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Message From the Board

Welcome to our SLO Village May newsletter. Much has happened since our last publication. The big news is that we now have our non-profit status. During our first year of early development we were covered under the umbrella of GALA Senior Advocacy. This organization saw the value of the Village Movement for the residents of the San Luis Obispo area. We are most grateful for their support and vision. By the same token we are excited to have our own non-profit status and to be moving ever closer to opening our doors to seniors in our community.

An essential component of a non-profit operation is the formation of the Board of Directors. Having a diverse group of talented people is critical for the development of our Village. The newly elected members of our Board have all been a part of our development team. They have demonstrated a passion for helping seniors, the Village Movement and getting things done. We are fortunate to have such a group.

As we move closer to operation, our Board continues the effort to develop partners and find local businesses. Most important, we continue to develop a growing list of potential members and volunteers. Our primary method of communicating the value of SLO Village is presenting to small groups.

If you know of a group or organization that could benefit from a discussion, don't hesitate to contact us (office@sloviillage.org). Likewise if you know of anyone that might be interested in being a member or volunteer please let us know.

We look forward to working with all of you to help create a SLO Village for our neighbors, friends and family.

Dave Kuykendall, Board President

Board of Directors

President: Dave Kuykendall
Secretary: Sally Kruger
Chief Financial Officer: Meg Kuykendall

Board Members:
John Alongi, John Brower, Gene Kruger,
Tauria Linala, Ann Robinson, Ray Smith

SLO Village History

Feb 2015

First community gathering
Joined Village-to-Village

Mar 2015

Name chosen
Facebook group started

Apr 2015

Geographic coverage
defined

Oct 2015

Survey goes live
Website live
LifeLong Learners class

Nov 2015

Development teams
Community Foundation -
meeting

Dec 2015

Project Plan established
Business Plan Outline

Jan 2016

Meetings with Partners
SLO Village Brochure
Business plan reviewed

Feb 2016

501c3 process begun
Working Board established
1st Newsletter

March 2016

First public presentation -
Dignity Health
Legal Review

April 2016

Non-Profit Status 501c3-
Received

May 2016

1st Ambassador Event

Development



How Can I Help ?

Volunteer Openings

Currently, we are in need of a person to manage our volunteer program. Duties include matching volunteers with village needs, overseeing our volunteer training development and helping with the recruitment of new volunteers.

In addition we need volunteers for:

Marketing : Create marketing materials that are needed to reach potential members, volunteers, vendors, stakeholders, sponsors, and more.

Vendors : Identify and qualify interested businesses willing to provide our members with discounted services.

Partnering: Identify potential business partners and develop action plans. From providing referrals to office space, from financial support to back office support.

Technology: Use social media to create and update SLO Village presence. Identify and document processes for sharing information for members, volunteers, and service providers.

Why volunteer ?

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, volunteering makes us healthier and happier.



Volunteer



SLO VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

IF YOU WANT to make a difference in the life of a person in your community...

IF YOU WANT to assist seniors, who could not otherwise get to their regular appointments, make grocery visits, and have social contacts ...

IF YOU WANT to help seniors continue to live in their homes where they feel comfortable...

Please join us by signing up for some of our many volunteer opportunities:

- **Driver**
- **Provide Support Services/Errands**
- **Light Home Repair**
- **Wellness Caller**

We guarantee that your volunteer work will be life-changing, as well as bring joy and gratitude to the people you serve.

Go to our website: www.slovillage.org or call (805) 242-6440 to become part of this exciting program in our community.

SLO Village Links

[SLO Village](http://slovillage.org)

slovillage.org

[Volunteer](http://slovillage.org/volunteers.html)

slovillage.org/volunteers.html

[Recommend a Vendor](http://slovillage.org/vendors.html)

slovillage.org/vendors.html

[Get on Our List](#)

SLO Village Distribution

Throw A Party

One of the primary ways to get the word out is by having a SLO Village Party. A couple, new to the SLO village effort, invited 20 friends to learn about the Village Movement and the development of a Village here in San Luis Obispo.

The event was very successful. All signed up to be on the distribution list. One couple committed to be "Ambassadors" and host their own event. Two other venues were brought to our attention.

If you would like to be an Ambassador and host a gathering let us know. Email us at

Office@slovillage.org

Why volunteer for SLO Village?

Volunteer when YOU have time
Choose YOUR own assignments
Fit volunteering into YOUR lifestyle
Help seniors in YOUR community
There are no time requirements
There are no set schedules
And it's incredibly rewarding!

Do you have a few hours each month? We would like to hear from you! Share your time! Volunteer to help a neighbor!



SLO Village



Dignity Health

The development of SLO Village is highly dependent on working with the mainstream businesses here in San Luis Obispo.

On March 18, a SLO Village presentation was given at [Dignity Health](#)'s new Copeland Health Education Pavilion.

This public event was well attended, with 26 people. Many expressed a desire to help and/or become members.

We are most grateful to Dignity Health for their support.



Village Conference

Register for the 2016 National Village Conference. This gathering will be held October 17–19 in Columbus, Ohio.

California Villages

California now leads the nation with the most Villages. Check out what is happening at some of these Villages.

- [Ashby Village](#) (Berkeley)
- [Avenidas Village](#) (Palo Alto)
- [Marin Villages](#) (Marin)
- [Monterey Bay Village](#)
- [San Francisco Village](#)
- [Santa Barbara Village](#)
- [Sequoia Village](#) (Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City)

Thank You

We have many groups to thank for helping us development SLO Village .

We need to start at the beginning with [Beacon Hill](#). After all ,they pioneered the village model. We also need to thank the [Village to Village Network](#) for providing the support and access to other villages.

Most of all we need to thank Dave McClure and Scott McMullin of [Sequoia Village](#). Both Dave and Scott provided us with direct consulting on some of our most challenging tasks.

If you would like to support our Village with a donation contact our Financial Officer [Meg Kuykendall](#) at meg@slovillage.org



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