

Looking Back and Looking Forward

2018 was a great year for the Village of the Coastsides! We welcomed new members, had record donations and participation during the Coastsides Gives Campaign and at Pumpkin Festival.

Eight of us attended the national convention and we are looking for new ways to participate with other villages. The most popular Facebook posts had to do with transportation, housing and what it means to be "old," "aging," "elder," or "senior." We challenged the Half Moon Bay Review to come up with words that more accurately reflect active "older adults."

We made radio spots for KHMB, videos of members, updated our "tech" and started a newsletter. Less glamorous but functional we developed infrastructure with 17 members making up 7 committees.

We had the best times at our anniversary and holiday parties - great turn out with old and new faces. We love how our members are passing the word and inviting friends to join. Onward 2019!



Judy Macias

Villagers on the Move

Besides Villagers recently returned from Ireland and Hawaii, we



welcome 2 new part time members who have arrived from Florida, while extending a

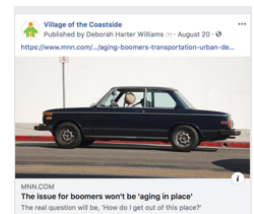


temporary farewell to 2 villagers off to their New Zealand home. Please share your travel adventures. info@villageofthecoastside.org

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As we think about where we're going, many are asking "how will we get there?"

As many of us have experienced, to our ever-growing exasperation, both public and private transportation options are limited on the Coastsides for non-drivers and those who are no longer able or want to drive.



VOTC provides local rides for Members Plus but what if you want to go to a movie in San Mateo, or go see a play in San Francisco?

The Village, along with Senior Coastsiders, is sponsoring a **Transportation Fair for Older Adults**, Wednesday, January 30, 2-4 pm, at the Senior Coastsiders' facility. The purpose: To inform ourselves about current public and private transportation choices on the Coastsides (sometimes it's hard to figure out what, when and for whom).

We hope to find ways to use existing options and start a dialogue about how to get the additional transportation that we want.

Participants include: Sam Trans, Redi Coast, and the ParaTransit Coordinating Council, also Taxi cab operators, Lyft, Uber, and other private drivers. Also we'll have a rep from The City of Half Moon Bay Bike and Pedestrian Committee, and a local Electric Bike company. Learn more from:

Judy judy_macias@villageofthecoastside.org or Hope hatmore@seniorcoastsiders.org

Eventful 2018 - More to Do in 2019

2018 was filled with great events - our May wine tasting was one of the best and our dinners at local restaurants are always popular. Many people turn out for movie nights as well. We went as far away as the Presidio and enjoyed hikes in our own backyard.

A new fun thing we tried was spontaneous events. When someone wanted to go over the hill for a movie or some other activity we would put it out to the membership so we could share rides and make it a get together.

For 2019 we have so many activities planned that we are going to be sending out a separate mailing with all the details. The list was getting so long it was threatening to overload the newsletter. Watch for it in your mailbox.



Jeanette Ward

The best events turn out to be the ones that our members come up with. We have room on the events committee if you would like to help us plan, coordinate and get the word out. Call 650.440.5030 or email jbwardhmb@gmail.com.

Tech on Your Own Terms



Technology is hard to keep up with, even for those who use it as part of their work. VOTC is evolving our tech offerings as well. From Tech Tips with Teens, we moved to the bimonthly Tech Enhanced Living series and NOW -

TECH SECH – You can schedule a 1-on-1 appointment with an HMB library tech champion for help with your cell phone or iPad. Call 650-726-2316 or sign up at the Circulation Desk.

TECH TALKS 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month – 10 AM and 6 PM. Topics such as emailing, the cloud, and e-resources available at the library.

PLUS Members can have services at home or another convenient place, via VOTC tech volunteers. Call the concierge at 650.440.5030

Why I Joined the Village

After 45 years in 5 different careers - the last 20 working long hours on the board of an international non-profit, and as a consultant in search marketing -



Terry Plank

I made a decision. I didn't want to live that way any more. Also, I realized that I missed being more involved with fellow Coastsiders. I needed to change focus and find something more relevant to my current life.

Sometimes you only have to look across the breakfast table for inspiration. My wife, Pat McNutt, was already a member of VOTC. Through her I had been watching second hand what the group was doing. I decided to explore further.

I went to a few of the public information meetings and liked what I heard. Sound ideas and imaginative plans. I dropped in at couple of the coffee gatherings. After the movie about Atol Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*, I joined up.

Here was an organization committed to the challenges and issues of better aging. It fit with my values and interests, and here was a place where I might use my skills and expertise. To my surprise and pleasure I was welcomed and invited to participate as fully as I wanted. This is the most inclusive organization I have ever experienced!

Now I'm a convert and eager to welcome others. I hope you will consider using your valuable experience to help make a difference in the lives of others.

There's a place for you to be involved. Please send us an email and let us know why you joined and what your interests are. info@villageofthecoastside.org

New Year's Resolution - Volunteer

When I heard VOTC was looking for drivers I said "that's for me." Cruising the Coastsides, enjoying views with a chance to get out of the house and help someone else - sounds perfect! I'm signing up. You can too. Contact Jeanette 650.440.5030 or jbwardhmb@gmail.com.



Deborah Harter Williams