

January-February 2019

Village Staff Changes: Goodbye and Hello

This Fall has been a time of many changes for the Village. Mid-November, with heavy hearts, we had to say goodbye to our Member Service Manager, Robbi McCaughan, who has been an impeccable resource and gracious friend to Villagers for the past 5 years. We are grateful for her wonderful service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors—she will be missed!

Also in November, we welcomed on board Sabrina Huang as our new part-time Social Events Coordinator. Sabrina will begin a regular schedule in January 2019 and will plan and organize Village social out-

ings, workshops, celebrations and more! With Sabrina's support, we can look forward to a richer schedule of activities to bring Villagers together in the coming year. Finally, after a rigorous search process, we welcome Dawn Greenblat as our new Member Services Manager. Dawn has been described as "an impressive problem solver," and will bring a wide range of skills to serve you and support the Village. Going through so many changes in a short period of time can be stressful, but it is exciting too. With our new team lined up and ready to improve

existing Village programs and services, and add new ones, we look forward to a busy and eventful 2019!



New Member Services Manager, Dawn Greenblat



New Special Events Coordinator, Sabrina Huang



Goodbye Robbi! - She is back in Michigan with her family & cats

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Heading Back to Bryant Street!

The renovation of Avenidas' home building at 450 Bryant Street is nearing completion! This project, which included full interior renovation of the original historic building plus 3 stories of additional space added onto the back, has been moving along quickly and now, the end really is

in sight! 5 Village members attended the final hard hat tour on December 6th to see the final stages of completion. The Avenidas Village office will be located in the former Garden Room, and the courtyard in front will provide a welcoming area for Villagers to casually sit



and visit, or enjoy special events.

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From the Chair: Village Annual Meeting January 15th

By Dick Smallwood, Chair, Village Advisory Council

All members of the Village are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Village. This is your opportunity to meet the members of the Village Advisory Council and learn about all the work they are doing to make the Village a success. Following a brief reception from 2:30 to 3:00, members of the Village staff and Council will report on membership numbers, cluster activities, Village partnerships, vetted

vendors, village volunteer activities, new village programs, Village finances, the Vistas program and the upcoming move to our new offices. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and offer suggestions for improving Village operations.

Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be an interesting and informative two hours.

Avenidas Village Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, January 15th
2:30 - 4:30 PM**

Cubberley H-I

Update—New Avenidas Village Website on the Horizon

Are you active online? Have you ever logged onto the Village website and wished it could do more to connect you with your neighborhood cluster, other members, vendors, and provide in-the-moment news and updates? You are not alone! Everyone agrees our online presence needs refreshing. The good news is, in

the coming year we will start implementing a new software package, “Helpful Village”, which will streamline our data management and provide you with an improved member experience. You will be able to request services or referrals online, view a current events calendar and register for events, and easily

search for vendors or other Village members. “Helpful Village” was created expressly to perform the functions needed by Villages and their members, and we expect that once it is in place for Avenidas Village, you will love logging in! Finally, help for our Village website is on the way!

Back to Bryant Street *(Continued from pg. 1)*

The entire renovated location offers a variety of meeting and activity rooms where many of our programs can be scheduled, including fitness space, technology space, and a professionally operated café. Below are important dates to remember as we get ready to move back to Bryant Street:

Early February, 2019
Occupancy Permit, Staff begin to move back in

February 23, 2019
Grand Opening Gala for Donors

March 9, 2019
Open House – Members & General Public

April 1, 2019 **Avenidas Spring Classes begin**



Avenidas Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, Camille Kennedy, leads Village members on a Hard Hat Tour of 450 Bryant Street, December 6th, 2018

Village Event Highlights, November-December



Tom Reese, Nancy Teater, Richard Johnsson, Bob Aulger, Phil Lad-enla, Bruce Heister, Dick & Jerry Smallwood, Ellie Heister, Chuck Sieloff

Lunch Bunch – November's Lunch bunch featured a delicious and exotic lunch buffet at Amber India in Los Altos.

Vistas Lecture Series with Supervisor Joe Simitian



Santa Clara County Board Supervisors President Joe Simitian presented his views on the recent midterm elections and coming political trends.

