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# "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Our volunteers (both members and nonmembers) completed 135 services for 5 Member Plus requesters in the past year.

You can help too. We are always looking for drivers and "handypersons." If that's not your strong suit, maybe you can volunteer a volunteer. Do you have a neighbor or local relative with skills to offer?

Other ways to volunteer: join a committee, take pictures, host a conversation or... pour beer at Pumpkin Festival. Sign up for a 3 hr. shift with Karen Bell 650.678.7885

PumpkinFestival@villageofthecoastside.org.

Contact Jeanette Ward Volunteer Coordinator 650.440.5030 to find out more.

#### **VOTC 2nd Anniversary Party**



The Village of the Coastside kicks off its third year on October 1, 2018 but we'll start celebrating Tues. Sept. 25 at San Benito House 4 PM - 6 PM.

Bring a friend or neighbor who wants to learn more about what we do.

No-host bar with Generous hors d'oeuvres

RSVP @info@villageofthecoastside org. or call 650-440-5030.

#### Newsletter September, 2018

### Sip and Sup with Villagers



In August the VOTC Dining Club tried out Sacrilege Brewing and Restaurant on Main Street and the monthly Coffee Break drew a crowd to Here Comes the Sun in Montara.

Talk ranged from cable tv bills and phone reception to mystery books and cannabis dispensaries.

Fri. Sept 7 - lunch at Princeton Seafood

### Villagers - Local, Regional, National

VOTC looks to represent the interests of the more than 10,000 people on the Coastside over the age of 50. Our village is one of 20 in BRAVO - the Bay Area Regional Village Organization and we are all part of the National Village movement which has more than 200 villages across the country.

Collectively we advocate for issues affecting older adults - particularly housing, healthcare and transportation.

Eight VOTC members will attend the annual national conference in San Diego October 7-10. Speakers will address critical aging issues, the sharing economy, longevity, technology innovations and more.

BRAVO meets next in January in Lafayette. If you would like to attend, please let us know, leave a message info@villageothecoastside.org.

# **New Membership Options**

Offering more flexibility for you and your family

#### Member-

Enjoy social connections, activities and events

\$240.00 per year or \$20.00 per month

#### Member Household -

To encourage more spouse and partner members we now offer a discount for two members of a household

\$300 per year/just \$25.00 per month.

#### Member Plus Individual -

Enjoy social events AND take advantage of volunteer services (rides, errands, calls, pet care, light housekeeping, etc.)

\$480.00 per year or \$40.00 per month

#### Member Plus Household -

Social activities plus volunteer services

\$600.00 per year or

\$50.00 per month per household

#### Short-term Member Plus -

Volunteer support for a short time - perhaps recovering from a medical procedure.

3-month upgrade to Member Plus \$60.00.

## **Communicating Better**

The marketing team is working to improve communication and messaging for our group exploring new ways to let people know who we are and what we do.

Using research from Village Movement California and studying responses to recent efforts we are now updating our Facebook presence, Website including a new slogan/ tagline - Aging.Better.

Have ideas or want to join in? Contact us - marketing@villageofthecoastside.org

For details, resources and more visit www.villageofthecoastside.org email: info@villageofthe coastside.org Or call 650-440-5030

## **Money Matters**

Where does it come from?

Membership Dues, Grants and Donations not only from our members but from the children of members, potential members, and interested supportive citizens of the Coastside.

Income this past year included -Tips at Pumpkin Festival - \$1500; Half Moon Bay Beautification Committee - \$2,000; Coastside Gives - \$5,471.00 (from 43 donors); \$10,000 from a member's son and \$5,000 in matching funds from the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation.

#### What's Next?

After two years of successful operation and growth we now have enough in the budget to hire a part-time administrative coordinator for 2019. This person will assist with expanded volunteer programs and services.

VOTC will also spend more time on advocacy issues affecting members - including health, housing and transportation.

## **Upcoming September/October Events**

NEW! Meditation Group Thurs. 9/67-8 PM 1 Bloom Lane, Oceanside Room.

Photography for Joyful Expression - Barbara Masek, 925 Main St. Mon. 9/10 1-2:30

Pre-Raphaelites/Old Masters:Legion of Honor. Wed. Sept 12

NEW! VOTC Tech-Enhanced Living Program -At the new library Wed. 9/19 1-2:30

Home Safety Services - Burlingame Field trip, includes lunch Thurs. 9/20 11 am

Moss Beach Bluff Walk Fri. 9/21 2:00

Coffee Break - HMB Coffee Company Thurs. 10/4 10-11

Coastside Dining Club - Mezza Luna Wed. 10/17 5pm

Call 650-440-5030 to register or online at villageofthecoastside.org



