



VILLAGE VIEW

January 2019, Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Volunteers & Friends,

2019 is here, and I am excited for the opportunities that it will bring to all of us involved in the Charlotte Village Network. My hope for this year is that it is a year of growth bringing new members, volunteers, and supporters into our community.



In order to make that happen, we need your help to spread the word about CVN to the people you know - neighbors, family members, business groups, doctors, exercise class partners, book club friends. Can you share our brochure and story with the people you know? We have representatives who will meet either individually or make a presentation to a group to share more about how CVN can make a difference for older adults in the Charlotte area. If you have a contact that you think may benefit from being involved, please reach out to John, myself, or any of the volunteers and we will set up a time to meet.

Our calendar already has many great options for social and educational events. Please be sure to review it and make a plan to join us at movie matinee, board game, day, or lunch & learn soon.

A new year can bring new ideas, as well. If you have an idea on how we can improve or expand our services or membership, please let us know.

As always, thanks to all of you for your participation and support in the Charlotte Village Network. Let's keep growing together.

Warmly,

Mary Ellen Fleming, President, Charlotte Village Network

PAST EVENTS

Young Voices of the Carolinas Holiday Concert

On December 15th, members of the Charlotte Village Network attended a holiday concert performed by The Young Voices of the Carolinas at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Attendees were treated to holiday favorites such as, "Away in a Manger", "Ding Dong Merrily on High", and "I Saw Three Ships", among others. The event was well attended by the community, playing to a full house! Tickets for CVN Members were provided by one of our sponsors, FirstLight Homecare, and a wonderful time was had by all!



Game Night Fun

On Saturday, December 22 on January 19 members of CVN gathered together for another enjoyable afternoon of board games! Playing with a background of holiday themed music and snacks, members enjoyed two new games provided by one of our game aficionados! One was a fast action dice rolling game and the other was a game in which participants each created a headline based on a picture card they were given. Members took turns judging the headlines and awarding points for those they felt seemed legit, and choosing one they felt was "fake". Both games were a huge hit, and are sure to be included in future game days!



Please join us for another enjoyable afternoon of Fun and Games at Gaynor Arms Community Room at 4527 Gaynor Road, Charlotte, NC on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 2pm-5pm. Feel free to bring a guest and your favorite game to play! RSVP by Friday, January 18th, to John Reiter at 980-272-1426 or info@charlottevillagenetwork.org.

REMINDERS FOR MEMBERS

Wear Your CVN Nametags

Members are encouraged to wear their Charlotte Village Network nametags to all village network events. We hope wearing our nametags will help raise awareness of our village and increase our members and volunteers. Thank you!

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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VENDOR SPOTLIGHT



The recent news story of Prince Phillip's car accident has generated conversations about older adults and driving. Deciding when to stop driving can be a difficult decision to make. Sometimes, consulting with an independent party is the beneficial. CVN is fortunate to have as one of our vetted vendors, Gaitway of Charlotte, LLC. They provide many different screenings and offer solutions to help older individuals remain in their homes safely, including screenings for medication management, nutrition, cognition, and driving. They also provide home physical therapy and specialize in working with individuals with dementia.

View their website for more information: <http://gaitwayofcharlotte.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mobility and More - Educational Program – Monday, February 11 at 12pm



Jay Buinicky, of Mobility and More, will speak on the topic of "Mobility and Durable Medical Equipment" at Waltonwood Cotswold (5215 Randolph Road, Charlotte, NC) on Monday, February 11 at 12 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to John by 2/6/19 at (980)-272-1426 or info@charlottevillagenetwork.org

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

February 5th, February 19th, March 5th, March 19th
(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 (980) 272-1426

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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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