



The Villager

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The Villager Gains a Backer

Clayton Pioneer Signs on to Sponsor CVV Newsletter

CVV is looking for a Volunteer Treasurer.

As an elected officer position this is a great opportunity for someone to participate in the leadership and development of our village.

Duties include balancing accounts; administration and oversight of CVV financial records and compliance with statutory reporting requirements.

Knowledge of bookkeeping, general accounting procedures, and experience with a non-profit a plus.

Please forward qualifications to Gloria Utley gloutley@aol.com

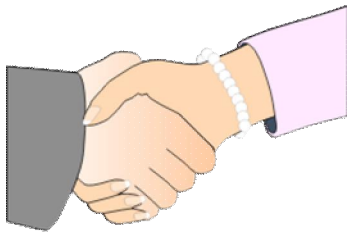
Clayton Valley Village extends its thanks to The Clayton Pioneer for volunteering to sponsor the CVV newsletter, "The Villager," for 2015.

Throughout this year, Villager readers will see the Pioneer logo on page one, a symbol of our gratitude for the paper backing our online newsletter. The funds will help CVV provide print copies of The Villager to interested persons who cannot receive email.

Sponsorships for other CVV needs are available to other local businesses and individuals. CVV is looking for sponsors for our web site, and for membership fees for the Village-to-Village network. V-to-V is crucial to any village's success, since it keeps members from re-inventing the wheel.

Other sponsorships are available for a number of outreach and fundraising activities, as CVV moves toward launching programs and services in 2016.





Website and Village-to-Village Sponsorship Opportunities

Put your business in the spotlight and be a crucial part of CVV. Be a sponsor for the CVV website or our membership in the Village-to-Village network.

The website is up and running and we continue working on further developments. Take a look. Suggestions welcome.

www.ClaytonValleyVillage.org

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General Questions or Comments about CVV ?

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CVV Renews Membership in Village-to-Village Network

Affiliation crucial for developing a village

One of the first acts by the founders of Clayton Valley Village was to join the national Village-to-Village network. VTV is a national resource organization serving nearly 200 ongoing villages and over 100 in development, like CVV.

VTV is the main source of information for village organizers across the nation. Their mission is identical to CVV - to help villages develop grassroots, community-driven services to help people remain active and independent as they age.

The VTV menu of organizational services helps keep new villages, like CVV, from reinventing the wheel.

VTV provides members with an online portal for setting up a network of volunteer services, along with a system to track which volunteers go to which homes, when, and what they do.

CVV has already used the network Tool Kit and Development Stage Checklist to guide us in setting priorities.

Perhaps most useful is the online chat room, where member villages can post questions that other village members can answer from their own experience. **Cont. p. 3**

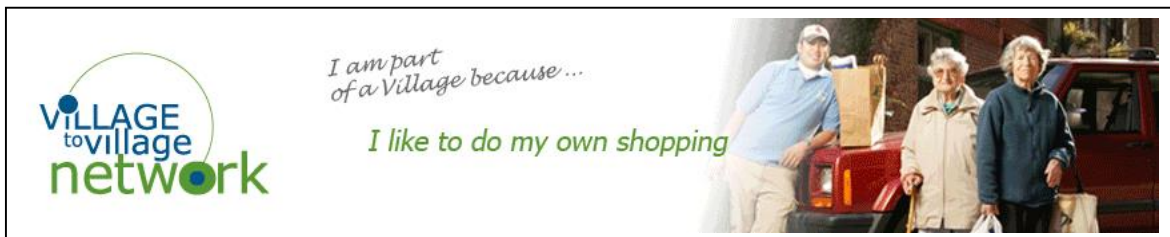
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The Clayton Valley Village president is a member of the VTV Long-term Planning Committee and participates in BRAVO (Bay Region Area Village Organization.), the local Regional Planning Committee. BRAVO meets quarterly and provides a forum for exchanging information and ideas with other Bay Area villages like Lamorinda and Berkeley.

We're looking for an Angel to Sponsor our VTV Membership

CVV is searching for a business or individual in our community who would like to donate the 2015 annual VTV dues in the amount of \$375. Yes, we've paid the dues for 2015 out of our limited budget, but having a sponsor would allow CVV to free up those funds for other needed projects.

If interested, please contact Gloria Utley at gloutley@aol.com Clayton Valley Village is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.



Join in the fun at our first social event!

Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour

Get updated on Clayton Valley Village
Meet the Volunteer Team . Share Ideas . Everyone Welcome

**Friday January 23, 2015
4-6 pm**

**La Veranda
6201 Center St., Clayton**

Happy Hour Prices

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

- American Association of University Women
- Clayton Community Library Foundation
- Clayton Pioneer
- Diamond Terrace

And our Angels...for generous donations of fundraising prizes, equipment, services.

