

VILLAGE CONNECTIONS



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Thankful for our Devoted Call Managers

By Loretta Allen

Our Village operates smoothly thanks to the amazing work of our devoted Call Managers team - the friendly voices over the phone that help members and volunteers with service requests, event registrations and other needs. We appreciate our CM team which includes Penny, John, Beth, Mary, Loretta, Corky, Sandra, Angela, Jenny, Nancy, Karen and Jackie. Here are some updates on the team.

Jacqueline Blade

Welcome to our newest Call

Manager and driver, Jacqueline
"Jackie" Blade. You
will talk with her
on Tuesday mornings and many days
when she covers
shifts for others.



For the last

40 years, she and her husband of 43 years have been living in the Conejo Valley. They have two adult children who they adopted from South Korea as infants and who both now work and live in New Mexico.

Jackie has always loved helping people. After working as a defense attorney in the insurance field, she started up her own solo practice focusing mainly on Family Law issues in Westlake Village. After 20 years of practice, she just retired this year.

Even while running her own busy law practice, Jackie found time to do volunteer work for the Conejo Valley Legal Clinic, Los Robles Hospital, Manna, and other groups.

For relaxation, she enjoys walking the trails in the Santa Monica Mountains with her rescue dog Penny. Pre-Covid, she enjoyed traveling with her family and is even self-taught in quilting. To date, she has finished over 20 quilts that she has given to family and friends.

As if this was not enough, Jackie has most recently accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer with CVV. We are so fortunate that Jackie has brought her talents and energy to our Village. You will enjoy talking with her as she drives you to and from your appointments, helps you with your Treasurer needs, or schedules your activities as our Call Manager!! Welcome Jackie!

Mary Hoban

It is hard to say "good-bye" but with change being the only constant in life we need to do it more

often than we like. We have been very fortunate to have Mary as our Call Manager on Tuesday mornings. She



also has been a driver and has come to many of our social events. Mary is moving to Utah soon, to be closer to her daughter and family. She will be sorely missed (I say that especially since she and I have held down the Tuesday Call Manager spots since the Village began).

Mary moved to the Conejo Valley in 1999. She retired as the Clinical Director at the John Wayne Cancer Institute, and since joining the village has enjoyed working from home while talking to and helping "healthy" people.



The Call Managers recently celebrated our time with Mary with a farewell luncheon. We will miss her candid humor at our Call Manager meetings. We wish her well as she and her dog drive off to Ogden Utah. Via Con Dios Mary until we meet again!!

CVV will be closed on 11/25 & 11/26 for the holiday!



Contact Us: (805) 372-1826, Monday - Friday, 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm

cvv@conejovalleyvillage.org

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See Insert for Upcoming Events

Getting Out & Reconnecting

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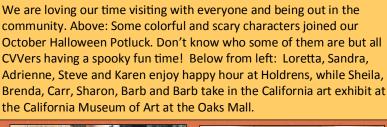
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Irv C.
Linda K.
Marion H.
Nancy T.
Karen M.
Barbara S.
Vanessa R.
David F.
Toni C.

Ralph G.

In Memoriam

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of two members who recently passed away -

Barbara Sobel and Marge Fischer.



Welcome

New Members & Volunteers!

We are happy you have joined the Village!
We look forward to serving you and seeing you
at upcoming events.

New Members

Beverly P. Nancy T. Marion H.

Carol D. Joan H. David C.

Rahat S. Sheila D. Melinda H.

New Volunteers

Beverly P. Jacqueline B.

Linda K. Debbie L. Mary W.

Gail D.

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Be Prepared with CVV's Emergency Response Team

By Vanessa Renna

The mission of the Emergency Response Team is to establish, maintain, and educate all CVV Villagers with a disaster prepar-



edness program. The Team has two major goals:

- First, develop and implement a Village-wide emergency communications strategy
- Second, mitigate the impact of a crisis event by empowering all CVV Villagers with the knowledge to help keep themselves safe in an emergency

Danny White leads the Team with Lois Barberio, Anne Novik and Jeni Gordon as members. The Team meets monthly and is open to new members.

This past year the Team successfully completed three projects. The Team updated each Villagers' profile with the correct emergency contact information. In addition, the Team was able to deliver personal SOS emergency kits to our drivers and publish an evacuation

checklist in the September Newsletter (the checklist is available on the CVV website). We extend our thanks to the Emergency Response Team for increasing our awareness and creating tools to help us be prepared for emergency situations. If you are interested in joining the team, call **(805) 372-1826.**



Fun Fall Events: Underwood Farms & Friendsgiving

By Billie Sontag

Join your Village friends on **November 11th** for a beautiful fall day (weather permitting) at one of our most successful local farms.



Underwood Family Farms is a working farm in

Moorpark that makes for a great fall outing. It's delightful to stroll around and pet or feed all the usual and unusual domesticated farm animals like an alpaca. They love carrots so feel free to bring some with you.

There is a Farm Market with an abundance of exceptionally fresh fruits and vegetables plus many types of excellent pickled products, honey, nuts, juices, dried beans, and farm fresh eggs. Masks are required in the store. If you wish you can go on a hayride to tour the whole farm. Be aware there are 3 good sized steps to get up into the wagon.

Special \$4 senior rate. Full members, if you need a ride, please make arrangements early. For more information, call a Call Manager at **(805) 372-1826** or visit UnderwoodFamilyFarms.com.

Members, Volunteers and your Guests are invited to our Thanksgiving Holiday Tradition....





Wednesday, November 17th, 3-5 pm

at Country Harvest restaurant in Newbury Park

Entrée choices: Roast Turkey, Ham or Orange Roughy

\$20 includes entrée, salad, roll and sides, coffee or tea, apple or pumpkin pie, and tax and tip. Plus select wines provided by the CVV Board.

Sign up by 11/12 & Pre-pay online

To sign up, visit www.conejovalleyvillage.org or call (805) 372-1826. Full members needing transportation should request a ride by 11/12. See you there!



The mission of Conejo Valley Village is to help seniors remain independent in their homes and stay active in our community. Place Stamp Here

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Email: cvv@conejovalleyvillage.org Website: www.conejovalleyvillage.org Reminder: Turn
Your Clocks
BACK one hour
Sunday, Nov. 7

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stay Independent, Active and Connected





Place Address Label Here

Cone jo Valley Village is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Donations are tax-deductible.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers: Please email your total volunteer hours estimated through the end of the month by the **25th** to <u>volunteerhours@conejovalleyvillage.org</u>. Thanks for all you do for CVV!

Curious about how our Village got started?

Check out the insert for Dinah's story about how the volunteer spirit turned a great idea into a reality!

Try volunteering - wonderful things await you! Sign up online or call (805) 372-1826

To all of our Village Volunteers:





We are filled with gratitude for our amazing volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide valuable services and support to Village members this year. You have greeted every challenge with compassion, determination and a friendly smile. We could not make a difference in seniors' lives without you!

