

# The Villager



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## CVV Prepares for May 1<sup>st</sup> Official Opening

Launch Party 4-6 pm at Endeavor Hall in Clayton

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Clayton Valley Village got its start, thanks to two remarkable Clayton women, Maria Xiaris and Sonja Wilkin.

Sonja first learned about the Village Movement in March 2012. Her research on Villages got her excited

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Maria Xiaris



Sonja Wilkin

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# Clayton Valley Village



## Opens May 1

*"Helping Seniors Live  
Successfully in Their Own Homes"*

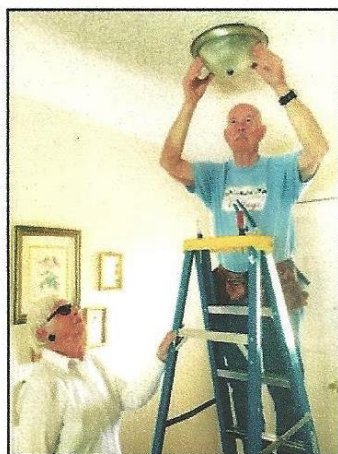
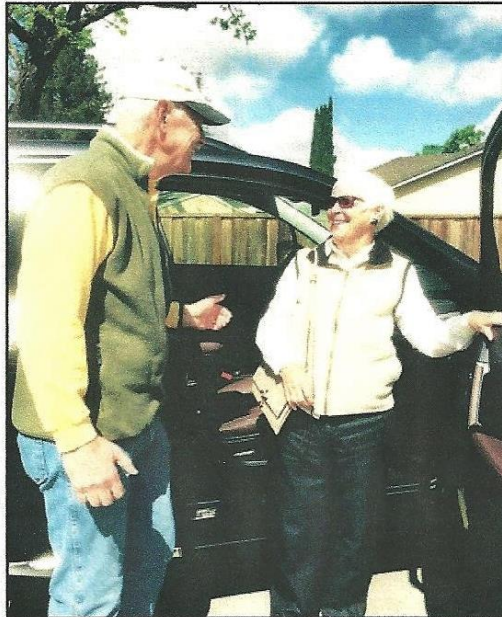
**We're Ready to  
Serve Members in  
Clayton and  
South Concord**

### Clayton Valley Village

- A membership nonprofit committed to helping seniors age at home
- Serves members in Clayton and south Concord
- Part of the national Village Network

### Membership benefits include

- Transportation to appointments and grocery shopping
- Volunteer handyman services for routine home maintenance
- Computer and smart phone help
- Phone check-ins and friendly visits
- Guest speakers, group discussions, continuing education
- Social activities that keep Village members connected with the community and minimize isolation



## Find out more, come to the Launch Party

Mon. May 1, 4-6 pm

Endeavor Hall, 6008 Center St.  
Clayton

**Discounted Memberships for  
those who join by May 31**

**For more information go to  
[ClaytonValleyVillage.org](http://ClaytonValleyVillage.org)  
or call (925) 626-0411**

Clayton Valley Village is a 501(c)(3) organization.

**P.O. Box 683, Clayton, 94517**



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about starting one in the Clayton area, when there were none in all of Contra Costa County. She began by contacting Dr. Andy Scharlach, a professor at UC Berkeley and a guru of the Village Movement. That same year, she appeared before the Clayton City Council to introduce the Village concept and build interest in establishing one in the city.

Sonja traveled to her alma mater, Cornell University, and gave a presentation on villages to an alumni forum that summer. She then went to Boston to visit the original Village, Beacon Hill, and to interview one of its founders. Back in Clayton, she continued talking up villages to friends and family.

Coincidentally, in April of 2013, Maria Xiaris saw a PBS program on villages, and was immediately hooked on the concept. Maria spent the next six months researching and contacting long-established villages around the country through the internet-based Village-to-Village Network. She, too, spoke before the Clayton City Council. Her enthusiasm drew a half dozen neighbors to the October 2014 meeting, where the group decided to start a village in the Clayton-Concord area. The group named itself the Clayton Village Initiative.

The word spread, and at the next CVI meeting, Sonja Wilkin appeared, bearing a binder stuffed with material on villages. These two ðearly adoptersö joined forces, and along with the dozen other members of the committee, got the ball rolling. Maria served as the first president of what is now CVV, and Sonja is the current CVV president. Clayton Valley Village is now a 501(c)(3) organization, set to open on May 1, 2017. A project five years in the making.

