



North Oakland Village

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President's Letter

One of the very great pleasures of being retired is the opportunity for occasional travel. I write to you today from Edinburgh, Scotland where I am snuggled away in an Airbnb apartment with lots of walking and sightseeing in store for the day tomorrow.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Presentation: The Paper Chase

4th of July at Pardee House

Monthly Potluck

5:00–7:00 PM

Sunday

June 25



NOV Headquarters
First Congregational
Church
27th at Harrison

Members:
Need a ride? Call

510/547-8500

We will see the castle and attend a concert at noon then walk the Royal Mile in the very heart of the old part of this charming city.

After going off to the north in search of the Loch Ness Monster, we will drive and then take the ferry to the island of Iona, a beautiful and sacred place for many centuries.

I look forward to seeing you all once again after landing back at home in Oakland on June 5. The month of June promises to be a beautiful and busy month at North Oakland Village, so please look through this newsletter carefully and mark dates in your calendars. Looking ahead, save September 17 for our fabulous Intergenerational Picnic!

– Susan Pierpoint
President



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NOV Office Closure for the Fourth of July!



The North Oakland Village Office will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4**, in honor of Independence Day.

We will reopen on Wednesday, July 5.

Members, since there will be fewer drivers than usual, please get requests for rides Thursday, June 29 through Friday, July 7 into the office no later than Monday, June 26.

Member Profile: Sandra Davidson

Sandra came to our interview excited about a program she attended the night before. She and Bob had gone to a presentation by Bill Moyers, where he told the audience that seniors have so much to offer the world. She came away with the energy to be re-engaged and give back to the community.



Sandra's childhood family was multi-generation and tightly knit, from a small community in the Midwest. But that all changed when she was sixteen. Her father received a promotion that brought her immediate family to Modesto. Facing a new community and a new school where many of the students had known each other most of their lives, Sandra became painfully aware of the importance of feeling a part of something larger than oneself.

Coming to UC Berkeley, she found herself amid a multitude of others feeling the need for community and began to learn how she could make some of that community happen for herself. Marriage, after graduation, to Bob who she met at Cal, provided a partner to help her create a new place in the world for herself.

Finding St. John's Episcopal church and becoming an active member has contributed a great deal to her feeling at home in Oakland. She contributed to the idea to start a senior group there, which did not flourish.

It was while the idea was languishing that she heard about a group in the Piedmont Avenue area looking to start a Village. Meeting with Judith Coates and Ruby Long, arranged by Sandra in the fall of 2009, led to her joining forces with the group that was organizing what eventually became North Oakland Village. Sandra was the second president of NOV, and has been an energetic and influential member since its inception.

Sandra's church, St. John's, recently announced they will be sponsoring some refugees from Syria, and Sandra expects to be involved with the new families. For one thing, she intends to draw on her experience as a teacher of English as a Second Language to train others who can tutor those immigrants without English skills. This is another way she can implement the belief that seniors can be engaged and give back to their community. She'll no doubt think of other ways as well. Watch this space for updates.

– Ruby Long

First meeting of the North Oakland Village Social Justice Forum

Members & volunteers,
please join us!

Thursday, June 8
2:00 PM



At last!!!! The new Social Justice Forum is here!

In this new group we will address important matters of social justice in a way that can include everyone. Please join us at this first meeting, where we will talk about how we can find real things to accomplish that would make the world a better place. Bringing the idea home, what would make Oakland a better city for Seniors? How can we make a significant contribution to the people of Oakland?

To ask questions, or to let us know you are coming, contact us. Members, if you need a ride, give us a call:

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email Ruby Long: roobeedew@sbcglobal.net

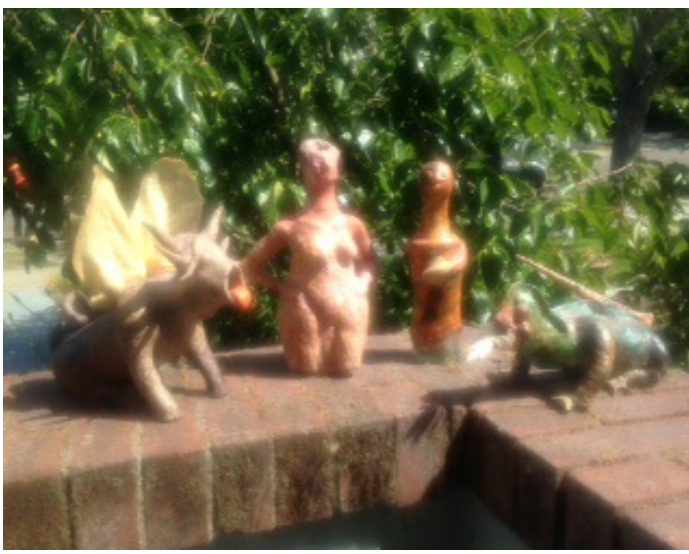
or call her at 595-9514
to find out how

NOV Art Group

Something new to try: Bottle Sculpture

North Oakland Village Art Group on
Wednesday, June 14 at 2:00 PM
Location: NOV Office.

