Directors Message
From Julie Spivack

We would like to wish CSVP volunteers and partner agencies a very Happy New Year! 2022 was a year of rebuilding after the many major transitions all around us. We are happy to have many of our volunteers back in business and to have met many new faces, and we look forward to working with you in the new year.

We are always looking to share new volunteer opportunities with our volunteers and our community. Pages 2 & 3 offer information on some of our local partner agencies and their needs at this time. Please reach out if interested in learning more about a new opportunity for yourself or someone close to you.

The CSVP annual Wellness Fest is taking place on Wednesday, January 18th, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Check out page 5 for information on this Homerun to Health, sports themed event. The Fest includes 50+ vendors with some exciting Interactive Courses, as well as a demo of Goebel Center’s new outdoor fitness equipment. We hope you can join us for this fabulous fest!

Our incredible tax volunteers are back again for another year of CSVP’s Free Income Tax Assistance Program. This program will begin on February 6th and run through April 14th. Spanish and Mandarin translation are now offered on specific days. Take a look at the flyer on page 7 for more information.

We love planning our annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon which now takes place every April during National Volunteer Month. “Save the Date” on Thursday, April 20th so we can celebrate you! See back of newsletter for information. Invitations will be sent out in March.

Wishing you a Happy New Year surrounded by love, light, laughter, family, and friends. Let us celebrate by continuing to give and continuing to grow. Cheers to 2023 and to each of you!

In the words of T.S. Eliot, “For last year’s words belong to last year’s language, and next year’s words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.” Let this new beginning be the best one yet!

- Julie Spivack xoxo
CSVP Advisory Council Announcement

The Conejo Senior Volunteer Program seeks business leaders, nonprofit agency personnel, and those working in the fields of aging or volunteerism to serve on its Advisory Council.

New appointments are now being considered for two-year terms. The Council meets every other month. Council members advise and assist in the following areas: fundraising, volunteer recruitment, volunteer recognition, generating community awareness, and more. For information about submitting an application, please contact the CSVP Office or email jspivack@crpd.org.

Goebel Senior Center Commission (GSCC) Recruitment

Are you 50+ years of age and reside within the boundaries of the Conejo Recreation & Park District? Interested in volunteering to work cooperatively with the Goebel Center staff to better serve the senior population? If so, the Goebel Senior Center Commission may be perfect for you. The Goebel Senior Center Commission is a nonprofit community service organization with the following primary purposes: to work cooperatively with the Goebel Adult Community Center staff to best serve the senior patrons, oversee a vibrant three day per week GSCC Bingo Program on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons, volunteer time and special skills, serve on subcommittees, and assist in the development, marketing, and conducting of a variety of Goebel Senior Center Commission recreation programs, allocate funds for facility upgrades, equipment, program budgets, and other Goebel Adult Community Center services that benefit the senior patrons. If interested in more information or applying for the Commission, please contact the CSVP Office for an application.

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library (FTOL) Fundraising Committee Member

This position joins the Grants and Fundraising Committee to raise funds to support and enhance the programs and services offered by the T.O Libraries. Responsibilities include: write fundraising and thank you letters to compel donors to donate money to promote learning, literacy, and cultural knowledge in the community in support of the work of the Thousand Oaks Library, plan and implement events such as street fairs, holiday celebrations, and parties designed to build awareness of FTOL, encourage membership and financial support, collect compelling stories to illustrate the impact the efforts the Friends have in the community, attend Fundraising Committee meetings and contribute ideas to help in the planning and implementation of publicity for awareness and fundraising activities, and attend and participate in fundraising and awareness building events. Requirements: experience with creative writing and crafting compelling messages in letters to the editor, MailChimp communications, and publicity collateral designed to inspire people to support the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library mission; good teamwork skills and willingness to try creative approaches; comfortable with computers, Zoom, Google Drive, Canva, Word, or other software tools. Past experience with fundraising is a plus.
JOIN A CSVP GROUP TODAY!

**BUSY BEES WORKSHOP (FULL)**
Mondays, 9:30am-12:00pm: Sew, knit, or crochet for children, service members, older adults & CSVP programming.

**TEDDY BEARS WORKSHOP**
Mondays, 1:30-3:00pm: Make stuffed bears for children.

**CRAFTERS WORKSHOP**
Wednesdays, 9:00-11:30am: Sew, knit, or crochet for children, service members, older adults & CSVP programming.

**NIFTY LADIES WORKSHOP**
Wednesdays, 12:30-3:00pm: Sew special projects for patients, children, service members, and older adults.

*We gratefully accept donations of unused materials. CSVP Workshops are in need of:*
Yarn, Stuffing, Batting, Elastic, and Cotton/Flannel/Fleece fabric.

