

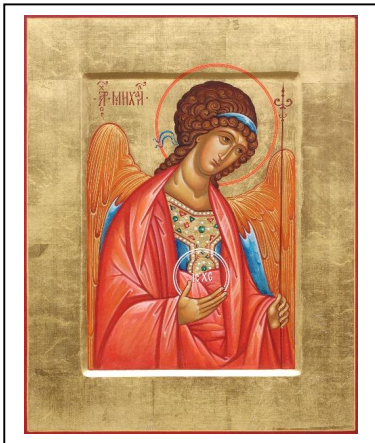
The Villager



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Happy Holidays from Clayton Valley Village CVV Gets into the Spirit of the Season



The Clayton Valley Village Task Force will take a short break from preparing for the launch of CVV in May of next year. We're looking forward to being with family and friends during this Holiday Season, the time for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Mawlid al-Nabi, and the Winter Solstice.

No CVV events are planned for December ó the Mixers and Lunch and Learn programs will pick up again in the New Year. But CVV is still looking local, participating in the Adopt-a-Family drive sponsored by the St. Bonaventure Catholic Community in Concord. CVV is gathering gifts for a family recently arrived from Afghanistan ó welcoming them to our country with, among other gifts, a turkey and a Christmas tree.

It's not too late for our readers to take part in this season of sharing. There's no shortage of food drives and other ways to give, like the "Christmas for Everyone" gift drive you can read about here on page 8. It's time to give, and the giving can be something so simple as a smile to a stranger. Happy Holidays to one and all!

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Calendar for December

Meetings

Friday, December 3, 1:00-3:00 pm. **Events Committee Meeting.** Sonja Wilkin's house.

Tuesday, December 6, 4:00-6:00 pm. **CVV Task Force.** Diamond Terrace

No CBCA dinner meeting in December. Next one is Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 at Oakhurst CC.

Events

Saturday, Dec. 3. Starting at 4:00 pm with Santa's arrival. **Tree lighting and Mayor's sing-along.** Todos Santos Plaza, Downtown Concord.

Saturday, Dec. 3. Starting at 6:00 pm. **Annual Caroling and Tree Lighting.** Santa, refreshments. Downtown Clayton.

Dec 11-Feb 17, **Icons in Transformation.** More than 150 contemporary icons by internationally known Russian artist Ludmila Pawlowska, plus traditional icons from the Vassilevsky Monastery in Russia. Exhibit divided between St. John's Episcopal Church, 5555 Clayton Road in Clayton, Sundays 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and by appointment; and St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2925 Bonifacio Street in Concord, Fridays 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturdays & Sundays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm and by appointment, 925-890-7839. FREE. See page 5.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. **Dessert with Ms. Claus.** Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Endeavor Hall, 6008 Center Street, Clayton.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2:00 pm. **Diablo Women's Chorale Concert.** Hillside Church, 2060 Magnolia Way, Walnut Creek. See page 6 for details.

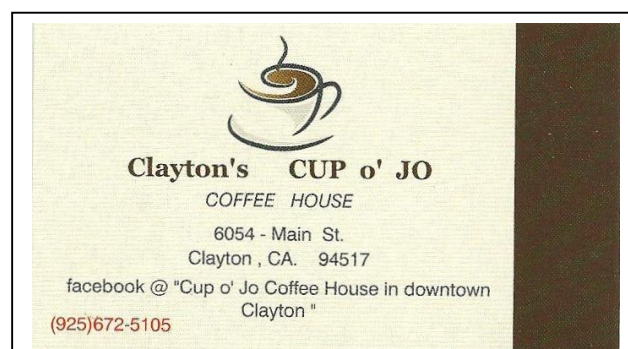
Saturday, Dec 17, 3:00 PM. **Village Day at Lafayette's Town Hall Theatre.** Join your Village friends for the matinee of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Based on the best-selling young adult book, a couple struggling to put on a Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids -- probably the most inventively awful kids in history. But when magic meets mayhem, will the holiday spirit triumph? Tickets \$20. **Reserve by Dec 9.** See page 7 for details.

Saturday, December 24 to Hanukkah begins at Sundown.

