

# Our Village VOICE

**A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village (June 2018 Edition)**

Welcome to the June 2018 edition of Our Voice. In this issue you will find photos from our past events as well as news of our upcoming events. Be sure to check out our Founding Member Spotlight and our Volunteer Spotlight that help us all get to know one another a little better.

## Did You Know?

### TSA Pre-Check Info

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## President's Message



*by Sonja Wilkin*

I have many thoughts swirling in my head and I am starting my message a couple of weeks before it will appear in our newsletter.

Because I am practicing my music for the concert coming up on 5/19 with Diablo Women's Chorale, I have been concentrating on "The Rhythm of Life", but as I'm singing the words, I'm relating them to the Rhythm of Life that we all experience...and hope that Clayton Valley Village will help us feel the powerful beat and tingle in our lives!

I'm also about to go back East for my 60th reunion at Cornell in Ithaca, NY. I did not realize how strong a bond was formed so many decades ago and am looking forward to seeing

many classmates and sorority sisters. We will all catch up since our last reunion five years ago. At that time I was on a panel of the Class Women's Forum and talked about the Village Movement. Very few had ever heard of it at the time. Now there is a Village in Ithaca, NY and once again on a panel, I will do an update on where our national movement stands and proudly tell them about Clayton Valley Village. Many are now much more informed about Villages, some have joined in various parts of the country as have found it to be a great option for themselves. My trip to Cornell is always special since on Graduation Day I also married Kim...but heeded my Dad's early wish as I left Rio that I not get married before I completed my education. I graduated at 10 am and got married at 3 pm with my Mom and Dad having made the trip from Brazil for it.

We have had many opportunities lately to share our CVV story and continue to inform our community.... whether on the bocce courts, mixers, In Shape gym, Clayton Farmers' Market, Lunch 'n Learn as part of Diablo Villages, UC Berkeley Senior Fair (5 Villages), informal neighborhood gatherings. Our Membership Drive is in full swing - continue to spread the word to join us at Clayton Valley Village - become a member or a volunteer - you won't regret it!!



# Member SPOTLIGHT



This month we are featuring Founding Member, Jim Whitfield.

**Where were you born?** Petoskey, Michigan

**Where did you spend your childhood years?** I spent my childhood years at Walloon Lake, Michigan, nine miles from Petoskey (located on Lake Michigan) playing water and snow sports. That northern region of Michigan is four-season resort country with lots of lakes for swimming, sailing and fishing, forests for hunting, golf courses and ski resorts. I often ice skated or skied to my local elementary school two miles away on the frozen lake. In high school I played on the Petoskey golf, tennis and ski teams and managed a sailing club in the summers.

**Where did you graduate from High School?** Graduated (with Marilyn Stone, best friend) from Petoskey High.

**Where did you go to college?** Graduated with a business degree from University of Denver and later received my Masters Degree in Education from University of Southern California.

**What fields of work have you pursued?** I briefly held industry jobs in Colorado, California and Grand Teton Lodge in Wyoming before enlisting in the Army (Vietnam era). After commissioning I was stationed at Fort Ord, CA and was then sent to Izmir Turkey for 3 years, then Vietnam, Germany, ROTC instructor duty at DePaul University Chicago, and the Pentagon.

**What would you like to share about your family life?** In 1964 I married Diana Duke, a Denver University classmate and we had 2 sons, Mark and Scott. I retired after 21 years in the Army and worked on government classified projects until Diana contracted cancer. I retired again to care for her but she died in 2008.

In 2009 I attended my Petoskey High School 50th class reunion, and there was Marilyn. We had both lost a spouse to cancer and had a lot in common (kids, grandkids, outdoor activities, particularly skiing). We married in May, 2011 and I moved to Clayton.

What are your interests/hobbies? I am a Life member of the National Ski Patrol, a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church USA, Past President and Board Member of Clayton Valley Village and a serve as a volunteer, a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, and active with the Concord First Presbyterian Church in choir and service teams.

We love to travel (Antarctica, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, etc.), to ski, and to visit our combined 5 kids and 13 grandchildren.

**What peaked your interest in CVV?** Marilyn and I were attracted to the concept of the Village Movement in 2012 when Maria Xiaris, our neighbor, encouraged us to help her form the CVV Task Force with 5 or 6 others.

**Life is Good!**



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Linda Pinder is our featured volunteer this month.**

As a volunteer, Linda has been extremely helpful in planning our Annual Sunday Fundraiser Supper and Auction at LaVeranda. For the past three years she has created the initial auction bid sheets and has also offered her gorgeous quilts as auction items. Her ongoing help on the Events Committee as been greatly appreciated. Below are some questions that Linda answered about why she decided to volunteer with CVV.

**How did you hear about CVV?** I initially saw a story about the village movement while watching Al Jazeera America. I then posted a link to that article on my Facebook page saying this was something that I could see myself volunteering for if/when we ever got a group in our area. And then a fellow AAUW member (Jeanne Boyd), posted on my Facebook page that there was a group starting to form in Clayton and she invited me to attend a meeting.

