

Our Village VOICE

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Welcome to our November 2018 Newsletter

In this newsletter we are changing our format from 2-column to 1-column to make it easier to read on a portable device. As you scroll through this month's newsletter you will find our regular columns: *President's Message* featuring a collage from the VTV Conference in San Diego, *Upcoming Events*, *Past Events* featuring our 5th Annual Fundraiser, *Bocce Ball News*, *Interest Circles* and *Committee Reports*. We hope you enjoy the new format.

We begin with the second installment of our series called: **50 LIFE LESSONS FROM AN 80-YEAR-OLD MAN**. We hope you find them worthwhile. Here is **Lesson 2: Look people in the eye**.

Look People in the Eye



Just like having a great handshake, looking people in the eye establishes a great connection with the person on the other end. It shows you're serious, enthusiast, listening, and actually want to have the conversation.

-Taken from "50 Life Lessons from an 80 Year Old Man" by Pat Divilly

President's Message



by Sonja Wilkin

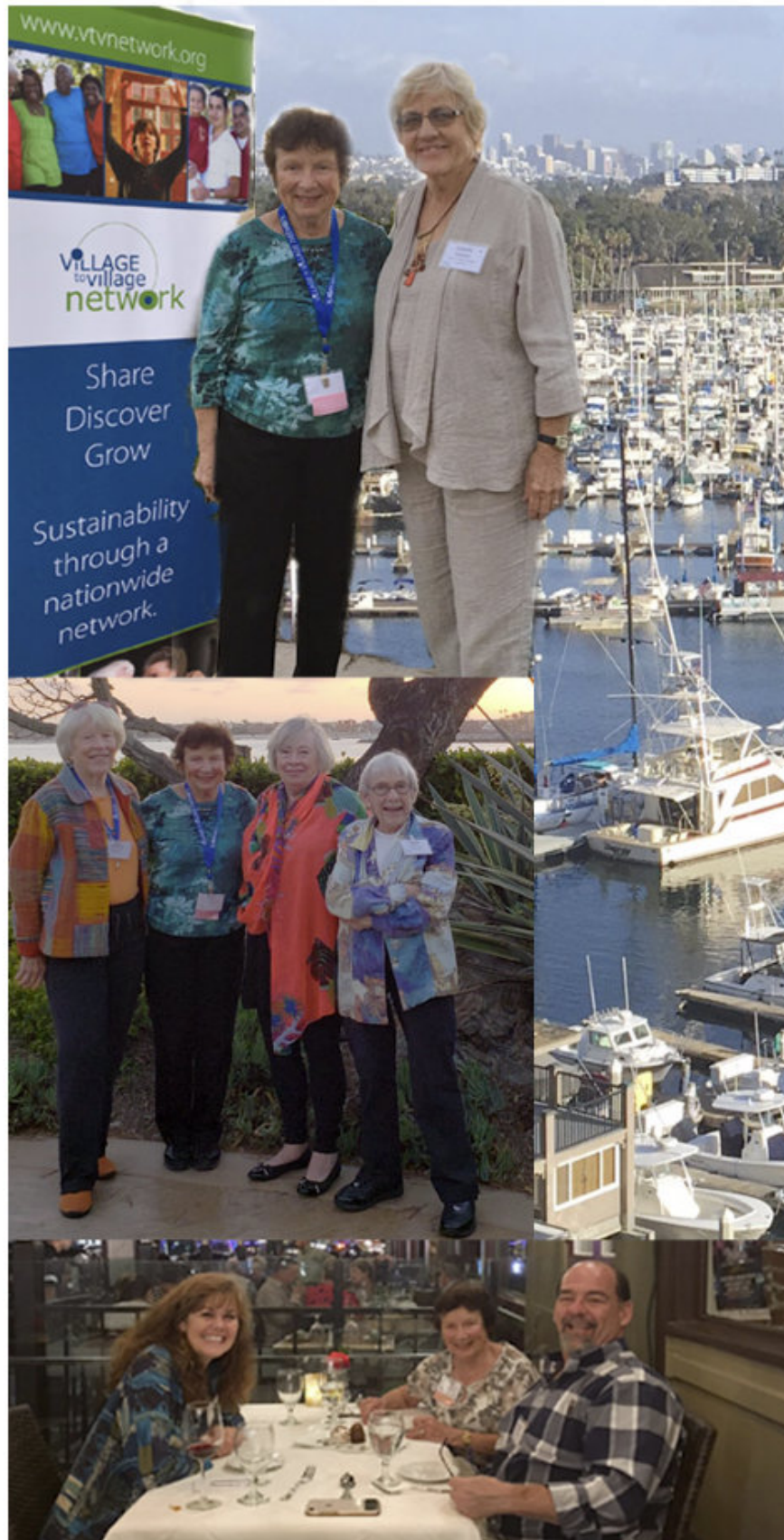
Representing Clayton Valley Village, Carole Gardner and I attended the 10th National Village Gathering in San Diego from Sunday-Wednesday, (Oct. 7-10). It was my 5th national conference and it was Carole's first, so we came from different experiences but had similar insights. While still fresh in my mind, I'm putting down some of my thoughts.

There were close to 300 attending the conference and all left absolutely energized, inspired, and filled with information and awe at what Villages all over our country (and the world) have already accomplished to allow their members to live vibrant lives for years to come.

There were great presentations given by noted speakers, breakout sessions for discussions on a myriad of topics, sponsor and vendor tables. We had many opportunities for personal interaction and networking with Village members and volunteers from many Villages (both open and In-Development) at breakfasts, lunches, dinners and the reception. Great ideas were exchanged and personal contacts enhanced.

The Village Movement is more important than ever and has gained recognition as an option for seniors to live at home and in community as long as possible supported by volunteer services and social interaction. The national conferences continue to validate what we are accomplishing here with Clayton Valley Village as part of the Village Movement California and the National Village to Village Network. Next year's conference will be held in Chicago. I hope many of you will add that to your calendar for next fall.





CVV Past Events

5th Annual Fundraiser & Silent Auction a Great Success

This year's annual event was held on October 15th at La Veranda restaurant in downtown Clayton with (45) members, volunteers and their guests attending. Everyone had a good time socializing with friends, family and neighbors. We were treated to our choice of four entrees (Chicken Saltimboca; Tilapia Piccata, Lasagna and Eggplant Parmesan) plus a field greens salad, bread, water, tea and 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.**

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**We thank all our members, committees, volunteers and donors
who helped make this year's event so successful,
netting CVV \$2,918.**

CLAYTON VALLEY VILLAGE 5th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
October 15, 2018







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).



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.

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