

Our Village VOICE

A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village (August 2018 Edition)

Welcome to the August 2018 edition of Our Voice. In this issue you will find photos from our past events as well as news of our upcoming events. Be sure to check out our Founding Member Spotlight and Service Request Ideas. Let your volunteers help you.

Did You Know?

CVV sends a Weekly Events Blast and a monthly Newsletter. If you're not getting it, check your Spam folder and add CVV to your contact list. It highlights upcoming events for the next two weeks and the newsletter gives you all of the month's happenings. Don't miss out on what is happening at Clayton Valley Village.



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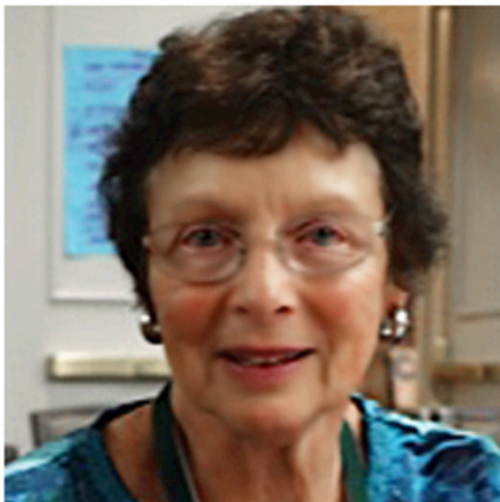
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President's Message



by Sonja Wilkin

If you are receiving "Our Village Voice", you have already heard about Clayton Valley Village and know that our basic message is "Helping seniors live successfully in their own homes." Sometime during the 4-5 years in our development leading to becoming an "Open Village" in May 2017 you have attended informational meetings, heard presentations at various organizations and churches, seen us participate in resource fairs, farmers' markets, regional and national conferences, joined us in our mixers and fundraisers, maybe even played on our bocce team. You have been

able to explore our website, read the newsletter, and learn from our promotional materials.

There have been various research articles in local, regional and national newspapers on belonging to a Village and being part of the Village Movement. It is the one-on-one personal approach that has given us the best way to expand our CVV membership and volunteer base...talking to our own friends, neighbors, family members.... maybe this is the moment that someone will realize there is no great advantage to waiting until he or she actually "needs" a service especially when feeling perfectly capable to handle it. Maybe a life event triggers a change in perception to realize that belonging to a Village will make you feel even happier, more secure...and lighten the load! There are different times in life when something feels "just right"... join the community of Clayton Valley Village now by becoming a member and/or volunteer! We are here for the long term and are eager to have you on our "team"!



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This month we are featuring CVV Founding Member, Gloria Utley.

I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Kapiolani Maternity Home. I moved to the Mainland a while after Pearl Harbor was bombed when the U S Military evacuated a lot of the women and children from the islands. Passenger ships were taken over for military use on this project. I spent my school years in San Francisco and attended Guadalupe Elementary School that was a few blocks from my house. I lived in the Crocker Amazon district. If we climbed the hill across the street from our home, we could look down on the Cow Palace. A favorite pastime, weather permitting, was to open up cardboard boxes and ride them from the top of the hill to the bottom. Lots of fun. There were days when we came home from school to find cowboys rounding up cows that had wandered too far from their pasture lands to our front lawns.

I attended James Denman Jr. High School for the 7th through 9th grades. This was about 1-½ miles from home and we walked it every day unless it was raining. Balboa High School is next door to Denman so the distance was the same. That is where I became interested in football. I attended every game I could. When Bal won their first city championship, I was there. The trip back to the school football field and the post-game celebration was great. Very good memories.

I attended City College in San Francisco and graduated with a degree in Dental Assisting with a minor in business. One of my graduation presents was a trip to Hawaii for the whole summer. I stayed with family in the beginning and then moved to a duplex on Waikiki Beach for the rest of the time. As some of my friends in San Francisco were surfers, it was natural to hang around with them on Waikiki as well.

