



# The Village In Howard Newsletter

July 2020

## WIN UP TO \$10,000 in 50/50 Raffle

### SUPPORT THE VILLAGE!

Starting on July 13th, TVIH will be selling only 200 raffle tickets at \$100 each, to win up to \$10,000. Initial sales will be offered only to our members. August 1st, ticket sales will be extended to the general public.



The \$20,000 proceeds from ticket sales will be split evenly between the winner of the drawing and the Village. The Village funds will go to support our weekly programs, our on-going administrative expenses, and our supported memberships.

We will be accepting payment by cash, credit card and PayPal until September 14th. Payment with personal checks will be accepted until September 1st. How to buy a ticket will be announced in the coming week.

The grand prize drawing will be on Saturday, September 26th in the open space at the TVIH office on Stevens Forest Road. The winner need not be present to win.

Join us in our major fund-raiser of the year! Purchase a ticket for yourself and invite family and friends to go together to buy a chance to win up to \$10,000 !!!!!

**Be a Winner!!!!**    **Buy a Ticket!!!!!!**



Lunch Bunch on the Green

## A Salute to TINO'S: July 7

For the past four years, The Village In Howard has participated in the Tino's Italian Bistro Foundation Nights. For those unfamiliar with Tino's, they are located in Columbia at 8775 Centre Park Drive in the shopping center at the corner of Route 108 and Centre Park Drive.

Last year Tino's donated \$650.00 to The Village In Howard. Fast forward to this year and, as we are all too painfully aware, our local businesses are suffering greatly due to the pandemic. As expected, Tino's has regretfully curtailed their Foundation Nights, so the Village has lost that particular source of funding for this year.

This year our Tino's Fundraiser was scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th. We would like to encourage you all to support Tino's that day as a gesture of our appreciation for their generous past support to our organization. Tino's is now hosting on-site dining at 50% of their restaurant capacity, both indoor and on their outdoor patio. They do a substantial take out and delivery business with a "no contact" payment and pick-up routine.

Link to Tino's website: <https://www.tinositalianbistro.com/about-us/>

Please let them know when you place your order that you're a member of The Village In Howard and appreciate all that they've done for our community.

Many thanks from the TVIH Fundraising Committee

## Diversity and Discrimination

My 3 cents is a monthly discussion group focusing on current topics as diverse as the differences between Shiites and Sunnis to the limits of freedom of speech. In early May, the participants had chosen to focus on the topic of discrimination. We intended to discuss how to conceptualize the nature of discrimination, a topic Charlie Catania had written about. How it is formed and possibly eliminated? How we can discuss it without seeming discriminatory ourselves?

Life is what happens while you are making other plans. The last 3 weeks have made it harder to discuss these issues in abstract terms. The definitions have also shifted from discrimination and prejudice to systemic racism and privilege. The participants analyzed "What are the

phenomena we are trying to describe? Why do these definitions make a difference?” “How can we talk about these issues safely and sensitively?” There is a lot to discuss and the next virtual discussion meeting, scheduled for July 14th from 1p -3pm may bring the issues closer to home as we discuss diversity and discrimination in Columbia and in TVIH.

## Travel Talks: African Safari

Dick Voelker will show a 22 minute video from his travels to Kenya and Tanzania on July 23rd. The video consists of hundreds of photos, with titles and music, during his three week adventure to Africa.



During the program you will see dozens of animals and birds including: Impalas, Cheetahs, Topi, Wildebeest, Hartebeest, Gazelles, Saddle-billed Stork, Cape buffalo, Leopards, Ostriches, Hyenas, Dik-Diks, Baboons, and a plethora of other African wildlife.

Interestingly, Dick became the co-pilot on the flight



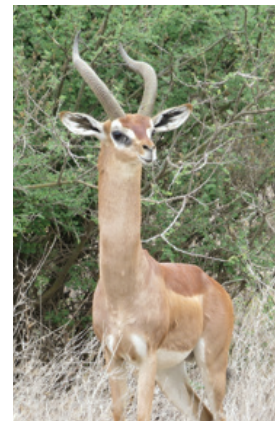
aboard a small aircraft from Nairobi to Masa Mara; all of this without prior experience. The reason: he was the last one to board the aircraft and it was the only

seat left on the flight.

Additionally, in the video, there are many photographs from hours spent with the Bush people in their camp and a visit to a Maasai school.

Other TVIH folks that have had the adventure of an Africa Safari are invited to show their photos and videos.

If you have questions, please contact Joy Cheung [jihcheung@gmail.com](mailto:jihcheung@gmail.com) or Dick Voelker [dick-voelker@gmail.com](mailto:dick-voelker@gmail.com).



## Haiku Corner

Sky so blue it hurts;  
Fragrant breezes tell me more.  
I am one with all.

— Mary Pat Donalen

The trees I planted  
when I was young and hopeful  
are all now dying

— Bill Levine

Covid 19 Shopping  
Pictures of plenty  
Choosing sweet dreams hungrily  
Remnants delivered

— Susan Hailman

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harmony straining  
covid echoing secrets  
coveting contact

—FBD 2020



— Fran Dummett



## Village Funding Update

In early April, the Village applied for Federal grant assistance under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) as well as another program through the Small Business Administration called the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program (EIDL).

The Paycheck Protection Program application resulted in the Village receiving a loan in the amount of \$4,710 on April 27th. Under the original program guidelines (since relaxed) the loan converts to a grant assuming the funds can be expended within a specified program and that the bulk of the funds are used for payroll. We have fulfilled these requirements and we will be filing the application for loan to grant conversion.

