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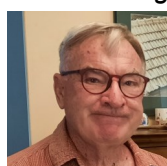
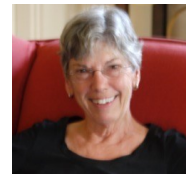
Village Advisory Council Updates—FY 2022-2023

The Avenidas Village Advisory Council is the governing body for the Village. It meets regularly to discuss Village needs, issues and challenges, and works to propose and plan Village programs and benefits. We're excited to welcome five new members to the Advisory Council, who will serve 2-year terms ending July 2024.



Marcie Brown joined the Village in 2020 and has recently taken over leadership of Cluster 2N. She settled in Palo Alto with her husband in 1988 after a career with Western Digital. She has ongoing involvement with many non-profits including PTA, Junior League and is now excited to support the Village. *"Things that keep me busy & happy are reading, cooking (& eating), volunteering, attending theatre events, visiting with family & friends, making connections between people, napping and laughing."*

Barbara Carlitz re-joined Avenidas Village in 2020 and also serves on the Avenidas Board of Directors as Secretary & Chair of the Program Committee. Within the Village she currently leads one of the AV Writer's groups. *"After nearly fifty years in my Old Palo Alto neighborhood and my recent retirement (architectural designer) I'm staying busy! I depend on the Village to help me -- and all of us -- stay in the homes (and gardens) we've created. Together we can make this happen!"*



Ed Hillard and his wife Gretchen joined the Village in 2021. He earned his degree in Southeast Asian Linguistics, but ended up in tech with a career at HP from 1988-2004. After living in Oregon during retirement, he and Gretchen recently returned to Palo Alto and decided to join the Village to develop their social connections. Ed has recently taken over leadership of Cluster 4. *"[Joining Avenidas Village] has proved to be an excellent decision and we're enjoying every aspect of membership that we have tried."*

Marita O'Reilly moved to San Francisco in 1972 and currently lives with her partner, Marty Rayl, in Menlo Park. She practiced as a trust and estates and related tax lawyer for 34 years in San Francisco. Although retired from active law practice since 2012, she continues to serve as a fiduciary for several trusts and as an estate planning consultant. Marita & Marty joined the Village in 2021 and she has become a Co-Lead for Cluster 8 and a leader of one of the AV Writer's groups.



Kris Stanfield & her family settled in Los Altos in 1981. An active volunteer for school and church while raising her kids, Kris then began a career in non-profit management as Director of Fund Raising for the San Mateo County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Director of Development for The Children's Health Council at Stanford and finally as Executive Director of The Morgan Autism Center. After retiring in 2000, she returned to work in 2003 at Avenidas as VP of Development, managing the Capital Campaign to build the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center. Since joining Avenidas Village in 2021, Kris has taken over leadership of Los Altos Cluster (Cluster 1). *"I'm so glad to be back at Avenidas—this time with Avenidas Village!"*

We also welcome Avenidas Board member **Steve Player** as our new Liaison with the Avenidas Board. He will serve as a connection and representative of Avenidas Village to the larger Board and attend the Village Advisory Council meetings. He replaces Barbara Carlitz who has served in this position for over two years. Steve is a Peninsula native and retired attorney and has served on numerous boards during his extensive career.



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Interest Group Updates—Writers, Readers & Phone Photographers Going Strong!

Earlier this spring, three new Special Interest Groups launched. Now that they have all been active for a few months, let's check in on their progress!

AV Writers Group now meets as 2 separate groups to accommodate different schedules as well as in-person vs. Zoom preferences. *Group 1 leader Marita O'Reilly reports:*

Writers' Group 1 began meeting on Zoom in early March. Our group encourages all types of writing: memoir, fictional pieces, poetry, essays, social commentary, family ancestry - whatever creative expression stirs our members. We have 7 active members and we meet every 2 weeks at 4PM on Zoom. We encourage our writers to send their work in advance of our meeting so others can read, think about and offer commentary or ask questions at the meeting. Each of us reads our piece aloud, or parts of it, and others may comment. We find others have ideas the writer may not have thought about. We give everyone time to participate and share. We welcome other Villagers who are interested in a consistent writing practice and a supportive community to give us a try.