While I was managing Adobe Savings & Loan, I returned to college for a BA in Business Management. I attended Saint Mary's College in Moraga. I entered the extended education program in 1984. However, since I could not carry over some of the units I had earned from my junior college major, it took more than the usual amount of time to complete my degree. I finished my upper division classes on schedule while working a 40-60 week. I then had to attend Diablo Valley and Los Medanos Colleges to complete my lower division classes. I was the first one in my family to earn a college degree.

Continue reading Gloria's spotlight at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycpr9tuf>

GETTING TO KNOW CLAYTON

Johny Khalilieh of La Veranda and Oakhurst Country Club by Fiona Hughes



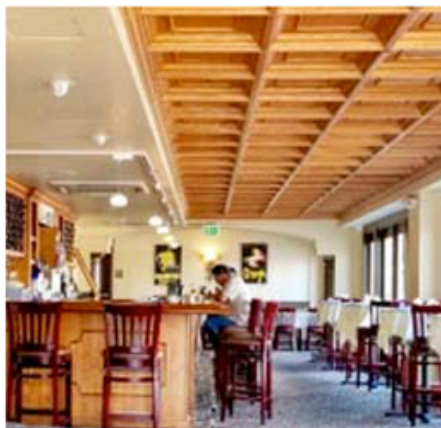
Growing up in Bethlehem, Palestine, the son of an auto mechanic, Johny Khalilieh couldn't have imagined that he'd end up in Northern California, owning a family restaurant, plus running food and beverage for one of the area's finest country clubs. At age 18, Johny arrived in the USA to begin college as Los Medanos, Pittsburg, where he earned a masters degree in mathematics, with a goal of becoming a math teacher. He was young, ambitious, and had plenty of drive – and just as well... at one point he was forced to live in his car when the family he was staying with lost their home. Undeterred, Johny kept working hard, taking odd jobs and became manager at Red Lobster, where his math abilities plus his newly learned food management skills equaled business success. He was made General Manager.

In 1995 he met and married Joane, also a math wiz, and they teamed up to teach mathematics at DVC, LMC and San Francisco State. Johny, together with Joane's family, then bought La Veranda Cafe, the Italian bistro in the heart of Clayton. Naturally, as co-owner, Johny got involved managing the restaurant with family members, Anis and Nick, where he planned the Italian dishes, selected the chefs, and readied the restaurant for business. The Café's opening night on May 4, 2002 happened to coincide with another very important event... the birth of their son, Jake! "Thankfully," said Johny, "Joane didn't actually give birth until I arrived at the hospital – complete with a big bowl of steaming pasta for her! We have enjoyed raising our family here in Clayton." He and his wife are justifiably proud of their children, Reyna and Jake, both 4.4 GPA students. "I was drawn to Clayton's small-town feel and it's great to really get to know our customers personally and provide what they enjoy".

Johny's 'can-do' attitude and the success of La Veranda has drawn many dining fans in Clayton and surrounds. This includes our Clayton Valley Village members, who have appreciated La Veranda's support for the past five years for many of our events. It's where we choose to host mixers as well as our October Sunday Supper & Silent Auction – a big highlight of the year. In 2008 Johny and his growing family opened a Pittsburg location of La Veranda Italian restaurant, which is where you can often find him, seeing to all the food and beverage needs.

Earlier this year, Oakhurst Country Club's GM, Michael Clark tapped Johny to manage the Club's food and beverage.

Johny realized the opportunity to improve the Club that he enjoyed as a member, and enthusiastically agreed to grow its services for the Clayton community. So far, he has hired a new chef (from Crow Canyon Country Club), and has improved the food service, as evidenced by positive comments from the Country Club's members. As Johny reasoned, "Many of us enjoy or live alongside the golf-course, and it's important to me to keep it profitable and of high-value for members.



After all, if the golf-course goes down-hill, all our property values go with it". Further Oakhurst Country Club events are planned by Johny and the Events team, such as their already successful new Dueling Pianos Night, plus jazz evenings, wine dinners and the ever-popular family favorite pasta nights. There is a social & tennis membership at Oakhurst (\$105 per month, plus a \$250 initial membership fee) giving more opportunities to enjoy the Club even if you're not a golfer.

