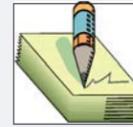


Happy Anniversary

We congratulate and thank those who celebrate their anniversaries in April!

15 years	Art Marthinsen (S.R.) Enviro.Health Consultant, CDA (Volunteer of the Year 2006-2007);
14 years	Charlotte Urban (S.R.) Shelver, Novato Library;
13 years	Linda Davis (Saus.) Mediator, Probation;
12 years	Gail Conover (Nov.) Clerk, Marin Housing Authority; Robert Isherwood (S.R.) Mediator, Probation;
11 years	Shirley Trimble (S.R.) Profiles Writer, HR, CCV (Volunteer of the Year 2007-2008, see front page);
5 years	Catherine Sullivan (Frst.Knlls.) Patient Advocate, Aging Div., H&HS; James Selfridge (S.A.) Command Center Asst.Fire; Charles Acocella (S.R.) Clerical Aide, HR; John Adikes (M.C.) Aide, M.C. Library; Helen DeCarlo (S.A.) Mailing Aide, Aud./Cont;
4 years	Solveig Machnowski Flores (S.R.) and Nelly Mendoza (Nov.) Senior Peer Counselors, CMH, H&HS;
3 years	Rich Wallace (M.V.) Mediator, Probation; Linda Sisler (S.R.) Mediator, Probation; Robin Allen (S.R.) Mediator, Probation; Chris Wragg (S.R.) Data Entry Clerk, Assessor; Anne Damiens (M.C.) Aide, M.C. Library; Mary Jones (Nov.), Barbara Arrighi (Nov.) and Maureen Gamma (M.V.), Drivers, Aging Division, H&HS; Paul Burmaster (S.R.) Dentist, H&HS;
2 years	Sean Edmonds (Nov.) Harbor Assistant, Community Dev.; Sue Baty (Pt. Reyes) Knitting Instructor, Pt. Reyes Station Library; Mary Melissa Grafflin (S.R.) Case Developer, Mediation Svcs., Probation;
1 year	Kathleen Wyatt (S.R.) Mediator, Probation; Christopher Holbrook (S.R.) Health Educator, H&HS; Danielle Clay (S.R.) Aide, H&HS



Volunteer Notes

National Volunteer Week is April 27 – May 3.

This is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the purpose and rewards of the contributions of volunteerism. It's also a good time to celebrate the good works of volunteers and supervisors of volunteers working together within county government. Thank you to all for increasing services to the residents of Marin County.

“Volunteer activities can foster enormous leadership skills. The non- professional volunteer world is a laboratory for self-realization.”

- Mae West

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Shirley Trimble named Volunteer of the Year

When **Shirley Trimble** moved to Terra Linda in 1955, Highway 101 was three small lanes (the third lane was for daring drivers trying to pass) and Northgate was just a narrow road, lined by eucalyptus trees, running down to the cemetery.

When she wrote her first profile for *The Volunteer View* in 1997, she never imagined she'd still be meeting every deadline 11 years later. Two years earlier she had retired from the then- nonprofit Volunteer Center of Marin where, for nearly 15, years she wrote recruitment and other promotional materials.

“I put an ad in the *I.J.* for a writer back in the days before the Internet,” **Joan Brown** remembers. “I’d known Shirley from the Volunteer Center and was thrilled she was interested. She’s a great writer and always meets deadlines.”



Coincidentally, Shirley Trimble turns 80 this month as she is honored as Volunteer of the Year. “I admire her tremendously,” says Joan Brown.

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Supervisor of Volunteers of the Year is Victoria Gonzalez



Her volunteers say that **Victoria Gonzalez** is a “phenomenal” supervisor and program manager in the Library Beyond Walls (LBW) program of the Marin County Free Library.

Over two years ago, Victoria took over the fledgling program in which volunteer liasons deliver library books, tapes, video tapes, and music to homebound patrons.

She only works part-time, but has expanded the program to 32 volunteers serving 50 enthusiastic readers, and has an uncanny ability to match the interests of her volunteers with their patrons. “I’ve only lost two volunteers, who moved away,” says Victoria. **Jacky Sarti**, a volunteer since December says, “Victoria is a wonderful woman. I saw her LBW flyer at the library. Because I’m an avid reader, it seemed like a natural way to volunteer.”

“This job is a perfect fit for me,” says Victoria Gonzalez.

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Who's New & Welcome

Maria Jennings (S.R.) Intern, Public Defender
Ryan Gurley (Ffx.) Shelver, Fairfax Library
Simon White (Ffx.) Shelver, Fairfax Library
Max Worrin (Ffx.) Shelver, Fairfax Library
Constance Sewing (S.R.) Advocate, Project Indep., H&HS
Lucie Brown (S.R.) Intern, Probation
Tipawan Ketkaew (S.R.) Intern, Legal Self-Help Center
Adrienne Gonyea (S.R.) Legal Asst., Probation
Margaret Monge (S.R.) Women's Study Suppt, Epidmgy., H&HS
Edwin Diaz (Nov.) Library Aide, Novato Library
Paul Conroy (S.R.) Intern, Legal Self-Help Center
Linda Caratti (S.R.) Library Aide, Civic Center Library
Stacy Patten (S.R.) File Clerk, Dental Clinic, H&HS
Mayra Ocnoa (S.R.) Admin. Aide, Health Svcs., H&HS
Patrick McLaughlin (Nov.) Library Aide, Novato Library
Ingrid Rubin (S.R.) Women's Study Support, Epidmgy., H&HS
Jeanne Mannion (S.R.) Clerical Asst., County Clerk, Admin.

