

# The Villager



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## CVV Projects Opening Date, Sets Membership Fees

### CVV Is Looking for an Attorney...

...experienced with non-profits. To advise on a variety of start-up issues including governance, liability, insurance, donor relations, etc. Monthly meetings and as needed. Pro bono, please. Contact Jim Whitfield at [jimwhitfield64@gmail.com](mailto:jimwhitfield64@gmail.com)

### Village Expert Consults with Task Force – p. 5



At its October 22 Community Meeting, Clayton Valley Village announced its projected time for opening the Village as early Fall of 2016. At opening, Clayton Valley Village would begin offering its first set of programs and services to members of its caregiving network and virtual retirement community.

**UPDATE:** On the advice of consultant Janis Brewer (see page 5) the CVV Task Force has pushed the Opening Date back to the Fall of 2017.

Also announced were the annual fees to be charged to members. Individual Membership fees (one person in the household) are expected to be \$600.00 per year, with Family Membership fees (one couple in the household) pegged at \$900.00 per year.

### Discounted Fee Opportunity

CVV also announced a discounted annual fee for anyone wishing to be a Founding Member. Annual fees paid by January 31, 2016 will be discounted as follows:

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## Host a Coffee Hour in your Home?

CVV is looking for volunteers to host coffee hours in their homes. A time for guests to socialize and hear a brief presentation about CVV. Interested? Call Marilyn Wollenweber at 925- 672-2250 or Sonja Wilkin at 925-672-2689.



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Individual Memberships \$500.00 (one person in the household.)

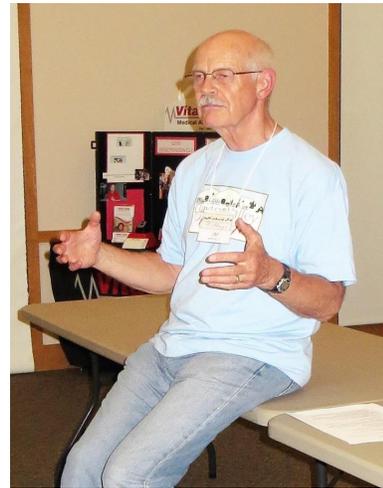
Family Memberships \$800.00 (one couple in the household.)

Founding Membership fees will cover one full year from the date CVV opens for services, and will not increase even if, over the years, the fees increase for other or new members.

“Persons or couples who choose to become Founding Members will lock in their annual fees for the future and will see no increases,” says CVV Task Force member Jim Whitfield.

If Clayton Valley Village opens on September 1, 2017, Founding Members will see their annual memberships run through August 31, 2018.

Task Force member Jim Whitfield explains the membership fee structure.



Monies raised through the sale of Founding Memberships will help CVV reach the sum needed to open, now projected at approximately \$30,000.

Programs and services expected to be offered to members at the opening of Clayton Valley Village

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include transportation, handyman/woman services, pet walking and clean-up, computer and smartphone help, phone call check-ins and/or friendly visits, hobby groups, walking groups, guest speakers, and special-interest discussion groups. Other services will be added as member needs arise.

## UC Berkeley Researcher Finds Vast Majority of Members Satisfied with Their Village

Featured speaker at the October 22 community meeting was Carrie Graham, Ph.D from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Graham presented results of the recent seven-year, nationwide study of Villages she and Berkeley's Prof. Andrew Scharlach conducted for the Archstone Foundation.

Among the key points of the study was that over 80 percent of Village members were very or extremely satisfied with their Villages overall. Fewer than two percent reported they were not at all satisfied.

The report also compared Village members over 65 years of age with the general U.S. population of the same age as to gender, race & ethnicity, and living arrangements. Charts for both of these findings are found below.



Featured speaker Dr. Carrie Graham reported on a study of Villages around the U.S.