### **CVV Executives, Board, and Committees**

**President** ó Sonja Wilkin

**Secretary** ó Sue Manning

**Treasurer** ó Joanne Wasak

**Immediate Past President** ó Jim Whitfield

**Board Members** ó Gary Carr, Kathy Geddes, Maria Xiaris

**Committee Chairpersons** ó Gary Carr, Carol Hansen Grey, Nancy Hoffman, Gloria Utley, Joanne Vanis, Jim Whitfield, Sonja Wilkin, Marilyn Wollenweber

**Task Force Members** ó Betty Armes, Jeanne Boyd, Kathy Carr, Frank Fibley, Marilyn Hadley, Shirley Izard, Dee Jakal, Christine Jeffers, Arlene Lewendowski, Rita Pardella, Glendoris Sargent, Bonnie Slatkin

### **Founding Members**

Betty Armes, Jeanne Boyd, Kathy & Gary Carr, Kathleen Geddes, Shirley Groschwitz, Marlyne Hadley, Carol & Victor Hansen-Grey, Arlene D. Lewandowski, Susan & William Manning, Cindy & Gene Molander, Candy Negrete & Bob Duensing, Glendoris Sargent, Shirley & Larry Solen, Sonja Wilkin, Marilyn Wollenweber & Jim Whitfield, Gloria Utley, Joanne Vanis



## Calendar for April

### Meetings

Tuesday, April 4, 4:00-6:00 pm. **CVV Board.** Diamond Terrace

Thursday, April 27, **CBCA General Meeting** at Oakhurst Country Club. Registration 6:30 pm;  
Dinner and Meeting 7:00 pm

### Events

Saturday, April 8, 11:30 am-2:00 pm. **Planned Parenthood Fundraiser.** 5355 Aspenwood Court, Concord 94521

Tuesday, April 18, 4:00-6:00 pm. **CVV Mixer.** Moresi's Chop House, "Taco Tuesday," 6115 Main Street in Clayton.

Sat-Sun, April 29-30. **Clayton Art & Wine Festival.** Downtown Clayton. See page 8 for details.

### Beyond April...

Monday, May 1, 4-6 pm. **Official Launch of Clayton Valley Village.** Party and Q&A at Endeavor Hall, 6008 Center Street in Clayton.

Fri-Sun, May 12-14. **May Booksale** at Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road

### Monthly CVV Mixer for April

Meet the Team - Learn about the Launch - Everyone Welcome

**Tuesday, April 18, 4:00-6:00 pm.**  
**"Taco Tuesday" with conversation & libations**  
**242<sup>nd</sup> Paul Revere Ride Anniversary**

Listen, my children, and you shall hear  
 Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,  
 On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:  
 Hardly a man is now alive  
 Who remembers that famous day and year.

Name the poet – win a prize

### Moresi's Chop House

6115 Main Street in Clayton

## March Monthly Mixer at Skipolini's

Pizza, calzone, and good conversation at the March 21 Monthly Mixer at Skipolini's in Downtown Clayton. Yes, a very sunny afternoon.



Top Left: Kathy Geddes, Bonnie Slatkin, Shirley & Larry Solen. Top Right: Bill Manning, Sue Manning, Sonja Wilkin. Bottom: Jim Whitfield, Marlyne Hadley, Neil Brennan.

## CVV Volunteer Handbook to Be Ready by May 1

Thanks to Kathy Geddes, along with Marilyn Wollenweber, Nancy Hoffman, and the rest of the Member Services Committee, the CVV Handbook for Volunteers will be in the hands of every volunteer on opening day and beyond. Based on the experiences of other, established Villages, the Handbook details policies and procedures to be followed by each volunteer to ensure a successful experience for all involved. Key to such success are good matches, a caring attitude, and of course, viable insurance.

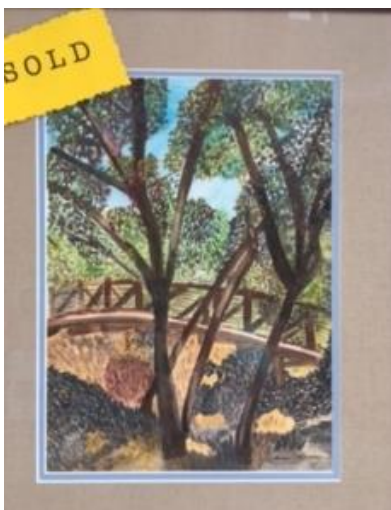
Clayton Valley Village will work with you to find and ensure matches between your interests and abilities and the needs of CVV and its members. Many CVV members are also volunteers. Clayton Valley Village maintains liability insurance that offers some protection to our volunteers, but volunteer drivers must carry their own automobile insurance. Go to [www.claytonvalleyvillage.org](http://www.claytonvalleyvillage.org) to learn more and to volunteer.

## Bocce Team Begins Play - Bocce Villagio Looks to Big Season



Top Left, L-R: Ian Peacock, Joanne Wasak, Ernesto De La Rosa, Maria de la Rosa. Top Right: Two evil Irish Car Bombers (in green, what else?) Joanne Vanis, Helene Billeci; Below: Kathy & Gary Carr, with Service Dog Maggie; Shirley Elsberry; and it's a loooong way to the palino.

## CVV Gets the Word Out and Collects Volunteers



Top Left: Alyce Shikano at In Shape Fitness.

Top Right: Gary Carr and Neil Brennan at the Creekside Arts Festival.

Left: Watercolor at Creekside Arts by CVV's own Sue Manning.



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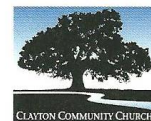
# Clayton Art & Wine Festival

*In Downtown Clayton*

**Saturday, April 29, 10-7**  
**Sunday, April 30, 10-5**

**Premium Wines & Beers**  
**Beautiful Arts & Crafts**  
**Fantastic Food Court**  
**Continuous Live Music**  
**Kids Fun Land**

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