

# Our Village VOICE

**A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village (September 2018 Edition)**

Welcome to the September 2018 edition of Our Village 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 register for our 5th Annual Fundraiser. Call our 24/7VM at 925-626-0411 for info or to reserve your spot. Space is limited. Advance registration required.

## JOIN IN THE FUN at our 5th Annual



**Sunday, Oct. 14 from 5-9pm**

**LaVeranda**  
**6201 Center St., Clayton**

No Host Bar

**\$45/person**

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## President's Message



*by Sonja Wilkin*

I'm already past my deadline on getting my President's Message in, but I had better do it now as am looking forward to picking up my 11 year old granddaughter, Maddie, tomorrow for her week's visit with me in Clayton. She is flying down alone again this year from the Portland airport... she lives on the coast in Seaview, WA with rest of the family (son Chris, Mary, 15 yr. old brother Jack). It is always a treat to be with family members whom we don't see frequently, and we make those special times count, especially when they are our grandkids!

Maddie will get to see Clayton Valley Village in action when she joins us at the Ice Cream Social on

Tuesday, helping out where needed. She also knows I play on the Bocce Villagio team and that we have a lot of fun participating. While she is visiting, she will definitely get an early understanding of what Villages are all about!

Clayton Valley Village can be a wonderful addition to our lives especially if family members are further away. The same goes with long term friends who generally are spread out all over. When we get back together with them, the years melt away and we get right back into that orbit with no difficulty. I did just that in June at a college reunion. How nice to have our local Village friends (both members and volunteers) to share some activities: going to the movies, out to lunch, attending programs offered through our Lunch 'n Learn or other series, enjoying monthly mixers and other special events. We continue to meet many people who think highly of and are interested in the whole Village concept. We hope they will make the decision now to become a member and begin to enjoy the comradery of our members as well as the services provided by our valuable volunteers!





**In the spotlight this month is founding member, Betty Armes,  
who shares this about her life.**

I was born in Louisville, Kentucky, where I grew up and lived until I got married many years later. I went to elementary, junior high (what it was called back then) and high school. I was in the last all girls class to graduate from Atherton High School for girls. At that time our high schools were not co-ed, but became co-ed when I was a senior. All seniors remained in their own schools for that last year. Believe me it was hard to meet guys, but there were coed dances at places like the "Y." I met George, my husband -to-be, at one of those dances and our first date was to see a Frankenstein movie!! Yikes!

I went into nurses training after graduation. George had received a full academic scholarship to Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he studied Electrical Engineering for five years. After graduating from nursing school, we got married in his fourth year at Rice. I moved to Houston where I worked at a hospital just across the street from his school. Mainly, I worked in O.B. and the surgical floor.

George was in the naval ROTC, so he had to serve three years for Uncle Sam after graduation. That tour of duty was in Forest Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. We were so poor but managed like most others back then. I was expecting our first child, Barbara, and didn't work after her birth, as there was no one to help babysit and no money for a sitter, anyway. Our second child, Steve, was born while we were still in Forest Park. George was stationed at the Naval Ordnance Plant and was fortunate to have had a desk job for three years. He always said he owed everything to the Navy for the things he learned that helped in his career.

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After three years, he finished his tour and went to work for General Electric in Danville, Illinois. He stayed in the Naval Reserves for three more years which meant going to a meeting once a week and a two week active duty cruise every year. After three years he was offered a job at Ampex Corporation in Redwood City, CA. We were so excited to leave snow and ice in 1963 to come to sunny California. (There were still fruit orchards everywhere.) My life was busy with Little League, soccer, swim meets, football and Girl Scouts, as well as Bible study and other activities at church. In my spare time (which wasn't much) I liked to sew, read and work in our garden. Our third child, David, was born in San Jose where we lived for 45 years. During that time all the children grew up, married and moved away. When George retired, we went on cruises and traveled to many places.

After 58 years of a wonderful marriage, my husband, George, died after a short illness in 2013. I, then, started the long process of selling our house to move closer to our daughter in Concord. Both sons lived in other states by then. With her help and her family's help, I found the duplex or "duet home" where I live now. I joined the Garden Club and Clayton Valley Village after meeting Sonja Wilkin. CVV was just what I needed to meet people who were helping each other to stay in our homes as long as possible. I continue to meet so many wonderful people at my church and wherever I go. It has helped ease the pain of losing my husband and moving away from neighbors, church, friends and our home of all of those memorable years.