### How satisfied are Village members?

#### Overall Satisfaction with Village

- ▣ 80.3% very or extremely satisfied overall
- ▣ 18.5% somewhat satisfied
- ▣ 1.2% not at all satisfied

#### Service use and satisfaction with Village

- ▣ Just using one or more services in the last year is correlated with higher satisfaction
- ▣ The more services used, the higher the satisfaction ( $r=.280, p=.000$ )

	Village Members	US population 65 and older
Gender	73.9% Female 26.1% Male	59% Female 41% Male
Race & Ethnicity	94.3% White 5.7% non-White	83% White 3% Asian 8% African American 6% Hispanic
Living Arrangements	44.1% Alone 55.9% Not alone	31% Alone 54% with spouse/partner 15% with other individuals
Home Ownership	86.2% own home 12.9% rent home (the rest live in the home of a family member/friend and do not pay rent)	80% own home 20% rent home

### Members & Guests at Community Meeting



Clockwise from upper left.

Task Force member Sonja Wilkin points out CVV accomplishments so far.

Dellyn Donohoe and Vital Link will be a preferred vendor.

Guests Jacquie Whitehurst & Cindy Molander.

Task Force Members Sue Manning & Kathy Carr.

## CVV Meets with Villages Consultant for Planning Session



Consultant Janis Brewer



Below, L-R: Sonja Wilkin, Janis Brewer, Maria Xiaris, Nancy Hoffman.

Nationally known Villages consultant Janis Brewer conducted a three-hour planning session with CVV Task Force Members on November 6 at Diamond Terrace. CVV contracted with Brewer to share her expertise with crucial issues facing the Clayton Valley group as it moves toward opening. These issues are

- Governance infrastructure - the transition from a working board to a governing board and all that it entails.
- Fee structure - full membership and possible social membership
- Fundraising - training, help in identifying foundations, local businesses, major donors

One result that emerged immediately was the Task Force agreeing with Brewer that the projected opening date for Clayton Valley Village should be put off for another 12 months, until Fall of 2017. Brewer advised that most Villages need extra time for setting up infrastructure, vetting volunteers, securing insurance, and sufficient fundraising.

Brewer, who lives in Rockridge, is a consultant to non-profit organizations. She has worked closely with many Villages including Ashby Village and at San Francisco Village, where she served as temporary director for several months.



## November-December Calendar

### Meetings

**Thurs., Nov. 19. 7:00 pm. Monthly CBCA General Meeting,** Oakhurst Country Club.

**Friday, Nov. 20. 12:30-3:00 pm. CVV Events Meeting and Potluck Luncheon.** Marsh Creek Villas Cabana. Next to Pool before Longcreek Circle. Open to all - please RSVP to Sonja Wilkin 925-672-2689.

**Thurs., Dec. 10, 10:30am. CVV Programs & Services Meeting.** The Carrø house.

**Next CVV Task Force Meeting** is Monday, January 11, 2016, 3:30 pm. Diamond Terrace.

### Events

**Through Nov 15. Clayton Theatre Company** presents the musical *Urinetown* by Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis. See what happens when a drought forces citizens to pay to use bathrooms. Yes, it's a musical! and a Tony-award winner. Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Nov 12 - 7:45 pm, Nov.13 ó 7:45 pm, Nov. 14 ó 2:15 & 7:45 pm, Nov. 15 ó 2:15 pm. Tickets: Adults \$35, Seniors (62 and over) \$27, Youth/Students (13 and over) \$25. 925-943-7469.

**Tues., Nov. 17, 4:00-6:00 pm. CVV Meet 'n' Greet Social Hour.** La Veranda. 6201 Center Street, Clayton.

**Fri., Nov. 20, 8:00 pm. Spontaneous Combustion.** Synergy Theatre's improv troupe continues its comic explosion of hysterical scenes and outrageous characters with guest storyteller, Gary Carr. Lamorinda Music, 81 Lafayette Circle in Lafayette. Tickets \$10 at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) and at the door.

