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Boat Trip on the Foster City Lagoon

On October 6th, fourteen Foster City Villagers spent a delightful morning motoring around the Foster City lagoon and waterways. A perfect day for boating - the sky was clear; the water was calm, and weather fair and warm. The two boats were deftly steered by Village members and volunteers Jeff Brown and Richard Hopper. Some of Foster City's most unique features can only be viewed from its waterways.



The Construction of Foster City November Lunch & Learn

Richard Hopper, a long time resident of Foster City, delighted the audience with slides and the history of the founding of Foster City. His slides illustrated the stages of land development and the first homes built in the early 1960's when the purchase price was approximately \$25,000. He enlightened us about the various bridges constructed both in and out of Foster City, and led a lively Q&A session among the homeowners in the audience who have lived here for decades.

Richard is a Civil Engineer consultant, which explains his keen knowledge in the development of our city, and currently serves on the Foster City Village Board as our Treasurer.

Save the Date!

Jan 6th	Book Club	Contact Audrey Guerin directly
Jan 17th	Game Day	Rec Center Bow Rm, 1-4pm
Jan 19th	Mexican Train	Phyllis Brown's home. 1-3p
Jan 20th	Lunch & Learn	FC Library 12:30 pm
February 16	Anniversary Party	Wind Rm, CC, TBA

Coffee Break at IHOP

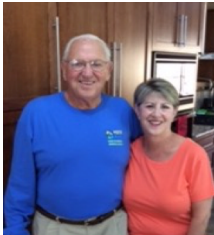
9:30 AM – 561 Foster City Blvd.
January 9th, February 13th





FC Village Annual Garage Sale

Bright and early on September 24th, *The Browns* rolled up their garage door and dragged tables out loaded with sellable "goodies". The clothing rack was laden with belts, coats, dresses, shirts and suits. Thanks to the 30 Village members and volunteers who parted with their valuable treasures to sell at the garage sale. By 3:20pm, the garage door rolled down and Foster City Village was \$1,019 richer! Thanks to everyone who made this annual event a success. *It takes a Village to hold a garage sale!*



Volunteer Brunch

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch was held on Sunday, August 28 at the beautiful residence of *Jon and Linda Grant*. Linda offered an amazing selection of foods, champagne and mimosas from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It was a nice turnout, the weather was perfect, the spirits were high, and Jeff Brown expressed his complete appreciation and fervor for all the efforts expended daily by the amazing group of volunteers who help make The Village so successful. *Thank you, Jon and Linda!*

Seniors-on-the-Move



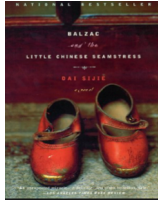
Seniors on the Move sponsored by **Congresswoman Jackie Speier** was held at the San Mateo Event Center on October 25th. The **Foster City Village** had a table full of members and our own **Elaine Pitts**, at 99 years young, was recognized as one of the two oldest attendees.

This year's theme was "The Good Life" and it was a full day of interesting speakers including Betty Reid Soskin, at age 94, is the oldest National Park Ranger serving the United States. Other speakers were Henry Tenenbaum, who won nine Emmy Awards as a video presenter and producer, and Dr. John Chuck, a family physician, who shared practical advice and humorous stories. We even had time for some Zumba exercise!

Many thanks to Kathy McKibben, Patricia Player-Maxwell, Jon and Linda Grant, and Jennifer Malament for staffing our table to speak with people who stopped by with their questions.

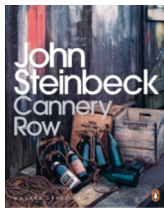


Book Club



Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie.

Readers are transported to a remote Chinese mountain village in 1970 where two young boys are sent for 're-education' by Chairman Mao's government. They steal a suitcase full of Western literature and fervently read it all. They hope to impress and educate a lovely, young seamstress from the next village by reading the books to her. Unexpected ending, lovely prose and a thumbs up!



Cannery Row, by John Steinbeck

John Steinbeck's 1945 novel, *Cannery Row*, is a vivid snapshot of life in a hard-living neighborhood adjacent to the sardine and tuna canneries in Monterey, CA. The many different, offbeat characters are very endearing. Even though they survive on the fringes of society they are a community. A classic book written by a great American writer – a must read.



The Boston Girl, by Anita Diamant

The Boston Girl is a charming novel set in Boston from 1900-1985 about a Jewish immigrant family's struggles and triumphs in America. Addie, a poor Jewish girl with an intelligent mind and a progressive spirit is telling her life story to her granddaughter.



