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Avenidas Village Membership: 300+ and growing!

In August, Avenidas Village reached an important membership milestone, surpassing 300 members for the first time in 3 years! We've had a surge in membership with over 70 new members joining in the past six months, resulting in a net membership gain of about 50 over that time period.

Why is 300 important?

While we know the Village can thrive as a community with any number of members, 300 is a comfortable baseline that allows us to meet our operations budget with the membership fees. After several years of membership in the 260-270 range, we had to increase our membership fees this year. Higher membership means less frequent fee increases as we continue to cover our operating and program costs. More members also means a wider variety of shared interests to explore, greater diversity, more opportunities to support one another and more energy to build and support Village programs.

So what happened?

Back in 2018, as we observed membership declining, we looked into the reasons. One important reason was that many members, after joining the Village with enthusiasm 10 years earlier, were simply "aging out" - transitioning to needing more care, moving to be near family, etc. At the same time, we surveyed our members and learned that many of them weren't really engaged or using the existing Village services or even aware of them. So we decided to focus on improving communication with members and increasing Village benefits. These efforts included our improved newsletter, completely updated Village website, and a renewed emphasis on Village social opportunities and neighborhood clusters. We also added benefits such as transportation, handyman help and tech support. More Villagers now view their Village membership as a meaningful part of their daily lives rather than just an "insurance policy" in case of a specific need. And they began talking about it to friends and neighbors. ***"Before, I didn't talk about the Village with my friends because I couldn't really explain it," said one member. "Now, it's easy to tell them about benefits I've used or fun activities."***

And then came COVID...

Since we had already been enhancing Village communication with our website and email groups, when the pandemic lockdowns came, we were well positioned to assure members that Village support was still available to them. Our interest groups continued to meet and grow, and new ones were added. With Zoom, members could connect with Village or cluster activities in spite of being isolated, and of course wherever possible we maintained safe in-person activities. At the same time, we re-activated our Membership and Marketing Committee to pursue a variety of new outreach projects. Special email blasts, a webinar presentation on "Aging in Place" and Zoom Coffee Chat sessions were all used to spread the word about the Village. We also benefited recently from a wonderful news article in the Palo Alto Weekly! All these efforts helped many people who had not heard about the Village realize that it could be a way for them to re-connect after so many months of isolation. Most importantly, as more people learn about the Village and see the many ways it offers support and friendship, they realize now is the time to join!

What now?

We're delighted with the energy and excitement our new members bring to the Village and your eagerness to get involved! Likewise, we thank our long term members for supporting the changes we've made to build up the Village, and for welcoming new arrivals with such warmth and openness. And so much credit goes to our Membership and Marketing Committee which has driven so many creative and effective outreach strategies in the past year.

Let's keep growing together!



New members Dolores and Larry Thompson at August Lunch Bunch

Village Special Interest Groups—Growing With the Village

Our special interest groups are designed to bring members across the Village together who have common interests to share. Current groups including the Current Events discussion group, Video discussion group and Village Walkers were launched about 3 years ago and like many Village programs, have grown amazingly over the years. Dick Smallwood launched the two discussion groups which started out small, but now include up to 10 people per session, with many more than that on the email lists. The Village Walkers group was founded by Kayleen Miller and has grown from 5-7 to up to 15-20+ members joining the neighborhood walks. All three of these groups continued operating throughout the pandemic and gained new appreciation as a way of staying connected with friends and making new friends.

During the pandemic, two new groups were added. Televisit is a phone-only conversation group which now has up to 10 people participating. After several months of getting to know each other by phone, the group now plans lunch meetings to enjoy being together in person as well! Avenidas Village Listeners group meets on Zoom to talk about all kinds of issues related to hearing loss and helpful interventions and innovations. **For information on our current interest groups, log in to the Village website and check the event calendar, or email Dick Smallwood at rsmallwd35@gmail.com.**

Now, with a surge of new members with many diverse interests, we have a wonderful opportunity to expand our list of interest groups. Most recently, member Nancy Martin sent out an email to Villagers to see if anyone was interested in playing Bridge. Within a few days she had received enough responses to plan for a first meeting of the developing Village Social Bridge group. A new Hikers Group is also planned.