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**School on Wheels**
School on Wheels volunteers provide free tutoring and mentoring to children, K-12th grade, living in shelters, motels, vehicles, group foster homes, and the streets of Southern California. They are now accepting volunteers interested in being online tutors. They offer an online introductory tutor training, a one-on-one training covering the virtual classroom platform so that all tutors are comfortable using the tools for tutoring, and an advanced training once they are actively tutoring, in order to brainstorm ideas, troubleshoot challenges, and build volunteer community. For more information, check out their website: [https://schoolonwheels.org/apply-to-be-a-volunteer/](https://schoolonwheels.org/apply-to-be-a-volunteer/)

**Los Robles Regional Medical Center**
Volunteers play a key role at Los Robles by helping to provide high quality, cost effective healthcare to the community. Volunteers are matched according to their skills, desires, and time schedule. Current positions include Floaters, Patient Pals, Pet Therapy, Information Desk, Gift Shop volunteers, and much more. Check out link for more information. [https://losrobleshospital.com/community/volunteer-activities.dot](https://losrobleshospital.com/community/volunteer-activities.dot)

**Cancer Support Community**
The Cancer Support Community mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. The Westlake Village location needs volunteer help at their Reception Desk. The shifts are 9:00am-1:00pm or 1:00-5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. It would entail answering the phone, light paperwork, greeting guests, and more.

**My Stuff Bags Foundation**
The My Stuff Bags Foundation provides duffels of new belongings to thousands of children nationwide who must be rescued from abuse, neglect, domestic violence and homelessness. Each individual duffel is packed by volunteers. Their work depends on volunteers – from helping stuff Bags to sorting inventory, and much more, they welcome you to join them in making an impact in the lives of many vulnerable children. Volunteer hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00-4:00pm. Please contact their office at 818-865-3860 to schedule a time to help in the Volunteer Center. Visit their website at [www.mystuffbags.org](http://www.mystuffbags.org) to learn more about their mission.

**Shop Ahoy**
Shop Ahoy volunteers meet weekly to grocery shop and deliver food to homebound seniors and disabled adults in Ventura County. Grocery shopping takes place at Vons on Janss and Moorpark Road and deliveries are from Oak Park to Newbury Park. Volunteer opportunities include: Wednesdays: a volunteer caller to help take grocery orders over the phone and send these orders, via computer, to Shop Ahoy coordinator. Thursdays: Volunteer to grocery shop and deliver groceries from 8:30am-12:00pm.

**Conejo Valley Village (CVV)**
CVV is an active community of local seniors building strong and supportive relationships through member and volunteer led programs, activities, and services. Their mission is to provide their members access to activities and programs that help people remain in their homes, stay active, and enjoy our local community. They are always looking for volunteers. Opportunities include, tech help, helping with minor home repairs and maintenance, help with membership, friendly visits, transportation, volunteer coordination, and more. For more information, visit [conejovalleyvillage.org/](http://conejovalleyvillage.org/)

Please contact CSVP, 805-381-2742/jspivack@crpd.org for more information.
At the Thousand Oaks Library, they have a variety of wonderful volunteer opportunities. The main reward of volunteering at the library, in addition to the comradery that results from working with fellow book lovers, is the satisfaction of knowing that your efforts make a difference in our community.

**READING BUDDIES:** Help children in grades 1-4 improve reading confidence by listening to them read books, and helping them to work on phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. This takes place Monday - Thursday after school.

**HOMEWORK HELPERS:** Assist students in grades K-8 with their school assignments in the Homework Center. Homework Helpers is a Monday - Thursday after school program offered at both branches of the library. Although having a knowledge of common core math is desirable, volunteers can opt out of helping children with math.

**GENEALOGY:** Help patrons research their history. Patrons email the Volunteer Research Group at cvgsresearch@gmail.com to book an appointment, make research how-to guides, assist CVGS Librarian with email correspondence, and organize and update the genealogy materials conejovalleygenealogicalsociety.org.

**ESL /ELL Course Instructor’s Assistant:** Help increase adult's proficiency with English language development through various activities such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing; one day/week by a volunteer in a small group setting at the Thousand Oaks branch of the library.

**DOG DAYS:** Children read to Certified Therapy Dogs. (volunteers must have a certified therapy dog). Reading out loud to the dogs gives them confidence and improves their reading skills.