Barbara Carlitz, leader of Writer's Group 2: AV Writers – Group 2 (primarily memoir writing) has been meeting in members' homes twice a month since March. The six of us write to a prompt suggested by a member, and then read our stories aloud when we meet. We have enjoyed finding similarities and differences in our past experiences and have become quite close as a group.

Village Book Club was designed to be a drop-in book club so that anyone can join the discussion for the monthly selection if they have read it. The group has had 3 meetings so far and has enjoyed discussing non-fiction, historical and fiction works. Village Book Club meets on the 3rd Friday each month at 11 AM on Zoom and ahead of the meeting, an email reminder goes out to all Villagers including the book to be discussed. It's a fun, friendly gathering for anyone who enjoys reading groups!

Phone "Foto-Fun" Photography Group began in March and alternates "teaching and photography review" sessions on Zoom with field trips to various photogenic spots in our neighborhood. We had an enthusiastic response from Villagers with minimal to moderate experience in phone camera or more traditional photography. In general, 8 to 15 participants have joined an event while others have submitted photos taken at their preferred time.

Those who participate more regularly are enjoying new friendships and acquiring phone photography skills. Bill Courington, Christine Holt, and Alice Kozar are the leaders/mentors. Zoom and photographic events often occur on alternate Mondays at 10 AM. However the schedule is varied depending on the location and time of day preferred to generate better photography... ie. bright light, soft light, golden hour early evening.

We plan to continue this model with teaching and on-site photography through the summer and into the fall. We anticipate trips to the Palo Alto Baylands, morning and evening, Allied Arts In Menlo Park with lunch at the Wisteria Café, Downtown Palo Alto, area parks, possibly Filoli, and return to other venues that we have previously enjoyed.

We are appreciating the many features embedded in the iPhone or Samsung phone camera apps, both for photography and editing, as well as editing options on iPads, laptops and desktop computers. Periodically I email easily understood articles and videos produced by the iPhone Photography Academy created by Emil Pakarklis.

Participants are encouraged to experiment, learn and above all have fun taking photos of friends, family, places they visit and sites or events they choose to remember. We share how and why we took certain photos in our group sessions and learn from each other. Bill, Chris and I offer editing suggestions and comments as appropriate, and we all enjoy the follow up. Many thanks to the participants for making this a truly fun experience! - *Alice Kozar*

A Word from Ashley Hyso—Social Events Past, Present & Future

I'm really enjoying my work as Social Events Coordinator for Avenidas Village!

First of all, I would like to say thank you to you all for the warm welcomes and your patience as I navigate this new chapter. Over the last 5 months I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know the members of the Village. So far I have participated in a handful of Cluster meetings where I was given wonderful ideas for future outings. I have been looking into more day trips including July's day trip to The Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco as well as the August outing to The Steinbeck House and National Steinbeck Center. The in person happy hour in May has been one of my favorite times together with so many members able to attend and spend a few hours together. I am hoping to schedule outings to the San Francisco Ballet, Broadway San Jose as well as experience members' favorite local lunch spots! I am always open to new ideas and happy to research suggestions you may have!



Ashley chats with members at our Village patio Happy Hour, May 20th

For those I have not yet met in person, I am hoping to hear from you and meet you at lunch or a future outing that strikes your interest! I can't wait to see what fun ideas come in and where our future outings might take us!

Trust Your Gut When Something Doesn't Seem Right: The Story of an Attempted Scam *By A Village Member*

Email scams are more and more common and come in many forms! One member shares their recent experience.

After recently contacting one of the vetted vendors by phone and finding the vendor to be highly qualified, a Village Member received a follow up email offering several dates for a first appointment. The ensuing emails back-and-forth seemed promising, but soon included a request for a deposit on the hourly fee, and then an advance payment for a package of sessions, before even providing the free consultation the vendor typically offers.