**Thurs., Nov. 26, All Day. Thanksgiving.**

**Tues., Dec. 1, 7:30 pm. Walnut Creek Concert Band** presents a *Holiday Concert*. Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets \$14-\$17 available at box office. Free admission for students. 925-943-7469

**Sat., Dec. 5, 2:00 pm. Diablo Women's Chorale** presents *Christmas Swings*. Get ready to kick off your holiday season with a swingin' twist on many of your holiday favorites ó entertainment for the whole family and a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Advance tickets are \$16 General Admission, \$10 Student, and \$20 Premium seating. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20 Adult and \$10 Student. Tickets at [www.DiabloWomensChorale.org](http://www.DiabloWomensChorale.org) or 800-838-3006.

**Sat., Dec. 5. Annual Tree Lighting and Welcoming Santa.** The Grove in Downtown Clayton.

**CVV T-Shirts are still available – just a few left!** Royal Blue with Logo. V-neck or round collar. \$15. Contact Sonja Wilkin at 925-672-2689.

## How the Work of Clayton Valley Village Gets Done: Laptops around the Kitchen Table



Members of the Member Services Committee, L-R: Marilyn Wollenweber, the Left Hand of Kathy Carr, Nancy Hoffman, Sue Manning, Maria Xiaris.

**Take a breather before the Holidays begin!**

**CVV Meet 'n' Greet Social Hour**

***Good Grief! Only 38 days 'til Christmas!!***

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

**Tuesday, November 17, 4-6 pm**

**La Veranda  
6201 Center St., Clayton**

**Happy Hour Prices**

## Making Connections

CVV members attended the National Villages Conference in Seattle, October 5-7, 2015.

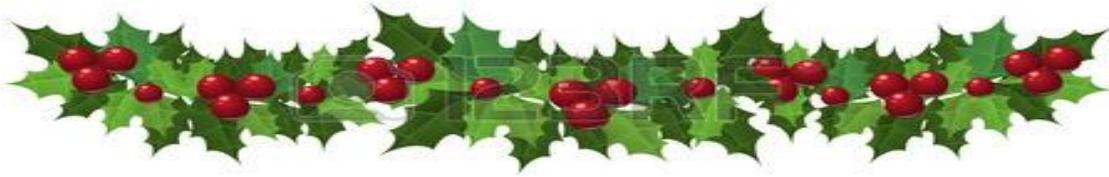


L-R: Maria Xiaris, Marilyn Wollenweber, Jim Whitfield, Sonja Wilkin.

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier sent his Deputy District Director, Rebecca Barrett, to the CVV Community Meeting on October 22.



L-R: Rebecca Barrett, Sonja Wilkin.



## Help the Gellers Help Those in Need at Christmas

Dear Friends,

For the past 8 years, we have been involved with **CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE**. This organization has helped thousands of people in our community celebrate Christmas with their families. These are **families that do not have the resources for gifts or even a Christmas dinner**.

**Christmas For Everyone (CFE)** is a non-profit group that for the past 27 years has sought out financial sponsors and donations from the public of toys for kids, blankets, jackets, clothing, appliances and the like including "gently used clothing." Each year, they transform a local church center in Concord into a "shopping mall" where families can come and choose items for their families, have a complete Christmas dinner, listen to live Christmas music, get haircuts, enjoy a play center created for their kids and feel that they and their families have celebrated Christmas. Last year, CFE served Christmas dinner to over 3,000 people.

With Corporate Sponsors feeling the "crunch," it makes every small donation even that much more important. Please see if you can make a small donation of money, buy a sale item you saw in the store you can afford to donate or go through your closet and donate those "gently used clothing" items you have been meaning to get rid of for years.

