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Village

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## Giving Thanks for Village Volunteers!

Volunteering is an important element of our Village that sometimes may be less noticeable but is still vitally important to our community! **You may not know that Village member volunteers contribute on average 175 hours of their time monthly** to support Village programs in many different ways – and these are just the hours that we are able to track. As members help one another as friends, or through their clusters, even more volunteering and community building happens.



*The Office Crew: June Schiller, Arlene Klainer and Nancy Martin (pictured) along with Diane Posnak, Peggy McCurdy, and Sandy Weiss helped with our September mailing project*

Volunteer activity in the Village can mean many different things: serving on a committee such as the Vendors or Marketing Committees, serving on the Advisory Council, or leading an Interest Group. It can also mean driving a fellow cluster member to an appointment or errand, dropping off a meal to someone's home, making a friendly phone call or even helping out at the Village office with tasks. In September a wonderful group of Villagers helped mail our Anniversary Party invitations which was a huge help, and they did such a great job we plan to call on them for future projects!

Sometimes, we are able to connect members with a need with someone who can help them out. Recently, Villager Jo called the office for help with her Bose radio which she needed to have moved, and it was also having problems receiving Jo's favorite music stations. From our intake interview process we knew that Terry, who joined the Village last April, had mentioned he could help members with electronics problems. He had even worked as a TV repairman in the past! He was happy to help and reached out to Jo, who explained her needs to him. He came over and relocated her radio - improving the sound quality. He also suggested adding an antenna to improve reception. Terry ordered the antenna on Amazon and then installed it. Jo is delighted with the improved sound of her favorite radio station, and it was a nice opportunity for Terry to use his expertise to help another member.

This is just one example but there are many others! You recently received a survey asking if you had specific needs or if you can help another member with specific needs. The responses to this survey will help us match needs that we learn about with members who can help. If you do have a need, don't hesitate to call the office and let us know as we may be able to find a member who can help. I have recently heard from so many members that they are eager to give back to the Village by helping out in some way and we are truly grateful for this!

## Avenidas Village 15th Anniversary Celebration, October 20th

Avenidas Village celebrated its 15 year anniversary with a fun party for members and guests at 450 Bryant Street on October 20th, 2022. Catered by Chef Julien of the newly re-opened Redwood Café, the evening featured champagne, live music, short speeches and door prizes, not to mention many smiles! We also marked the occasion by highlighting our “Lower Income Membership Program” which offers qualifying members a 50% discount on their membership fees. A generous grant from longtime Village supporter, Bill Reller, will match all donations to this important program to help more local seniors “Live Better – At Home.”



## Village 15th Anniversary Celebration



Photos by Alice Kozar & Chris Holt

## New Vendors Added to our Screened Vendor List

The Village Vendor Committee continues to actively seek out new vendor recommendations and we have two new vendors to introduce, not to mention several others now in the screening process! Our goal is to continually build up the value and variety of our list with quality service providers.

Member participation really supports the Committee's efforts. Have you had a great or even not so great experience with a vendor from our list? Please take the time to enter your review online for other members to read. Have you had great service from a provider who is not on our list? Send their contact information to Kayleen Miller [kayleen10bh@gmail.com](mailto:kayleen10bh@gmail.com) to recommend them and the Committee will follow up with screening.

**South Laurel Group, Pablo O'Brien, Fiduciary**  
(recommended by Paula Wolfson)



I am a licensed California Fiduciary and a National Certified Guardian. I am also a fourth-generation Bay Area native with extensive ties to the community. After graduating with an MBA in Finance from UCLA, I've worked as a Silicon Valley executive for most of the past 30 years, with a brief stint in the Peace Corps as a small business advisor. I've seen within my own family how older adults can become vulnerable to unscrupulous players. Since then, I've been involved in trusts and money management, listening to and guiding family members through life's transitions. My job is to help my clients navigate their financial challenges.



Services include: Trustee, Probate, Conservator, Digital Security, Money Management, Power of Attorney. Website: <http://www.southlaurelgroup.com/>



**WASH-ME** (recommended by Nancy Goldcamp)

Wash me offers commercial and residential cleaning of the interior and exterior of your property. Wash me offers window and solar panel cleaning, gutter cleaning, pressure washing services, move-in/out deep cleaning, office cleaning, patio deck cleaning, and car wash. We take it seriously when we say You Name it, We wash it. Look no further, we will make your property look better than ever before. You can combine more than one service with one appointment and our cleaning services are customized to your needs.

