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MARIN VILLAGES



SAN RAFAEL VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2020

HOME ALONE AT THE HOLIDAYS?

San Rafael Village is forming a new group for the holidays. Are you home alone, have no plans, and would welcome getting together with other villagers? Donnalee Wells has offered to coordinate an early restaurant dinner at 2pm, and for those who wish, dinner will be followed by a movie. Interested? If you would like to attend one of these events, contact Donnalee at ibrakeforestatesales@comcast.net or phone/text at (415) 302-9244. The next event will be a Valentine's Day celebration on February 14. See below for details.

LOCAL VILLAGE EVENTS (open to all, unless noted)

If you would like to participate in any of the activities in this newsletter and need transportation, please call the office at [415-457-4633](tel:415-457-4633) to arrange a ride.

Book Chat

Monday, February 3, 2:00 – 4:00pm
At the home of Allison Fuller

Book Chat is a gathering to chat about books we have read, enjoyed (or not), with comments and discussion. We do not all read the same book and it is not necessary to have read anything recently. Let us know what you are reading! The meeting will be in Santa Venetia. This group is open to members, volunteers, and friends. We look forward to your company. Please RSVP to Val at valerie.stilson@sbcglobal.net or call (415) 479-1439.

First Wednesday Coffee

Wednesday, February 5, 2:00 – 4:00pm
91 Windstone Drive, San Rafael

This gathering is always fun and lively. Join friends from San Rafael Village and bring a friend or neighbor. This month's hostess is Joan Hartwell at 91 Windstone Drive in Marinwood. Questions? Contact Joy Bloom at joy@ejbloom.com or (415) 717-0173.

Dealing with Loss

Thursday February 6, 2:00pm

Dealing with Loss is a support group that comes together once a month. **There is one slot available for a new participant.** This is an intimate exchange of like-spirited people reading for deep personal sharing, support, and learning new tools. It will be facilitated by Jackie Hewitt, who brings more than two decades of grief support to the group. It is a forum for sharing, as well as supporting and encouraging one another as we move through some of life's greatest challenges. This group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Contact Jackie Hewitt at jackiejoyous@gmail.com or (707) 849-9786 to answer any questions, and take your place among its members.

Mah Jong

Thursday, February 6, 2:00pm
Thursday, February 20, 2:00pm
823 Butternut Drive, San Rafael

On the first and third Thursdays of the month, Villagers interested in learning/playing Mah Jong are encouraged to sign up and purchase your cards before you attend. There is an experienced teacher at each event to help those that are new to the game. Contact Gail Gifford at (415) 456-9466 for more information and to purchase your cards.

Movie Group

Monday, February 10, approx. 4:00pm

Usually at Century Regency on Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael

We meet for late-afternoon movie and dinner. On the Thursday before the second Monday of each month (our monthly movie date), those Villagers on the movie-goers list will receive notice of which movie has been selected. If interested in becoming part of this group and receiving monthly notices, contact Joan Hartwell at joanhw@comcast.net or (415) 479-9101.

Membership/Volunteer Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 1:00pm

Marin Villages office, 4340 Redwood Highway, Suite F-142, San Rafael

Help us recruit new members and volunteers and keep the ones we have. Contact Jane Solomons at (415) 492-8041 or cartersolo@comcast.net for more information.

Not Home Alone: Valentine's Day Celebration

Friday, February 14, 2:00pm

San Rafael Joe's

931 4th Street, San Rafael

We will meet for an early dinner at 2pm, followed by a movie, for those who wish. Parking on 4th Street or the Lootens parking garage. Please RSVP to Donnalee Wells at ibrakeforestatesales@comcast.net or call (415) 302-9244.

Read It Out Loud

Wednesday, February 19, 2:00pm

At the home of Val Stilson

Have you read a memorable poem, old letter, journal entry or memoir, maybe a letter to the editor or a special paragraph or two from a novel or biography, or even something you've written yourself? At this gathering, we read to one another and share our thoughts. We will meet at the home of Val Stilson. Please RSVP to Val at Valerie.stilson@sbcglobal.net or (415) 479-1439.