Even stranger, the vendor emails demanded the advance payment by Venmo (a phone payment app), and when the member refused, asked for Amazon Gift Cards as payment. "Smells Funny" (odd/unusual/strange), right?

So the Member contacted the Village, who confirmed the Member should not continue dealing with the Vendor under these terms. The Village contacted the Vendor by phone. *With a little digging, the Vendor discovered that his email had been hacked.* His Outlook address was being "spoofed." From the recipient Member's point of view, the hacker's email was identical to the real Vendor's email, even by hovering the cursor over the suspect "Sender."

Happy Ending: AnewVista reviewed the situation and commented that because the Member had not clicked on any links nor URLs in the spoofed messages, the Member's system was very unlikely to have been contaminated. The Vendor also followed up with the Member by phone to ensure that everything was resolved. Here are some important points to learn from this Member's experience:

- **Amazon Gift Cards or other anonymous payment methods are often requested by hackers! Legitimate businesses will not ask for these. If you get such a request, call the person who asked you, to confirm the request really came from them.**
- **Pressure for advance payment by email—another red flag. If you get this type of request, call the provider before taking further action.**
- **Finally, trust your gut! If anything about a transaction seems off, check in with the Village office and we can help to clarify the situation before you make a mistake.**

ICYMI: Village Events & Activities in May & June

Glassblowing Demo at Paly High School, May 10th

8 Villagers joined Paly Art Students for a glassblowing demo arranged by the Intergenerational Task Force. Villagers attending: Jacques & Mary Fossourier, Sanford Lewis, Ralph Cahn, Jane Zuckert, Kathy Mouton, Jeannie Siegman



Palo Alto Art Center, May 17th



Left to Right: Ralph Cahn, Bruce Heister, Chris Holt, Carol Kenyon, Jacques & Mary Fossourier, Ellie Heister, Gee-Gee Lenhart, Larry Phelan

Lunch Bunch at Taverna, May 24th



Attended by: Diana Collins, Richard Johnsson, Mary & Jacques Fossourier, Kathleen Gordon, Bruce & Ellie Heister, Chris Holt, Maie Herrick, Jane Zuckert, Chuck Sieloff

ICYMI, Continued: May 20 Patio Social at Bryant Street



Our latest patio potluck Happy Hour Social at 450 Bryant Street included nearly 50 Villagers enjoying food and friendship.



Lunch Bunch at Rossotti's Alpine Inn, June 9th and June 28th



June 9th: Diana Collins, Richard Johnsson, Arlene Klainer, Larry Phelan, Len & Sandy Weiss, Cindy Patrick, Harley & Sophie Stallman, Nadine O'Leary, Mary & Jacques Fossourier



June 28th: Kayleen Miller, Ellie & Bruce Heister, Ralph Cahn, Barbara Carlitz, Kathy Mouton, Chuck Sieloff, Ginny turner, Carol Kenyon, Katie Dunlap, Kathleen Gordon, Barbara Franklin, Chris Holt



Vistas Lecture Series—Join our July & August Webinars!

July 19 Vistas: “Oliveseed” with Barbara Mackraz & Amos Kipeen with Villager Gee Gee Williams

Oliveseed is a project that supports primary and secondary schools in Kenya, working in the Maasai Mara to improve lives through education, livelihood improvement and conservation.



Barbara Mackraz is a Palo Alto resident and founder of Oliveseed.

Amos Kipeen is Co-founder & director, Oliveseed Kenya Trust; Founder, Mara Discovery Empowerment Center; and former manager of Mara Girls Leadership School



Gee Gee Williams supports Oliveseed in a variety of ways and last year traveled to the Maasai Mara to visit Oliveseed-supported projects and schools.

Tuesday, July 19th at 11:00 AM on ZOOM—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

August 26 Vistas: “Decline of Empires” with Villager Scott Pearson (re-scheduled)



This time it's going to happen!

