

The Villager



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Founding Members Honored at Festive Dinner; 27 Receive Certificates of Appreciation

**Is your property
ready for Fire
Season?**



**Learn What You Need to
Know at the Fire Safety
Presentation by Diablo
Firesafe Council**

Thursday, June 23, 11:30 -1:00

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Club Drive, Moraga

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A Lunch and Learn Program

Founding Members of Clayton Valley Village gathered on June 10 to celebrate another milestone in the development of CVV. Each individual or couple received a certificate of appreciation for becoming the first dues-paying members of the organization. The event was held at the Clayton home of CVV Treasurer Joanne Wasak. **To p. 2**



Joanne Vanis gets her certificate from President Jim Whitfield.

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Jim Whitfield signs the certificates.



Appreciation Dinner from p. 1

In attendance were seventeen of the 27 Founding Members - Jeanne Boyd, Kathy & Gary Carr, Kathy Geddes, Arlene Lewandowski, Susan & Bill Manning, Glendoris Sargent, Shirley & Larry Solen, Sonja Wilkin, Marilyn Wollenweber & Jim Whitfield, Gloria Utley, Joanne Vanis, Joanne Wasak, and Maria Xiaris.

Unable to make it, but missed just the same, were Betty Armes, Carol & Victor Grey, Shirley Groschwitz, Marlyne Hadley, Cindy & Gene Molander, Candy Negrete & Bob Duensing, and Andreas Xiaris.

Holding to the tight budgeting of the organization, the dinner was a pot-luck and featured some of the finest delicacies this side of the French Laundry. Salmon, tri-tip, and spanakopita anyone? The bacon-wrapped harvest gold potatoes disappeared within minutes. But room was left for chocolate, strawberry, and butterscotch sundaes. And a nice merlot.



Maria Xiaris leads the toast.

More from the Appreciation Dinner...



Clockwise from above left:

Kathy Carr, Sonja Wilkin, Kathy Geddes; Readyng the Spanakopita . Maria Xiaris & Tammy Peacock; The island of delights; Maria Xiaris & Kathy Geddes; Gloria Utley receives her certificate; Glendoris Sargent.



And more.



Above, L-R: Shirley Solen, Sue Manning, Arlene Lewandowski, Larry Solen. Right: Sue Manning & Tammy Peacock; Below: Marilyn Wollenweber & Jeanne Boyd share a laugh.



And a wonderful time was had by all.

CVV Community Meeting Brings Questions, Gives Answers

CVV held another of its community meetings on June 3 at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church. CVV President Jim Whitfield gave a progress report that included the newly targeted opening date of May 2017, as well as the service boundaries: a rectangle from Morgan Territory Road to Denkinger/Treat and from the Concord Pavilion to Crystal Ranch and the quarry. Interested guests included Clayton Mayor Howard Geller and CBCA Vice President Debbie Geller, both of whom voiced their support for the village.



Jim Whitfield explains CVV progress.



Clayton Mayor Howard Geller has a question.



Sue Manning & Shirley Izard work the registration table.



And, yes, there were refreshments.

Calendar for June-July & Beyond

Meetings

Tues. June 21 - 1:30-3:00 pm. **East Bay Villages** meeting. B'nai Shalom, 74 Eckley Lane, W.C.

Thurs. July 28 ó 6:00-9:00 pm. **CBCA dinner meeting**, Oakhurst Country Club

Fri. July 29 ó 1:00-3:00 pm. **CVV Events Committee** Meeting at Marsh Creek Cabana (*No Meeting in June.*)

Events

Tues. June 21st - 4-6 pm ó **CVV Social Hour** - La Veranda in Downtown Clayton. All welcome!

Thurs. June 23 ó **Lunch 'n' Learn, "Fire Safety."** Presented by **Diablo Firesafe Council**. Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga.. After the recent grass fire that threatened homes in Dana Hills and Regency Woods, this is a very timely informational event. See page 8 for details.

Mon July 4 ó **Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast**. Pre-Parade in Downtown Clayton. CVV will volunteer for setup July 3 and breakfast July 4. Call Sonja Wilkin 925-350-1330 to volunteer.

Monday July 4 ó **Clayton 4th of July Parade**. CVV will march. Meet at 10:00 am behind the Post Office. See page 8 for details.

Sat-Sun July 9-10 - **Inaugural Skip Ipsen Memorial Bocce Tournament**. Ipsen Family Courts, Downtown Clayton. For details, visit <http://claytonbocce.org/Event/Ipsen>

Sat. July 23 - **BBQ and tour of Blissful Retreat**, a new board & care home at 4200 Cowell Road, Concord. Hosted by Sumaiya Osman. Time to be confirmed.