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## **Upcoming Events for September**

Saturday, Sept. 1: 2018 Concerts in the Grove: Steel 'N Chicago

Wednesday, Sept. 5: Savvy Senior Living: The New Reverse Mortgages - Fact vs. Myth

Saturday, Sept 15: 2018 Concerts in the Grove - East Bay Mudd

Monday, Sept. 17 from 10:00-11:30AM, BE~ Brain Enrichment, Eldercare Services

**Tuesday, Sept. 18: CVV Monthly Mixer - Oakhurst Country Club**

**Tuesday, Sept. 25: CVV Member Only Birthday Potluck**

Thursday, Sept. 27: Diablo Valley Villages Lunch 'N Learn:

"Use It or Lose It: Which path to Fall Prevention"

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

[https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/events/index\\_list](https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/events/index_list)

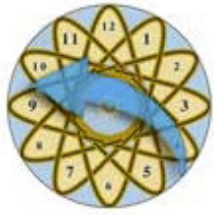


Semi-annually we hold a potluck lunch to celebrate our members' birthdays. All members are invited to attend to celebrate the "Birthday Kids." Birthday kids do not have to bring anything except themselves. This potluck will be held on September 25 from 11:30 to 2:00 and reservations are required. Login to register online and for location information.

Following are the members we are celebrating:

Gloria	Utlej	26-Jan
Larry	Solen	4-Apr
Boyd	Jeanne	7-Apr
Betty	Armes	16-Apr
Petronella	Coleman	27-Apr
Joanne	Wasak	6-May
Walter	Rogers	19-May
Mary Esther	Loranger	28-Jun
Arlene	Lewandowski	28-Jun
Marilyn	Wollenweber	6-Jul
Robert (Bob)	Duensing	10-Jul
Joanne	Vanis	15-Jul
Victor	Grey	1-Aug
Barry	Bushell	16-Aug
Yonina (Yoni)	Bushell	14-Sep
Candy	Negrete	17-Sep





# PAST EVENTS

## Community Events

### Clayton Valley Village Picnic in Clayton Park



A fun time with good friends at the Clayton Valley Village Picnic in Clayton Park. The concert was Diamond Dave. Dave Hosley has been packing Bay Area venues with his live shows since the mid-1980's, delighting fan with set lists that segue from Frank Sinatra to Flo Rida and anything else that can get a dance floor up and thumping.

## Oakhurst Open House



For the first time Clayton Valley Village was able to have a promotion table usually reserved for vendors at the Friday, Aug. 3rd Open House for Oakhurst Country Club members and their guests. Diane Berger and Sonja Wilkin were able to talk to members themselves as well as several vendors and vintners represented. We had information, applications and sign-up sheets available. The new staff at Oakhurst had a great layout of food, beverages, music, and vintage cars view. We look forward to being on the Oakhurst patio for our Tuesday, Sept. 18th mixer from 4-6 pm.



# CVV Past Events

**This month's CVV Mixer was an Ice Cream Social held on Aug. 21**



Rita and Fred were wonderful hosts for our Ice Cream Social on Tues Aug 21st.. the weather had turned cool so there was no swimming, but we all enjoyed our floats and sundaes and special decorated cookies and brownies We had our new CVV banner displayed and help by visiting granddaughter Maddie with registration! Bring on the root beer floats, ice cream and toppings again

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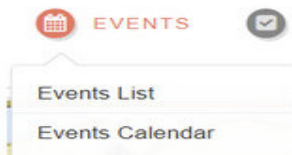
On August 28 our Out To Lunch Bunch met at The Peasant and The Pear in Danville. A delicious lunch and a fun time was had by the nine members who attended: Sue Manning, Kathy Geddes, Diane Berger, Arlene Lewandowski, Mary Esther Loranger, Bob Duensing, Carol Hansen Grey, Sonja Wilkin and Nancy Boyle. Next Out to Lunch Bunch will be November 13th at a location TBD.



## How to Register for an Event

1. Logon to the CVV website (<https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/>)
2. Enter your ID = Email address
3. Enter your Password = Password
4. Click on Events Tab

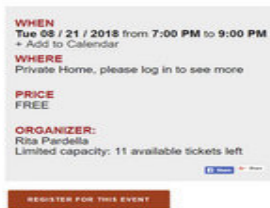
### 5. Click on Events Calendar



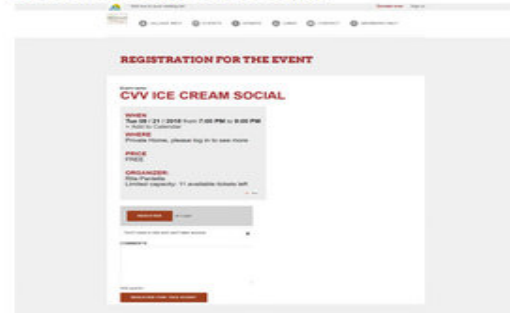
### 6. Click on event you want to RSVP for



### 7. Click on Register for this Event



### 8. Click on Register or Login



### 9. Type in your First Name, Last Name, Email Address and Phone number

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

or Login

Don't need a ride and can't take anyone

COMMENTS

### 10. Click on Register for this Event.

COMMENTS

Add guests

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

### 11. Done, You have registered for this Event





## 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.



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 Sonja by email <[sonjawilkin@gmail.com](mailto:sonjawilkin@gmail.com)>.

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