



SLO Village Volunteers

Message From the Board

Welcome to our SLO Village November newsletter. This is an exciting time for SLO village. Village volunteers and members are getting ready to begin limited operation. From now to the end of the year, we will start providing services to a limited number of seniors. This trial period or 'Soft Start' is designed to test our capabilities and our process.

We expect to find some problems and we expect to make changes as needed. Village members for the Soft Start are prepared with the expectation of possible glitches and are set to provide feedback and personal insight. In exchange for their participation the normal membership fees will be waived.

At the end of the Soft Start, we will be opening SLO village for all qualifying seniors. If you are interested in becoming a member of SLO Village, or know a senior who could benefit from our social programs and services, please let us know. You can go to our website SLOVillage.org and click on "Membership" or call us at 805 242 -6440.

SLO Village

SLO Village is a community-based membership organization focused on empowering older adults to live happily, healthfully, and successfully in their own homes as they age. SLO Village is a volunteer organization that connects seniors with existing services, vetted businesses and social programs.

Our Goal & Your Help

Our goal is to make San Luis Obispo an age friendly community, where seniors live an active life and are well connected to the community and its services.

You can help. If you know of seniors that need help accessing the community, let us know.

You can help. Become an active part of a multi-generational community that supports seniors.

You can help. Provide financial support, allowing SLO Village to more quickly reach our rapidly expanding senior population.

Not ready for services? Many people are excited about having a community supporting seniors. They would like to be a part of SLO village but are not in need of services at this time.

Associate membership is an excellent way to support SLO Village and to take part in social programs. Associate Memberships provide full access to social events, but do not include Village services. Most importantly, the Associate Members provide financial support needed to operate and expand SLO Village.

Dave Kuykendall, Board President

SLO Village History

Feb 2015

First community gathering
Joined Village-to-Village

Mar 2015

Name chosen
Facebook group started

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

October 2016

P.E.O. ,CaIRTA , AAUW and
Kiwanis Events

November 2016

Soft Start Begins

Membership



BE A VILLAGE MEMBER

Membership

Currently, we are looking for seniors who need our services. If you know of someone who is looking for more social interaction or may have a need for transportation or other assistance, let us know. We will contact this person and jointly determine if their needs are addressed by the services we offer.

During our soft start (trial period) there will be no charge for membership.

Associate Membership

Associate members receive no services, but can attend all social events. They are both social and financial supporters of SLO Village. Associate Members can instantly become full Members if the need arises. Associate Members receive no services, therefore their membership fees are tax deductible.

Subsidized Memberships

SLO Village realizes that the membership fees may be out of reach for some seniors. It is our desire not to deny access to our Village because of financial limitations. Our village does have a limited number of Subsidized Memberships for those cases. We are also looking for financial sponsors in order to increase the number of Subsidized Memberships.

Membership Fees

Single Membership	\$500 annually/\$138 quarterly
Household Memberships	\$750 annually/\$206 quarterly
Associate Memberships	\$250 annually/\$69 quarterly
Subsidized Memberships	\$250 annually/\$69 quarterly

The cost of membership is based on operational expenses of SLO Village. Staff, insurance and social events are our largest expenses.



Volunteer



BE A VILLAGE VOLUNTEER

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.

Ambassadors

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

Good Reads

Read about the realities and misperceptions of aging

THIS CHAIR ROCKS

By Ashton Applewhite

SECOND WIND

By Dr Bill Thomas

Why volunteer for SLO Village?

Help seniors in YOUR community

Volunteer when YOU have time

Choose YOUR own assignments

Fit volunteering into YOUR lifestyle

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!

Village Movement

In 2002 Beacon Hill, in Boston, became the first Village and changed the way in which seniors can age in place. The concept is revolutionary because seniors are a primary part of the solution.

Today there are about 350 villages in the US. California leads the nation with 72 villages in operation or development.

SLO Village

Serving: Arroyo Grande - Avila Beach - Grover Beach - Los Osos
Morro Bay - Oceano - Pismo Beach - San Luis Obispo - Shell Beach



Financial Help

SLO Village is a Non-Profit Organization. During the startup, the cost of operation is greater than income from our membership fees.

During this phase we look to both Associate Membership fees and donations from our community to help cover the cost of establishing a Village here in San Luis Obispo County.

If you would like to support our Village with a donation contact meg@slovillage.org or click on PayPal logo below.



A special thanks to First Pres of San Luis Obispo for providing much needed office space for SLO Village.

SLO Village is most grateful for the help and support from the following businesses. To find out more about these businesses click on their logo.



French Hospital



McGee Insurance



Age Alliance



Gay And Lesbian Alliance



Spirit Winds Physical Therapy

SLO Village Links

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

slovillage.org

[Membership](http://slovillage.org/membership.html)

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

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

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SLO Village Distribution

[Donate](http://slovillage.org/donation.html)

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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](#)

[Santa Barbara Village](#)

[Sequoia Village](#) (Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City)

SLO Village Board

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