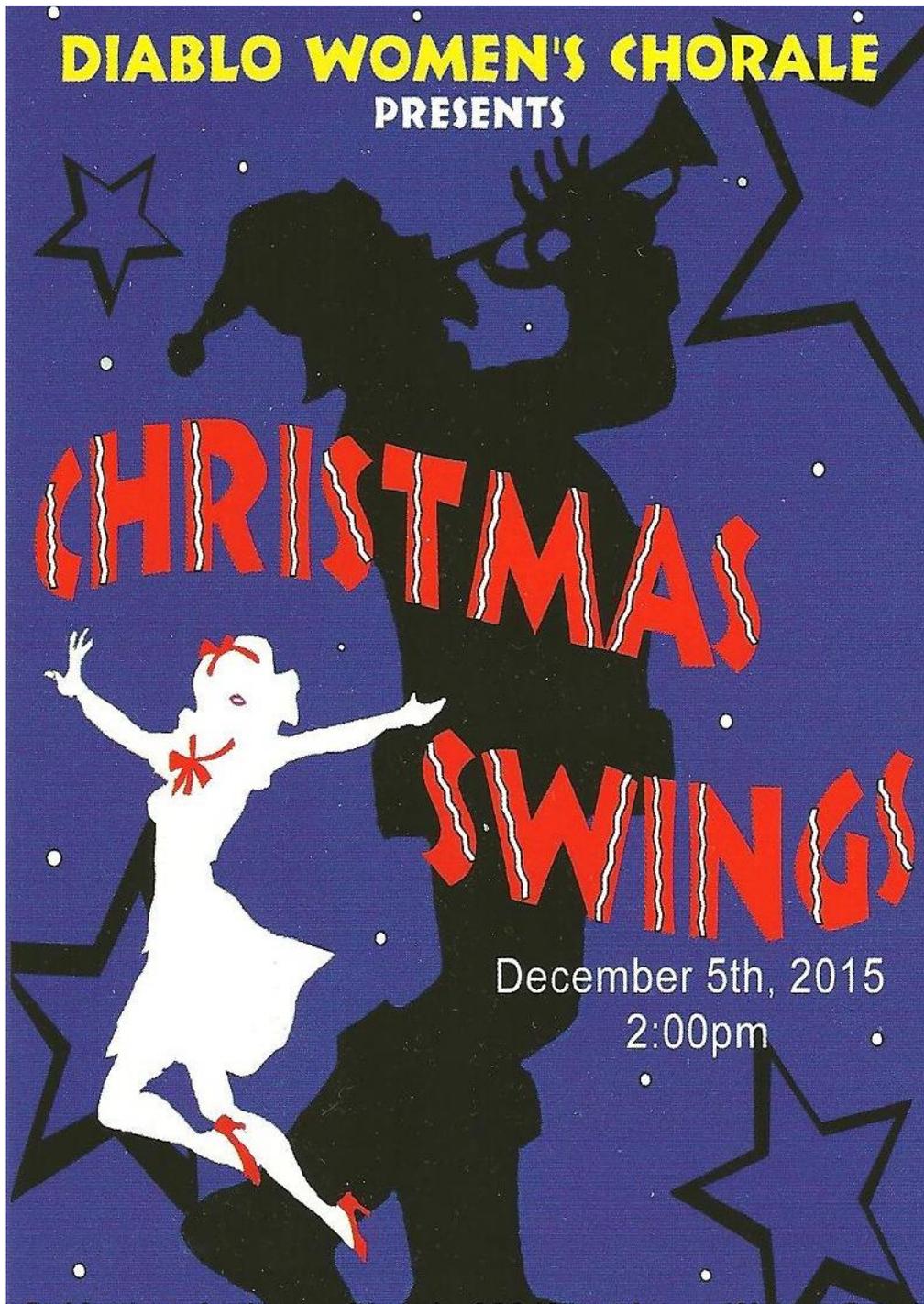
We are now accepting donations at our home for Christmas for Everyone. We will make weekly or even daily trips to the event center to make your donating even easier. Feel free to drop off any donation to us at 252 Mountaire Parkway Clayton. You can leave bags on our doorstep.

If you have any questions, we can be reached by phone at 925-216-8955. If you feel inclined to make a money donation, we do have a secured mailbox on the side of the house by our front door. Just let us know you left something in that locked mailbox so we look for it. Checks should be made payable to Christmas for Everyone (CFE).

We want to thank those who have donated in the past to this great cause. We want to thank those of you that will make donations this year. If you have the time, get involved. We promise you it will make this Christmas one that you will not forget.

Your Friends,

Debbie & Howard Geller



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