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## North Oakland Village

## Monthly Newsletter



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### President's Letter

In my career, I had the task of working on a strategic plan and watched it get put on a shelf to gather dust. North Oakland Village doesn't do it that way. We had an excellent five-year plan that we consulted often and did our best to live up to; now we have a slick but very ambitious plan for just one year and it's a little over one page long!

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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## Monthly Potluck

5:00–7:00 PM

Sunday, October 29  
Halloween potluck

NOV Headquarters  
First Congregational Church  
27th at Harrison

Members:  
Need a ride? Call

510/547-8500

This plan gets right to the point.

We will have had our full membership meeting to review the plan together by the time you read this, and its start date of Oct. 1st is now in effect! As we've discussed candidly with all our members and volunteers, NOV is devoting its energy for this "Coming of Age" year to financial sustainability for now and for the future.

We are counting on support and participation by all the Village's members, volunteers and friends. Please read the short plan and begin to think about ways in which you can participate and offer your expertise and time to help us accomplish the objectives and the action plan for this year.

Let us join together to assure our Village is a wonderful, ongoing legacy for ourselves and for future elders in the City of Oakland!

– Susan Pierpoint

## Monthly Profile: Charles Tynes



Charles doesn't remember a time that he didn't know how to swim.

Born on Acklins, a remote island in the Bahama chain of Caribbean islands, he learned to sail when he was five or six.

His mother and father separated early in his life and his mother, a nurse, moved to the capital city, Nassau, for work. Charles grew up being guided and nurtured by his

Charles Tynes with his wife Lin      grandmother, aunts and uncles. The mail boat came once a week, also bringing newspapers and other essentials. School was a one-room building ten miles from his home. Sunday evenings, children from his settlement were taken by boat to stay with families where the school was. They returned home on Friday. By the time he was eight years old he rode a horse to school, and when older, walked.

When Charles was sixteen he graduated from high school and within a year headed for the big city, Nassau. Soon after arriving, he was offered a job as caddy at a golf club. Having never played golf or been on a golf course before, he nevertheless said yes and went to work. His caddy career lasted one day. But the club offered him a regular job as house boy and he settled into life in Nassau. It was there that he became inspired to pursue a career in the hospitality industry. Realizing he would have to study abroad to achieve that goal, he enrolled in the police academy. This provided him a place to live and an income. Three years later he left for college in Florida where he could study restaurant and hotel management.

His first day in Miami he was shocked when someone yelled at him for using the white water fountain. It was his first experience with racism. He found, too, that the beaches were segregated, with signs indicating which was for Blacks and which for Whites.

When he, as best man, showed up for the rehearsal of a white friend's wedding, the minister was aghast and said that he couldn't be included. It took his friend's threat that he would take the wedding to another church to make the minister change his mind. And when he got a job in a hotel he was told there'd be no front desk work for him. He would work out of sight of the guests. The college he attended maintained two campuses, one for Black students and one for White students and was not integrated until 1964. While in college he continued to work part-time and got a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

A classmate from San Francisco encouraged him to go to California. On his fifth day in San Francisco, he got a job as Banquet Steward at the Fairmont Hotel. Among his duties was overseeing kosher dinnerware.

Charles, who never lacked for girlfriends, had vowed that he would never marry, but when he met Lin, he began to reconsider that decision and they became a couple. They married before they returned to the Bahamas in 1967. Their first son was born in Nassau. A second son was born in Berkeley.

By that time, Charles was maître d' at the Canlis Restaurant in the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. He stayed there till opening his own business as a wine and spirits consultant, from which he retired in

2015. A long way from that Bahama town where he grew up.

– Ruby Long

## Art Group - Join us for the fun!

After a summer break the art group returned in September and Judith Coates shared with us the creative photo album she put together of her trip with her granddaughter, Noura, this summer in Paris.



A sampling of Judith Coates' lively and beautiful travel photo album

We gave the technique a try, though we only did a page and not an entire book. Judith's book was so inspiring that I'm going to do one for my next trip.

Come to the next art group and enjoy another relaxing and enjoyable day with us. This month the theme will be: Recycling our old holiday cards.

This is an invitation for everyone to bring old holiday cards that they love and don't want to part with, but are willing to transform into another card for a special person. Glue, scissors, blank cards plus decorative pieces to go on the cards will be provided.

**Wednesday, October 11 at 2:00 PM in the NOV Office.**

Members and volunteers free. The public is welcome. The public is asked for a donation of \$10 to help cover expenses.

## Special Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, October 11  
2:00–4:00 PM  
North Oakland Village Office



We'll gather to get acquainted with the special one-year strategic plan we're calling "North Oakland Village Comes of Age" so we can all move forward together to realize the intentions and goals for our Village in the coming year – October 1, 2017–September 30, 2018. We hope you will also share your thoughts and ideas.

We are hoping that as many volunteers as possible will join us.

