
Sausalito Village February 2020 Newsletter

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It's hard to believe we're already in the second month of 2020! Happy Valentine's Day to all and hope to see you at some of the wonderful events around town this month.



SV TED Talks Discussion Group Forming

As most of you probably know, TED talks are videos created from presentations by expert speakers on any of a myriad of topics – education, business, science, tech, creativity, etc. The talks are limited to 18 minutes.

TED Talks is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to spread great ideas, and its videos are widely used as the basis for group discussions. There are currently more than 3300 TED Talk videos available on line (see ted.com/talks).

If you would like to participate in a small group that is forming to organize and run a monthly TED Talk Discussion Program for Sausalito Village members and friends, please contact Betsy Stroman. at betsystroman@gmail.com or 415-331-1464.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes



It is time to prepare and submit tax forms for 2019,

AARP provides free tax preparation with no requirement to belong to AARP nor any age limit. Complicated returns are beyond this service but most people can get their filing done electronically by AARP. To use the service go to one of the sites in Marin and register. Your return will be prepared and electronically filed. You will get a printed copy of your return. AARP keeps no files or records of your information. It is best to get there early since the sites can get busy. Bring a photo I.D. with you.

The closest location for Sausalito Village members is:

MILL VALLEY 415-383-1370
Mill Valley Community Center
[180 Camino Alto](#)
Tuesdays 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursdays 8:30am – 12:30 pm
Last Day, Tuesday, April 14th

Here are some preliminary steps before your visit to a Tax Preparer:

- **Have all your tax documents in hand. It is good to wait until March to insure all your docs are mailed, or, go online and download them. Brokerage statements are sometimes mailed to meet the deadline but then a “corrected” copy is mailed with changes. If you file before the latest document you will have to file an Amended**

return. Also, bring your 2018 Federal return with you to the meeting.

- If you have high medical costs, mortgage interest, property taxes, or significant charity donations you may be able to itemize these deductions. Write down all expenses for medical costs, and charity donations, Long Term insurance premiums, etc. to help the Preparer determine if you can itemize.
- Bring a check to the meeting so you can have any refund put in your bank account using the routing and account numbers on the check. You can pay this way also or wait and mail a check if you owe.
- Check with your Preparer to determine if you need to make estimated tax payments for 2020.

If you purchase online and are not charged State sales tax you are obligated to pay the amount due when you file your State return. This is called a Use tax and this year the State is emphasizing this revenue source.

Last year the newly enacted tax law took effect. It eliminates the dependency deductions in exchange for raising the Standard Deduction to 12,000 for Single (!3,600 over 65)and 24,000 for Married filers(25,300 over 65). It also eliminates a number of deductible items so you should expect some surprises.

It is a good practice to file a Federal return even when your income does not obligate you to pay any tax as a way to help prevent identity theft when someone else files a return using your SS number without your knowledge.

It is always good to remind ourselves that taxes pay for the many benefits of government services we receive even though the tax system is frustrating to deal with.

For additional information, visit the AARP [website](#) .

Member Reading Recommendations



Older People Need Geriatricians. Where Will They Come From

As the nation's older population surges, the gap between need and supply has steadily widened. This is not only true for geriatric specialists. Financial compensation for geriatric specialists is lower than in other branches of medicine and geriatrics offers few, if any, prospects for medical heroics. So while leaders in geriatrics continue to work to bolster their numbers, they are also adopting other strategies, calling for geriatricians to help train whole institutions in the specifics of care for older people.

How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide



On the occasion of the publication of a revised version of her book *How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide*, Jane Bryant Quinn, noted writer on matters of personal finances, reveals (1) how her thinking has changed and 2) how she and her husband planned for their own retirement.

Both of these reading recommendations provided by Betsy Stroman.

SAVE THE DATE

Sausalito Village Book Club
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
New Location and Time!
Sausalito Books by the Bay
1:15-2:45



We have a new place to meet-Sausalito Books by the Bay at 100 Bay Street! Thanks to owner, for hosting us at the bookstore. The bookstore will give book club members a 10% discount on our book selections. Our first meeting in the new location will be on **Tuesday, February** thereafter we will meet on the third Tuesday of the month. We'll meet in the back of the store where we will provide complimentary Equator coffee from Firehouse Café and have parking spaces to store your car. Or you can use CARSS.

