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# **President's Letter**

Wondering how our VILLAGE in the Village is doing? We're doing great! Our membership continues to remain stable at between 130 and 140 members. And fulfilled services continue to grow. In 2017 we had provided 217 services by end of September and this year, we're at almost 300. Thanks to all of our volunteers for fulfilling these services and thanks to our members for continuing to request the help they want and need.

To help support our growth and sustain our organization, last year we hired an administrative manager. Throughout the beginning of 2018 we've learned more and more about what our organization needs to support our board and to effectively communicate with our membership. We've redefined the role for administrative support and welcome Sarah Pastore to our organization as our new Administrative Assistant. Sarah will take the lead in creating, communicating, and tracking our many announcements to all of our membership using a new and much better communication tool.

#### 2018 ViV Board Members

Cindy Taylor, President Sandy Farley, President-Elect Vicki Dow, Treasurer Carol Levy, Secretary Lawrence Blank Susan Dahle Charles Elliott Judy Salas Laura Smith Charlene Spiegel

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She'll also take on a number of routine support functions to assist the board on day to day activities.

Sarah has a bachelor of science in Technology with emphasis on visual communication and marketing. She hails from Ohio but she and her family have been in Corrales since 2010. Sarah has been at home with her boys but now that they are in school, ViV



,Sarah Pastore Administrative Assistant

provides an ideal opportunity for her. She has a strong graphics background, is organized with a keen attention to detail, and I'm sure you'll all find her delightful.

If you haven't already met Sarah, she pops into ViV events on occasion to meet people and introduce herself. Her email address is <u>corrales.viv@gmail.com</u>.

### **ViV's Discovery Series**

In response to member feedback, ViV has launched a new program series. Designed to provide ongoing training for our volunteers, ViV's quarterly Discovery Series for Volunteers will feature a training topic relevant to the work that we do. The presentations will be followed by Q & A and social time with food and beverage.

Our first program debuts on October 16, and will focus on safety topics with the Corrales Fire Chief and Commander presenting tips especially useful for our volunteer members. Interested members not currently volunteering are welcome, as are guests who may be interested in membership. For more information or to suggest a topic, please contact the membership team at membersandvolunteers@ villageinthevillage.org.

### Learn More About ViV Operations

Would you like to know:

More about ViV's budget, financial position and how your membership fees are spent?

What decisions are made at ViV Board Meetings?

How to share an idea, concern or suggestion with the ViV Board?

It's easy to do any these things either by using the ViV website or contacting the Board through the ViV Call Manager!

#### Online

If you would like to know what happened at the most recent Board meeting:

- Log onto the ViV website: www.villageinthevillage.org
- Click on "Resources"
- Click on "Document Library"
- Click on "Board Meeting Minutes"

This will bring you to the most recent Board Meeting Minutes, which include a summary of Board discussions and actions. Within the "Board Meeting Minutes" folder you will find links for the Treasurer and Committee reports which contain detailed information about ViV's financial position and the activities of the various Committees.

#### By Phone or Email

If you prefer not to use the website, just telephone the Call Manager at 505-274-6206 or email the Call Manager at <u>CallManagers@VillageintheVillage.org</u> to request a copy of any of the above reports.

The Board welcomes hearing about ideas, concerns and suggestions from ViV Members. If you have something you would like to share with the Board, just contact the Call Manager by phone or email and a Board Member will contact you.

### ViV Hosted Trunk Show as Fund Raiser: Win Win Win!

Collected treasures, fun accent items, and great company were enjoyed by all at the Bobbie Weinbaum's Selected Treasures Trunk Show on September 8. This very special event featured a number of jewelry pieces by noted American Indian craftsman, beautiful rugs from Navajo and Zapotec weavers, and a wide array of other eclectic pieces that Bobbie has collected over the years. The trunk show was held at Charlene Spiegel's Corazon de Corrales Bed and Breakfast.

This fundraiser was truly a win, win, win.

- Bobbie wins by having the chance to sell some of her valued treasures to friends and neighbors who will enjoy them as she has through the years;
- Friends and neighbors win by having the chance to purchase these treasures at well below appraised values;
- ViV wins from the generous donation of a portion of the proceeds made by Bobbie.

#### Thank you so very much, Bobbie.

In addition to that, everyone enjoyed a wonderful time visiting with Bobbie and each other and enjoying a beautiful late summer day in the heart of Corrales.



### Discovery Series: Free Osher Party for All!

ViV's Discovery Series includes our collaboration with UNM's Osher program that brings interesting adult education classes to our doorstep in Corrales. As a kickoff to the 2019 curriculum, Osher is offering us a brief overview of their program. All interested ViV members will receive a free Osher membership—classes have a nominal fee.

All this happens at our Free Osher party on November 8th at Carol Levy's house from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. You're welcome to attend whether you have an interest in Osher or not. We'll have wine, food, and each other an unbeatable mix. Details will be coming out very soon via e-mail.

Starting early next year, we'll also begin having Discovery Series presentations three or four times a year on topics such as New Mexico Archeology, Documentary Movies, Political issues, and more. Stay tuned to this space for more information.

#### **Upcoming Events**

October 16 —	Volunteer Training
October 23 —	Member Quiet Lunch @ The Santa Ana Cafe at Tamaya (RSVP required)
October 24 —	Member Luncheon @ Indigo Crow (RSVP required)

Every Friday — Coffee Hour @ Corrales Bistro Pub

As always, Full ViV Members may request a ride to any of these events by calling (505) 274-6206.

Please Welcome Our New Members! Chuck Huff Judi Bowman

## Home Alone: The Artful Creation of a New Life

Did you know today 1 in every 4 persons in the United States lives alone? This includes males and females of all ages. Of this number, 40% of women over the age of 65 years live alone. *Home Alone: The Artful Creation of a New Life*, is a monthly presentation at Corrales Senior Center with group discussion that provides helpful information to persons living alone. The meetings take place on the last Tuesday of each month at 1:00 and all ViV members are invited to attend. Past meetings have included presentations on home security, home safety, meals and food preparation, and grief management. Call Maxine Benson at (505) 897-3818 with any questions.

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