

The Villager



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First CVV Social is a Very Happy Hour

Anonymous Angel Funds CVV membership in Village to Village Network; Assistance Found for Web Site

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to our anonymous donor who gave CVV a check for \$375 to cover our membership in the Village to Village network, the central organization for Villages nationwide.

Membership gives us access to all the vital info we do it shared amongst villages, as well as our access to Club Express, the online site for organizing activities, outreach, and member information.

On a related note, Bill Martin has volunteered to assist us with upgrading the CVV web site. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

CVV provided lots of chatter and cheer at its first Meet and Greet Happy Hour on January 23 at La Veranda restaurant in Clayton. The event marked the group's first social gathering.



Bill and Sue Manning

Committee members mingled with interested newcomers over hors d'oeuvres and beverages. It was a low-key affair, with no speeches, but it did give the chance for members to answer questions about the makeup and goals of the organization.

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Put your business in the spotlight and be a crucial part of CVV. Be a sponsor for the CVV website.

The website is up and running and we continue working on further developments. Take a look. Suggestions welcome.

www.ClaytonValleyVillage.org

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General Questions or Comments about CVV ?

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Rita Pardella, Maria Xiaris, and Dee Jakel



La Veranda's Happy Hour Menu.



Sonja hands a survey form to Susan Kennedy.

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Sonja Wilkin (R) talks surveys to Amelia Olsen



Sue Manning & Bonnie Slatkin



Dee & Ron Jakel



Renee Arriaga & Bill Kennedy

The next next Happy Hour Meet and Greet is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Moresio's chophouse in downtown Clayton. CVV thanks member Bonnie Slatkin for organizing these hours.

Members Help Welcome Station 11 Back to Duty

Clayton threw a "coming home" party on January 31 for its own fire station, and several CVV members were on hand to help celebrate. Jim Whitfield and Marilyn Wollenweber, along with Sonja Wilkin, helped welcome the station back. Station 11 had been closed for nearly two years, due to statewide budget cuts.

Also at the festivities were CVV members Ron and Dee Jakel, whose son-in-law, Ben Smith, is a battalion chief for the EMS Division and is based there.

Wilkin also worked at the CERT booth, while Jim and Marilyn passed out cards and explained CVV to numerous people.



Jim Whitfield & Marilyn Wollenweber at the Station 11 Festivities.



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President's Corner

If you asked a CVV volunteer what their vision is for our village, their responses would be unique. One thing we have in common is that we want to see bustling activity by our gray-and graying-residents as you drive through our town, including

- People dusting off bikes unused for many years to ride together in group bike outings.
- Walking groups on our sidewalks and trails
- The chess tables at The Grove filled with chess players.
- Volunteer companions at the side of frail shoppers in our stores.
- People in wheel chairs about town, on our trails, at our exercise sessions.
- Baby Boomers and seniors working together to support other less abled seniors.
- Regular sightings of children and young adults helping older people use their cell phones.
- The homebound showing up at events or filling our shops because a fellow resident drove them there.
- Children performing for older residents and listening to their life stories.
- Even more activities at our parks and community halls, where all ages come together for recreation and community fellowship.



If any of the above excites you as it does us, come join us. Help make it happen. The only requirement is a comfort and ease with working with others while getting things done together.

There are many ways you can support us. Be a greeter at an event, make phone calls, man a booth, help organize an event, do research, or input data, donate to help us cover costs, cheer for us at the parade. Be involved as little or as much as you'd like. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Dee Jakel, along with the Programs & Services Committee, are in the process of collecting names of prospective volunteers who share this vision. - *Maria Kontras Xiaris*

Join the fun at Taco Tuesday! Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour

Get updated on Clayton Valley Village
Meet the Volunteer Team . Share Ideas . Everyone Welcome
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
4-6 pm
Moresi's Chophouse
6115 Main St. in Clayton
Happy Hour Prices

Seattle Hosts Annual National Village to Village Conference in October

Village representatives from around the country will meet in Seattle, October 5-7. CVV's own Sonja Wilkin is on the planning committee for the conference. For



**Hilarious One-Man Comedy
Starring Showtime Comedy Club
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March 12-29

Wednesdays at 7:00pm;

Thursdays at 2:00pm & 7:00pm;

Fridays at 8:00pm;

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CVV is Looking for...

- **Fundraising Team Members.** Help committee generate and implement creative ideas to help CVV grow.
- **Volunteer Hosts for Fun and Games!** Host Bridge games, Mahjong, Bunko at your home ó Minimal Work for you!

A CVV volunteer will organize the details including schedule and refreshments. Invitations to play the games are seen solely by those on this mailing list which consist of residents who participated in one of our CVV community meetings or otherwise have shown an interest in CVV. Interested? Contact Sonja Wilkin. sonjawilkin@gmail.com

February Events Calendar

February 17. Monthly Development Committee Meeting, 11:00 am, Diamond Terrace

February 17. Meet -nøGreet Happy Hour, 4:00 ó 6:00 pm, Moresiø Chophouse

And beyond February...

March 12-19. **My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, & I'm in Therapy!** Solo comedy about one man's unconventional upbringing in a multi-ethnic, thoroughly dysfunctional family. Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Road in Walnut Creek. Wednesdays thru Sundays. \$45-65. PlayhouseInfo.com or 925-943-SHOW (7469). (See ad above for performance times.)

April 16-25. **Arsenic and Old Lace.** Clayton Theatre Company presents Joseph Kesselringø comedy classic about two spinster aunts who give their gentleman callers a sendoffí forever! \$16-22; Children \$11. Endeavor Hall, 6008 Center Street, Clayton.



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presents



ARSENIC *and* *Old Lace*

A comedy classic by Joseph Kesselring.

The play revolves around the Brewster family, descended from the Mayflower, but now composed of homicidal maniacs. The family includes two spinster aunts who murder lonely old men by poisoning them with homemade elderberry wine laced with arsenic, strychnine and a pinch of cyanide.

April 16, 17, 18, 19, and April 22, 23, 24, 25

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\$22 Adults

\$18 Seniors 62 and older

\$16 Students

\$11 Children

April 15 Preview Performance is a fundraiser.

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