

The Villager



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CVV Gearing Up to Make Wish List a Reality in 2016



**Seasons Greetings
from
Clayton Valley
Village**



Clayton Valley Village is making a list and checking it twice - a list of things it needs and intends to accomplish in 2016.

1. Updating the web site.
2. Printing and distributing our first brochure.
3. Continuing to build our database of volunteers.
4. Developing the database of providers ó businesses and service providers, all background-checked and ready to be called upon when CVV members need them.
5. Securing liability insurance.
6. Bringing on an attorney (pro bono).
7. Continuing to build relationships with businesses and organizations in our Clayton-South Concord service area.
8. Securing inexpensive (or free) office space and equipping it with a phone line and computer.

As a way to help numbers 3 and 4 happen, Task Force member Maria Xiaris has been volunteering in the office of Lamorinda Village.

õI want to get to know the ropes in the office of a village that is already open and functioning.ö she says.

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CVV Is Looking for an Attorney...

...experienced with non-profits. To advise on a variety of start-up issues including governance, liability insurance, donor relations, etc. Monthly meetings and as needed. Pro bono, please. Contact Jim Whitfield at jimwhitfield64@gmail.com

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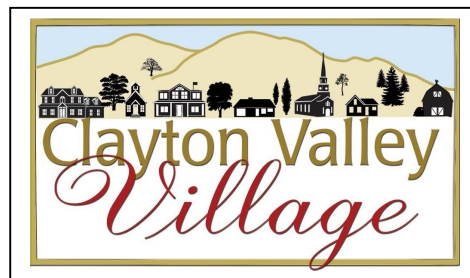
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Maria is working with Lamorinda's executive director, Anne Ornelas, getting experience in working with the volunteer and service providers' databases and fielding phone calls for requests from Lamorinda Village members.

She will be able to pass this experience along to our CVV office volunteers once we are ready to open our own office, she says.

For more on our mentor village, Lamorinda, see story on page 3.

A Preview of the CVV Brochure



"Helping Seniors Live Safely and Successfully in Their Own Homes."

Our brochure is almost ready to go to the printer. It will be a key component of the CVV marketing and publicity campaign, to begin in January. Here are some of the key points in the brochure.

Benefits of Membership

Upon opening, Clayton Valley Village will offer the programs and services that seniors in our area indicate they want most, based upon our surveys:

- *Transportation to appointments and grocery shopping*
- *Volunteer handyman/woman services for routine home maintenance*
- *Pet walking and clean-up*

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- *Computer and smartphone help*
- *Phone call check-ins/friendly visits*
- *Hobby groups*
- *Walking groups and exercise classes*
- *Social activities, special events*
- *Guest speakers and special-interest discussion groups*
- *Discounts and other benefits from local businesses*

Other services will be added as member needs arise.

All service providers, whether volunteers or professionals, will be screened and subject to background checks.

Volunteers

We are currently looking for people with an expertise or a desire to be involved in the development process. If you share our excitement, we could use your help in areas like Programs and Services, Events planning, Fundraising, and Outreach. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Donations

Contributions to Clayton Valley Village are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permissible by law. We are solely funded by membership fees, fundraising events, grants, and donations.

Contact us at

www.claytonvalleyvillage.org or (925) 672-8717 to find out how to donate.

A Snapshot of Our Neighbor, Lamorinda Village

Lamorinda Village opened in Spring, 2015, and is currently serving 120 members. This includes both Social Members (for the ñot-ready-yetsö who want to enjoy educational and social programs and support the village concept) and Regular Members, who enjoy full benefits of village membership. Clayton Valley Village is exploring the feasibility of offering both types of membership.

Anne Ornelas, Executive Director of Lamorinda Village, says that transporation is the number one request. But one of their members called for a village volunteer to install a humming bird feeder outside her window.

This member was so pleased with the result that she could barely contain herself in sharing how much joy she gets in watching the birds. Village volunteers know how often just a little effort can go a long way to make the day for someone who is homebound.



Anne Ornelas, E.D. of
Lamorinda Village

The Office of Lamorinda Village, a room donated by Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. Office space is on CVV's To-Do list for 2016 and is looking for something like this.



Networking with Community Organizations - A Major CVV Initiative

CVV Task Force members continue to spread the word about Clayton Valley Village to businesses and organizations in CVV's projected Clayton-Concord service area. Here are some recent examples of these outreach activities.

Sonja Wilkin has met with Michaela Olson and Katie Ribordy, both Marketing Managers at Montecito on Clayton Road. They explored possibilities for co-sponsoring programs.

Jim Whitfield has been meeting with a major Concord non-profit.

Sonja Wilkin has contacted Steve McMurdo of Sons in Retirement. SIR provides numerous activities and programs available for retired men who enjoy leisure time with new friends. They discussed ways in which SIR might participate with CVV.

Maria Xiaris is working as a volunteer in the office of Lamorinda Village.

Kathy Carr is setting up a CVV presentation to members of St. John's-Clayton. It is scheduled for January.

Several CVV Task Force members have participated in meetings with Lamorinda Village, Ashby Village and the in-development Walnut Creek Village, as well as meetings of BRAVO (Bay Regional Area Villages Organization.)