Village Holiday Open House, December 19th, 2018

Over 50 Villagers and friends turned out for a festive afternoon at Stanford West for our annual Holiday Open House! ***A special thanks to realtor volunteer drivers Nancy, Cheryl and Kacy who picked up Villagers needing rides, and to vendor helpers Cindy, Maria and Kaye who provided helping hands during the event!***



Dick Scott, Carol Dondick & Joy Scott



Bonnie Stein, Gee-Gee Lenhart & Vendor Helper Maria Quimby



Pat Herriot-Landman, Bob Landman, John Couch, Fran & Bryce Perry



Ginny Turner, Kayleen Miller & Chuck Sieloff



Heidi & Jost Baum, Jo Moore & Helen Young



Harley Stallman, Yvonne Lenhart & Sophie Stallman

VISTAS Lecture Series January - February 2019

January VISTAS: "Overseas Travel & Infectious Diseases" with Dr. John Boggs

Dr. John Boggs, Board Certified Internist and Infectious Disease sub-specialty, PAMF, will present on what you need to know and do for your health as you plan your travels in 2019.

Friday, January 25th
11:30 AM
Cubberley (Room 2)
Free – RSVP at
shuang@avenidas.org
or (650) 289-5405



February VISTAS: "Diversity in Tech Workplaces" with Dr. Shelley J. Correll

Tech companies have attempted to increase their diversity, but their progress has been stubbornly slow. Shelley will describe how cultural definitions of the ideal tech worker together with current procedures for evaluating talent allow implicit, stereotypic biases to flourish. These conditions disadvantage underrepresented

groups as they attempt to enter and navigate technical workplaces. She will review studies of how these biases affect women and other minorities including older workers. She will also describe current efforts underway, including her own, to help tech companies recognize and move to address these biases in order to make workplaces more inclusive. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

Friday, February 15th
11:30 AM
Cubberley (Room 5)
Free – RSVP at
shuang@avenidas.org
or (650) 289-5405

Shelley J. Correll is Professor in the Department of Sociology and Director of the Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford

January & February Lunch Bunch—Enjoy Lunch with the Village!

Wednesday, January 23rd at 11:45 AM

**Mama Coco Cocina Mexicana,
1081 El Camino Real, Menlo Park**

Join Katie Dunlap and Kayleen Miller at Mexican restaurant under new management, next-door to Trellis. Three parking spots in back. Parking also on the streets or across El Camino under Kepler's and Café Baronne.

Order and pay individually

\$10-21 per person-RSVP to Katie Dunlap katied@pacbell.net **or (650) 224-3302**

Friday, February 22nd at 11:45 AM

**Chinese New Year at Chef Chu's
1067 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

Join us for Chinese New Year at Chef Chu's for a wonderful and delicious family-style banquet! We have reserved the downstairs private room and tables upstairs for those who can manage the steps. We have lots of room for everyone who wants to attend--it will be a great time! Payment by cash or check due at the door made out to Chef Chu's. **\$32 per person-RSVP to Ellen Gonella at** ellen.gonella@gmail.com **or (650) 948-2920**

Community Partners: FREE “My Health Online” Class Series at PAMF

The Community Health Resource Center of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) announces a series of classes to help PAMF patients learn how to use My Health Online. This web-based tool allows patients to send messages to their care team, schedule visits, and view test results.

Patients can also review records of previous visits. In each 1-hour session, patients will be given an overview of the system and the opportunity to log in to their own MHO account and ask questions. Classes are held at the PAMF Palo Alto Center at 795 El Camino Real,

2nd floor, Room 2A.

For more information or to reserve your space, call the PAMF Community Health Resource Center at (650) 614-3200.

Class Dates:
Jan. 7 & 21
Feb. 4 & 11
March 4 & 18

Class Times:
10-11 AM

Vendor Updates: Tech Help In Your Home with Avenidas Generations Lab

NEW! Special Discount for In-Home tech consultations with Avenidas GenLab!

Technology Expert Eric Gee will meet you in your home to help you with your computer, TV, smartphone or other

tech challenges! Cost is \$60 per hour; \$15 travel fee is waived for Village members.

Service areas covered include Palo Alto, Stanford, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Menlo Park, Redwood City, Woodside and Mountain

View.

For an appointment, call (650) 289-5409 or email Eric at egee@avenidas.org.

Remember to mention you are a Village member to have the \$15 travel fee waived!

Discount Tickets for Palo Alto Players—code VILLAGE

Avenidas Village members receive a special \$5 discount off senior ticket prices for all Palo Alto Players performances (excluding preview nights) in their season.

Palo Alto Players continues its 2018-19 sea-

son with the Peninsula premiere of Lee Hall's **stage adaptation of Tom Stoppard and Marc Norman's 1998 Oscar winning film, SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE**. Set against the backdrop of mistaken identity, ruthless

scheming, and backstage theatrics, the romantic romp imagines the fictional love affair between William Shakespeare and the woman that inspires him to write his first great masterpiece.

Performances are January 18-February 3 at the Lucie Stern Theater in Palo Alto. Learn more about the play and purchase tickets at paplayers.org.



