
Our Village VOICE

A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village (June 2019 Edition)

Welcome to our June 2019 Newsletter

In this issue CVV Nurses who help members, find photos of our past events and news of our upcoming events, and information about our interest circles and committees. Enjoy!

Did You Know?

Clayton Valley Village Nurses

CVV has six wonderful nurses, four members and two volunteers.

They are available to members to help with the following:

- Go to doctor appointments with members to provide another ear to hear doctors orders and test results.
- Take notes at doctor appointments per requested.
- Make suggestions for making your home safe
(Grab bars, eliminating trip hazards, etc.).
- Assist with minimal care after surgeries.
- Provide friendly in-home visits



City of Concord Announcement

Half-Price Books plans to reopen in late-November to early-December. They will be located in the former Aaron Brothers Art & Framing space in The Willows Shopping Center, located at [1975 Diamond Blvd.](#)

JUNE HOLIDAYS

June 6: D-Day, WWII

June 14: Flag Day

June 16: Father's Day (3rd Sunday)

June 21: Summer Solstice (longest day of the year)

Upcoming Events for June 2019

Mon; Jun 3rd - Dance Class

Tues; Jun 4th - Board of Directors Meeting

Sat Jun 8th - Clayton Farmers Market

Sat Jun 8th - Concert in the Grove - Mixed Nuts

Mon; Jun 10th Dance Class

Mon Jun 10th - VILLAGE EXPLORERS -- A HIKING GROUP, 7:00 PM

Tue Jun 12th - Clayton Car Classic & DJ

Friday Jun 14th - Out to Lunch Bunch/ Members only - Camellia Tea Room

Sat Jun 15th - Clayton Farmers Market

Mon; Jun 17th Dance Class

Tues, Jun 18th - Monthly Mixer at ButterCup

Sat Jun 22nd - Clayton Farmers Market

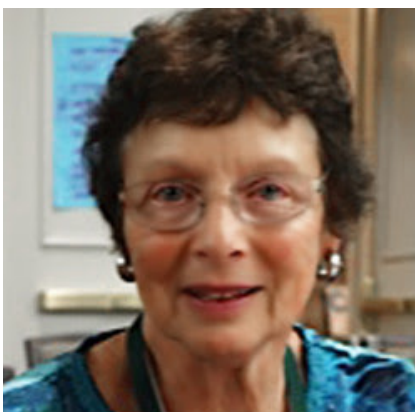
Mon; Jun 24th Dance Class

Sat Jun 8th - Concert in the Grove - The Boys of Summer

Tues Jun 25th , Movie Group Outing

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

https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/events/index_list



by Sonja Wilkin

Past President Message

President's Message By Sonja Wilkin, Past President, for Jim Whitfield While our CVV President Jim and Marilyn are traveling in Turkey and Greece.

Clayton Valley Village has been continuing its very active pace of events and meeting its volunteer service requests. Our May Mixer on Tuesday, May 21, at Clayton Club Saloon was an in-and-out successful event... the weather had been so unstable but Clayton Club was most accommodating as we started out in the usual patio area and then moved inside to tables already set up for our appetizers with additional sitting areas. We were joined by new and potential new members at our friendly gathering.

Spreading the word to our friends, neighbors and organizations is always important as a reminder that we are HERE and will continue to be. At the end of this month, Nancy and Walt Hoffman and Fiona Hughes will represent CVV at the first annual VMC (Village Movement California) conference being held in Newport Beach. They will not only become even more informed but energized by meeting members and volunteers from other Villages in California. There will be 125+ attending — a great opportunity to listen to wonderful speakers, participate in break-out sessions, meet vendors and learn about their products and services. Many thanks to Nancy, Walt and Fiona for attending "The Age of Leadership."

CVV received a heartwarming thank you letter from Tony La Russa's Animal Foundation for the individual donations totaling \$800 that were collected after the tour ARF given to CVV. Our various interest groups, quarterly birthday luncheon, monthly mixers, occasional programs and tours are keeping us all very connected and happy.

We celebrated our 2nd Anniversary on May 1st as an Open Village after several years of development, and know we are on the right track! Further expansion into Concord will add to our members and volunteers.

