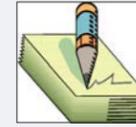


Happy Anniversary

We congratulate and thank our volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries in June!

24 years	Brian Saunders (S.R.) Clerk, Treasurer/Tax Collector;	3 years	Elizabeth Bolton (M.V.) Ombudsman, H&HS; Lila Erkkila (S.R.) Peer Health Educator, H&HS; Evelyn Jaffe (Tib.) LBW Volunteer, Library Beyond Walls; David Roberts (Nov.) Driver, H&HS;
12 years	Nancy Sakellar (Pt. Reyes Sta.) Aide, Point Reyes Station Library;	2 year	Delia Alfaro Rivera de Becerra (Nov.); Isidoro Weitzman (Tib.) and Tikva Weitzman (Tib.) are Senior Peer Counselors, H&HS; Nora Lee Cornett (S.R.) OES, Sherriff; Jacqueline Ford (Nov.) Aide, Novato Library; Jane Solomons (S.R.) Internet Tutor, Civic Center Library;
9 years	Irene Badaglia (Sebastopol) Hair Dresser, Juvenile Probation; Vicenta Antonia Jimenez (Larks.) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS;	1 year	Brigitte Bendszus (S.R.) Advocate, Project Independence, H&HS; John Boland (C.M.) Dentist, Children's Oral Health, H&HS; Joann Cassidy (S.A.) Mediation Trainee, Probation; Kay Feallock (S.A.) Centering Volunteer, Women's Health Svcs., H&HS; Debora Yang (Novato) Aide, Women's Health Svcs. H&HS; Eric Zaremski (Grnb.)
7 years	Maritza Wilson (Nov.) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS;		
5 years	Sanny Perlas (S.R.) Patient Advocate, H&HS; John Polman (C.M.) Driver, Fire Dept.; Kristal Tremblay (S.R.) Groundswoker, P&OS		
4 years	Frank Cox (S.R.) OES, Sherriff; Gloria Jones (M.V.) and Carole Sherick (S.R.) are LBW Volunteers, Library Beyond Walls;		



Volunteer Notes

CCVs pitch in at Service Recognition Program

Civic Center administrative volunteers were at their best when their many talents were pulled together to help with another successful Employee Length of Service Recognition Program on May 20 which 500 people attended. Volunteers **Joanne Elder, Joan Emerson, and Vivian Freeman** did anything and everything that was needed. **Beth Niemcewicz**, an on-leave volunteer and extra-hire for the past four months, coordinated the myriad details of the event with her customary style and passion. Staffer **Mary J. Brown** did a great job compiling the initial statistical research.

"It is a terrific team," said **Joan Brown**, who was the ceremony's emcee.

The recognition program honors employees who have worked for the county for 20, 25, 30, and 35 years.

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CCV contributed services valued at more than \$8 million in 2007.



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At CMH, Brian Clark serves special ed students with emotional problems

After 14 years of working in graphic design for top advertising agencies, **Brian Clark** made a decision that "advertising was inherently unfulfilling" and that he really wanted to work with kids and families.

Well on his way to a second career as a psychologist, Brian has been a full-time pre-doc intern serving special-education students with emotional problems at Marin County Community Mental Health's (CMH) Youth and Family Services since September. He works in the clinic and in the schools, doing individual, family, and group therapy. He also co-facilitates a boys' process group at the County Community School.



To Brian Clark, "advertising was unfulfilling," so now he's a CCV.

"It's powerful working with children alone because you can work on issues that help them make progress," says Brian. "Working with the family is very important, too, to improve family functioning and the relationship between children and parents."

"Caring, kind, competent, capable, humble, and amazing" is how **Marisol Munoz-Kiehne**, Clinical Psychologist II, describes Brian's work and commitment to his clients. "He has an excellent sense of humor, and he brings a lot of life experience to his work. His motto is, 'I am here to help.'"

"This program internship is everything I hoped for and I couldn't be happier," says Brian. Here, there are 30 or so people I can ask for help with client problems. Everybody is approachable. My supervision is also diversified with three different, but equally important, clinicians. Marisol allows us to do what works with the kids, not binding us to a specific theoretical orientation."

Over a number of weeks, Brian and one of his clients, a sweet 11-year-old boy, built a

space ship made of paper with a plastic tubing frame, which led to many imaginative conversations. "The space ship represents a lot about this young man. He wants to be somebody. He's a bright kid and just lit up when he heard that I had to store the space ship in my home because it was so big," says Brian.

Brian and his wife, Andrea, who manages a corporate foundation, took a year off in 2005-2006 to travel and volunteer after the tsunami. They fell in love with Myanmar (Burma), where they worked with the refugee population on the border of Thailand. "Andrea helped organizations apply for grants," Brian said. "I helped to start a safe house for abused, refugee women, and created a protocol for recognizing the symptoms and strategy for addressing abuse."

"My internship runs through early August, but I feel there is not enough time to learn all there is to learn at CMH," Brian sighed.

- by Shirley Trimble

Who's New & Welcome

Tegan Fossett (Nov.) Receptionist, Cultural Svcs.
Susan M. Bunker (S.R.) Library Beyond Walls Vol., Lib.
Judy Walker (OkInd.) Advocate, Proj. Indep., H&HS
Leticia Ibane (S.J.) Advocate, Proj. Indep., H&HS
Richard Dullea (M.V.) Mediator, Probation
Pamela Marcus (S.A.) Mediator, Probation
Anne Hillsley (Wdacre) Mediator, Probation
Lani Jerman (M.V.) Mediator, Probation
Tamara Nance (S.A.) Mediator, Probation
Vernon Watters (S.R.) Mediator, Probation
David Zorensky (Ross) Mediator, Probation
Paris Good-Swan (MV.) Assistant, Ag. Commissioner
Gabrielle Harris (Ptlma.) Library Aide, So. Novato Lib.
Debra Howell (S.R.) Advocate, Proj. Indep., H&HS
Michael Malacek (Tib.) Intern, Housing Authority
Theresa Beale (Nov.) Advocate, Proj. Indep., H&HS

HOW DO YOU SPELL VOLUNTEER?