Welcome! Chuck & Jean Thompson, Don Killam & Peggy Kleikamp

Chuck and Jean Thompson have lived in their Emerson St. home for nearly 50 years, and their children went to Walter Hays, Jordan Middle, and Palo Alto HS. Chuck is retired from SRI International and Consulting Psychologist's Press; Jean is retired from Stanford VA. Both were computer analysts. Jean is a member of Black Sheep Handweavers Guild, and Chuck is interested in photography. They



Jean & Chuck Thompson

reside in Cluster 7,
Old Palo Alto.

Don Killam & Peggy Kleikamp joined the Village in October. They live in Mountain View and will be members of Cluster 2. Don enjoys climbing at Planet Granite and reading, and Peggy loves antiques, especially dollhouses, as well as dogs and music.

(No Photo Available)

Member Birthdays—January

Stan Schrier	1/2	Ron Lyon	1/15
Mary VanderMarck	1/2	Stanley Samuels	1/15
Katherine (Kay) Philips	1/3	John Perry	1/16
Jean Thompson	1/4	MaryAnn Field	1/21
William Snow	1/6	Ernest Lieberman	1/24
Mary Martinson	1/9	Avy Nielsen	1/24
Chuck Thompson	1/10	Jim Phillips	1/26
Rita Blumstein	1/11	Rosemary McGuire	1/27
Ruth Hammett	1/12	Bryce Perry	1/27
Lewis Silvers	1/12	Mary Kaiser	1/29
Sarah Pribble	1/13	Cheryl Holt	1/29
Alex Blumstein	1/13	Alan Herzig	1/30
Robert Brown	1/13	Harry Turner	1/30
Jerry Einfalt	1/14	Cindy Patrick	1/31

Member Birthdays—February

Linda Tebben	2/1	Chuck Sieloff	2/18
Ingrid Kallman	2/1	Richard Ripley	2/20
Anne Ercolani	2/2	David Fryberger	2/22
Shirley Finrock	2/4	Jeannie Siegman	2/22
Patricia Landman-Herriot	2/9	George Vizvary	2/24
Gwen Sweeney	2/13	Ruth Terrill	2/25
Wilma Milligan	2/14	Verne Rice	2/25
Ellen Ehrlich	2/15	Henry Goltz	2/28
Isabel Peterson	2/16		

In Memoriam

Warren Kelleher

12/2018

Jan Pressley

12/2018

Arthur Leino

12/2018

"What we once
enjoyed and deeply
loved we can never
lose,
for all that we love
deeply becomes
part of us."

-Helen Keller

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January-
February
Holiday
Closures:

January 1
New Year's
Day

January 21
Martin Luther
King Day

February 18
Presidents Day

Do you have a special interest? You can start a group too! It's a great way to connect with other Villagers to share activities you enjoy!

*Call Sabrina Huang
(650) 289-5405 or
Dick Smallwood
(650) 322-9147 to
share your ideas!*



JANUARY-FEBRUARY VILLAGE EVENTS

Gallery Talk at Cantor Arts Center – “Contact Warhol: Photography Without End” *Explores Warhol's interactions with the social and celebrity elite of his time and traces various photographic techniques.* **For Info:** <https://museum.stanford.edu/>
Friday, January 4th at 2:30 PM Cantor Center, 328 Lomita Dr. at Museum Way, Stanford
Free – RSVP to Sabrina at shuang@avenidas.org or (650) 289-5405

AVENIDAS VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING *(details on pg. 2)*
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Metropolitan Opera “Carmen” Encore at CineArts Palo Alto Square
Wednesday, February 6th at 1:00 PM 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
Clémentine Margaine is opera's ultimate seductress, opposite Roberto Alagna, who captivated audiences as Don José in 2010. Louis Langrée conducts Sir Richard Eyre's lively production.
For Info: <https://www.cinemark.com/theatre-475>
\$21 per person - RSVP to Sabrina at shuang@avenidas.org or (650) 289-5405

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Village Special Interest Groups

Current Events—Meets the first Monday of each month at Cubberley, Room A7 at 2 PM
Contact: Dick Smallwood (650) 322-9417
Monday, January 7th & Monday, February 4th

Book Group—Meets the 2^{ns} Thursday of each month at Cubberley, Room A7 at 2 PM
Contact: Dick Smallwood (650) 322-9417
Thursday, January 10th & Thursday, February 14th

Walking Group—Meets every Wednesday at 10 AM, various neighborhood locations.
Walks adapted to walkers' abilities/needs.
Contact: Kayleen Miller (650) 325-3636

Curiosity Club—Meets Monthly
(Avenidas Technology Exploration Group)
Contact: Eric Gee (650) 289-5409/ egee@avenidas.org