Drawn from a series of his essays on 12 ancient empires, Scott argues that empires first eroded internally and only later suffered external invasions. Four causes of internal erosion are illustrated -- religious excesses (Dynastic Egypt), succession crises (Roman Empire), peasant rebellions (China's Han Dynasty), and fruitless expansions (India's Mughal Empire).

Villager Scott Pearson taught economic development and international trade in the Food Research Institute. Pearson came to Stanford in 1968 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 1974 and to Professor in 1980. He served as the Food Research Institute's Associate Director (1977-1984) and Director (1992-1996). Pearson became Professor Emeritus in 2002. In retirement, Pearson has lectured on 67 travel/study programs for the Stanford Alumni Association and 121 educational travel trips in total, visiting all seven continents.

Friday, August 26th at 11:00 AM on ZOOM—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Village members - Share your expertise or your passion as a presenter for a future Vistas lecture!

**For information or to schedule your talk, contact Tom Reese:
tom_reese@att.net**

Member Birthdays—July

Zita Zukowsky	7/5	Larry Christenson	7/14	Chris Constantinou	7/21
Walter Cannon	7/6	Nancy Cohen	7/14	Bob Aulgur	7/22
Deborah Clark	7/8	Keith Kenvolden	7/16	John Morgridge	7/23
Deborah Rosenberg	7/10	John McGuire	7/16	Don Albers	7/25
Sue Dinwiddie	7/11	Marilyn Bauriedel	7/17	Ruth Foley	7/28
Miriam Jacob	7/12	Pearl Karrer	7/17	Jan Murphy	7/29
				Alma Phillips	7/30

Member Birthdays—August

Peggy McCurdy	8/1	Edgar Williams	8/13	Dot Long	8/25
Dieter Scherer	8/2	Marcie Brown	8/15	Sundri Alim	8/27
Diana Collins	8/3	Chris Holt	8/15	Robert Rosenzweig	8/27
Sandra Pearson	8/3	John Scandalios	8/18	Mary Fossourier	8/28
Stephen Walton	8/3	Carolyn Kennedy	8/19	Harley Stallman	8/28
Rachel Vasiliev	8/6	Jane Stender	8/19	Betty Dyck	8/29
Dolores Gallagher	8/7	Philippa Strahm	8/20	Judy Hulse	8/29
Freeman Bradford	8/10	Ralph Cahn	8/22	Elmer Reist	8/29
Carl Finrock	8/10	Nancy Wong	8/23	Dana Del Norte	8/31
Susan Rosenberg	8/11	Kayleen Miller	8/23	Judith Lookabill	8/31
Larry Phelan	8/12	Maie Herrick	8/24		
Guadalupe Valdes	8/12	Patricia Einfalt	8/25		
Jim Fisher	8/13	Barbara Foley	8/25		

Welcome New Members!

For more detail on new and long-term members, log into the Village members' 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...

Carl & Leitha Spetzler (Cluster 8)

Gale Olson (Cluster 8)

Bill & Marilyn Bauriedel (Cluster 2N)

Reason for Joining

Resources, social engagement

Future planning, volunteer
Opportunities

Resources, future planning

In Memoriam: Freeman Bradford 6/2022

Friday, July 1 & Friday, July 29 at 4:00 PM

Friday Happy Hour Social on Zoom

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" or member home for in-person Happy Hour!

FREE—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Friday, July 8 at 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON EVENT: San Francisco Day Trip—The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination at Contemporary Jewish Museum

Explore the creativity and social impact of Jim Henson's unparalleled body of work featuring more than 150 objects drawn from the beloved worlds of Sesame Street, Fraggle Rock, The Dark Crystal, Labyrinth, and more! Lunch will be at the museum deli café (self pay)

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

\$76/person, includes museum admission & bus transportation

Minimum of 10 people needed, 12 max—RSVP by July 6 online or email

dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Monday, July 11 & Monday, July 25 at 10:00 AM

Guided Meditation on Zoom led by Sabrina Huang

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

FREE—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Wednesday, July 13 at 1:00 PM

Zoom Special Presentation "Afghanistan In Context" by Inner Asian & Uralic National Resource Center, Indiana University

Learn about the history of Afghanistan from the 19th to 21st century, with a focus on explaining the roots of the current situation in the country. Explore the ethnic make-up of the country, its borders, and its role in world politics since the 1800s.