## Social Action Forum

Members & volunteers, please join us!

Friday, October 13 – 2:00 PM  
at the NOV office



The Social Action Forum now has a regular day and meeting time! This will make it much easier for you to plan ahead. The new regular time is the *2nd Friday of each month at 2:00 PM* here in the NOV office. So members and volunteers, put this on your calendars and plan to be there.

We were able to consolidate ideas into a manageable list from which the group can make some final decisions on areas on which we wish to focus. If you are on the forum mailing list, you will receive the notes on decisions made before the next meeting.

Hope to see you there.

## Special Presentation:

### The FHA's New Reverse Mortgage

The FHA's new and improved reverse mortgage – the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) – was recently touted by Forbes as the potential "Saving Grace for American Retirees."

... Join us at North Oakland Village to learn why

Thursday, October 19, 2:00–3:30 PM  
2501 Harrison St. #15, Oakland

We will review what Jane Bryant Quinn and other top Retirement Income Professors and Researchers say about Incorporating Housing Wealth to Increase Cash Flow.

- Who qualifies for this flexible and HUD-insured financial tool?
- How much tax-free income am I eligible to receive?
- How can a HECM help me downsize or right-size to stay near family?
- How can I increase cash flow throughout retirement?

Presenter: Amanda Keith, CPA, MLO



Amanda is a trusted resource for financial professionals, realtors, and retirees, and has provided industry updates and training to various fiduciary groups, financial advisor teams, and other realtor associations throughout the country. She has also spoken as a guest lecturer to Merritt College's Real Estate Finance class.

She helps finance professionals and consumers to gain a deep understanding of HUD's program guidelines and brainstorm ways to use this flexible planning tool to serve the Boomers and Beyond.

There is no charge for this presentation. The public is welcome.  
Members, if you need a ride, please give us a call

To RSVP Contact: North Oakland Village: (510) 547-8500 or  
[info@northoaklandvillage.org](mailto:info@northoaklandvillage.org)

Monthly opportunity to help NOV in beautifying Oakland

Members and volunteers meet at the North Oakland Village office at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 28, to join us for our monthly community work day. We will finish around 12:00.



Bring gloves. Site to be announced when everyone is gathered on the 28th.

If you already have a NOV shirt, wear it. Members and volunteers who come to help can get a shirt at the office on the work day.

Questions? Call Ruby or the NOV office.



Patte Bishop & Judy Sorey  
model NOV shirts at picnic

## Singing with Sara

Singing with Sara has returned, but *will not be meeting in October*. The next gathering will be Thursday, November 2, 10:30–11:30 AM.

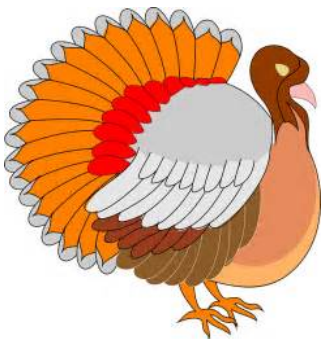
This group will also be meeting on Thursday, December 7. We hope that everyone will all be there and ready to sing along.



Sitting: **Sandra Coleman & Renate Sadrozinski**. Standing:  
**Michael Coleman, Ruby Long & Sara Evinger**  
- photo, courtesy of **Joe Evinger**

If you do not belong to the singing group and are a member or volunteer, let us know, and we will hook you up with Sara. Who wouldn't want to sing with this lively group?

## Sharing a Thanksgiving Meal



## Members/Volunteers

Volunteer Joan Hall–Feinberg and her husband Abe will be hosting a small Thanksgiving gathering at their home for members and volunteers who would like to share a Thanksgiving meal together. There will be room for 9 or 10 people.

If you are a member or volunteer who wishes to participate (and bring food), notify the front office. Details will follow.

## 2nd Annual Inter-generational Picnic Wins Again!

Once again North Oakland Village brought together Villagers, their children, and grandchildren for an afternoon just to enjoy each other's company.

Devi Jameson came and brought 2 of her 3 grandchildren. Zarine climbed rocks and had one of those "I'm 5 & 1/2, well, I'm 5 years and 8 months" type of discussions with Jo Studer's daughter Violet. Milo, Devi's grandson was smart enough to greet those of us he met for the first time with a hug. We thought that was a good start to the day.



Devi Jameson with grandchildren Zarine and Milo

John Hayes, a longtime volunteer who had been occupied with finding new housing came to the picnic with his cousin David. It was wonderful to have him back with us for an afternoon, and we hope to see a lot more of him.



John Hayes & Judith Coates

There was a group picture, but some of the children and the dog managed to slip out on us. There is not much doubt we will want to do this again next year. Who can pass up a day in the out-of-doors with no



agenda but to enjoy time with family and friends?



## Upcoming Events

### Monday Menders

**Sewing and Other Handwork with Alyce Zacco & friends**  
**Mondays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**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.