Our selection for February is *That Winter in Venice* by local author Ciji Ware, who will be meeting. The novel takes place in New Orleans and Venice, where the acqua alta threat meets carnival celebrations. Publisher's Weekly says "Ware once again proves she can weave a tale that is both entertaining and harmonious whole." The Burton Report says "A mesmerizing romance, love, and honor...Ciji Ware has written an unforgettable tale." Questions- contact at colettepratt@sbcglobal.net or 331-0801.



Smitty's Lunch About Town

DON'T MISS OUT!

It's the Annual Lunch About Town at Smitty's
with

Chef Joey preparing lunch

Thanks to owners Carol Keller (one of our devoted CARSS drivers), her husband Chuck the master bartender, Smitty's is opening up their doors to Sausalito Village and CARSS volunteers and friends for another Lunch About Town.

Last year we had nearly 50 attendees - the more the merrier!

Chef Joey is on board to create a lunch for the occasion.

\$15 for lunch, dessert and one drink. Pay and RSVP by clicking [here](#).

Frank Sinatra will be playing on the jukebox.

CARSS rides will be available door to door in Sausalito so reserve ahead at 415-944-54

We look forward to seeing you!!



Plan and Prepare

In January, Sausalito Village provided you with tips on what you would need for a Grab "

something you could put together in a half an hour. This month, we're focusing on what minutes to be ready in the event you have to leave your house during a disaster.

If you have challenges pulling together all the suggested materials, reach out to the Villa have a volunteer come by to help you with the following lists.

Pull out a piece of paper and begin working on organizing the following information. You information along with you and make sure it is available to those who live or care for you

1. **Out of Town Contact:** Establish an out of state contact and write down their name, number(s), and social media handles. Everyone in your house should have the
2. **Meetup Place:** Decide upon a place in the community and/or region where you can meet your neighbors and friends.
3. **Personal Information:** Write down your name, address, social security number, and any medical issues you deal with.
4. **Medical Information:** Write down the names of your doctors, medications, and any other medical information.
5. **Insurance Information:** Policy numbers and names on insurance policies: home, automobile, health.



Happy February Birthdays!

Members celebrating February birthdays:

Joan Arbil - Wanda Ashe - Marsha Davidson - Margaret Brindle - Claudia Brown - Barbara
Kathleen Hecker - Margaret Hutchins - Marykae Krause - Mehta Roshan - Margo Merle -
Jean Patterson - Stella Shao - Nathan Smith - Terri Thomas - Mary Tonon - Denise War
Carolyn Zaroff

VOLUNTEER



Volunteer Opportunities

If you have some extra time or a skill you'd like to put to use, The Sausalito Village community is looking for volunteers. We need folks to help with technology, companionship, simple fixes, advocacy, transportation, setting up events, and snail-mail deliveries.

If you're interested contact sausalitovillageconcierge@gmail.com.

Member Recommended Service Providers List



The Sausalito Village list of preferred service providers is a 'Members Only' perk - a place for members to find all types of businesses that have been utilized and referred by other members. If you have a need or you are looking for an auto mechanic, this is the place to start. Please consider adding a recommendation by letting us know about a service provider you prefer you would like to recommend by following the steps listed below under 'How to Make a Member Recommendation'.

How to Make a Member Recommendation

It is easy to make a recommendation for a Service Provider, just email the following information to deborahphelan@gmail.com

1. Name of Provider/Business Name
2. Type of business
3. Phone number
4. Email Address

5. Web address if applicable
 6. Location of business
 7. Name of referring member and preferably your contact information as well
 8. Referring member's comments about recommended providers
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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy.

After a few miles, he asked me I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely

Photos Around the Village



There's already a long waitlist for February's Death Cafe. Look for a new date in April.



Special thanks to Advisory Board Member Lois Prentice who recently retired from birthday card

duty.



We love pictures of our members at events and around town. Have pictures to share? [Email Us!](#)



Special Thanks to Sherrie Faber and First California Realty for printing and mailing this newsletter to Sausalito Village members who cannot receive email. If you would like to discuss your real estate needs, Sherrie can be reached at 415.331.6100

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