Save the Date Events

August 3-28 ó **Waist Watchers The Musical!** takes a hilarious and lighthearted look at four women dealing with food, friendship, love, life and sex! National tour by Playhouse Productions, Inc. Tickets \$45-\$65, available by visiting www.WaistWatchersTheMusical.com or 1-855-448-7469 (1-855-HIT SHOW.) Del Valley Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek

Fri-Sun, September 9-11 - **Greek Festival**, St. Demetrios Church, Concord - CVV to volunteer

Tues. September 13 - **Bus Trip to Lodi wineries**. (Deadline for reservations to follow.)

Sat-Sun, October 1 & 2 – **Clayton Oktoberfest**

Sun. Oct. 23 - Third Annual **Sunday Supper and Silent Auction**. La Veranda, Downtown Clayton

A Word to the Wise: Senior Scams

Seniors lose billions of dollars each year to heartless fraudsters. Here are some tips to be sure that you don't fall victim to "senior scams."

- Never give your bank account, Social Security number or credit card information over the phone to someone you don't know, even if they appear to be from a legitimate institution like the IRS.
- Don't respond to a message on your computer that says your virus protection has been compromised.
- Don't send money to anyone who says they're in a hospital in a foreign country and needs help.
- Don't respond to a notification that you have won a sweepstakes and need to make a payment to unlock the prize.
- If someone who sounds like your grandchild calls to say they're in trouble, immediately call their cell phone or check with their parents to make sure that it's a scam and they're okay.

And...Don't respond to the widow of a deceased foreign prince/president/CEO who wants to park millions in your bank account if you just give her access to it.

For more information, contact the Elder Abuse Hotline at 800-677-1116.

CVV Meet 'n' Greet Social Hour

Get updated on Clayton Valley Village
Meet the Volunteer Team . Share Ideas
Great Appetizers . Happy Hour Prices

Tuesday, June 21, 4:00-6:00 pm

La Veranda, Downtown Clayton.

Inaugural Skip Ipsen Memorial Bocce Tournament

The inaugural CBCA open bocce tournament will be held on July 9-10, 2016 at the Ipsen Family Bocce Park. The tournament will be known as the CBCA Skip Ipsen Memorial Bocce Tournament in honor of Skip Ipsen, the man whose vision and generosity set in motion what is now one of the nicest bocce venues anywhere and our very popular open, league, tournament and rental play.

Please visit

<http://claytonbocce.org/Event/Ipsen>



March with CVV in the Clayton 4th of July Parade

Join Your Friends - Show Your Support - Stroll the Streets of Clayton - Have Fun

Meet at 10:00 am behind the Post Office and wear your CVV shirt if you have one.

Contact Dee Jakel to
say you'll be there.

925-672-6227:
rdjakel@sbcglobal.net



Making your home safe from wildfires - Learn What You Need to Know!

Thursday, June 23, 11:30 -1:00

Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga

Lunch is graciously provided by Aegis of Moraga



Each year fire departments throughout Contra Costa County inform homeowners that they are required to take action to abate wildfire hazards. Do you know if your home is at risk from wildfire? Come learn how to make your home and garden more fire safe.

Cheryl Miller with the Diablo FireSafe Council will talk about:

- Why wildfires are a particular community concern in Clayton, Lamorinda and Walnut Creek
- Wildfire behavior and where our homes are most vulnerable
- Six steps to making your home and garden more fire safe
- How to participate in the cost share program for hazardous fuel reduction

Thank you to our CVV Sponsors... for generous donations of cash and in-kind services.

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Write Your Own Life Story with Memoir Coach Jill Morris

Leave your grandchildren with a family history they will treasure.



Memoir Coach Jill Morris leads “Your Life, Your Words” workshops in Walnut Creek for those who want to put their life stories down on paper. Her students are enthusiastic about Jill’s ability to gently guide and motivate them,

“The Class allowed me to see my personal history in a new and helpful way. I was able to connect my past to the present and my present to the future.” – Cathy, Spring 2016

“It is unusual to find a teacher that encourages you to grow in an unobstructed, encouraging way.” – Lisa, Spring 2015

“Jill Morris’s class was a way I could leave a map for my children and grandchildren of my lives.” – Sandra, April 2016

Summer Classes Now Open for Registration

Jill Morris’s Memoir Writing Adult Summer Camp runs for five consecutive days in August at the Walnut Creek Community Center. Classes are limited to eight students. The cost is \$250

August 22 - 26, 10:00am - 2:30pm, Walnut Creek Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive.

For further information or registration, go to www.yourlifeyourwords.com

CVV Task Force Officers for 2016-2017

At its May 3 meeting, the Clayton Valley Village Task Force elected its officers for 2016-2017. They will assume their duties in November.

President-Elect: Sonja Wilkin
Secretary: Sue Manning
Treasurer: Joanne Wasak
Director, 2-year term: Gary Carr

They join the current officers who fill out the remainder of their terms.

President: Jim Whitfield
Immediate Past President: Maria Kontras Xiariis
Director, one year remaining: Gloria Utley
Director Ex Officio: Bob Kain, Diablo Valley Foundation on Aging