**FRIENDS OF THE THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY (FTOL) VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **Children’s Book Specialist** – Sort donated children’s books and keep bookshelves filled
- **Specially Priced Book Volunteer** – Research and price items based on their value
- **Bookshop Shelf Organizer** – Shelve items by identified categories and alphabetize fiction books
- **Donation Sorter** – Sort through donations, identifying books acceptable to list for sale
- **Puzzle Support Volunteer** – Assemble donated puzzles to check for completeness
- **CD/DVD Support Volunteer** – Inspect, clean and prepare donated media for sale
- **Online Researcher** – Research books, DVDs, CDs, and other items to determine their profitability on Amazon or eBay
- **Online Lister** – List books online, monitor website for sales, and pack and ship items ordered
- **Fundraising Committee Member** – Help raise funds to support and enhance the services provided by the library
- **Special Program Events Team** – Organize special programs or events (One City One Book, Street Fair, Arbor Day, etc.)
- **Membership Volunteer** – Help maintain membership database and manage membership recruitment
- **Social Media Volunteer** – Create social media posts on both Instagram and Facebook
- **Community Donations Coordinator** – Coordinate activities to distribute books to agencies in the community
- **Digital and Physical Signage Volunteer** – Create digital and physical signage in the library and bookshop areas
- **Publicity Coordinator** – Publicize book sales and library activities sponsored by the Friends
- **Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Coordinator** – Coordinate with the Board to determine needs of the volunteers, arrange for intake and training of new volunteers, and coordinate with Library Volunteer Coordinator to recruit volunteers

For more information about CURRENT volunteer opportunities go to: https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0162&console_type=event

To apply to be a volunteer go to: volunteer application

All volunteers are required to be fingerprinted, even if you have done so before. The City pays for this service.

If you would like more information on volunteering, please contact Judi Bumstead, Volunteer Coordinator jbumstead@tolibrary.org
FREE EVENT

CONEJO SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PRESENTS...

2023 CSVP WELLNESS FEST
Homerun to Health

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 2023
9:00AM-1:00PM

Goebel Adult Community Center
1385 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks

50+ Vendors • Demos/Health Screenings • Courtesy Shuttle from Library & Park • Interactive Courses (limited tickets available the day of event) • Love on a Leash® • *Lunch • Outdoor Fitness Demo • Master Gardener Tours • Raffle Entry

*Advance tickets are for lunch only and are not required to attend event. Limited tickets available at Goebel Center front desk beginning January 3, 2023.

Event proceeds benefit CSVP operations.

For more information call 805-381-2742 or visit www.crpd.org/csvp.
Please submit timesheet at the end of each quarter:
March, June, September, December
Also, feel free to email your hours to csvp@crpd.org.

*** We cannot accept timesheets past the previous Quarter.

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IRS Certified Volunteers Provide

FREE TAX PREPARATION

In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, trained and certified CSVP volunteers will provide FREE income tax preparation for persons in either of these categories:
- Seniors 60 years of age or older (any income level) OR
- Persons with an income of $58,000 or less, regardless of age

Conejo Creek South Community Building
1350 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91362
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
Monday, February 6 - Friday, April 14, 2023
8:30am - 4:00pm
SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
MONDAYS, 12noon - 4:00pm &
Wednesdays, 8:30am - 4:00pm
MANDARIN TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
FRIDAYS, 8:30am - 4:00pm

Newbury Park Library
2331 Borchard Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91320
WEDNESDAYS ONLY
Wednesday, February 8 -
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
10:00am - 4:00pm
MANDARIN TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
10:00am-4:00pm

No appointments taken - First-come, first-served basis. Please read all information.

WHAT TO BRING
- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- Photo identification
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- A copy of last year’s Federal and State tax return
- All Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099
- Interest and dividend statements (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B)
- Form 1095-A and FTB 3895 (Marketplace Health Insurance)
- Other relevant information on income, expenses, deductions
- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number
- Bank Routing numbers for direct deposit
- For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS if Form W-2 not available

WILL PREPARE TAX RETURNS THAT INCLUDE
- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099)
- Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B)
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S)
- Self-employment Income (Form 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC, 1099-K)
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C)
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA)
- Itemized Deductions
- Education Credits (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Business income/expenses for Schedule C
  (ONLY if there is a profit and expenses are under $35,000; no home use, inventory, or depreciation)

CANNOT PREPARE
- Schedule E (No Rentals)
- Out-of-state returns
- Married filing separate returns
- Returns with more than four K-1's

For more information, contact CSVP at 805.381.2742 or csvp@crpd.org
Current Resident or Volunteer Appreciation Day, April 20, 2023, 1:00-3:00PM

In celebration of National Volunteer Week taking place April 17 - 23, 2023, CSVP would like to recognize and thank all our volunteers who lend their time, service, and support to the community. Please join us at Conejo Creek North Park (located behind Goebel Center & Thousand Oaks Library) for an afternoon filled with food, fun, music & good company. Let’s take this opportunity to celebrate yourself, as well as meet others who play a huge role in shaping this community. Please RSVP to the CSVP Office by Friday, April 7, 805-381-2742 or email jspivack@crpd.org.

Lunch will be provided! Invitations to follow.