Valuable
Optimistic
Loving
Unselfish
Noble
Talented
Empathetic
Engaging
Resourceful



Susan Mayerchak, animal lover, donates her time to assisted-living clients as Senior Peer Counselor

Animal and people lover **Susan Mayerchak** is the lady with the "Big Hello" and smile when she visits weekly with her two wheelchair-bound women clients, who are residents in the assisted living program at The Redwoods in Mill Valley.



Clients love Susan Mayerchak, a Senior Peer Counselor with H&HS

After taking the rigorous spring training offered by the H&HS program, Susan is a Senior Peer Counselor (SPC) and helps frail seniors deal with end-of-life issues. As a counselor, she brings the community in and always takes flowers on visits to her clients. She listens to them individually. "I'm someone who isn't the client's family," she says. "We walk through the gardens and take note of birds. One of my clients is a birdwatcher."

Susan is the lady with the "Big Hello" and a smile at The Redwoods in Mill Valley.

She likes the weekly SPC supervision sessions in Novato with **Nan Heflin**, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP), which gives support and continuing education to the counselors. "Susan is very modest about her own ability to be a wonderful support to

those around her. She's dependable, attentive, caring, and very considerate of what makes her clients happy in the moment," says Nan.

Susan is an animal lover with a menagerie of four birds (a 27-year-old cockatiel, one African Grey, two conures), a rescued Yorkie, Roxy, who is dedicated to guarding their house, and the very newest member, Mario, a 5-year-old racing greyhound (retired). Susan and her husband, Julius, have camped with the birds in their RV for seven years and take them on jaunts to the Russian River.

- by Shirley Trimble

"Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

- Samuel Ullman

At Inverness library, Sue Baty brings a breath of fresh air to the tiny community

The tiny library in Inverness is located in the earliest dwelling in that small community belonging to the late Jack Mason – just two rooms and a bath. **Sue Baty**, a valued library volunteer for two years, says the library is a special community gathering place where she takes the pulse of Inverness.

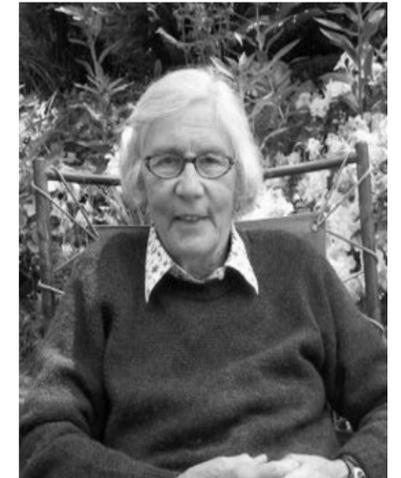
Patrons receive a friendly call from Sue when the library's book orders arrive. She also gathers the mail and re-shelves returned books. "The system is so good, with requests on line, a rotation of books, CDs, and DVDs," says Sue, an avid reader.

"Sue is a joy to have around, like a breath of fresh air," says **Pam Kroner**, Inverness Library Specialist. "She knows everyone. We're grateful

for her contributions. She's reliable, aware, and interested in everything and everyone. In spite of some hard times in her family, she keeps on volunteering."

Each Thursday afternoon, Sue, who is a master knitter, is available at the Pt. Reyes Library to help local patrons, aged 20-70, with any knitting problems they have. The librarian puts out knitting books and videos. Librarian **Nancy Hemmingway** says, "Sue is fabulous."

Retired from teaching at West Marin Elementary School, Tomales High School, Branson, and Dominican University, Sue tends a beautiful garden, swims twice a week in a lap pool, and goes hiking daily. She and her husband, David, a retired



Sue Baty is "a joy to have around," says Inverness Library Specialist Pam Kroner.

municipal court judge and lawyer, have been married for 53 years.

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Marin Womens' Study benefits from first-hand experience of Ingrid Rubin, breast-cancer survivor



Ingrid Rubin volunteers several hours each week for MWS.

A breast-cancer survivor for over five years, **Ingrid Rubin** was matched with the perfect volunteer position during

her visit with **Joan Brown**, Manager of Civic Center Volunteers. Since September, Ingrid has been working several hours a week as a clerical assistant on-call for the Marin Women's Study (MWS), a research study that investigates how reproductive, lifestyle, demographic, and biologic factors affect breast cancer risk in Marin women.

Over a two-year period, 30,000 women receiving mammograms are being asked to join the study, which was funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and generous support from the Buck Institute for Age Research, Kaiser Permanente (San Rafael), Marin County Health & Human Services, and Marin General Hospital. Ingrid works in tandem with Sharon Bale, another

MWS volunteer, preparing packets of letters, including a detailed questionnaire with medical, health, and lifestyle questions, and carefully checking and editing returned questionnaires. "The best thing about the job is the MWS staff," she claims. "They are very nice and reliable, and our work is appreciated. It is my joy to go there."

This Terra Linda resident, who lived with her family in Corte Madera for 32 years, worked at San Quentin State Prison in its accounting department. She and her late husband, Wayne, have two adult children and two very special granddaughters, Sophia, five, and Talia, two, whom Ingrid cares for frequently. She and Wayne, a building contractor, enjoyed traveling within the United States and Europe.

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