When new members join the Village, we pay close attention to possible areas of interest they have that other members may share, in the hope that we can help support the creation of even more of these groups. For example, members who enjoy **photography** may like to gather and share their photos and talk about techniques. Another interest we hear frequently mentioned is **gardening, particularly California Native plants** – a rich topic for a group to share their interest, experience and ideas. Other potential interest group topics could be music/music performance, cooking/cuisine, artists' circle, LGBTQ topics, even age groups (70's, 80's, 90's and up)... the possibilities are practically limitless!

Best of all, Village interest groups are fully member driven. The members decide amongst themselves the activities they would like to do as a group, when and how to meet, and all the other details. The Village can help you create an email group for communication and provide you with meeting space (in person or

If you have an interest in starting or participating in an interest group focusing on one of these topics or something else, the way to get started is let someone know! Tell the Village staff and we can connect you with others we know of who share your interest. Before you know it, a new group can be born!

Volunteering with The Village!

Another area where increased membership leads to new growth is the volunteer component of the Village. More and more members say they want to give something back. One member adds, **"Volunteering isn't just about giving someone a little help. It's one of the best ways to really connect with others."**

Avenidas Village was designed with certain advantages that keep our program consistent, including full time staff to help with member needs and requests – but with a growing body of volunteers our ability to support members is greatly enriched. Volunteer help doesn't take the place of using a professional service for major types of assistance, but can be requested for smaller tasks such as occasional grocery or prescription pickup, a ride to the doctor, a friendly phone call or a visit to play games, help sort a box or a cupboard, help in the garden, or just to chat.

Until now, most volunteering within the Village has been informally arranged, often through the neighborhood clusters or the Village email group. With growing membership and interest in volunteering that we are seeing, we are now ready to create a more structured system of volunteer matching. Members will be able to contact the Village office with their need and we will have a pool of volunteers ready to contact to fulfill the request.

Our first step in this process will be to send out a short survey to all members to learn who is interested in volunteering, what areas they can help with, and availability. **Watch your email inbox and please complete the survey when you get it** so that we can build out this very important aspect of the Village.



During the pandemic, Curt Weil volunteered by giving haircuts to members.

IRA Donations: An Ideal Way to Support Avenidas Village Special Programs *by Chuck Sieloff & Kayleen Miller*

Village membership fees cover the basic operating expenses of the Village (mainly staff and facility expenses), but many of the extra benefits we provide have been made possible by the generous donations of individual members. These donations are held in one of two special Reserve Funds: the **AV 2.0 Fund** supports new and expanded benefits, such as our part-time Social Events Coordinator and our Transportation, Handyman, and Tech Support benefits, while the **Lower-Income Program Fund** offsets the budget deficit created when we extend half-price memberships to qualifying members. The ability to use these Reserve Funds, which is reviewed and authorized by the Village Advisory Council, has been a critical source of flexibility for the Village, especially during recent times, when responsiveness and financial resilience were especially important.

Recent **tax law changes** have created an opportunity for older adults to make tax-efficient charitable donations (called Qualified Charitable Distributions) directly from their IRA's. You can view a short video explaining the advantages of making them:

What Are the Tax Benefits of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRG4EVXxS-w>

The actual procedure for making a QCD may vary depending on your IRA administrator. For example, if Charles Schwab administers your IRA, it could be as simple as requesting a checkbook linked to your IRA account, which enables you to write checks directly to a qualified charity whenever you want to. All administrators will require written instructions and may send the check to you to deliver, or directly send it to your designated charity.

To make a donation to Avenidas Village, the QCD check should be made payable to Avenidas Village and sent to:

**Avenidas Village
450 Bryant Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301**

On the memo line of your check or in a separate note, please be sure to indicate which program you would like to support:

AV2.0 – Special Village programs and benefits

Lower Income Program – Support reduced membership fees for lower income members

If you have additional questions about how to take advantage of Qualified Charitable Distributions, please contact Curt Weil, a Village member who is also a Certified Financial Planner®, and who has volunteered to assist other members in this effort.

curtweilpa@gmail.com or 650-814-2893

ICYMI: Village Events & Activities in July & August

Lunch Bunch at Indochine Thai—July 13th



"Food—good! Restaurant—noisy!" was one member's assessment.