We are thrilled to report that FCV has now partnered with Amazon Smile, a new program that offers customers the benefit of having a donation made to their favorite charity as a result of shopping online with Amazon. Simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com>, create an account and log in to select Foster City Village as your charity of choice. You only have to select FCV once, and going forward all of your purchases made through Amazon Smile will automatically donate 0.5% of the total purchase. Amazon offers reasonable prices, delivers quickly, guarantees merchandise, and returns are seamless. You get your product, and FCV gets a donation. Now, that's a "win-win"!




Happy Birthday



November Birthdays

11/1 Shari Williams
 11/2 Carol Ohm
 11/12 Jane Zigmant
 11/17 Tom Berens
 11/17 Jeff Brown
 11/24 Sophia Hutson Wambach
 11/24 Hartwell Wainright
 11/29 Ellen Mueller



December Birthdays

12/5 Adriana Livianu
 12/26 Gil Guerin
 12/27 Margaret Fieler

January Birthdays

1/7 Eileen Shaine
 1/14 Helen Ackerman
 1/27 Ann Perret
 1/30 Gloria D'Acquisto





September Lunch & Learn

The Great American West

Our September speaker was Karin Breuer, Curator in Charge at Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts. Karin introduced us to Ed Ruscha's Great American West and his fascination with the evolving landscape and character of the western United States. He compiled hundreds of paintings, prints, photographs and drawings into an amazing retrospective of his many road trips in the 50's and 60's. He manages to highlight the romantic mythology as perpetuated by cinema and words and phrases such as "rancho" that evoke the romance of the "Old West".



*I've learned
that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget
how you made them feel.*

Maya Angelou



October Lunch & Learn

The speaker at our October Lunch and Learn was Catherine Miskow from the Foster City Historical Society. Catherine was born and raised in Foster City, and she specializes in making presentations on "Preserving the Past and Looking to the Future" of our wonderful 55 year old City.

She spoke to us about the very beginnings of Foster City in 1958 when T. Jack Foster, a local real estate developer and his sons, funded an energetic project through bonds to build a planned community on reclaimed land from the Bay. By 1961 the first lots were available and selling for \$21,000 per lot in 1971.

The Historical Society has meetings at the Rec Center the first Thursday of each month in order to preserve and transmit the unique history of one of the best planned communities in the United States. The public is always invited.





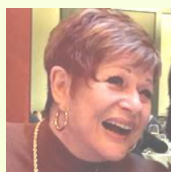
COOL CATS

I had the pleasure of attending a fundraiser this month for the "Cool Cats" of the Homeless Cat Network, a local non-profit rescue organization that Aldean Simi's daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Tom Berens, work with and support. HCN feeds 900 colony cats each day; annually more than 400 cats and kittens are spayed/neutered, and over 100 cats and kittens find forever homes. They are an all-volunteer organization that has humanely decreased the homeless cat population on the Peninsula through education, adoption and responsible colony management for over 20 years.

Tom Berens, our charming Master of Ceremonies, gave us insight into the goals and successes of HCN and an overview of their new building in Belmont. He then masterfully managed the drawing of numerous raffle tickets, keeping it light and entertaining. There were door prizes, raffled prizes, and a silent auction that offered an impressive array of dinners at fine restaurants, Giants tickets, BBB tickets, large gift baskets of high end products, all elegantly presented and all items were sold.

The "Grand Prize" raffled off was a weekend at Safari West in Sonoma County, and was actually won by YOURS TRULY!!

The festivities took place in the Masonic Hall in Burlingame. Great 'oldies' music was provided by the Bud E. Luv Group that actually had people singing along. A sumptuous buffet was provided by Sapore Italiano Restaurant. It was truly a gala event for a very worthy cause!



*A Message from our Editor
Shari Williams*

Volunteer of the Year

The Village-to-Village Network held the 8th Annual National Village gathering in Columbus Ohio last month. Every year they review a list of nominated volunteers from all the villages, and based on the cited individual's volunteer efforts, selects a "Volunteer of the Year".

This year's award went to Mary Flournoy of East Falls Village in Philadelphia, who regularly volunteers more than 500 hours annually. Out of 16 total entries, five nominees were from Northern California Villages: Sausalito, Marin, Clayton Valley, Ashby and our very own Foster City hero - **JEFF BROWN!**

Jeff, we all know how valuable you have been and continue to be to the success of Foster City Village, and **WE THANK YOU!**

Foster City Village FALL Party!



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**Board Meetings are
held the second
Monday of each month
at 6PM in The Bow
Room at Foster City
Recreation Center**

To: Member of Foster City Village