Make June the month to try something new – take a vacation without leaving home. Experience something totally different.



In June, volunteer Renate Sadrozinski will help us learn how to do bottle sculpture. See a few examples in the photo. Bring a bottle or two (small to midsize of unusual shapes, or ordinary ones.) Modeling clay, glue and tissue paper will be provided.

So come and spend a couple of hours with us. It will be fun

and relaxing.

Everyone welcome. Bring your own bottle; other materials are supplied.

Members, if you need a ride, give us a call. *Members and volunteers free.* For the public, a donation of \$10 is requested to help cover expenses.

Special Presentation

Genealogy: The adventure of discovery

**Thursday, June 15
2:00 PM**

**Location: NOV Office
2501 Harrison Street**

**Presenter: Linda Okazahi
President of the California Genealogical Society**



Linda Ozahi will talk about the adventure of discovery that awaits when you research your family story and the wealth of resources available through the California Genealogical Society at its library in downtown Oakland, as well as many other organizations websites.

Bring your curiosity and questions.

Everyone welcome – members, volunteers and the public. There is **no charge** for this presentation.

Members, if you need a ride, please give us a call.

Hope to see you there.

Men's Monthly Gathering for Members and Volunteers

Come, walk and have coffee together.

The men's group has discovered that they all like walking, so in June that is what they are going to

do. **Members and volunteers (and yes, this is for the men only)**



meet at **David Hendsch's** house. There are many good places to walk around David's neighborhood. Rumor has it that they will probably stop and have coffee together.

So, get up and out of the house to meet with the very interesting men of North Oakland Village. Who knows? Perhaps the group can join together to attend the NOV outing at the A's baseball game the next day. *[See details below.]*

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM–2:30 PM

NOTE: *If you need contact or address information for David, please contact the NOV office, and we will be happy to help you.*

Hope to see you there.

**3rd Annual A's Game Outing
for Members and Volunteers, their friends and families**

Thursday, June 22, 12:35 PM

Senior Day at the Oakland A's

Let's get a group to cheer for our baseball team "rooted in Oakland" just like us.

For the last two years, NOV members, volunteers and their friends have headed out to the Coliseum for one of the home games, and had a great time.



Baseball may not even be your thing, but an afternoon outdoors with friends, food and drink – now that is a terrific way to spend an afternoon. So, members and volunteers, grab your friends to enjoy an afternoon at the ballpark.

Like Alta (above) wear your A's hat or, better yet, your green NOV shirt!

Let the office know right away if you are interested.

Details about getting the tickets, prices etc. will be coming very soon – so keep an eye on your e-mail.

SAVE THE DATE - September 17 The 2nd Annual Inter-generational Picnic

Last summer North Oakland Village held its first inter-generational picnic. It proved such a great way for those of us from different generations to spend some time having fun together.

The picnic was such a success that we have decided to do it again.



Instead of scheduling the event in August, we chose to have the picnic on Sunday, September 17, but we were lucky enough to get the same great beautiful location – **the Big Rock site at Lake Temescal.**



So, bring your toys (like Larry's adult tricycle shown at the left with Francois and Alfie giving Violet a ride).

Most important, please bring your family and friends. We really want this to be a time for all generations to enjoy time together.

More details to follow.

"Aging Out Loud"

We had 12 volunteers from North Oakland Village at City Hall Plaza on May 3rd for Oakland's celebration of Seniors: "Aging Out Loud." According to Board Member, **Bill Sadler** "we brought and dozen and baked a dozen." He was referring to the record-breaking heat that day.



Michael Coleman, Jo Studer, Sandra Davidson and Judith Coates take a well deserved break

– photo courtesy of Susan Pierpoint

Even with the heat, we staffed the NOV table, worked in the City Hall kitchen

putting lunches together & helped to hand out lunches. We met folks from other organizations, made a few preliminary plans for future programs & had a blast hobnobbing with City officials.

Thanks to: **Sandra & Michael Coleman, Sandra & Bob Davidson, Bill Sadler, Joanne Devereaux, Susan Pierpoint, Jo Studer, Judith Coates, Renate Sadrozinski, Joan Hall-Feinberg & Sally Hunter!**

– Susan Pierpoint

Yet another wonderful potluck

Since it was Memorial Day weekend, we thought the monthly potluck for the Village might be sparsely attended.

How wrong we were. The room was full and bursting with energy. We gave tribute to our wonderful mothers. Yet the real highlight of the evening was celebrating several birthdays.

It all started when **Michael Coleman** got out his banjo and sang us a song about mothers (and Oedepus). It was hilarious.



Michael plays for us

Then the music led us to singing happy birthday to three of our glowing members. The first round was to **Shirley Warwick** who was celebrating her 91st birthday that very day. As you can see, she not only was enjoying herself, she is a vibrant and fun-loving lady.

So, of course, we then had to sing for our beloved **Ruth Palmer**, who had recently turned 98, and is still as lovely as ever. We followed up with a round for **Alta**, who just turned 75.