In attendance:
Carolyn Curtis, Judith Fields,
Len & Sandy Weiss, Richard
Johnsson, Kayleen Miller,
Debbie Fank, Nancy Martin,
Gee-Gee Lenhart, Kinga Per-
laki, Katie Dunlap, Ginny
Turner, Carol Kenyon, Tom
Reese, Alice Kozar



Café Wisteria at Allied Arts—August 17th



*Happy Lunchers
at Café
Wisteria:*

Avy Nielsen,
Jane Zuckert,
Maie Herrick,
Diana Collins,
Carolyn Curtis,
Dick Smallwood,
Alice Kozar,
Richard
Johnsson,
Larry Phelan,
Ginny Turner,
Nancy Martin,
Deborah Clark,
Dolores & Larry
Thompson



ICYMI Continued: “Welcome Back” Social on the Village Patio

Nearly 50 Villagers, including many of our newer members, came out to Bryant Street on July 30 for snacks, drinks and conversation on the Village patio! So many smiles as everyone enjoyed gathering in person with old and new Village friends.



Ginny Turner, Chris Holt, Bill Courington



Eileen Ruppel and Marcie Brown



Drew Oman, Ed Haertel, Gee-Gee Lenhart, Fran Perry



Diana Collins, Carol Kenyon, Cindy Patrick, Linda LaCount, Arlene Klainer



Ladies of Cluster 8: Deborah Clark, Kayleen Miller, Gerry Gilchrist, Teddy Wilson



Len & Sandy Weiss, Kathy Kermit, Diane Posnak

Photos by Dawn Greenblat and Alice Kozar

Neighborhood Cluster Updates

Cluster Groups Evolve with the Changing Times

Village Neighborhood Clusters have always been a way for members to meet other members in their own neighborhoods. They continue to evolve as member needs change. The goal of the Village is that every member can get connected with others nearby to share resources and help one another.

Recently we have encouraged less active clusters to join in meetings with more active nearby clusters, so that everyone feels there is a group they can join. These joint meetings can continue as long as a cluster needs the extra support.

- **Cluster 1 and 2S** have been meeting jointly on Zoom. With many new Los Altos members, Cluster 1 will soon be ready to re-activate on its own!
- **Cluster 2N and Cluster 3** are considering joint meetings this fall to support each other
- **Clusters 4 and 5** continue to meet jointly on a monthly basis
- **Cluster 8 and 10** have formally merged to form a “San Mateo County” cluster covering Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley.

Other Clusters have tried a different strategies to keep meetings interesting and make sure members are supported:

- **Cluster 6** now meets twice a month—once for their normal discussion and resource sharing, and once for “Movie Talk”. The members watch a selected movie on their own and then enjoy discussing it.
- **Cluster 7** really enjoys getting together! They meet weekly, with 3 meetings on Zoom each month, and one in-person meeting in different members’ yards. This provides options that fit different members’ needs and preferences.



Cluster 3 members got together at Mitchell Park to plan their future meetings: Cindy Patrick, Kinga Perlaki, Fran Perry, Carolyn Curtis, Marty Molloy & Helen Young

Village Walkers Keep Going Strong!



8/4/2021—Village walkers enjoyed a guided tour of Palo Alto High School's renovated library. (Photo by Chris Holt)



8/25/21—24 Villagers covered the quiet Evergreen Park neighborhood just north of Palo Alto's California Ave shopping district. Sandy Lewis points out features of an historic home along the route. (photo by Ralph Cahn).

Vistas Lecture Series—Join our Upcoming Programs on Webinar!

September 24 Vistas: “Supreme Court Vistas 2021-2022” with Barbara Creed

Barbara Creed returns to review three cases (Houston Community College System vs. Wilson, FBI v. Fazaga and Hemphill v. New York) that will be decided in the coming year. More information on the cases can be found at <https://scotuscreed.com>. Participants will be invited to vote on the cases, and the outcomes will be shared later in the year.



