



A BRIDGE TO COMMUNITY PASADENA VILLAGE

Farewell to Summer on the Lawn of the Athenaeum

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On a lovely August evening 47 of our members, friends and family gathered for a buffet dinner on the lawn of Caltech's Athenaeum. *Top left:*

Sid Gally, his daughter Joan, and Sam Losh.

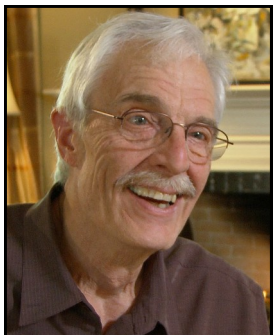
Left center: Sue Kujawa, Monica Hubbard and Peggy Sisson.

Bottom left: Friends.

Top right: John and Barbara Madden and their daughter, Leslie. Right center: Tina Hooper and Bill Jennings. Bottom right: Nancy Spear, Bruce Gillies and Steve Sisson.



The Jim Goodell Memorial Fund Created to Honor Village Founder



Jim Goodell, a Founding Member of the Pasadena Village and Co-Chair of our first organizing committee, passed away in July 2014 after a brief battle with cancer. As a way to honor Jim, and to carry on his vision, the Board of Directors has established the *Jim Goodell Memorial Fund* which will set aside money to carry out projects that will benefit the Village and its members so that they, like Jim, can live life to its fullest.

The idea of the Pasadena Village was first discussed in Nancy and Jim Goodell's living room over three years ago, and Jim played a pivotal role in bringing the idea to life. Most of Jim's professional life was spent as an architect with a special focus on city planning — he was instrumental in the revitalization of Pasadena's Old Town — and he used these skills to great advantage in helping to map the future of the Village.

Jim loved adventure. It was Jim's idea to take a group of us on a trip to the Grand Canyon via train. Twelve people, all of a certain

age and none of us knowing everyone else, boarded Amtrak at Union Station for a trip to the Canyon rim. Watching Jim shoe-horn his six-foot-plus frame into the tiny train sleeper was unforgettable. But even more memorable was the ear-to-ear grin on Jim's face throughout the weekend. All the things he loved — going places, bringing people together, doing something slightly crazy, experiencing life to its fullest — it was all there, and he was in his element.

As the Village was being formed, Jim saw himself as a giver and a doer, but as his life changed, he graciously allowed himself to be a receiver, so that those of us whose hearts were aching could have the opportunity to do just a little to show Jim and Nancy our love and regard. During his final months Jim helped his family and friends develop a greater understanding of life's essential elements, and his courage and resourcefulness will inspire and encourage us in the years ahead. Contributions to the Jim Goodell Fund can be made to the "Pasadena Village — Jim Goodell fund."

Sue Kujawa

With a Little Help from Our Friends . . .

by Rachel Reed

I'm pleased to announce several exciting developments in our growing volunteer program! During our last fiscal year (July 2013-June 2014), our program was a testament to the strength of our Village. Over **105 volunteers** provided more than **600 services** last year, donating nearly **1,000 hours**! Today, we are pleased to count **85 member and 25 non-member volunteers** in our caring community.

Our first **Quarterly Volunteer Meeting** took place on September 13. These meetings are an opportunity for our Village volunteers to get to know one another, share their experiences, and learn how important their individual contributions are to the Village as a whole. At the September meeting we unveiled our new *Volunteer Vocations*. *Volunteer Vocations* consist of five main service provider groups: Advisors & Educators, Home Helpers, Office Associates, Safe Drivers, and Tech Experts. We are constantly developing new opportunities. In the coming months we

hope to introduce a technology workshop and other activities to bring members and volunteers together. Many of our volunteers belong to more than one *Vocation*. Join us at our next **Volunteer Orientation** to learn more: **Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Village office.

Finally, please welcome our new volunteers: non-members **Estevan Chantes**, **Cheryl DeSautell**, and **Judy Whiting**, and member **Lois Russell**. Thank you for helping the Pasadena Village support older adults who want to stay active and connected.

It takes a village to age in place, and volunteers are the heart of our Village. Give us a call at 626-765-6037 or visit pasadenavillage.org/volunteer to learn more about how you can get involved.



Volunteer **Cheryl DeSautell** prepares invitations for mailing. Look at those fingers fly!

We Had a Good Time . . .

On a mellow Sunday evening in July, several Villagers got together for a potluck dinner at the home of **Barbara** and **John Madden**. We voted to eat our fried chicken and crisp salads at the large table on the patio to enjoy the view of Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean. "Sometimes you can see Catalina Island from here," commented Barbara. The Maddens' usual uninvited guests were exploring the back yard: a peahen and her chick.



Dinner at the Hitchcocks.

Then in August, it was **Ida** and **John Hitchcock's** turn to host ten Village members at their home. The menu included some

superb pasta, crunchy salads and wonderful, old-fashioned strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits. A friend of the Hitchcocks was interested in joining the Village when she retires. Sue asked us to tell the guest what we liked most about Pasadena Village. Among the answers were: the people, the great volunteers, the visits to various museums and markets, and the talks by experts on aging. It was easy to see how proud of the Village its members are.