### Handability Group



**Knitting and Crocheting in Good Company & for a Good Cause**  
**2nd Monday of the Month**  
**October 9**  
**10:30 AM-12:00 PM**  
**For Members and Volunteers**

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

To the left, a sample of the wonderful knitted hats and sweaters for donation to hospitals that this group produces.

## Member Salon

**Member Salon**  
**Contact: NOV Office**  
**Monday, October 16**  
**2:30-4:30 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.

*Topic: To be announced before the meeting.*

*The salons are for members only. All levels of members are welcome.*

## Time to Talk about NOV

**Led by NOV Ambassadors**  
**Contact: NOV Office**  
**3rd Friday of every month: October 20**  
**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, October 20**  
**1:30 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

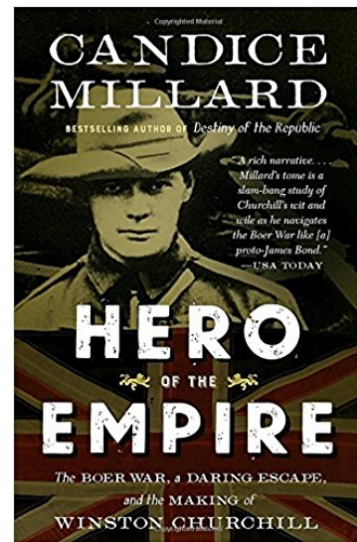
**Non-Fiction Book Group**  
**Contact: NOV Office**  
**Last Friday of the Month**

**Friday, October 27**  
**2:00-4:00 PM**  
**North Oakland Village Office**

Members, *the group meets at the Village office. We would be happy to have you join us.*

The book for July is: *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Mallard. Carmella Roy will lead this discussion.

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



## Men's Group

**Men's Group**  
**October Meeting date and activity to be determined.**



Members & Volunteers, if you are interested in joining the group, please contact the front office. October's activity and date is pending

due to changes in the leader's schedule. An e-mail will be sent soon to all members and volunteers with a date and time for October..

Keep an eye on your e-mails for information If you would like to join the men's group, please contact the NOV office.

## Coming Attractions

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Watch your email for information about upcoming events  
Autumn in the Village has lots of treats, such as:

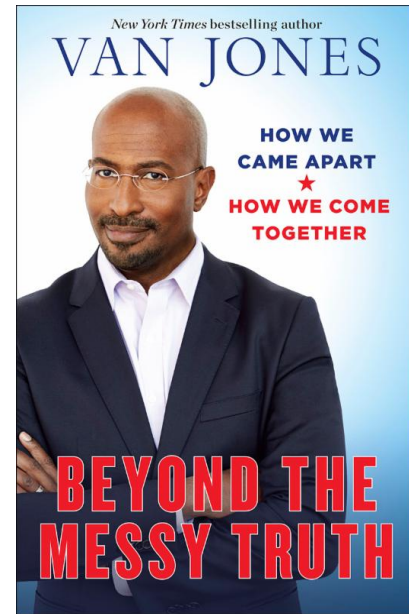
- More interesting presentations in the works
- Holiday celebration December 17 – save the date

## Community Events

## Community Event for October

KPFA Radio 94.1 FM presents VAN JONES  
Beyond the Messy Truth, How We Came Apart, How  
We Come Together  
Hosted by David Talbot

Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 PM 2017  
First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501  
Harrison Street, Oakland  
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS  
advance tickets: \$15: [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) T:  
800-838-3006 or Marcus Books, Pegasus Books (3  
sites), Moes, Walden Pond Bookstore, East Bay  
Bookstore, Mrs. Dalloways \$20 door, KPFA benefit  
[kpfa.org/events](http://kpfa.org/events)



We should all be listening to Van Jones His vision for American politics calls forward the best of who we are, so that we can engage with humanity and solve real problems together. *Ai-jen Poo, director, National Domestic Workers Alliance*

Van Jones is a CNN political contributor and host of the recurring CNN primetime special The Messy Truth with Van Jones. A graduate of the University of Tennessee and Yale Law School, he was a special adviser to the Obama White House and is the author of two New York Times bestsellers. Jones founded the social justice accelerator the Dream Corps and has led numerous social and environmental justice enterprises, including the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Color of Change, and Green For All. He has earned many honors, including the World Economic Forums Young Global Leader designation and a Web by Special Achievement Award, and he has been named one of Rolling Stones 12 Leaders Who Get Things Done, and Times 100 Most Influential People in the World.

David Talbot is an American progressive journalist, author and media executive. He is the founder, former CEO and editor-in-chief of one of the first web magazines, Salon, which he founded in 1995, Talbot has worked as a senior editor for Mother Jones magazine and a features editor for The San Francisco Examiner, and has written for Time magazine, The New Yorker, Rolling Stone, and other publications.

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