FREE—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, July 14 & Tuesday, July 26 at 11:45 AM (Please choose ONE date)

IN-PERSON EVENT—Lunch Bunch at Crepevine Palo Alto

Crepes, omelettes, salads and more! View menu: <https://crepevine.com/locations/palo-alto/>

Outdoor seating not guaranteed but we will try!

367 University Ave, Palo Alto

\$20-25/person, individual order & pay—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Friday, July 15 at 3:00 PM

IN-PERSON EVENT: Pot Luck Happy Hour on the Village Patio at Bryant Street!

Bring a snack or drink to share and enjoy an outdoor spring social with your Village friends!

Avenidas, 450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto

FREE—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Tuesday, July 19 at 11:00 AM

Vistas Lecture Series—Zoom Webinar: "Oliveseed" with Barbara Mackraz, Amos Kipeen & Gee Gee Williams (Details p. 6)

FREE—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, July 21 at 11:30 AM

IN-PERSON EVENT: Computer History Museum Docent-Led Tour

From the heart of Silicon Valley, explore this incomparable collection of computing artifacts and oral histories during a 1-hour docent tour. Afterward, feel free to explore further on your own!

1401 N Shoreline Drive, Mountain View

\$16/person, pay on site—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Please Note: Registration is Required for all In-Person Events

Thursday, August 4 & Tuesday, August 16 at 11:45 AM (please choose ONE date)

IN-PERSON EVENT: Lunch Bunch at Café Borrone, Menlo Park

Enjoy sandwiches, salads, pasta and more at this Peninsula favorite! Parking is underground off Santa Cruz Ave. View menu: <https://www.cafeborrone.com/traditional-specials-menu>

1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

\$20-25/person—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, August 11 at 10:30 AM

IN-PERSON EVENT: Moffett Field History Museum Docent Tour

Explore another local historical site at the south end of our famous Hangar One! Approximately a 1-hour tour with time for individual exploration.

126 Severyns Ave, Moffett Field

\$5/Person, pay on-site—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Friday, August 12 & Friday, August 26 at 4:00 PM

Friday Happy Hour Social on Zoom

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” or member home for in-person Happy Hour!

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Guided Meditation on Zoom led by Sabrina Huang

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FREE—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Wednesday, August 24 at 1:00 PM

Zoom Special Presentation: “Pocahontas and the Powhatan Indians” by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Learn about the life of Woodland Indians by examining the Algonquian speaking Powhatans in Virginia before the first English settlers made it their home. The Powhatans serve as an excellent example of Woodland Indian culture that dominated the eastern United States prior to the European contract.

FREE—Register Online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

Thursday, August 25 at 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON EVENT: Salinas Day Trip—Steinbeck House & Steinbeck Center

Since its opening in 1998, the National Steinbeck Center has served the community, region and nation by enhancing awareness of Steinbeck’s works and ideas as well as the value of the written word. John Steinbeck’s birthplace and boyhood home is a restored Queen Anne style Victorian built in 1897. It is now a charming restaurant located 2 blocks west of the National Steinbeck Center and also features a gift shop, The Best Cellar.

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

\$146/Person, includes museum, lunch and bus transportation

10 person minimum/12 max—Register online or email dgreenblat@avenidas.org

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Avenidas Village Special Interest Groups

**For details on all of our currently active Interest Groups,
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<https://avenidas.helpfulvillage.com/pages/10048>



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Monday,
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Day

Misc. Pics—photos from the Phone “Foto Fun” Group



Flower photo by Peter Danner



Photo Group at Stanford Center, May 2022



Cactus photo by Chuck Sieloff



Flower photo by Barbara Carlitz