

Our Village VOICE

A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village (July 2018 Edition)

Welcome to the July 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?

CVV participates every year in the Clayton 4th of July Parade!



We hope you'll join us this year! Meet on Main Street@10AM. For more info call: 925-626-0411.

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President's Message



by Sonja Wilkin

I'm in the air right now half way between Rochester, NY and Oakland, CA... and passing the time reading the NY Times and thinking of all my "experiences" the past 10 days. A change of scenery is always welcome, seeing old friends and classmates at college even better, sharing new adventures fantastic! I now even have my TSA Pre-Screening KTN (Known Traveler Number) due to newsletter.

There were 105 from my Cornell class of 1958 reuniting in Ithaca, NY. Reunions are held every 5 years for different classes so the big auditoriums and venues were filled to capacity. There were ongoing University and Class activities at the beautiful campus as we try to fit

in as many as possible.

I participated on a panel that set the Class Forum on "Lifestyles in the 80's" and had invited the Executive Director of the village in Ithaca which opened 1-1/2 years ago.... "Love Living At Home" (LLAH). Elena Flash came to the forum and was so pumped up at the enthusiasm amongst those attending, hearing about the Village Movement, and our own Clayton Valley Village. I gave out many of our rack cards to alums who learned more about villages and were going to explore them in their own communities or start one themselves. Elena invited me to a Programs Committee meeting a few days later. I enjoyed meeting the members and volunteers as learned of their own plans and ideas. Ithaca is a college town with many who have stayed or retired there.

My second week was spent going to Corning, NY, with classmate Joann, visiting the famous Corning Glass Museum, taking a glass blowing class, enjoying other museums and galleries, and the small town feel in Upper New York State. I did return to Ithaca for 3 days and stayed with another sorority sister and husband both at their lovely converted schoolhouse on 10 acres and charming cottage right on Keuka Lake, one of the 7 Finger Lakes.

One of the highlights of my Reunion was a mini-gathering on the porch of Chi Gamma, the sorority we formed from scratch after being "kicked out" by the national Sigma Kappa back in 1955 because the local chapter was going to pledge an African American girl. The local alumnae and university supported the decision. We have stayed connected to this day having shared that meaningful experience. Some no longer can make the trek back for health reasons, but all who could did so, are active and engaged in life! I'll be catching up on our CVV activities, looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



This month we are featuring CVV Founding Member, Jeanne Boyd.

Jeanne was born in Huntington, Long Island, New York and spent her childhood in Long Island and Falls Church, Virginia. She then moved to California and graduated high school from Notre Dame Academy in West Los Angeles. After graduation, she attended San Francisco College for Women with a major in history and minors in French and English. She then attended a fifth year at SFCW to get a Secondary Teaching Credential. She taught middle school in San Bruno for 4 years and did a lot of volunteering while her family was young.

She moved to Clayton in 1971 to get her family out of San Francisco and to enjoy country living. Since moving to Clayton she's done substitute teaching in various middle schools in the area as well as teaching in the Gifted and Talented Program at Mt. Diablo Elementary School.

In addition to being a founding member of Clayton Valley Village, Jeanne belongs to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Clayton Community Library Foundation (CCLF), Historical Society-Clayton and Contra Costa County, Clayton Business and Community Association (CBCA), Clayton Women's Club, Mt. Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA), Mt. Diablo Audubon Society and Diablo Valley Fly Fishermen.

Jeanne was married for 47 years and has been widowed for 6 years. She has three children and six grandchildren (4 girls and 2 boys aged 7 to 14). Her hobbies include bocce, hiking, fishing, traveling, reading and volunteering in the library. She has traveled extensively all over the world. For relaxation she reads and enjoys visiting with friends and family.

When asked what interested her in becoming a founding member of Clayton Valley Village, Jeanne responded that she lives alone and her family does not live close enough to be of help should she need it. "I love the services of the volunteers and have met many new friends."

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Ian Peacock is our featured volunteer this month.

CVV is truly fortunate to have so many helpful and talented volunteers. Ian does all kinds of handyman work and we are grateful that he is willing to share his skills and talents with us.

How did you hear about CVV? I heard about Clayton Valley Village from our kind and generous friend, Joanne Wasak, CVV Treasurer.

Why did you decide to sign up as a volunteer for CVV? I love what the Village is doing in trying to keep members active and independent in their homes. As we age, tasks that were once simple can become difficult, such as clinging a ladder or lifting heavy items. Having volunteers to do these tasks means members don't have to risk injury and don't have to hire someone at considerable expense.

