



The Villager

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Clayton Valley Village Elects First Officers and Board

CVV is looking for more team members.

Needed ó a few friendly people with good ideas and a couple of hours per week to spare on behalf of your community. Willing to take the lead in your area of interest.

(Common. you know you can do it!) Immediate opening for

Website Coordinator.

Work with Executive Committee to keep the CVV website up to date.

Fundraising Team.

Help committee generate and implement cool, creative ideas to help CVV grow.

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Clayton Valley Village elected its first Board of Directors and Officers at a meeting of the founding committee on November 11. The new governing board will guide the organization's growth through 2015. The newly elected CVV officers are

President	Maria Xiaris
President-Elect	Jim Whitfield
Secretary	Sue Manning
Treasurer	OPEN
Director, 1-Yr Term	Carol Riley
Director, 2-Yr Term	Gloria Utley
Director, 3-Yr Term	Bob Kain



L-R: Gloria Utley, Jim Whitfield, Maria Xiaris, Sue Manning. Carol Riley on page 2. Photo: Sidney Falco.

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Volunteer Coordinators. Help find folks to help CVV in a variety of areas. Skill with cell phone a plus.

Researchers. Good at Google? Track down vital info as needed and keep records. A nice break from Facebooking and Candy Crush.

Website Sponsorship Opportunities

Put your business in the spotlight and be a crucial part of CVV. Be a sponsor for the CVV website:

www.ClaytonValleyVillage.org

We're up and running and still working on further developments. Take a look. Suggestions welcome.

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General Questions or Comments about CVV ?

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About the New Officers

Maria Xiaris (President) is the chair of the Clayton Valley Village founding committee. She previously held management positions in organizational development and human resources with a number of large corporations. She is actively involved in the regional village movement as well as the national resource organization, the Village to Village Network. She lives in Clayton with her husband and two children.

Jim Whitfield (President-Elect) is a retired officer in the U.S. Army, where he had extensive experience in organizational effectiveness and program management. After retirement, he worked in real estate in Virginia. He and his wife, both of whom have adult children, live in Clayton. As President-Elect, he will assume the office of President of CVV in 2016.

Sue Manning (Secretary) retired after a 44-year career as an executive in the escrow and title insurance industry. She currently serves on the board of East Bay Services to the Developmentally Disabled, is past-president of Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista, and was the Clayton representative to the Contra Costa Council on Aging. She and her husband live in Clayton.

Carol Riley (Director, 1-year Term) has served as a director of marketing for a



Carol Riley

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continuing care retirement community in Connecticut. Riley is a 10-year volunteer with the John Muir Caring Hands program and a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. She and her husband live in Clayton.

Gloria Utley (Director, 2-year Term) is a founding member of the Clayton Business & Community Association where she helped start the Art & Wine Festival and produced the Clayton 4th of July event for several years. Active in Soroptimists, she has chaired several of their regional committees. Utley is co-owner of Clayton Arts & Crafts and Just Garages. She is a resident of Clayton.



Bob Kain

Bob Kain (Director, 3-year Term, pictured left) is the executive director of the Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging (DVFA), a not-for-profit corporation providing community service to older adults in Contra Costa County since 1975. Since DVFA is the fiscal sponsor for Clayton Valley Village, Kain was automatically granted a seat on the CVV Board.

As part of the nationwide Village Movement, the goal of Clayton Valley Village is to assist seniors in staying in their homes as long as possible and age in place. Villages are member-driven and rely on volunteers, many of them members themselves, to provide an array of services in this neighbor helping neighbor program. Clayton Valley Village hopes to be up and running within the next 12 to 18 months.

We have an enormous amount of planning and infrastructure-building to do, and the formation of a board of officers and directors is a great step forward in the process, says newly elected CVV President Maria Xiaris.

CVV Joins Regional Village Organization

Clayton Valley Village is now a member of BRAVO (Bay Regional Area Village Organization.) Set up just this year, the organization provides a means for exchanging information and ideas among villages. More than 20 Bay Area villages are represented, both open and in development, making BRAVO the second largest regional village group in the nation.

BRAVO's birth is timely, since the main national resource organization, the Village-to-Village network is reducing its staff and beginning to operate more from volunteer support from local villages, says CVV president Maria Xiaris.

We're proud that CVV was instrumental in getting this regional network, she says.

BRAVO plans to meet quarterly, rotating amongst village locations. The previous meeting was in Sausalito in September.

Bocce Villagio in Action

CVV bocce team has not lost every game!