**Why did you decide to sign up as a volunteer for CVV?** I had already been driving a couple of neighbors who could no longer drive to doctors' appointments or grocery shopping. It was something that gave me a feeling of purpose, so I knew it was something I would be more than happy to do for CVV. I did go to some of the organizational meetings, but that wasn't for me. But I knew that helping people out one-on-one would be something I could do.

**What types of volunteering have you done for CVV members?** So far all of my volunteering has involved driving. My first assignment was driving someone to a summer BBQ party for CVV. And then there were a couple of trips to take that same person to Kaiser for some medical tests. Most of my other assignments have been running errands to stores, banks, hair salons, etc.

**What have you found rewarding about being a CVV volunteer?** Just knowing that I have helped someone accomplish routine, day-to-day errands has been rewarding for me.

## Calendar for June Events

JUNE 2018							TODAY	<	>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2			
	Memorial Day - CVV will be closed - 8:00 AM	CVV "Lunch Bunch" - 11:30 AM				CVV Membership Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM Lamorinda Arts Alliance - 11:00 AM			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	Clayton Knits! - 1:30 PM	CVV Board Meeting - 3:00 PM	SAVVY SENIOR LIVING -- HOW TO PAY FOR SENIOR LIVING - 10:00 AM			CVV Membership Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM 2018 Concerts in The Grove--Take 2 Band - 6:00 PM			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Clayton Library Book Club - 7:00 PM	Downsizing made easy - 10:00 AM CVV Tech Team Meeting - 12:30 PM				CVV Membership Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
		CVV Monthly Mixer - Clayton Club Saloon - 4:00 PM			CVV Events Committee Meeting - 1:00 PM	CVV Membership Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM 2018 Concerts in The Grove--The Fundamentals - 6:00 PM			



## PAST EVENTS: MONTHLY MIXERS

We enjoyed another well attended mixer recently at Moresi's Chop House in Clayton. The restaurant easily accommodated the 21 of us. The food was very good and the staff was very attentive and friendly.

Our next mixer will be on June 19 at the Clayton Club Saloon. Our mixers are open to all, so we hope you will join us. Please call us to RSVP so we can know how many to expect - 925-626-0411.

### May 15, 2018 CVV MIXER Moresi's Chop House, Clayton





## Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

The CVV **Events Committee** meets on the last Friday of the month between 1-3 pm and we welcome anyone to our hardworking team! We enjoy our meetings and the satisfaction of pitching in to make sure our events run smoothly.

The CVV **Tech Committee** meets on the first Wednesday of the month and also participates in the monthly 3-Village Tech meeting and the HV Users group.

The CVV **Member Services** Committee meets on the third Friday of the month.

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Our members have many interests and skills to share and for that reason we are encouraging our members and volunteers to start what we are calling "Affinity Circles" that focus on specific interests. What it comes down, however, is the willingness of our Members and Volunteers to lead and coordinate these interest groups. Suggestions include: Walking, arts & crafts, book club, creative writing circle, dining in private homes, conversation on several topics over coffee or wine & cheese, musical evenings, attending local theater events, travel. If you'd like to share ideas and discuss further, please contact Sonja by email <[sonjawilkin@gmail.com](mailto:sonjawilkin@gmail.com)>.



## Bocce Circle (open to all)



When the Clayton bocce courts were built four years ago, CVV was just in its early development stages and we thought it would be a good move to start our own team and use it for fun and promotion of our Village. We were among the early people in line to register our team, named "Bocce Villagio" by Sue Manning. The captains over the years have worked hard with the CBCA Bocce League to get team members and coordinate it all. Practice for the upcoming CVV summer Bocce season was held on May 30th. We play on Sundays starting July 15 through October 15 at 1:30. Currently we are in need of one more member. Contact Jeanne Boyd if interested (925)672-3672.





The newly formed CVV **Out to Lunch Bunch** held its first quarterly lunch at Locanda Positano in Lafayette, home of the original Kaffee Barbara from decades ago. Nine of our current 12 Lunch Bunch members attended. The food was delicious, the restaurant was charming, and staff very warm and welcoming.

The idea is to explore with our CVV friends some of the many available restaurant choices throughout the Bay Area. Currently, we plan to meet quarterly. The next date will be Tuesday, Aug. 28th at a place to be determined. Diane Berger and Mary Esther Loranger have agreed to coordinate this fun activity and we are still looking for one other member to work with them. If you are interested, please contact one of them personally or leave a message on our CVV voicemail: 925-626-0411.



**Locanda Positano  
Lafayette**



by Jeanne Boyd

The movies we saw recently are ***Tully*** and ***The Book Club***. Both were good films but very different. ***Tully*** is about a young mother giving birth for the third time who receives a gift of a "night nanny" which creates interesting interfaces and family dynamics with an ending that gives you food for thought. ***The Book Club*** is a fun movies exploring love relationships in later life. The ending is predictable but satisfying.

Due to my travels this summer I will not be able to plan movie outings until August. However, organizing a movie date is easy: pick a movie, pick a date (usually the third Tuesday) and contact someone in the movie group. A couple good movies out now are: ***RBG*** (Ruth Bader Ginsberg) and ***Life of the Party*** with Melissa McCarthy.

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