- Clayton Frameworks
- Fleury& Floor Covering
- Julie Cheshire Photography
- La Veranda
- Peet& Coffee
- R&M Pool, Patio & Gardens

January Calendar

Jan. 13 ó CVV Development Committee Meeting ó 11:00am ó Diamond Terrace

Jan. 23 ó CVV Fundraising Committee, 1:00pm ó Clayton Community Library

Jan 23 ó Meet & Greet Happy Hour, 4:00-6:00 pm, La Veranda

Jan 23 ó Scam Stopper® Seminar, 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Full Details Below.)

Jan. 25 ó General Auditions, Clayton Theatre Company ó 1:00-5:00pm, Endeavor Hall, Clayton
Auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace* & *Urinetown: the Musical*.

Jan. 26 ó General Auditions, Clayton Theatre Company ó 7:00-10:00pm, Endeavor Hall, Clayton
Auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace* & *Urinetown: the Musical*.

Assemblywoman Bonilla and Contractors State License Board to Hold Senior Scam Stopper® Seminar

In partnership with the **Contractors State License Board (CSLB)**, **Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla** will be conducting a FREE seminar to educate seniors, family members, and concerned residents about scams, particularly construction-related scams targeting seniors. Attendees will be provided valuable tips, informational materials, and resources.

WHERE: Del Valle Acalanes Adult Education Center, 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

WHEN: Friday, January 23rd from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

CVV MEMBERS: If you'd like us to contact Assemblywoman Bonilla about holding the seminar in the Clayton area, please contact the CVV Editor.

President's Corner

The village movement is about seniors and baby boomers coming together to create a different future for ourselves. We share the same passion: to help grow a volunteer network of caregiving in our community. I want to thank our pioneer volunteers for all that you've done to build a foundation.

Our focus now is to set priorities. There are a hundred directions we can head in each area: developing the service plan, securing seed money, starting a social calendar and keeping you informed, to name a few. We now must prioritize among the many ideas and keep the momentum started in 2014.



Also, thanks to our Programs & Services committee, we have the community survey to help us. (If you haven't yet completed one, please go to our website, fill it out and return as instructed.) While we have other villages to learn from, *Clayton Valley Village* must decide what path we're going to take that best reflects your needs and desires.

Our goal is to make sure we hear what you want and need to help you live more actively and independently as you age. Thank you for providing your input and please pass the survey along to your neighbors.

As with other villages where Boards are not fully active during this stage of development, our Steering Group serves as our key leadership right now and helps us set direction and ensure necessary tasks take place on schedule. By the time of opening, the full transition of the Steering Committee to our Board promises to take place smoothly, and measures are in place to ensure just that.

Our wish for you for 2015 is that the year be filled with an even tighter network of people close to home who care about your wellbeing. Thanks to this devoted team of volunteers, CVV is working hard to help make that happen.

Maria Kontras Xiaris



CVV MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD

TWO MORE BOCCE SLOTS AVAILABLE on CVV Team for Spring League. Must respond by Jan. 9. Contact Maria Xiaris at mxiaris@yahoo.com

Gardening Services Available.

Landscaping and Lawn Service ó Top References

Highly recommended by Jim Whitfield and Marilyn Wollenweber, (925) 672-2250.

Santiago Botelo, (707) 384-1201. Call Mr. Botelo to request a visit and estimate.

CVV BUSINESS PLANNING UPDATE

- **Agenda for Jan. 13 Development Meeting, 11:00 am, Diamond Terrace**

1. Announcements
2. Committee/subcommittee updates & plans:
 - *Outreach ó Jim Whitfield
 - Website
 - Publicity
 - Events
 - Presentations/Meetings
 - *Programs & Services ó Marilyn Wollenweber
 - *Fundraising ó Maria Xiaris
 - *Business/Governance- Gloria Utley
3. Committee meeting schedules

- **CVV is Looking for...**

Volunteer Hosts for Fun and Games!

Host the following games at your home – Minimal Work for you!

- Bridge
- Mahjong
- Bunko

A CVV volunteer will organize the details including schedule and refreshments. Invitations to play the games are sent solely by those on this mailing list which consists of residents who participated in one of our CVV community meetings or otherwise have shown an interest in CVV.

Interested? Contact Sonja Wilkin. sonjawilkin@gmail.com

- **Volunteers Still Needed for...**

Website Coordinator. Help maintain & develop our menu-driven membership portal to meet our outreach and membership needs.

Fundraising. Help develop & execute business sponsorship, individual donor and grant writing plans.

Researchers. Good at Google? Track down vital info as needed and share what you learn.