Stop by and say 'hello' to Johny when you visit La Veranda in Pittsburg, or at one of our forthcoming events held by Clayton Valley Village at Oakhurst Country Club. "I look forward to hosting events for Clayton Valley Villagers, and having you tell us what you think of our new chef's specials!"

Community Events



Clayton 4th of July Parade

Each year for the past 5 years Clayton Valley Village has participated in the Clayton 4th of July Parade. This year we had a new banner and Carol let us decorate her car! Such fun!

Clayton Valley Village Volunteer Services



Minor plumbing, home repairs, landscaping, transportation

Service Request Ideas

One of the things we hear from our members is that they don't think about putting in a service request because they can usually do most things themselves. One of the reasons to join Clayton Valley Village is to use the services of our volunteers to help you with tasks around your home and yard. Here is a sample list of things that volunteers could help you accomplish:

- Light yard work
- Install smoke detectors
- Help organizing an office or garage
- Help rearranging furniture
- Hang pictures or mirrors
- Fix or replace a hinge or door knob
- Flip bed mattresses
- Take down or put up a curtain rod
- Replace light bulbs (12 ft. max Ht.)
- Lubricate doors
- Replace heater/refrigerator filters
- Install shower head
- Paint mail box
- Replace a door screen
- Replace toilet seat
- Replace toilet tank flapper
- Adjust toilet tank water level
- Replace/repair doorbells
- Change alarm, remote batteries
- Make a thermostat work
- Set up TV, cable, garage remotes
- Reset an irrigation timer
- Tighten garden hoses
- Reset breaker box or GFI...once
- Help with computer issues
- Repair a drip in an irrigation line
- Lift heavy boxes
- Move patio furniture
- Pot plants (in pots, not in ground)
- Install solar yard lights
- Help setting up and taking down Christmas decorations
- Bring things down from attic using pull-down ladder (with second volunteer)

EVENTS CALENDAR - AUG. 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			CVV Member Services Meeting - 12:15 PM		Oakhurst Country Club Open House - CVV Information Table - 5:00 PM	Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM 2018 Concerts in The Grove--Diamond Dave - PLUS CVV PICNIC - 6:00 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		CVV Board Meeting - 3:00 PM	ELDERCARE SERVICES -- FREE EVENT SERIES - 5:30 PM Wednesday Classic Car Show - 6:00 PM			Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Diablo Women's Chorale - Singers Wanted - 6:45 PM		CVV Tech Team Meeting - 12:30 PM	SSL -- SOLD OUT -- UNDERSTANDING CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES - 10:00 AM			Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM 2018 Concerts in The Grove--Apple Z Band - 6:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		CVV Ice Cream Social - 7:00 PM	ELDERCARE SERVICES -- FREE EVENT SERIES - 5:30 PM			Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
		CVV "Lunch Bunch" - 11:30 AM			CVV Events Committee Meeting - 1:00 PM	CA Free Fishing Day - 7:00 AM Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM



PAST EVENTS

CVV Monthly Mixer - July 17



Those of us who could make it to Skips enjoyed the shaded patio, food and drinks, and friendly chit chat... missed those not there! A special welcome to new members, Nancy Boyle and Judy Disbrow, and guests, Jeannie Rhodes and Christine Walters!.



Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

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 first Wednesday of the month and also participates in the monthly 3-Village Tech meeting and the HV Users group.

The CVV **Member Services** Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month.



It was great fun playing our first game on Sunday, July 15th, winning a game and then going onto Skips. Thanks, Pete, for the pitcher of beer; Neil, for the wine and pizza.... it was a lovely way to relax after our effort on the court. Our next game on Sunday, July 29, Jean Boyd scored a casino!! Yay, Jean!!





Our members have many interests and skills to share and for that reason we are encouraging our members and volunteers to start what we are calling "Affinity Circles" that focus on specific interests. What it comes down to, however, is the willingness of our Members and Volunteers to lead and coordinate these interest groups. Suggestions include: Walking, arts & crafts, book club, creative writing circle, dining in private homes, conversation on several topics over coffee or wine & cheese, musical evenings, attending local theater events, travel. If you'd like to share ideas and discuss further, please contact Sonja by email <sonjawilkin@gmail.com>.

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