



VILLAGE VIEW

November 2018, Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our little village continues to grow and contribute to the larger community. Last week my predecessor, Jim Kimbler, along with representatives from Davidson Village, Fearrington Cares Village in Pittsboro, NC and the national Village-to-Village network presented a panel discussion at the AARP Livable Communities Conference here in Charlotte. Titled, "Less is more: The Village Movement Comes to North Carolina". In addition to these 3 open villages, there are 11 more in development around the state. This is an exciting time for us. As we are coming towards the end of our first year of operation, we have lessons learned to share with new members, volunteers and villages around the state and country. Last Saturday, our new board met to discuss our roles and goals for the coming year. We are fortunate to again have a group of individuals dedicated to helping CVN succeed.



In this season of Thanksgiving and gratitude, I want to thank our retiring board members, Jim Kimbler, Carlos Aurellano and Toni Maddox. Carlos jumped on board with Jim at the beginning and has been a tireless advocate for helping to propel CVN to where we are today. As Treasurer, Toni was instrumental in establishing policies and procedures to insure our financial wellbeing. The contributions made by all three of these individuals are too numerous to count and while thank you will never be enough, we do send our most sincere thanks for their tireless efforts.

As you speak with family and friends during the holidays, be sure to share your experience with Charlotte Village Network with anyone who may become a member, volunteer or donor in the future. Our village door is always open.

Mary Ellen Fleming, President, Charlotte Village Network

VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – Thursday, November 8

On Thursday, November 8th, the Charlotte Village Network hosted its' first annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in South Park. There were 47 guests in attendance, including volunteers, members, board members, and industry professionals. Guests were served a delicious lunch consisting of bruschetta, salad, fettuccini alfredo along with chicken parmesan. Dessert following the main course was scrumptious lemon cookies. During lunch, guests were entertained by speaker, Anthony Cirillo from the Aging Experience, who gave an interactive presentation on staying mobile and active as we age. He sang a variety of songs that he invited guests to join in on and provided some interactive and fun light exercises all the while.

At the conclusion of the event, President, Mary Ellen Fleming, honored our active volunteers with a small token of our appreciation for all they do to enhance the lives of our members. She also made a very special presentation to our founder and immediate past president, Jim Kimbler, for his tireless efforts in creating the Charlotte Village Network and seeing it become operational.



2018 CVN Volunteers

This will be an annual event to honor our wonderful volunteers, who give so much of themselves to fulfill our mission of allowing seniors to age-in-place at the home and community they love. Thank you to all who attended. We look forward to seeing you next year, as well as at other events we hold.

Request for Service Providers

Our opportunities are not just for members and volunteers. We need service providers to include in our Resource Referral Network. If you know of a professional working for themselves and would like to recommend they be included, please email their business name, contact information and professional field (electrician, carpenter, house cleaning service, etc.) to info@charlottevillagenetwork.org so we can build our Resource Referral Directory.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Matinee – Tuesdays

Join us for a matinee at Cinemark Movies 10 in Matthews. Matinee tickets are \$1.75 each. We will meet **every other Tuesday at Noon** at the theatre so everyone will have time to get their tickets and snacks (most movies start at 12:30-12:45). We can all see the same movie or everyone can see a movie that appeals to them. No RSVP, but let us know if you need a ride. The theater is located at 9508 Northeast Court, Matthews, NC 28105.



Schedule of Tuesdays

November 27th

December 11th

January 8th

January 22nd

(More dates to follow)

[Click here for Showtimes or call 704-847-5245](#)

Questions? Email us at: info@charlottevillagenetwork.org or call John Reiter at (330) 608-3735



Games and Snacks in Cotswold, Saturday, December 22 - 2 - 5pm

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon of Fun and Games at Gaynor Arms Community Room at 4527 Gaynor Road, Charlotte, NC. Feel free to bring a guest and your favorite game to play! RSVP by December 21 to John Reiter at 330-608-3735 or info@charlottevillagenetwork.org

SPONSOR A MEMBER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Give the Gift that Lasts the Whole Year

Many prospective village members may truly benefit from our services, but may not be able to join if they feel they cannot afford the membership fees. As you visit with family and friends this holiday season, you may come across someone that may benefit from a Charlotte Village Network membership. If you feel a neighbor, church member or even someone in your family may benefit from our services, please consider gifting an annual CVN membership. If you don't have anyone in mind, but would like to sponsor a member, we will utilize your gift to sponsor someone in need.

Gifted Membership

A Full Membership and Social Membership, both Individual and Household, may be 'gifted' by a friend, family member, business, etc., meaning the membership fee is paid by someone other than the potential member. The recipient must be approved by CVN as a member, acknowledge the gift and consent. Donors should contact Charlotte Village Network to initiate the gifting process.

Fee Payment Options

Memberships are one year in length and renewable annually on the date of joining. Full Membership fees may be paid in an annual sum or in monthly payments. Social Memberships are paid in full.

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