For two months we heard nothing from SBA about the status of our EIDL request. Finally, on June 8th we were informed that we had approved for the loan. It took a further week to finalize the loan agreement but we did receive the \$10,000 as an electronic fund transfer to our checking account on June 16th. Under terms of the EIDL program the \$10,000 can also convert to a grant which will not require re-payment.

The events of the past several months have severely affected the ability of non-profits to raise funds using traditional techniques. The Village was no exception. The two Federal loan/grants go a long way towards helping us re-gain our financial stability. More needs to be done and the Fund Raising Committee is continuing to look at ways we can fully fund our activities.



## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS IN JULY

Zoom is the platform TVIH is using for each of our activities. Each activity has a unique zoom meeting room link which can be found on the online event calendar description.

One click on the posted link using your computer or tablet and you are in. Zoom meetings can also be accessed by a telephone for audio connection only. Instructions on how to connect using your smartphone are available on the online event calendar.

In a zoom meeting room, you will see your friends, talk, share stories and relax. We all miss driving to the TVIH center and seeing our TVIH friends in person, but this is the next best thing until the Neighborhood Center is re-opened.

If you have any difficulty registering, please do not hesitate to give us a call (443)367-9043 for assistance. We will be delighted to help you.

## Virtual Activities Not Requiring Registration

Each event has a unique zoom meeting room link, meeting ID and password. Log in to the TVIH website, click the calendar tab and find the event you wish to join. If using your computer or tablet, click the listed link and you are in. If using your phone, please follow the instructions given in the event description.

### Saturday Morning Coffee with Friends

*July 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30am*

With your coffee mug in hand have a seat in front of your computer, see your friends on the screen, share your stories and enjoy a few laughs.

### Monday Morning Meanderings Coffee

*July 6, 13, 20, 27, 9am*

Enjoy your morning coffee with Meanderings “walkers” – sneakers not required.

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch, 11:30AM

*July 1, 15, 29, 11:30am Zoom Only*

*July 8, 22, 11:30am Outside on the Green & Zoom*

Enjoy lunch and lively conversation with the Lunch Bunch every Wednesday.

## Virtual Activities Requiring Registration

Register for an event on the online calendar. On the day of the event, return to the event on the calendar about 15 minutes before the time of the event, click the zoom meeting room link and you're in! If using your phone, follow instructions given.

Reminder: Please remember to use the 'Cancel' button or phone the office, if you are unable to attend an event for which you've registered. This courtesy not only helps the event coordinator, but opens a space for others who may wish to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sarah Spence, Program Chair*

### Monthly Activities

#### Can You Haiku - 2

*Wednesday, July 1st, 2:00pm*

Traditional Japanese poetry; compose and share in writing & speech.

#### TVIH Outdoor Happy Hour

*Tuesday, July 7th, 4pm*

4 locations, Location D still open  
Bring snack, drink & mask. Gather at member's home.

#### Reading to Save My Mind

*Wednesday, July 8th, 10:30am*

Retired Librarian Roberta Rood recommends in fiction & nonfiction. Rediscover the joy of reading.

#### My 3 Cents

*Tuesday, July 14th, 1pm*

How to increase diversity in the Village membership.



TVIH Talk, Judy Canahuati in Honduras

#### New York Stories

*Tuesday, July 14th, 7:00pm*

If you have lived or visited NY share your story on why you love the city.

#### Empowering Yourself with Technology

*Wednesday, July 15th,  
10am - 11:30am*

A classroom to teach, learn and share. For all technological devices.

#### The Village Readers

**Book Discussion Group**

*Thursday, July 16th, 10am*  
"Nomadland" by Jessica Bruder

#### Vegan Diet, Session 3

*Friday, July 17th, 10:00am*

Answers to questions about diet and eating more fruits and vegetables.



## Travel Talks: African Safari

Thursday, July 23rd, 7:00pm

Video of the plethora of animals. Safari on continent with Dick Voelker. If you have them, bring your photos.

## TVIH Website, and iPhone Workshop

Wednesday, July 29th, 10am

Get help using Zoom and Website iPhone features discussed.

## TVIH Talk: An Expat's Journey

Thursday, July 30th, 10am

Member Judy Canahuati visit

to Honduras that lasted 32 years. Relates experiences abroad.

## Weekly Activities

Morning and Evening Meditation has been cancelled for July and August.

### Tuesdays

## Bridge Club

July 7, 14, 21, 28 1:00pm

Program uses Trickster.com Check Calendar for details.

## Mah Jongg

July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2pm - 4pm

Online with other Village Members. Commercial Software program. Must know how to play.

### Fridays

## Mah Jongg

Morning and Afternoon Games

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31st

10 am

Online with other Village Members

Commercial software program.

Must know how to play.

## Dinner and Discussion with Friends

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30pm

Have dinner together and discuss variety of themes and topics.

## New Event Feature: "Add Me to Wait List" Button

We are excited to announce a new event feature – the "Add Me to Wait List" button. This button will replace the "Registration" button when an activity is filled. With a click of this button you add your name to a wait list. When a slot opens due to a cancellation, you will be notified that an opening is available and you will have the opportunity to register for the event or remove yourself from the wait list.

Support TVIH by using AmazonSmile, a giving program offered by Amazon.com for the same products and prices. When you use AmazonSmile for your shopping, 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to TVIH. How does it work?

Start each shopping session at the URL <http://smile.amazon.com>. Be sure to designate The Village in Howard to receive your donation by clicking on the link [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).



## Member Solicitation Policy

In order to ensure confidence and privacy, and to promote an open exchange of information among our members, The Village in Howard maintains a policy of non-solicitation of fellow members for the purpose of business development or marketing. Our organization provides opportunities to learn from each other, both at TVIH activities and informally. Using the directory to find names and contact information of other members is appropriate for this purpose. It is not appropriate to market or solicit business.

## SUPPORTERS:



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