Expressionism in Germany and France: From Van Gogh to Kandinsky sheds new light on the extraordinary response of artists in Ger-

many and France to key developments in modern art in the early 20th century. The exhibit, organized by Los Angeles County Museum of Art, was attended by Village members **Patrick Dunavan**, **Ruth Saffman**, **Nancy Spear**, **Mary Low Way**, **Sandy McConnell** and **Mary Acosta**. "I am a visual person," said Patrick, "and this exhibit, in particular, is a feast for the eyes. It was a memorable experience for us all."

Four Pasadena Village members — **Bill Jennings**, **Dave Folz**, **Mary Acosta**, and **Sandy McConnell** — took the Metro Gold Line to Little Tokyo and the Dash Line to Disney Hall for a tour of the Frank Gehry-designed building. Bill talked to the group about different aspects of the building and its surroundings over lunch in the cafeteria. Bill described the garden above the auditorium as "a highlight of the tour." Its centerpiece is a large rose sculpture made up of pieces of delft blue-and-white ceramics and is dedicated to benefactor Lillian Disney.

Mary Acosta, **Victoria Bell**, **Peter LeSourd**, **Sandy McConnell**, **Lorna Miller**, **John and Thelma Orr**, **Mary Scribner**, **Billie Spinat**, and **Maria Low Way** gathered for an outing to the Pasadena Museum of California Art for the *June Wayne: Paintings, Prints and Tapestries* exhibit.



The LACMA French fry salute.



June Wayne's La Cible tapestry, David Richard gallery

Meet the Village — Betty Butler

When Betty Butler walks into a room and flashes her megawatt smile, everybody's day gets a little better. The retired librarian grew up on Chicago's North Shore, but when her grandparents decided that they had had enough of the cold winters, Betty drove them to California in 1961. She moved herself out here the next year. "What I remember about Los Angeles was the palm trees and all the beautiful colors on the houses and the blue, blue skies," recalls Betty. She put down roots and went to Cal State Northridge to finish up a degree she had started at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Then she chose grad school at UCLA, where she earned a master's degree in library science. She eventually went to work for the UC system, but when Prop 13 passed, funding was cut and so was her job. Her brother encouraged her to come to Virginia. While looking for work, she spent a lot of time reading in the Fairfax County Library. One day, she asked if they had any openings. They did and she spent the next 20 years catering to the intellectual needs of a community whose residents spoke over 100 different languages.

In 1997 she came home to California. Much of her family and extended family were here and it was time to focus on her passion: travel. "I take after my mother. She had wanderlust, too." She has been through the Panama Canal, and to Spain, Italy, France, Greece, Croatia, England, Denmark, and Sweden, and has plans to go to Russia (if her knee allows) and to cruise to Australia. Her most memorable trip was the one she took to South Africa. She believes that travel expands you and, in her experience, it also makes you appreciative and humble. "With all of our problems, America is still the best place to live. I can come and go as I please. That is not true in a lot of places in this world."

Betty says she's an introvert at heart, but in a high school contest she won Dale Carnegie classes — "How to Win Friends and Influence People." She believes that in those classes she learned the secret to her success. "When I walk in a room, I look for someone standing by themselves. I stick out my hand and introduce myself. I ask them a few leading questions; pretty soon we are laughing and talking and that draws someone else over. I stick my hand out again, introduce myself and my new friend and suddenly we have a crowd!" Never a wallflower again.

Betty learned about the Village from her upstairs neighbors, the Tuites. "I'm 77 years old and know that at some time I will probably have to move into a care facility, so the idea of staying at home as long as I could was intriguing. I see the Village as way of maximizing possibilities. Also, I really like people. We all have very different life experiences and we can teach each other. These friendships allow us to call on each other's knowledge and talents, to ask each other about different approaches to solving a problem."

Betty thinks that the Village ought to offer memoir-writing classes to the members. She firmly believes that "there is wisdom that needs to be shared." She also freely admits that, as much as she enjoys young people, she loves hanging out with people her own age. "I don't have to explain stuff to them."

by Nora Lee



And Here's What We Learned

Mary Acosta got the chance to share how she solved one of the major linguistics puzzles of our time at a recent **Member Connections** meeting. Speaking to an SRO audience, she told them how she deciphered ancient inscriptions on two bronze plaques from a library in Zaragoza, Spain. **Sandy McConnell**, who attended the event, was amazed at Mary's vast knowledge. "It was very exciting to me because I was a Social Studies teacher and taught ancient history so I had some knowledge of the places she was talking about. I think these **Member Connections** are great."

ACCESS Services Mobility Management Counselors Stephen Wrenn and Erik Washington came to speak with the Village about this public transportation alternative. Five members and one non-member attended the info session. **Kitty Hall** was inspired to apply for ACCESS and went through the evaluation process. We live-tweeted the event! (We have 126 followers on [Twitter](#)!) The ACCESS representatives left us with lots of materials. Check with Rachel for more information.

One of the Village's best-kept secrets is our birding group. Founded by five very experienced birders — **Bruce and Esther Gillies, Kathy Moyd, Gary Kinsely and Nancy Spear** — it meets on the fourth Friday of the month for a new adventure in birding. Four beginners have joined the group and it is open to all. According to Esther, the founding members wanted to encourage novices. "On any given walk, we will split into two groups. The eager beavers will go off on their own and one of the experienced birders will lead the rest on a more leisurely walk," reported Esther. The walks can last a couple of hours or most of a day, depending on where the group decides to go. The next trip is scheduled for the Malibu Lagoon in September. Interested? Call the office for details.



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The Village office's normal operating hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Please remember that our Village is a community organization, not an emergency service. If you experience an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

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