Mark your calendars now for our 6th Annual Sunday Supper & Silent Auction Fundraiser to be held, as always, at La Veranda in Clayton on Sunday, October 20!



PAST EVENTS

CVV Quarterly Birthday Celebration for Members

Thirteen attended our fun-filled quarterly birthday potluck. A Pizza Making Party hosted by Fiona at her home. A birthday luncheon for members with birthday in the 2nd quarter 2019.



CVV Mixer at Clayton Club Saloon



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members of Clayton Valley Village attended the City of Clayton's Concert in the Grove and the annual Memorial Day Observance.



CVV VISIT TO ARF

CVV recently visited the Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF). It was a great tour and we learned a lot about ARF. Here is the story of how it became a reality.

The catalyst for ARF came on May 7, 1990 at a televised baseball game between the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees. In the middle of an inning and amidst cheers from spectators, a stray tortoise-shell cat looking for food took a wrong turn and suddenly found herself on the playing field.

Trapped in the enormous Oakland Coliseum and frightened by the roar of the crowd, the frantic cat dashed around the field, desperately leaping at any means of escape and eluding the players and umpires who tried to capture her. Panicked and unable to find a way out, she slinked toward the infield, exhausted from her ordeal. Tony LaRussa, then-manager for the Oakland Athletics, coaxed her gently into the A's dugout where she would spend the rest of the game in safe confines.

Tony and his wife Elaine, a life-long animal advocate, discovered there was not a single no-kill shelter in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area and that the little cat would likely be euthanized. They took her under their wing and exhausted every lead in hopes of finding a safe haven. At last, they were able to place "Evie" (named after Oakland A's team owner, Evie Haas) in a permanent, loving home where she could live out her natural life.

Evie wouldn't be the last "save" of Tony's career. The experience awakened Elaine and Tony to the realization of the desperate circumstances in besieged public animal shelters and the plight of homeless dogs and cats, and inspired them to take action. Less than a year later, they co-founded ARF with the goal of rescuing dogs and cats before they ran out of time at high-kill shelters.



CVV members who were given a tour of the facility were so inspired by the work of ARF that they started a fundraiser among their members and collected \$800. Above is the picture of Pete Bardea and Sonja Wilkin personally delivering the CVV donation check to Kristen and Stephanie at ARF as our big thank you for the work they do and the tour they provided.

SHARE Meeting May 25, 2019 from 9-11am Pleasant Hill Senior Center



SHARE (Social and Health Agencies Resource Exchange) holds meetings every other month, encourages networking and mingling, followed by a program, and at the end, each attendee gives name and organization. The topic of this month's program was "The Movement to End Gun Violence - Keeping Our Families and Communities Safe." The featured speaker was Candida Brown, MD, Pediatric Neurologist at Diablo Valley Child Neurology, an affiliate of Stanford Health Alliance. She addressed the concerns with the elder community and interaction with their families on the subject. The representative from the "Be SMART" program, Lisa Dell'Ano (pictured above), outlined the steps she and others have taken with a campaign to take action to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce child gun deaths.

The **Speak for Safety** is a campaign to raise awareness of the Gun Violence Restraining Order, a historic, first of its kind tool in California for temporarily removing firearms from loved ones in crisis. Attending this meeting was a good reminder to all about the existence of Villages throughout the country and our local Clayton Valley Village in particular. Building and maintaining relationships with all sectors of our community is an important ongoing goal not only as a resource for our own community but as potential for presentations and sponsorships.



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 by email Sue at <suemanning121@gmail.com>



Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

2019 CVV Board of Directors

Executive Committee:

Jim Whitfield (President), Sonja Wilkin (Past-President), Kathy Geddes (VP/President Elect),
Sue Manning (Secretary), Joanne Wasak (Treasurer)

Members-at-Large

Diane Berger, Carol Hansen Grey, Mary Esther Loranger, Marilyn Wollenweber

Volunteer Representative Member

Pete Bardea

- 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 third Tuesday of the month and also participates in the HV Users group and handles Database Management.
- The CVV **Communications/Publicity Committee** interfaces with the Tech Committee and handles Website Development, Newsletters, Printed Promotional Material, Calendar Management, Social Network Outreach and

Email Notifications. (No regularly scheduled meetings.)

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

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