What types of volunteering have you done for CVV members? Mostly handyman work such as replacing difficult to reach lighting, minor repairs, and minor plumbing. I recently installed 5 smoke detectors for a member.

What have you found rewarding about being a CVV volunteer? Most rewarding for me is meeting great people in Clayton and using my handyman skills to help out.



More Volunteer Gratitude by Betty Armes

Last Friday, June 8th, volunteers Pete Bardea and Beverly Adams came by to help save my hibiscus. Poor thing had been in the same pot for years!! I won't even say how long! They dug, pulled, and dug more to finally get the poor thing out! The roots were so bound into a huge ball! Now after cutting half the root and some from the sides, it seems to be so happy once again!! *(See photo!)* I couldn't have done this myself, so many thanks to volunteers at CVV . As you can

see by the photo, they did a great job!!

Ian Installing Five Smoke Detectors for CVV Members Carol & Victor Grey



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Clayton Valley Village at Clayton's Farmers Market every Saturday!



by Fiona Hughes

With summer's arrival, there's nothing nicer than being able to wander down into the heart of Clayton on a Saturday morning, to buy fresh, luscious, local produce from our very own Farmers' Market!

Clayton Valley Village now has a booth at the Saturday Farmers' Market, where we provide info about our Village movement, membership benefits, and answer questions about volunteering. It's been a lot of fun manning our smart little booth, since we see so many familiar faces, and meet new people, who are keen to stay in their own homes in the town they've chosen to call home, right here in our beloved Clayton.

The weekly Market brings us locally grown fresh produce straight from the farm, as well as pasture-raised meats, plus handmade breads, pies and pastries, nut's and more. The musicians definitely add ambiance, as market shoppers pause to listen, chat, and enjoy the gathering. Currently, the cherries are at their best, according to the vendor, and the peaches are dripping with juice. We're so fortunate to enjoy the bounty that the Farmers' Market brings, and it's important to shop here, otherwise it'll cease to be profitable for vendors and will disappear.

As one market vendor commented, "I really enjoyed conversing with customers, the music (a different band plays weekly), and exploring the locally grown produce offered by other vendors."

**The Clayton Farmers' Market is set up in the parking lot at 6095 Main St.
every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine until Sept. 22
(no Market Sept. 1).**

COME BY OUR BOOTH AND SAY 'HELLO!'

Calendar for July Events

			July - 7:00 AM		Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM
			Clayton July 4th Parade - 10:00 AM		2018 Concerts in The Grove--Pride and Joy - 6:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13
	CVV Board Meeting - 3:00 PM		SAVVY SENIOR LIVING -- ASSISTED LIVING OPTIONS - 10:00 AM	CBCA Rib Cook-Off Event- Clayton Valley Village will have a promotional table there- need volunteers to take a shift! - 11:00 AM	CVV Membership Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM
15	16	17	18	19	20
CVV Summer League Bocce - 10:00 AM		CVV Monthly Mixer - Skipolini's - 4:00 PM			CVV Membership Event @ Clayton Farmers Market - 9:30 AM
					2018 Concerts in The Grove--Southern Comfort - 6:00 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27
			DIABLO VALLEY VILLAGES LUNCH	CVV Events Committee Meeting	CVV Membership Event @ Clayton



PAST EVENTS

CVV Monthly Mixers

We enjoyed another well attended mixer recently at the Clayton Club Saloon on their beautiful outdoor covered patio. We enjoyed visiting with our current members and volunteers as well as meeting several new people who attended.

Our next mixer will be on July 17 at Skipolini's in downtown Clayton.

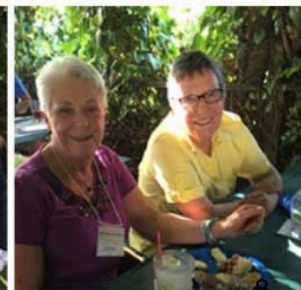
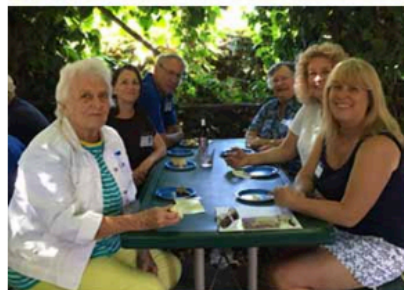
**Our mixers are open to all, so we hope you will join us.
Please call us to RSVP so we know how many to expect:
925-626-0411**



CVV MIXER

Clayton Club

June 19, 2018





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 second Tuesday of the month.



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 to, 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>.

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