5% First-Time Customer discount! Website: <https://washmerwc.com/>

## ICYMI: November & December Outings

### Lunch Bunch at Dinah's Poolside, September 8 & September 20



**Indoors at Dinah's, 9/8:** Anita & John Mitchell, Kris & Bob Stanfield, Richard Johnsson, Richard Glendening, Bruce & Ellie Heister, Tom Reese, Barbara Carlitz, Ralph Cahn, Ginny Turner, Sarah Pribble, Joan Hancock



**By the pool, 9/20:** Sandy & Len Weiss, Bob Shaw, Barbara Franklin, Deborah Plumley, Arthur Stern, Kaye Crawford, Bente Palouda, Chuck Sieloff, Carolyn Curtis, Mary & Jacques Fossourier, Carol Kenyon

### Cantor Art Center Tour, October 13



Attended by: Len & Sandy Weiss, Mary & Jacques Fossourier, Ed & Pearl Karrer, Richard Glendening, Kayleen Miller, Kathleen Gordon, Marty Molloy



### Oktoberfest Lunch Bunch at Ludwigs Biergarten, October 11 & October 27



**October 11:** Sandy & Len Weiss, Richard Glendening, Larry Phelan, Jacques & Mary Fossourier, Cindy Patrick, Chuck Sieloff, Ginny Turner, Chris Holt

**October 27:** Kathleen Gordon, Bruce & Ellie Heister, Peggy McCurdy, Barbara Carlitz, Ralph Cahn, Diana Collins, Sally Broberg, Richard Johnsson



## Vistas Lecture Series—Join our November Webinar!

### November 18 Vistas: “2022 Election Review” with Supervisor Joe Simitian

Supervisor Simitian returns to the Village once again to share his assessment of the most recent election results at the local, state and national levels.

**Joe Simitian** was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012, and re-elected in 2016 and 2020. He represents the Fifth District, which now includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, and portions of San Jose.

Joe's public service over the years includes stints as a member of the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, Mayor of Palo Alto, President of the Palo Alto School Board, as well as an earlier term on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He served as an election observer/supervisor in El Salvador and Bosnia, and participated in refugee relief and re-settlement efforts in Albania and Kosovo.

On the Board of Supervisors, Joe serves as Chair of the Health and Hospital Committee, Chair of the Board's Federal Affairs Advocacy Task Force, and Vice Chair of the Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee.

Raised in Palo Alto and a graduate of Palo Alto (“Paly”) High, Joe's roots are in the South Bay and Midpeninsula. His community involvement includes service with local organizations such as Adolescent Counseling Services, Acterra, Leadership Mountain View, and the Markula Center for Applied Ethics.



**Friday, November 18th at 11:00 AM on ZOOM—Register online or email [dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)**

***Vistas is on Vacation for December!***

**We will be back in 2023 with more informative and educational programs just for Village members.**

**Remember, you are welcome to 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](mailto:tom_reese@att.net)**

## Member Birthdays—November

Charlotte Turner	11/1	Anne Page	11/9	Jeanette Guthart	11/17
Carole Price	11/2	William Damon	11/10	Barbara August	11/18
Larry Thompson	11/2	Martin Molloy	11/11	Benjamin Hammett	11/18
Bill Young	11/2	Linda Anderson	11/13	Susan Thomas	11/19
Barbara Jacobson	11/4	Bonnie Stein	11/13	Sally Broberg	11/20
Penelope Bowen	11/5	Pat Bashaw	11/14	Teddy Wilson	11/20
Janet Constantinou	11/7	Stu Hansen	11/14	Charles Bonini	11/22
Barbara Riper	11/7	Christina Holloway	11/14	Ed Hillard	11/24
Vic Althouse	11/8	Nancy Tune	11/15		
Garry Thomas	11/8	Betty Cohen	11/16		

## Member Birthdays—December

Sophie Ladenla	12/1	Bill Bauriedel	12/9	Marilyn S. Smith	12/18
Stuart Brewster	12/2	Carol Hansen	12/9	Eugene Zukowsky	12/20
Kinga Perlaki	12/3	Arlene Klainer	12/10	John Schaefer	12/22
Ed Haertel	12/4	Carol Schultz	12/14	Sandy Davis	12/23
Magda Grant	12/5	Ken Dinwiddie	12/15	Jean Gee	12/23
Carol Kenyon	12/7	Byron Reeves	12/17	Joan Mansour	12/24
John Mitchell	12/7	Gerald August	12/18	Carol Huntzinger	12/25
Melanie Wilensky	12/8	Dick Scott	12/18	Gee Gee Williams	12/28