Sunday, December 25 to Christmas Day

Monday, December 26 to Boxing Day; Kwanzaa begins.

Support your local Coffee House



Villages Across the U.S. to Celebrate 15th Anniversary of the Village Movement

Event will feature a live webcast from Beacon Hill Village on February 13. Save the Date! CVV will announce Clayton meeting place soon.

Beacon Hill Village, the founding Village of the Village Movement, is celebrating its 15th year of operation and has asked all other Villages to join them in marking the occasion. BHV announced at the National Village Gathering that they will be celebrating this exciting milestone on February 13, with Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal*, as the keynote speaker.

BHV plans not only to celebrate their 15th Anniversary, but to celebrate the 15 years of the Village Movement as well. Villages have been making an impact throughout the world since 2002, and all those involved agree February 13 is a momentous occasion.

BHV and Village to Village Network are inviting all Villages to participate in the February 13 event by hosting watch parties all across the country. The event will be presented as a live webcast. Village members and friends will have the opportunity to hear Atul Gawande speak about the value of community and opportunities as we grow older and participate in a live event with thousands of Village members across the country. The webcast will take place on February 13, 2017 from 5:00 pm ó 6:00 pm Eastern, 2:00 pm ó 3:00 pm Pacific.

Plans for this event are still in progress, and Clayton Valley Village will keep everyone informed as to the place to view the webinar and details about local participation.

Lots of Fun at November CVV Mixer

CVV founders and friends enjoyed Taco Tuesday at Moresiø Chop House in Downtown Clayton on November 15. Margaritas, Si! Talk of the election, No!



November Lunch 'n' Learn Offered Tips on Wardrobe Planning and Packing for the Holidays, Plus Winter Skin Care Advice

At the November 17 Lunch 'n' Learn program, image stylist Carolyn Woodworth shared five tips on holiday wardrobes and how to pack them for winter travel.

- The ideal number of pieces in a capsule wardrobe.
- Basic and accent colors.
- How clothing pieces should work together.
- Choosing accessories that will take you from day to evening.
- How not to "over-shoe" yourself.



As a follow-up, licensed esthetician Dynese Mouzakis shared her knowledge of skincare. "We can't stop aging," she said, "but we can always learn ways to keep our skin healthy and glowing." In addition to winter skin care tips, Dynese presented nutritional information on caring for the skin as women age.



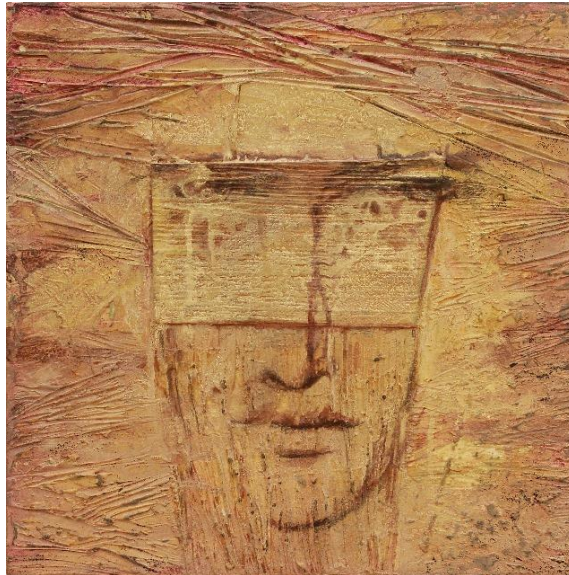
Area Villages of Lamorinda, Walnut Creek, and CVV of sponsored the program, which was held at Hoyer Hall in the Clayton Public Library. The "lunch" part of Lunch 'n' Learn was BYO brown bag.

Traveling Exhibit of Religious Icons, both Contemporary and Traditional, at St. John's-Clayton and St. Michael and All Angels-Concord, December 10 – February 17

***Icons in Transformation* showcases the paintings of Russian artist Ludmila Pawlowska in only Bay Area appearance.**



Traditional icon from the Vassilevsky Monastery in Suzdal, Russia.



