



NEWSLETTER



Letter from Susan Pierpoint

November and December are exciting months for North Oakland Village! One of the most important things we do in this special time is touch base with our larger community of members, volunteers, friends, supporters and champions to let them know what we're up to and to request their support with contributions to our Annual Fund. Membership fees are not sufficient to support our nonprofit organization and we're grateful for the support of those who understand that Villages offer an essential pathway for aging better – in the place we call home, with an engaged and connected community that benefits everyone in the larger community around us. If you get a letter or an email, please respond generously. If you don't, please come by the office or go to our website and click on the word "Donations" on the left side of the home page.

Speaking of connection, come and join the fun of an afternoon of stuffing envelopes and chatting with others at the North Oakland Village Office on November 9 (Friday) at 1:00 pm to send out our Annual Fund letters. We'd love your help for an hour or two and there will be refreshments!

All upcoming events, programs and outings are listed in this newsletter, but I'd also like to draw special attention to a couple:

1. First, thanks to the support of our industrious Program Committee, NOV will partner with Home Care Builders on our first ever joint program on November 14 at 2:30 pm in the Gallery Room across the hall from the NOV Office: **"Shoo the Flu – Navigating to Good Health All Winter!"** This program is free and open to the public. Please invite friends and neighbors!
2. What's the Holiday season without a concert? North Oakland Village will again present **The Rockridge Chorus** on December 16 at 4:00 pm for an inspiring, joyous concert followed by a gathering with a potluck. This cherished Annual event is also free and open to the public. Bring your family and friends!
3. Remember that the North Oakland Village office will be closed December 20 through January 3rd. Be sure to arrange for services if needed during the closure *before* the office closes!

Finally, a word about last month's lovely Halloween potluck where we set aside some time to talk with members about last year's Strategic Plan with the goal of financial sustainability. We were able to meet most of our objectives and as was reported, if the Annual Fund drive goes well, and continues to bring in needed revenue, our Village will be ok for 3 to 5 years. This is good but I am interested in exploring avenues to long-term financial sustainability and to that end, we have begun a series of discussions with the City of Oakland, the First Unitarian Church of Oakland

and with Ashby Village as well. Our visibility and success as a Village is becoming better known and it is my hope that we'll be able to entertain other discussions as well for partnerships in programs, some shared costs perhaps and some new ideas for working together. If you'd like to know more, join us for the **envelope-stuffing party on November 9th 1:00 at the office** – I'll be happy to answer questions and hear your thoughts!

Warmly, Susan

Board President North Oakland Village

November & December Calendar

- Throughout Nov & Dec - Monday Menders/Handability **members**
- Nov 13th Tuesday, Noon Lunch Bunch @ Montclair Golf Course Restaurant. 12 noon **members & volunteers**
- Nov 14th Wednesday 2:30 PM Health in the Winter **members & volunteers**
- Nov 15th - Play Reading with Paul Shepard, 2-5 PM NOV **members & volunteers**
- FREE Movie Friday Nov 16th- NOV Church " Hello, my name is Doris" **all welcome**
- Nov 16th & Dec 14th -Time To Talk learn about NOV
- Nov 27th Tuesday- Smart Phone Workshop **members**
- Nov 30th & Dec 28th (last Friday), 2:00 PM Non-Fiction Book Club **members & volunteers**
- Nov 25th Sunday - Thanksgiving Potluck. 5 -7:00 PM **all welcome**
- Dec 16th Sunday - Holiday Concert & Potluck. 4 - 7:00 PM **all welcome**

Special Events



How to use your Smart Phone



Shoo the Flu - Navigating to Good Health All Winter

NOV will partner with the Bryan Ricks from the Mayor's Commission

Sign up for this workshop open for 5 members this month to work through issues you may have using your smart phone.

Volunteers Jo Studer & Diane Fristrom will be on hand to help, we will call the people signed up for the session a few days beforehand to gather your questions.

When: **Tues November 27 at 11am**

To register please call Jo on: 510-409-9340 or The NOV Office.

on Aging on our first ever joint program.

This program is free and open to the public. Please invite friends and neighbors!

Where: Gallery Room across the hall from the NOV Office:

When: **November 14 at 2:30 pm** (Important to note at this is on a Wednesday because the school behind us let's out early so there will be parking)

Want to get more involved?

We continue to search for volunteers, if you are interested, please contact the office



Village members and volunteers are again invited to a potluck dinner on Thanksgiving at **Joan and Abe Feinberg's** home.

Save your place by calling Joan at 510-451-1122.

Tidbits *a new section*

News to share...



Lunch Bunch

In November the lunch bunch will be held at the Montclair Golf Course Restaurant on the



Dishing it up for Veterans!

Operation Dignity is a local organization that helps homeless Veterans, and is looking for donations of Kitchen items. Feel free to drop off any donations at the office, and we will deliver them to their office!

13th, at Noon. There is plenty of parking next to the driving range. Please call Norma t 510-547-7530, or Let the office know.



Greetings from the Zoo!

Expanding our reach includes adding new volunteers and members. If you know someone who would benefit from knowing about NOV, please forward our newsletter, or have them attend **Time to Talk**, the 3rd Friday of each month.

The Zoo outing on October 24th was a big success! The group was loved the new exhibits, and thanks to Judith for arranging transportation!

Thanksgiving & Holiday Potluck!



November 25th 5pm

Join friends new and old for this Thanksgiving Potluck

December 16th 4pm Holiday Choral Concert & Reception

Once again the incredible Rockridge Chorale is gifting North Oakland Village with a concert for the holiday season.



The concert includes a variety of music & a pot luck reception that makes for a joyful afternoon. This cherished Annual event is also free and open to the public. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors and let's celebrate this special season together!

Volunteers



Thank you !

As a non-profit, we depend on our volunteers. Thank you for all For those of you who drive, host in your homes, make food each month, and answer the office phone, we could not be what we are without your help!

Office Closure in November & December

The North Oakland Village will close for Thanksgiving and the Winter Holidays. Please be aware that e-mails and phone calls will NOT be monitored during these periods.

Members please plan ahead for these time periods:

Thanksgiving: Office closed Weds Nov 21st - Friday 23rd. Re-open Monday 26th

Winter Holidays: Office will close noon Thursday December 20 & reopen Thursday January 3rd.

Note: North Oakland Village is unable to provide emergency services, so if you have an emergency during this time please call 911

Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been-

-David Bowie

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