschini, Jan Geller



Betty Armes, Dee Jakel



Sonja Wilkin and Gloria Utley



Kathy Carr and Judy Hunt discuss Clayton trails.



Maria Xiaris and Jim Whitfield order tacos.

The next Happy Hour Meet and Greet is scheduled for Friday, March 20 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Clayton Club Saloon in downtown Clayton. Once again, CVV thanks member Bonnie Slatkin for organizing these hours.

Here's the story of our next fundraiser...

Clayton Valley Village presents

"A Taste of Spring"

Art, Wine Tasting, Appetizers
Oakhurst Country Club
1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton

Sunday, April 12, 2015

4:00 - 8:00 pm

\$35/per person in advance or at door

No host bar - Raffle Baskets!

Make checks payable to our sponsoring 501C3 nonprofit organization:
Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging
Ref: Clayton Valley Village Tax ID #51-0138186

For more information
Call: Sonja Wilkin 925-672-2689 or
Bonnie Slatkin 925-788-2035

Joanne Wasak Elected CVV Treasurer

Clayton resident Joanne Wasak was elected CVV Treasurer at the February 17 meeting of the Development Committee, held at La Veranda. Ms. Wasak has owned an accounting software and consulting business for the past 21 years, which has allowed her to help many types of businesses. She is a graduate of San Francisco State University

She ran for the office to have the opportunity to give back to the community, as well as potentially making a difference in people's lives, she says.

Prior to moving to Clayton, Ms. Wasak lived in Concord for 22 years. She takes over from interim treasurer Joe Aguilar. Welcome, Joanne, and Thank You, Joe!

President's Corner

CVV Has Run into Its First Major Challenge

Clayton Valley Village has been humming along, as we continue to build our infrastructure. Thanks to our membership in the Village-to-Village Network, we have a well-tested Development Checklist of goals and activities that are recommended for completion before a village can open. CVV has completed the first portion of this checklist called the "Exploratory Phase."



We are moving along well, knocking off major task after task, thanks to the devotion of our development phase volunteers. One of our greatest accomplishments so far is our partnership with the Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging. This partnership provides us with the financial structure (but not funding) we need to move forward.

We have now come up against our greatest challenge so far – the distribution of our community needs assessment survey. This survey will give us the crucial information for us to plan and prioritize the programs and services our village members need most. We've been working at the task, but we don't have the resources to reach a statistically significant number of people. In order to receive a high enough response rate from our targeted demographic, we want to get the survey out in a big way to the Clayton and South Concord communities.

Our problem is that it costs more than we can afford right now to distribute the survey. Printing and mailing is a big expense, and we've tapped out many of our volunteers financially. Needless to say, our aim now is to find one or more sponsors for the printing, distribution and return of the survey.

Finding a sponsor for our needs assessment survey will not only propel us forward along our checklist, but will lift the spirits of our hardworking Development Committee. We know we can achieve this. Reach us at mxiaris@yahoo.com or candmwollenweber@msn.com. . - Maria Kontras Xiaris

You've Got a Club Date in March! Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour

Get updated on Clayton Valley Village
Meet the Volunteer Team . Share Ideas . Everyone Welcome

Friday, March 20, 2015

4-6 pm

Clayton Club Saloon

"Serving the community since 1873"

6096 Main St. in Clayton

Happy Hour Prices

March- April Events Calendar

MEETINGS

CVV Development Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. No meeting in March.

EVENTS

March 12-19. My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, & I'm in Therapy! Solo comedy about one man's unconventional upbringing in a multi-ethnic, thoroughly dysfunctional family. Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Road in Walnut Creek. Wednesdays thru Sundays. \$45-65. PlayhouseInfo.com or 925-943-SHOW (7469). (See ad for performance times.)

March 13. Deadline for Entries for Creekside Arts Festival. (See below.)

March 20. CVV Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour. 4-6 pm at Clayton Club, 6096 Main Street.

March 27-29. 12th Annual Creekside Arts Festival, Clayton Library. Free admission. Art sales and interactive entertainment for all ages. Artists and performers can get entry forms at www.claytonlibrary.org. Fee for entries. Deadline March 13. For information, contact Arlene Kikkawa-Nielsen, event director, (925) 673-9777 or akiksen@aol.com.

April 12. CVV "A Taste of Spring" wine-tasting, raffle, and art sale. Fundraiser for Clayton Valley Village. Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton. 4:00 pm ó 8:00 pm. Tickets \$35.

April 16-25. Arsenic and Old Lace. Clayton Theatre Company presents Joseph Kesselring's comedy classic about two spinster aunts who give their gentleman callers a sendoffí forever! \$16-22; Children \$11. Endeavor Hall, 6008 Center Street, Clayton.



Hilarious One-Man Comedy Starring Showtime Comedy Club Network's Ron Tobin

March 12-29

Wednesdays at 7:00pm;
 Thursdays at 2:00pm & 7:00pm;
 Fridays at 8:00pm;
 Saturdays at 2:00pm & 8:00pm;
 Sundays at 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Tickets ON SALE NOW!

Del Valle Theater
 1963 Tice Valley Rd., Walnut Creek
www.PlayhouseInfo.com
 925-943-SHOW (7469).
 Group discounts (10+), call 888-264-1788.

Clayton THEATRE Company



presents



ARSENIC *and* *Old Lace*

A comedy classic by Joseph Kesselring.
The play revolves around the Brewster family, descended from the Mayflower, but now composed of homicidal maniacs. The family includes two spinster aunts who murder lonely old men by poisoning them with homemade elderberry wine laced with arsenic, strychnine and a pinch of cyanide.

April 16, 17, 18, 19, and April 22, 23, 24, 25

Tickets available at
brownpapertickets.com

For information call **925-222-9106**

or go to our website at
claytontheatrecompany.org

\$22 Adults
\$18 Seniors 62 and older
\$16 Students
\$11 Children

April 15 Preview Performance is a fundraiser.
50% of ticket sales will be given to Clayton RELAY FOR LIFE.
\$11 Adults • \$9 Seniors 62 and older • \$8 Students • \$5 Children

Endeavor Hall • 6008 Center Street • Clayton 94517