To Be Seen by Ludmila Pawlowska

More than 150 contemporary icons by internationally known Russian artist Ludmila Pawlowska, plus traditional icons from the Vassilevsky Monastery in Russia will be displayed. The exhibit is divided between St. John's Episcopal Church, 5555 Clayton Road in Clayton and St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2925 Bonifacio Street, next to Baldwin Park, in Concord. Dec 10, 2016-Feb 17, 2017

At St. Michael's: Fridays 6:00 pm . 8:00 pm, Saturdays & Sundays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. First day open to the public . Sunday, December 11th. Other times by appointment by calling 925-890-7839.

At St. John's: Sundays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. First day open to the public . Sunday, December 11th. Other times by appointment by calling 925-890-7839.

Admission is free, but donations accepted. 925-890-7839,
<http://www.saintjohnsparish.org>; <http://www.saintmichaelsconcord.org>.

DIABLO WOMEN'S CHORALE

POP! GOES THE SEASON

December 10, 2016, 2pm

Hillside Covenant Church, 2060 Magnolia Way, Walnut Creek

Steve Mullins, Director • Carolyn Wolf, Accompanist

Get your tickets today at DiabloWomensChorale.Org
Or call Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006

Join us for Village Days at Lafayette's Town Hall Theatre

Enjoy an afternoon matinee at the theatre!

Town Hall Theatre offers pre-show music in the lobby one hour before curtain, a signature drink, and other refreshments. The lobby has comfortable chairs for lounging and there is an elevator lift for those who may need assistance.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

by Barbara Robinson

Directed by Lynda Divito

Village Day ~ Saturday Dec 17, 3:00 PM

Reserve by Dec 9

Based on the best-selling young adult book of the same name, a couple struggling to put on a Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids -- probably the most inventively awful kids in history. But when magic meets mayhem, will the holiday spirit triumph?

Smokey Joe's Cafe (A Musical Revue)

Music & lyrics by Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller

Directed by Lauren Rosi

Village Day ~ Sunday March 19, 2:00 PM

Reserve by March 10

Did you ever hear a tenor sax swingin' like a rusty axe? Baby, that is rock and roll, and the two voices behind an entire generation were Leiber & Stoller. With music, such as Poison Ivy, Charlie Brown, On Broadway, Stand by Me and many, many more, don't miss the greatest rock and roll revue of all time, and the most explosive event of the season!

An Ideal Husband

by Oscar Wilde

Directed by Susan Hovey

Village Day ~ Sunday June 18, 2:00 PM

Reserve by June 9

One of Oscar Wilde's most beloved -- and funniest -- plays closes out our season! Featuring biting wit, this play takes aim at hypocrisy as well as women's place in society.

SPECIAL TICKET PRICE OF \$20 FOR VILLAGES!

Call Box Office at (925) 283-1557 and say,

"I would like to reserve # ___ of tickets for the Village Day Group."

Phone hours: Tuesday ó Friday, 4:00 - 6:00 PM; Saturday, 2:00 - 4:00 PM





“Christmas for Everyone”

Needs your assistance

925-228-2233

Your donations accepted daily at

NEW HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

2120 Olivera Road, Concord

CHECK WEB SITE OR FACE BOOK FOR HOURS

Christmas for Everyone (CFE) is a non-profit volunteer organization serving people in need during the Christmas season in Contra Costa County. Your help is needed to provide a full Christmas Day so no one spends the holiday alone or in need. Volunteers provide transportation to and from our location. Each guest receives a new gift and an abundance of gently-used clothing. A traditional Christmas meal is served with all the trimmings. There is entertainment for children and adults. Food and gifts are delivered to the homebound upon request.

DONATIONS NEEDED:



Money
Gloves & Hats
New/Almost New Clothing
New Gifts for all ages
(Unwrapped, especially Teen & Adult)

Sleeping Bags
Rain Gear (ponchos, etc.)
New/Almost New Blankets
Lap Robes (wide & Long)



BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Hang Posters
Sort Clothes



CHRISTMAS DAY

Volunteers for all areas
Deliver food to Homebound
Entertainers (musicians, singers, clowns)
HAIR STYLISTS



After CHRISTMAS

12/26 CLEANUP

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CFE CHRISTMAS@COMCAST.NET
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