Happy Hour

Thursday, February 20, 4:00 – 6:00pm
The Club Restaurant, McInnis Park Golf Center
350 Smith Ranch Rd., San Rafael

It is always a happy time at a San Rafael Village Happy Hour. Bring a friend to meet your Village friends. RSVP: info@marinvillages.org or (415) 457-4633.

Steering Committee

Friday, February 21, 1:30pm
Marin Villages office, 4340 Redwood Highway, Suite F-142, San Rafael

Are you interested in helping guide and further develop San Rafael Village? Do you have organizational and administrative skill you can contribute to the Steering Committee? If so, please contact Sparkie Spaeth at oksparkie@aol.com or (415) 250-3172.

Lunch Out

Tuesday, February 25, noon
State Room Brewery/Kitchen
1132 4th Street, San Rafael

Please bring cash to pay for your lunch; in return they will give us individual checks. Please RSVP to Val Stilson at valerie.stilson@sbcglobal.net, or (415) 479-1439

Great Books Club

Wednesday, February 26, 12:30 – 2:30pm
At the home of Ginni Saunders

Great Books Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We read a 50 – 75 page essay, story, or poem drawn from both historic and contemporary classics. Our source is Conversations 2, published by the Great Books Foundation. If you have questions, please email Ginni Saunders at ginnisaunders@gmail.com.

Villages Book Club

Thursday, February 27, 12:30pm
Location varies by month

Our book club is looking for new members. If you would consider joining us this month, you don't have to read the first book, just come meet us and see what a lovely group of readers we are and enjoy the lively discussion. All members and volunteers are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Karen at (714) 403-3345.

Memoir Writing Group

Friday, February 28, 2:00pm
Susan Mines facilitates our Memoir Writing Group which meets on the last Friday of the month. This group has been meeting for over 2 years and is currently full (no room at the table). Contact Susan at souzele@comcast.net or (415) 479-1351 for more information or to be placed on a waiting list.

Program Committee

Cancelled this month

Interested in helping to plan activities and social events for San Rafael Village? Consider joining the Program Committee. Contact Carole Sherick at csherick@gmail.com or (415) 479-0930.

MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS

Ageing in Marin Series: Safety in Numbers, hosted by Ross Valley and Twin Cities Villages

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Drakes Landing Community Room next to Jason's in Greenbrae

Panels on Personal Safety in Fire, Safety through the Wildfire Ballot Measure, and Safety in Being Counted in the Census! Should be a great program, plus there will be a “raffle” for safety gear. Should be great information and great fun! RSVP to the office at (415) 457-4633 to reserve your seat! Be sure to let the office know if you need a ride.

Village Men’s Group

Wednesdays, February 5 & 19, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Sweetwater Music Café, Mill Valley

This is an informal gathering with no particular agenda beyond the company of friends. We encourage you, whether a volunteer or member, to come join us at the Sweetwater. To get more information or to be put on the reminder list for upcoming meetings contact Alan Hayakawa (alan.hayakawa@gmail.com or (415) 384-8998). The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Documentary – No Time to Waste: The Urgent Message of Betty Reid Soskin

Sunday, February 2 at 4:00pm
The Rafael Theater, 1118 4th Street, San Rafael

A few years ago, a group of San Rafael Villagers visited the Rosie the Riveter WWII/Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, which honors the sacrifices of American civilians who built the ships essential to the war effort. These American women, minorities, and men worked toward a common goal in a way that has seldom been equaled since those perilous times.

While at the museum, we had the good fortune to meet Betty Reid Soskin, the 98-year old park ranger who played a role in that effort. The stories she shared of her life and work in those days are now recorded in this dramatic documentary film.

The filmmakers will be present to discuss the making of the film and answer questions from the audience. To order tickets: rafaelfilm@calfilm.org or call (415) 454-1222.

Celebration Honoring Nonagenarians and Centenarians

Sunday, February 9, 3:00 – 4:30pm

San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street, San Rafael

Age-Friendly San Rafael invites you to this celebration. RSVP before January 31st to (415) 485-3333, Mon – Fri, 9:00 – 4:00.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you know someone who could use our services, is interested in volunteering, or would like to donate to an organization serving older adults in Marin, please have them call the office at (415) 457-4633, or visit our website (www.marinvillages.org) for application forms and online donations.

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