



## **VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

### **April-May 2016**

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#### ***Comments from Colleen***

Dear Members & Friends,

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Village has been open for eight weeks now and we have been busy!

Our board and committees have transitioned the Village from a dream to a reality. We have 53 members and by the end of March we will have 25 trained volunteers to help our members when needed.

I am continually struck by how generous and kind our Village members and volunteers are; eager to offer help and with a constant positive attitude, they make my position with the Village a true joy.

Please be aware that the website is a work in progress, as is our Village. We will be making updates and improvements as we move forward. Your suggestions are always welcome.



We have some exciting events coming up that I hope you will all enjoy and partake in. Please go to [www.peninsulavillage.net](http://www.peninsulavillage.net) and login in and go to the calendar to RSVP and get more information.

Many of our events have limited space so please book your spot as soon as you can.

If you do not have your login and password please let Maria Ashla know at [mariaashla@cox.net](mailto:mariaashla@cox.net) and she will assist you.

# CALENDAR

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## Issues in Medical Ethics

Our own Bill May, USC Associate Professor Emeritus and an expert in the subject, will facilitate 3 conversations on current bioethical issues.

May 5, May 19, June 2  
10:00 - 11:30 am  
Sherry and Bill May's home

Seating is limited to 15 so make your reservation early. See page 3 or contact Bill May at [wmay@usc.edu](mailto:wmay@usc.edu)

## Celebrate Spring

### Savor Our New Beginnings

Good company, wine, and cheese in the garden.

Thursday, April 21  
3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Susie Wallace home

RSVP is necessary. Use the website as described on page 3 or contact Colleen Cotter at [peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com)

## Nature Connects

**Lego Exhibition** – Come join us on a fun outing to the Botanical Gardens! Enjoy the beautiful gardens and the amazing Lego exhibit. For more information, please read article on page 3.

Entrance fee applies.

Friday, April 22  
2:00 – 4:00 pm  
See page 3 or contact Colleen Cotter at [peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com)

## Village Conversations

These will be informal get-togethers to meet other members and discuss subjects of mutual interest.

We will have two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon to accommodate different calendars. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Colleen at [peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com)

Tuesday, May 3 3:00-5:00 pm  
Home of Judy Bayer

Thursday, May 19 10:00 -12 :00 am  
Home of Maria Ashla  
Hosted by Maria and Ruth Bloland

## Wellness Forum

Anne Lemaire – Featured speaker

Anne is the Hospital Administrator for the Little Company of Mary, San Pedro. She will talk about the Optimal Aging and changes in the health care world.

This program is for members, friends and volunteers. Capacity is limited. RSVP on the website or call Colleen at 310-991-3324 or email [peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagevp@gmail.com)

## Coffee with Colleen

Friday, May 13, 10:00 to 11:00 am  
Peninsula Seniors Activities Center  
30928 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes.  
More details on page 3 or contact Colleen Cotter at



## **Making reservations using our website is easy!**

Go to: [www.peninsulavillage.net](http://www.peninsulavillage.net)

Login (upper right side) using your user name and password.  
For your convenience check the box “remember me on this computer.”  
This way you will automatically be logged when you return to the site.

If you don't know your user name or password, e-mail our volunteer member [MariaAshla@cox.net](mailto:MariaAshla@cox.net). she will help you get them.

Click “Event Calendar.” This will take you to the current month or you can also click the next month (upper right).

Click on the date showing the event, it will take you to a page that gives details. To make the reservation, click “Register Now.” If you still are having trouble please email Maria or call Colleen 310-991-3324.

## **NATURE CONNECTS**



An award winning exhibition now touring North America created entirely with LEGO brick pieces.

This exhibition features larger-than-life sculptures built with LEGO bricks by New York artist Sean Kenney. This interactive art installation is entirely constructed from nearly half a million pieces and brings 27 nature-themed sculptures to the Garden.

Imagine a walk through our own South Coast Botanical Garden, rounding a corner and coming face-to-face with a bison! Not a real one, of course, but one entirely constructed from 45,143 LEGO® bricks.

Join us for this outing.  
See Calendar page 2

## ***Coffee with Colleen***

This monthly get-together will begin May 13th from 10:00 to 11:00 AM and continue on the 2nd Friday of each month in the Activities Center at the Peninsula Seniors location, 30928 Hawthorne Blvd, RPV (RPV City Hall).

Please let your friends know that if they have questions regarding the Village this is a great way to get information and to meet me and other Village members who will be popping in for a chat.

This is a very exciting time for the PVP Village and the Peninsula community. While we are growing, we are creating new friendships. I hope to see all of you over the next few months.

I am very grateful to be a part of this amazing Village and team.

## H.E.L.P. PVP Village and the Vanguard Award

H.E.L.P. (Healthcare & Elder Law Programs) is a South Bay education and counseling center for seniors and their families and has been a community partner in helping to develop a Village project on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

On Friday evening June 10, 2016, **Sherry May and the PVP Village** will be honored at the H.E.L.P. annual gala at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

Sherry, the Board Chair of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village, will receive the Vanguard Award for her tireless efforts in making the dream of a Village on the Palos Verdes Peninsula come true.

Please join us in celebrating Sherry's award and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of H.E.L.P. at their Gala, the Roaring 20s Great Gatsby Ball.

Our website will publish further information regarding the celebration. You can learn more about H.E.L.P. and the award by visiting the H.E.L.P. website.



Bill Ailor



Dick Moe



### Affinity Legends

We are proud to announce that our Charter Members **Bill Ailor** and **Dick Moe** have been named "Affinity Legends In Our Time" by the Affinity Support Group of the Volunteer Center.

The "Legends" event has been held since 2006, honoring women, and now men, who have made significant contributions to our community.

The celebration will be held Sunday, May 1, at the Norris Pavilion. For more information please call William at the Volunteer Center (310) 212-5009.

## GrandPad

Some of us were impressed by a demonstration of an electronic tablet created expressly for seniors.

Each GrandPad tablet comes pre-loaded with the essential services seniors need to stay connected.

You can make phone calls, do e-mail, voice mail, listen to music, share photos with the extreme simplicity of a touch screen.

GrandPad is designed as a worry-free, month-to-month, no-contract membership.

We are in conversation with the company and will arrange for a demonstration in the very near future.

## We Continue to Spread the Word

In the last two months Sherry May, Helen Dennis, Fran Wielin & Colleen Cotter have continued to make presentations regarding the Village Concept and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village in particular.

They have been warmly received by the Rollingwood Homeowners Association, the Rolling Hills Senior Organization, USC's Emeriti Center, XiXi Theta, St. Peter's Stephens Ministry, Las Vecinas, the Ascension Lutheran OWLS group, the Peninsula Interfaith Council, and AAUW Coffee and Conversation

Helen & Sherry were also the main speakers at the Omnilore quarterly Forum.

## *Thanks from the Board Chair*



Our dream of having a Village in our community has become a reality only because of YOU. Many of you attended our early meetings to hear about the Village Concept. You responded to our Charter Member/Donor drive to provide start up funds and many of you later became our first members and volunteers.

The number and variety of activities and member benefits is limited only by YOUR imagination. Continue to let us know how you want to be involved, what you would like to see happen, and what you need. Our Village's future is what we will build together.

*Sherry May*