CVV in the Community

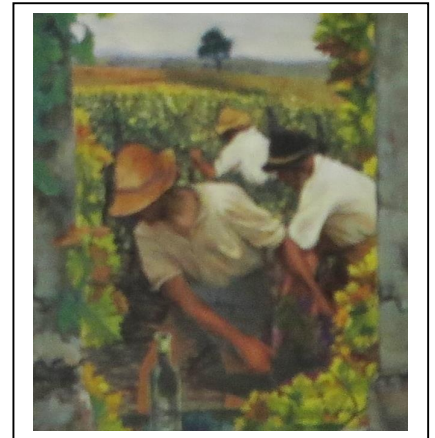
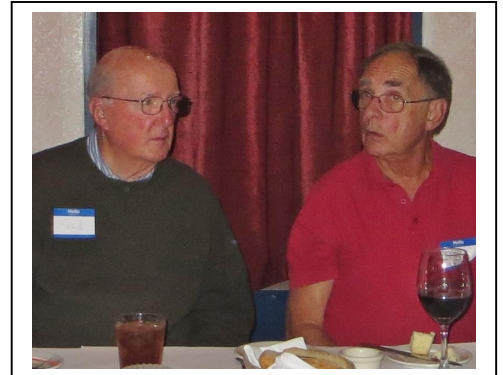


CVV joined other local non-profits who placed well-wishing ads in the Holiday issue of the Pioneer.

CVV volunteers helped decorate Downtown Clayton for the Holidays. Here is Clayton Business and Community Association's Gloria Utley, also a CVV Task Force member.



Looking Back at November Events



Clockwise from top left: 1. Social Hour at La Veranda on Nov. 16; 2. Fred Pardella and Bill Manning share a thought; 3. A nice merlot . step one; 4. Planning Never Stops . Sue Manning, Bonnie Slatkin, Glendoris Sargent; 5. CVV members in the audience as Gary Carr reads from his newly published book, *The Girl Who Founded Nebraska and Other Stories*; 6. Events Committee throws a potluck at Marsh Creek Villas cabana.



DECEMBER CALENDAR



Meetings

Thurs., Dec. 10, 10:30am. CVV Programs & Services Meeting. The Carrø house.

Next CVV Task Force Meeting is Monday, January 11, 2016, 3:30 pm. Diamond Terrace.

Events

Sat., Dec. 5, 2:00 pm. Diablo Women's Chorale presents *Christmas Swings*. Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20 Adult and \$10 Student. Tickets at www.DiabloWomensChorale.org or 800-838-3006.

Sat., Dec. 5, 6:00 pm. Annual Tree Lighting and Welcoming Santa. The Grove in Downtown Clayton.

Sunday, Dec. 6, Sundown. Hanukkah Begins.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Dessert with Mrs. Claus. Endeavor Hall, 608 Center St., Clayton.

Sunday, Dec.13, 6:00 pm. "And the Stars Will Dance" Christmas Concert with the Cathedral Choir and guest artist Ken Medena. First Presbyterian Church, 1965 Colfax, St., Concord.

Fri-Sat, Dec 18-19, 6:30-9:00 pm. A Christmas Drive Through Nativity. Bethel Baptist Church, 3578 Clayton Rd., Concord.

Tues. – Wed., Dec. 22-23, 7:30 pm. "Traditions New and Old," presented by the California Symphony. Leshner Center, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. For times and tickets call (925) 943-SHOW.

Friday, Dec. 25, All Day. Christmas Day.

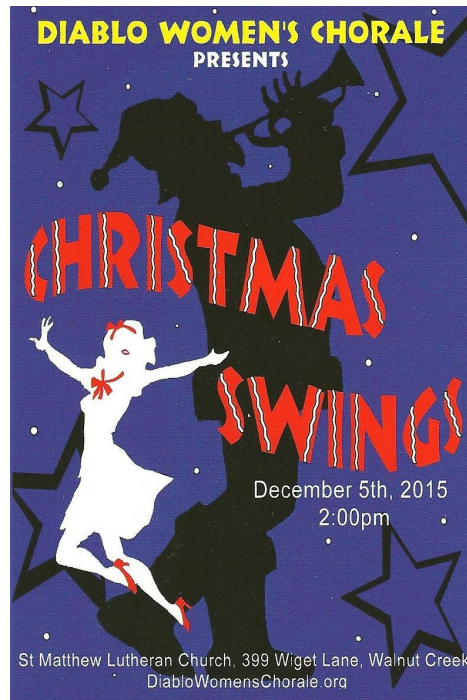
Saturday, Dec. 26, All Day. Boxing Day

Saturday, Dec. 26, Kwanzaa Begins.

Friday, Jan. 1, The year 2016 Begins.

Tuesday, January 19, 4:00-6:00 pm. CVV Meet 'n' Greet Social Hour. La Veranda. 6201 Center Street, Clayton.

CVV T-Shirts are still available – just a few left! Royal Blue with Logo. V-neck or round collar. \$15. Contact Sonja Wilkin at 925-672-2689 and she'll dig one out for you.



Kick Off the New Year with CVV!

CVV Meet 'n' Greet Social Hour

Kick Off the New, Kiss Off the Old.

Get updated on Clayton Valley Village
Meet the Volunteer Team . Share Ideas

Tuesday, January 19, 4-6 pm

**La Veranda
6201 Center St., Clayton**

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