Congratulations to the following volunteers and interns who have completed their contracts and are being honored by the Board of Supervisors on April 15 at 1:15 p.m.:

Jessica Anisman, Novato Library; **Janna Baker-Baez**, Women's Health Svcs., H&HS; **Louis Bell**, Novato Library; **Christine Brandt**, CMH, H&HS; **Daniel Cam**, Children's Oral Health, H&HS; **Fernando Cuervo**, Housing Authority; **Rory Davenport-Lanbton**, Public Defender; **Jackie Evans**, CCV, HR; **Mariann Figen**, Mediation Svcs., Probation; **Adrienne Greehman**, Women's Health Svcs., H&HS; **Helene Jaffe**, Mediation Svcs., Probation; **Brenda Kassiola**, Epidemiology, H&HS; **Meg Linden**, Pt. Reyes Station Library; **Barbara Madrid**, So. Novato Library; **Bonnie Mandel**, Library Beyond Walls; **Devyn McDonald**, Civic Center Library; **Drew Natuk**, DA; **Araceli Ontiveros**, Mediation Svcs., Probation; **Ann Parker-Glazner**, Calif. Room, Civic Center Library; **Connie Rossman**, Cultural Svcs.; **Flora Sanchez**, DA; **Penny So**, Women's Health Svcs., H&HS; **Christina Walcoff**, CCV, HR; **Lara Wallman**, Public Defender; **Davis Xu**, Public Defender

Jean Bird, medical volunteer, works to prepare others for major disasters



Raised on a farm in the mid-west, **Jean Bird** learned from her parents to share with those less fortunate.

Energetic **Jean Bird**, 80, a retired but still very active Registered Nurse, is a dedicated member of Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC) working on a team of volunteer medical professionals which is helping Marin to "Get Ready" in the event of a major natural or human-made disaster.

She's a member of MMRC's Novato Zone I team which consists of about 25 active and retired physicians, nurses, psychologists, veterinarians, paramedics, psychiatrists, dentists, physician assistants, and EMTs.

"We go through a lot of education, training, and emergency exercises, and have developed into a cohesive medical team with a chain of command. We work with other county emergency services," explains Jean, who also studies on her own. The MMRC has four trailers packed with medical supplies all over the county and encourages the "Get Ready" program for everyone in

the county through teaching and disaster preparedness education pamphlets distributed to neighborhoods.

Jean's husband, Grant, was a U.S. Air Force pilot but she wanted a career of her own. She earned her nursing degree and Public Health certificate at ages 45 and 50, respectively. She's worked with families in crises, taught community education classes at College of Marin, and Adult Education for the Tamalpais Union High School District. She also worked in nursing homes, assisted patients with various problems, and taught at Senior Access day care in Novato.

A lifelong volunteer, Jean was raised on a farm in the Ozarks with parents who always shared with those less fortunate. "On the MMRC team, I am able to increase my skills and knowledge, to teach, and to make a difference in my Marin community," she said.

by Shirley Trimble

Shirley Trimble is Volunteer of the Year

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Joan adds, "If she's going on vacation, she writes the stories in advance."

Shirley, a Stanford grad, found that talking to other volunteers and writing their profiles was the right job for her. "I like the surprises each interview brings and the challenge of making each story come alive for our readers," Shirley relates. As a volunteer she has no set hours and no rules except, perhaps, for "tact and public decency."

The years have been rewarding because she's met so many wonderful, dedicated people and has learned the breadth of the Civic Center Volunteer program. "There's something for everyone to do," Shirley says. "Many of these programs wouldn't exist without volunteers. They've been talking about 'big budget cuts' for as long as I've been writing stories."

When asked if there's a volunteer or two who stands out over the years Shirley shakes her head and says there's so many. At last one person steps forward in her memory. "There was a little girl named Jazmin. She's probably in college by now. She was 11 then, a volunteer at the Fairfax Library. Her great ambition was to be a singer and to be the first female President."

Shirley and her husband, John (married 55 years) have nine children (eight girls, including twins, and one boy), 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They plan to continue traveling, hiking in Lucas Valley, enjoying music, theater, opera, and the arts. No matter what, Shirley will still be volunteering, interviewing other volunteers, and meeting deadlines every month for a long time to come.

by Christina Wolcuff

2008's Supervisor of Volunteers of the Year is Victoria Gonzalez

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"Victoria and I just clicked right off. She has marvelous energy and enthusiasm. I now have two patrons."

Warm and helpful to all, Victoria meets each homebound patron and each volunteer personally before she introduces them to one another. "She is careful to match people who can not only work together, but are likely to become close friends," says **Pat Harper**, Civic Center Administrative Librarian. "She has had some amazing success stories, and zero failures. When Victoria doesn't have a volunteer immediately available for a new LBW patron, she personally selects and delivers materials to them. This is one reason the program is so successful."

Victoria's 16-year career as Crown Zellerbach Paper Co.'s first saleswoman, top salesperson, and regional manager for another paper company has made her promotion of the LBW program an

easy one. She's a natural pitching the program at senior lunches and other nonprofit organizations. She also coordinates services with library staff—each library branch has a staff member designated to assist with the LBW program.

"This job is a perfect fit for me," says Victoria. "I was very well-connected in the community, and I knew volunteers and volunteering from years of experience." She worked extensively in schools and various other community projects.

I've always been on my own and this program enabled me the freedom to run with it. The volunteers are marvelous and all of them want to do more."

Highly enthusiastic about the value of the LBW program for its mostly-elderly patrons, Victoria says, "The frequent visits of our volunteers keep the patrons connected to the world in their discussions about books, movies, and music, and the world. Everybody wins. It proves that one person can change another person's life, so powerful is the gift of friendship. The county should be very proud of this program."

by Shirley Trimble