Barbara Creed has practiced law in San Francisco for over 40 years, specializing in employee benefits. She recently retired as chair of the board of trustees of the Church Pension Fund, a \$12B diversified financial services organization providing pensions, health coverage and other benefits to clergy and lay employees of the Episcopal Church in the United States and several other countries. Barbara has provided programs on the United States Supreme Court for many groups, including International Women's Forum NorCal.

Friday, September 24th at 11:00 AM on ZOOM—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

October 22 Vistas: “Geriatric Medicine” with Louise Aronson



Louise Aronson, author of *Elderhood*, explains the concept of Geriatric Medicine and its importance as a discipline for understanding health as we age.

Louise Aronson is a practicing geriatrician and Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). A graduate of Harvard Medical School, she has served as director of the Northern California Geriatrics Education Center, the UCSF Pathways to Discovery program, and currently leads the campus-wide Health Humanities and Social Advocacy Initiative. She has received awards including California Homecare Physician of the Year, the Gold Professorship in Humanism in Medicine, and American Geriatrics Society Clinician-Teacher of the Year. Her scholarly articles have been published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Lancet*, *Health Affairs*, *Medical Education*, *Academic Medicine*, *Medical Teacher*, *JGIM*, *STAT News*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* and *JAMA*. She lives on one of San Francisco's fourteen steep hills with her family.

This Vistas program is open to members and their invited guests! If you know someone, especially a potential Village member who would like to attend, please share the event information with them.

Friday, October 22nd at 11:30 AM on ZOOM—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Welcome New Village Members!

In just two months, our Village has grown by 41 new members—maybe a new record! We don't have space here for all those member profiles, but below we list them all with a note on why they chose to join the Village.

For more detail on new and long-term members, log into the Village member website and access the member directory. Many members have added their personal information and photos so you can learn more about them! *If you have not yet added your own bio and photo, please do so, or contact the Village office for assistance.*

Welcome to...	Reason for Joining
Kenneth & Joan Gielow (Cluster 5)	Home services, social opportunities
Chris & Jessie Holombo (Cluster 2S)	Vendor listings, social opportunities
Marita O'Reilly & Marty Rayl (Cluster 8)	Future planning, social opportunities
Carol & John Huntzinger (Cluster 2S)	Support after family has moved from the area
Maria Bartelt (Cluster 2S)	Home services, resources & social connections
David & Jennifer Liu (Cluster 2S)	Not yet retired; future planning
Marilyn S. Smith (Cluster 2N)	Home services, outings
Larry Cuban (Cluster 4)	A little more socialization, home services
Susan Rosenberg (Cluster 7)	Future planning for herself and others, possible volunteering
Geri & Donald Albers (Cluster 8)	Vendor listings, possible social opportunities
Judy Hulse (Cluster 3):	Support and resources
Peter Underhill (Cluster 4)	Increase social connections, home services
Sanford "Sanny" Lewis (Cluster 7)	Increase social connections, support/resources
Patricia & Tom Sanders (Cluster 2N)	Future planning
Ann & William (Rob) Robinson (Cluster 2N)	Social connections, support/resources
Ed Haertel & Drew Oman (Cluster 2S)	Home services, social opportunities
Mary Awbrey (Cluster 8)	Social opportunities, resource sharing
Dolores & Larry Thompson (Cluster 1)	Home services, future planning, social opportunities
John Doidge (Cluster 2N)	Social opportunities, transportation
June Schiller (Cluster 4)	Future planning, social opportunities
Elizabeth Whalley (Cluster 7)	Future planning, support and resources
Nadine O'Leary (Cluster 2S)	New social connections, possible volunteering
Carol Schultz (Cluster 8)	Post-surgery support; home services & resources
Ann & John Varady (Cluster 1)	Home services/Vendor listing
Roxanne & Byron Reeves (Cluster 6)	Home services, resources & social connections
Freeman (Brad) Bradford (Cluster 3)	Post-hospital recovery support, social opportunities
Traudy Poppa (Cluster 8)	Transportation
Sundri Alim (Cluster 6)	Social opportunities
Marianne Ida (Cluster 2S)	Rejoined the Village for support/resources