## 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...

Mary Murphy (Mountain View/2S)  
 Ron & Suzanne Rankin (Downtown Palo Alto/6)  
 Wally & Gwen Whittier (Old Palo Alto/7)

### Reason for Joining

Aging in place resources/support  
 Social connections, future planning  
 Social activities, rides, handyman

### *In Memoriam:*

***Carol Dondick 9/2022 \* Paulette Henning 9/2022***

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

**Friday, November 4 & Friday, November 18 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](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

**Wednesday, November 9 & Tuesday, November 22 at 11:45 AM**

**(Please choose ONE date)**

**IN-PERSON EVENT—Lunch Bunch at Pacific Catch at Stanford Shopping Center**

*Fresh seafood, bowls, salads and more inspired by flavors from the Pacific. View menu: <https://pacificcatch.com/menus/>*

*711 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto*

**\$20-\$25/person, please bring cash!**—Register online or email [dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

**Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 PM**

**Zoom Special Presentation "Shark Zone" by Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL**

*Using a combination of recorded and live shark cam video, we go on a virtual tour of our 135,000 shark habitat. After an overview of shark husbandry and training, we discuss the research technology we use to study sharks. We end with a Question and Answer session with our Ocean Expert.*

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**Friday, November 18 at 11:00 AM**

**Vistas Lecture Series—Zoom Webinar: "2022 Election Review" with Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian (Details p. 6)**

**FREE**—Register online or email [dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

**Tuesday, November 29 at 10:00 AM**

**IN-PERSON EVENT: Diego Rivera Exhibit at SFMOMA**

*Enjoy a day trip by bus to San Francisco with self-pay lunch at Tropisueno Taqueria followed by a visit to SFMOMA for the Diego Rivera exhibit! Bus departs from Cubberley at 10:00 AM and we will return by about 3 PM. Tropisueno restaurant menu: <https://tropisueno.com/menu/>*

*Meet at 9:30 am at Cubberley Front Parking Lot, 4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto*

**\$75/person, includes bus transportation and museum admission, 20 spots available**—Register online or email [dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

**Friday, December 2 at 4:00 PM**

**Friday Happy Hour Social on Zoom**

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**Thursday, December 8 & Tuesday, December 20 at 11:45 AM (please choose ONE date)**

**IN-PERSON EVENT: Lunch Bunch at Café Pro Bono**

*Café Pro Bono is pleased to offer a delicious selection of our favorite Italian and European-inspired dishes - all prepared to order 'just for you' by our talented chefs. View menu:*

<https://cafeprobono.com/lunch-menu>

2437 Birch Street, Palo Alto

**\$20-25/person, please bring cash!**—Register online or email

[dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

**Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00 PM**

**Zoom Special Presentation: "A Day of Infamy: The Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor" by The National WWII Museum, New Orleans, LA**

*In the war that changed the world it was the day that changed the war—a "Day of Infamy." That day brought the United States into WWII, adding the strength and determination of the American people to the Allied arsenal as it struggled to defeat the Axis.*

**FREE**—Register Online or email [dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

**Friday, December 16, 4:00-6:00 PM**

**IN-PERSON SPECIAL EVENT: Village Holiday Happy Hour at 450 Bryant Street**

*Celebrate the season with Village friends, food and holiday cheer! Guests are welcome!*

The Lounge at Avenidas, 450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto

**FREE**—Register online or email [dgreenblat@avenidas.org](mailto:dgreenblat@avenidas.org)

*Happy Holidays to All  
from Avenidas Village*

**Avenidas Village Special Interest Groups**

*For details on all of our currently active Interest Groups,  
please visit our online listing:*

<https://avenidas.helpfulvillage.com/pages/10048>



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Village  
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Thursday  
November 24  
& Friday  
November 25  
Thanksgiving  
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Monday  
December 26  
Christmas

## An Update from Dawn, Member Services Manager

Hi Villagers! You might have noticed that I have been missing from our in-person events these last few months. Unfortunately, back in June I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Breast Cancer. I started chemotherapy in July and still have another month to go. I am hopeful to have surgery by the end of the year and then 6 weeks of radiation in 2023. It will be a long journey, but cancer picked the wrong girl to mess with!

I plan on working as much as I can through out this journey. So please keep your emails and phone calls coming! Occasionally there might be a bit of a delay in responding, but I will do my best to get everything taken care of as soon as possible.

I've been blogging about my cancer journey to keep my friends and family updated on all that is going on. You all are welcome to follow along [here](#). Thank you for your support!