David and Carolyn Hendsch set up the beautiful tables for us, with lovely vases full of colorful flowers from their garden. **Sally Hunter** and the **Colemans** helped them get everything up and going for all that tasty food everyone brought.



Shirley Warwick

Now we are all looking forward to the June potluck.

Upcoming Events

Monday Menders

Sewing and Other Handwork with Sandra Coleman & Alyce Zacco
Mondays, June 5, 12, 19 and 26
12:00-1:00 PM

Just drop by with your sewing, quilting, crocheting and other stitchery projects. Bring any mending with which you need help. We do not provide actual instruction, but do offer support, advice and good company.

Singing With Sara

Singing group for members and volunteers
1st Thursday of the Month
June 1
10:30 AM-11:30 AM
For Members and Volunteers

Gather together to enjoy a morning of singing.

Members and volunteers, if you are interested, contact the front office.



Handability Group

Knitting and Crocheting in Good Company & for a Good Cause



2nd Monday of the Month
June 12
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
For Members and Volunteers

Supplies, instruction and support will be provided by the Handability leaders, *free of charge*.

Member Salon

Member Salon
Contact: NOV Office
Monday, June 19
3:00-5:00 PM

A group of eight people who get together *at a member's home* to discuss interesting topics and enjoy one another's company. Group size is limited, so you must register with the office in advance.

June topic; Time to Transition? (Yes, that was supposed to be last month's topic, but we got sidetracked.)

If you have come to a salon or two and enjoyed it, please let the front office know, and we will help to get a second group started. *The salons are for members only. All levels of members are welcome.*

Time to Talk about NOV

Led by NOV Ambassadors

Contact: NOV Office
Friday, June 16
10:30-11:30 AM
North Oakland Village Office



This is a monthly informational session to introduce people to the Village concept, and North Oakland Village in particular. It's an opportunity to get all of your questions answered. Join us, and bring potential members or volunteers. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

Monthly Bridge Game - New Players Welcome

Monthly Bridge Game
Organized by Norma Harrison
Third Friday of the Month

Friday, June 16
2:00 PM

Members and volunteers, are you looking for an entertaining way to socialize? Join our bridge game. You do not have to be an experienced player, but you do need to know the basics. New players welcome. Held at a member's home.

Call Norma at 510/547-7530 for location of this month's game.

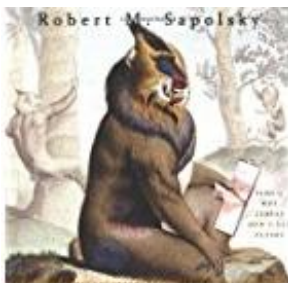
Non-Fiction Book Group

Non-Fiction Book Group
Contact: NOV Office
Last Friday of the Month
Friday, June 30
2:00-4:00 PM
North Oakland Village Office

Members and Volunteers, *the group meets at the Village office.*

Since we are heading into summer we are trying something new in June. Instead of our usual non-fiction book we are extending our definition of non-fiction to try a semi-autobiographical novel.

Carmella Ray will lead us in a discussion of ***The Door*** by Magda Szabo.



**A PRIMATE'S
MEMOIR**
A Neotropicalist's Illustrated Life among the Howlers

Then in July we return to our standard non-fiction genre with ***A Primate's Memoir*** by Robert Sapolsky. **Linda Joslin** will lead this discussion.

Members and volunteers, we would be happy to have you join us. You can come, give us a try and see how you like it.

The discussions are lively, and you can help select what we read next.

Coming Attractions

**Watch your email for information about upcoming
events**

Summer at the Village has lots of treats, such as:

- an outing to the Oakland Zoo in July or August,
- a series of small group docent tours of the gold miner era at the Oakland museum,
- special potlucks.

*More programs will be announced in the future.
Keep an eye on your e-mails for more details.*

Community Events

Community Event for June



June 15th @ 3:30pm (Thursday)

Conversations on The Lake

The Paper Chase

By Dana Arkinzadeh



Overwhelmed by paper? Never quite sure what you really need to keep and for how long? Get the answers you need to feel at peace with paper from local professional organizer Dana Arkinzadeh of DMA Organizing. She'll explain how to decide what to keep, what to toss and how to set up systems to keep things organized. For more information, please go to [Public Events](#).

Community Event for July 4



Pardee House

FOURTH OF JULY FUN The Pardee Patriotic Picnic

Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Noon until 3:30 PM

Enter through the Pardee carriage house
on 13th Street

Admission includes: Barbequed burgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, cold drinks and other tasty treats.

Food, Entertainment, and Fun (including croquet & badminton).

Music by Ann Gibson and Frederick Hodges

Adults, – \$15

Children 5-11 – \$5 (Under 5 free)

for \$5 more you can tour the house.

(cash or check only; sorry no credit cards)



For more information and advance reservations 207-8498 or leave a message at (510) 444-2187.

Hosted by the Pardee Home Museum. All proceeds benefit preservation of historic house and gardens.

<http://pardeehome.org/>