Member Birthdays—September

Sally Herrick	9/1	Phyllis Browning	9/12	Thomas Reese	9/23
Michael Willemssen	9/2	Masayo Duus	9/12	Bill Courington	9/24
Patricia Sanders	9/4	Larry Herte	9/12	Alzora Carlstrom	9/26
Katherine Pering	9/5	Mary Ann Kvenvolden	9/14	Bruce Heister	9/26
Lynne Smart	9/6	Theresa Presser	9/18	Nick Larsen	9/30
Masako Toribara	9/8	Gertrude Reagan	9/18	Helen Young	9/30
Ann Gila	9/11	Mary Huber	9/19		

Member Birthdays—October

Roger Ashley	10/1	Richard Smallwood	10/9	Jo Gilbert	10/19
Drew Oman	10/2	David Bunker	10/12	Cynthia Hanson	10/24
Diane Rolfe	10/2	Pauline Siedenberg	10/13	Frank Perlaki	10/26
Joan Bialek	10/4	Judith Fields	10/14	Eleanor Willemssen	10/26
Robert Shaw	10/4	Mary Ripley	10/14	Cathy Dolton	10/27
Paula Schwartz	10/6	Joy Scott	10/14	Diane Posnak	10/28
Lilian Lum	10/7	Neil Foley	10/15	Linda Williams	10/28
Sanford Lewis	10/9	Nancy Martin	10/17	Barbara Bunker	10/30
				Larry Cuban	10/31

Remembering Virginia Luna, our oldest Villager

Virginia Luna passed away on August 8th 2021, just one month past her 108th birthday.

Virginia joined Avenidas Village in April of 2016. She spent her childhood in Pasadena, CA. As a young woman she went to visit family in Upstate New York, met her future husband there and never returned home. She had 2 children, a boy and girl that were ages 2 and 4 when WWII started. Her husband flew airplanes during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He then retired from the military and flew commercial planes which is what brought them back to California. In her younger years Virginia would walk 5 miles a day and play golf with her husband. She loved working in her garden and spending time with family and friends who became family. She was also very interested in her family genealogy and even wrote and published a book about some of her illustrious ancestors. In recent years, as she was at home with caregivers, she especially looked forward to receiving daily social calls from Dawn and other Village staff, who enjoyed their conversations with her as much as she did and truly came to love her as a dear friend.

In Memoriam

Saul Wasserman 12/2020 * Phil Smaller 5/2021

Bob Wilson 7/2021 * Virginia Luna 8/2021

Friday, September 3 & Friday, September 17

Friday Happy Hour Social

Pour a glass of wine or a cup of tea and toast your Village friends! Enjoy an hour of relaxed, casual conversation and perhaps a thought-provoking question or two. Afterward, members may gather at a local "watering hole" for in-person Happy Hour!

Friday, September 3rd and Friday, September 17th at 4:00 PM

FREE—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, September 9

"Camp Lee—Island of Integration"—Zoom Special Presentation by US Army Women's Museum

Follow the journey of African American men and women as desegregation begins in the U.S. Army. Witness the history being made at home and abroad by examining original photographs, documents, newspapers, and artifacts. This story carries us from Fort Des Moines, Iowa in 1942 to Camp Lee, Virginia in 1952.

Thursday, September 9th at 11:00 AM

FREE—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, September 9

IN-PERSON EVENT: Village Members Exclusive Wine Tasting at Flying Suitcase Wines

Meet at "Flying Suitcase" in San Carlos for a special outdoor tasting event just for Villagers! To learn more about Flying Suitcase's award winning wines visit flyingsuitcasewines.com

Thursday, September 9th at 3:00 PM

Flying Suitcase Wines,
915 Washington Street, San Carlos, CA 94070

\$35/person—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org by 9/7/2021

Monday, September 13 & Monday, September 27

Guided Meditation on Zoom led by Sabrina Huang

Join Sabrina for a 30 min guided meditation. Relax and de-stress!

Monday, September 13th & Monday, September 27th at 10:00 AM

Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Tuesday, September 14

Lunch Bunch at Coupa Café at the Stanford Golf Course

Join Village friends for lunch featuring fresh, sustainable sandwiches, salads and more!