Andreas Xiaris



Kathy & Gary Carr



Jane Vidalõ anticipationõ



õ and agony.

CVV Events Committee Brainstorms for 2015

On November 21, members of the CVV Events Committee met to brainstorm about potential activities for 2015. The team calendared a set of possible social activities, fundraisers, and community service projects to work toward for the coming year. Their preliminary list includes the following:

JANUARY

Assist CBCA in taking down holiday decorations.
Sunday Soup Night.

FEBRUARY

Chocolate/Wine Event.
Game Night: Bunco, Mahjong, Bridge at individual homes or a public venue.

MARCH

Clayton Library Arts Festival
(Volunteer and prepare a display.)
Craft Beer/St. Patrick's Day.

APRIL

Earth Day Clayton Cleans Up -
(Volunteer.)
AAUW Spaghetti Feed (Volunteer)
Major fundraiser event - Oakhurst ?
Golf Tournament - Oakhurst?
Clayton Theatre - Arsenic & Old
Lace.

MAY

Clayton Art & Wine Festival - CBCA
(Volunteer.)

JUNE

CBCA Summer Bocce League ó
óBocce Villaggio

JULY

Parade July 4th - everyone
participate!
Clayton Rotary Pancake Breakfast -
(Volunteer.)

AUGUST Family Picnic - Clayton
Community Park.

SEPTEMBER

CBCA Fall Bocce League - Bocce
Villaggio.

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest - CBCA (Volunteer.)
2nd Annual Sunday Supper/Auction.

NOVEMBER

Post-Thanksgiving Pizza Party.

DECEMBER

CBCA Holiday Decorations -
(Volunteer.)
Christmas Caroling!

The CVV Events Committee is chaired by Sonja Wilkin. Members include Angela Anderson, Stan Anderson, Renee Arriaga, Jeanne Boyd, Dee Jakel, Christine Jeffers, Sue Manning, Rita Pardella, Linda Pinder, Carol Riley, Bonnie Slatkin, Gloria Utley, Joanne Vannis, Jim Whitfield, Marilyn Wollenweber, and Maria Xiaris

If you are a party person and enjoy working on events, please join the CVV team. Contact Sonja Wilkin at sonjawilkin@gmail.com or call 925-672-8717.

Events for the Holidays

Clayton's Christmas Village & Tree Lighting, Downtown Clayton. Sat., Dec. 6. Carriage Rides 4:30 pm; Tree Lighting, Santa, and refreshments, 6:00 pm.

Concord Tree Lighting. Santa, entertainment, sing-along. Todos Santos Plaza. Sat., Dec. 6. 4:00 ó 7:30 pm.

Tapestry Vocal & Handbell Ensemble. *Winterglow.* Sat., Dec 6 @ 7:30 pm, Clayton Valley Presbyterian, 1578 Kirker Pass @ 7:30 pm; Sun. Dec 7, W.C. United Methodist, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave., W.C. @ 4:00 pm. Donations support Youth Homes, Inc.

Piedmont-Oakland Rep, *"What I Did Last Summer"* by A. R Gurney. Dec. 6 @ 8:00 pm, Dec 7 @ 2:30 & 7:00 pm, Dec. 13 @ 8:00 pm. 4137 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. (510) 459-8264.

Dessert with Mrs. Claus. Prizes, visit with Santa. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Endeavor Hall, Clayton. Sat. Dec. 13, 11:00 am ó 1:30 pm.

Clayton Christmas Home Tour. Self-guided tour of five homes. Rain or shine. Starts at Clayton Historical Museum, 6101 Main St. \$30. Proceeds to Clayton Historical Society. Sunday, Dec. 14 Noon ó 7:00 pm. 672-7680.

Diablo Woman's Choral, *"Holiday Sweet."* Mt. Diablo Universalist Unitarian Church, 55 Eckley Ln, W.C. Fri., Dec 12 @ 7:30 pm; Sat., Dec. 13 @ 2:00 pm.

The Christmas Revels presents *"Welcome Yule."* Two hours of song, dance, stories, ritual & laughter. December 12-14. 19-21, Oakland Scottish Rite Theater, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Details at www.californiarevels.org

Center Rep. *"A Christmas Carol,"* Leshner Center for the Arts, W.C., Dec. 11-21.

Fantasy Forum Actors Ensemble, *"The Biggest Gift,"* Leshner Center for the Arts, W.C., Dec. 18-21.

Diablo Symphony Orchestra, Annual Holiday Concert, Leshner Center for the Arts, W.C., 7:30 pm, Dec. 22.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM CLAYTON VALLEY VILLAGE.