Tuesday, September 14 at 11:45 AM Coupa Café, 198 Junipero Serra Blvd, Stanford

\$15-20 person, individual order & pay - Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Wednesday, September 15

Village Website Tutorial on Zoom

If you have never logged in to the website this tutorial is for you! Learn all you can do with the Village online!

Wednesday, September 15th at 11:00 AM **Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org**

Friday, September 24

Vistas Lecture Series—Zoom Webinar: "Supreme Court Vistas" with Barbara Creed (Details on p. 7)

Friday, September 24th at 11:00 AM

FREE—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, September 30

IN-PERSON EVENT : Beyond Van Gogh Immersive Experience at San Jose Convention Center with Lunch at Scott's Chowder House

Immerse yourself in Van Gogh's artwork like you've never seen it before!

Thursday, September 30th at 10:30 AM

Meet at Cubberley Community Center
4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

\$90/person includes exhibit and bus transportation

20 spots available—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Friday, October 1 & Friday, October 15

Friday Happy Hour Social

Pour a glass of wine or a cup of tea and toast your Village friends! Enjoy an hour of relaxed, casual conversation and perhaps a thought-provoking question or two. Afterward, members may gather at a local "watering hole" for in-person Happy Hour!

Friday, October 1st and Friday, October 15th at 4:00 PM

FREE—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Sunday, October 3

IN-PERSON EVENT—SF Giants Baseball Game vs. the Padres at Oracle Park

Enjoy the last home game of the season! It's also Fan Appreciation day!

Sunday, October 3rd at 11:00 AM

Meet at Cubberley Community Center,
4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

\$105/person includes Game Ticket & Bus

14 Spots Available—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Monday, October 4 & Monday, October 18

Guided Meditation on Zoom led by Sabrina Huang

Join Sabrina for a 30 min guided meditation. Relax and de-stress!

Monday, October 4th & Monday, October 18th at 10:00 AM

Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Monday, October 18

Village Website Tutorial on Zoom

If you have never logged in to the Village website this tutorial is for you! Learn all you can do online!

Monday, October 18th at 2:00 PM

Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Tuesday, October 19

Lunch Bunch at Steins Beer Garden, Mountain View

Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Village outdoors at Steins! View menu: [https://](https://www.steinsbeergarden.com/menus/)

www.steinsbeergarden.com/menus/

Tuesday, October 19th at 11:45 AM

895 Villa St, Mountain View

\$25-35/person—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Friday, October 22

Vistas Lecture Series—Zoom Webinar: "Geriatric Medicine" with Louise Aronson (Details on p. 7)

Friday, October 22nd at 11:30 AM

FREE & Guests are welcome—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Monday, October 25

"Wild and Cultivated Edible Mushrooms" Zoom Presentation by Levon Durr

Levon Durr, owner of Fungaia Farms in Eureka CA, will discuss techniques for wildcrafting edible mushrooms and how to find some of the most sought-after wild edible mushrooms. He also covers mushroom cultivation methods.

Monday, October 25th at 1:00 PM

\$10/Person—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Friday, October 29

IN-PERSON EVENT at Bryant St: "Fifth Friday" Happy Hour on the Village Patio

Bring a snack or drink to share and enjoy outdoor social time with friends!

Friday, October 29 at 4:00 PM

Village Patio, 450 Bryant St Palo Alto

Free—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org



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Don't Forget My Name! Village Name Tags are Here



As we have re-started more in-person activities with many new faces to meet, members appreciate having name tags to help remember the names of new—and old—friends.

The Village has finally done away with our stick-on labels and created reusable name tags for every Villager to keep and wear for Village events.

We were able to pass out many of your name tags at the July patio social and recent Lunch Bunches, but we still have more! We will continue with the distribution to members at upcoming in-person events such as the Walking Group. Newer members can receive theirs if they attend a New Members' Lunch. Others who can't receive theirs in person can request to have it mailed.

Take care of your name tag and remember to put it on when you join Village activities! It's an important and much appreciated tool that makes it easier to connect!