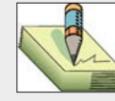


Happy Anniversary

We congratulate our volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries in September.

20 years	Madeleine Rethmeyer (S.R.) Mediator, District Attorney;
14 years	Al Burnham (C.M.) Mediator, Probation;
13 years	Cynthia Wood (Bol.) and Mercedes Pemintel (Nov.) Sr. Peer Counselors, H&HS;
12 years	Ralph Lunan (S.R.) Project Aide, Sheriff's Office; Marcia Day (M.V.) Hairdresser, Juvenile Probation;
10 years	Ann Parker-Glazner (Nov.) Bookmender, South Novato Library;
8 years	Jean Gunnarson (M.V.) Docent, Cultural Services;
7 years	Alfred Ardelle (Forest Knolls) Patient Advocate, H&HS;
6 years	Bob Deutsch (M.V.) Patient Advocate, H&HS; Ellen Anderson (Pt. Rys. St.) Sr. Peer Counselor;
5 years	John Sullivan (C.M.) Marine Patrol Volunteer, Sheriff's Office; David Williams (Nov.) Ca. Rm. Docent, Civic Center Library;
	Leslie Miller (S.A.) Proofreader, HR;
4 years	Mary Melissa Grafflin (S.F.) Tutor, Juvenile Probation;
2 years	Margaret Stellar (Nov.) Dental Hygienist, H&HS; Michael Kennedy (Nov.) Shelver, Novato Library;
1 year	Alicia Lawson (M.V.), Brian Clark (Oakld.), Jannavie Crogan (Pinole), Jonathan Runger (S.F.), Renuka Ati (S.F.), Sanmit Singh (Herc.), Stacey Aguirre (Brkly.), Yashodara Rao (Albany), Nicole Riddle (S.F.) are Psychology Interns, Community Mental Health Svcs., H&HS; Lolia Calalang (Nov.) Shelver, Novato Library; Cecil Sherrod (Saus.) Docent, Cultural Svcs.; Joan Gosliner (S.R.) Receptionist, Mediation Svcs., Probation; Vitor De Castro (Nov.) Shelver, Novato Library; Karen Saunders (Petaluma) Grant Writer, Legal Self Help Center.



Volunteer Notes

Welcome Anne!



Anne Starr has joined the CCV team in the half-time paid post of Employee Programs

Coordinator. Anne will be working primarily with the student intern program and also employee recognition. Anne has deep experience as a journalist, and in working with young people and students. She previously worked with the Buck Institute for Age Research, where she was in charge of community events, interns, and volunteer docents. In addition, she has contributed a remarkable amount of volunteering in schools, including helping with fundraising. She has a degree in English from U. C. Davis.

A lifelong Sonoma/Marin resident, Anne enjoys reading, hiking in open space, and spending time with her husband Tom, and kids, 19-year old Margaret and 16-year old Shaughnessy.

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Ann Derricksson brings special skill sets to library's Oral History Project

What was Marin like a century ago?

The cultural and historical details of life in Marin come alive through the recorded biographies of prominent Marin residents residing in the archives of the Oral History Project in the Civic Center Library's California Room.

"The interview program began in 1974 and we have almost 300 interviews on audio tape and through transcription available to historians, researchers, and local library patrons," explained **Carol Uhrmacher**, California History Room Librarian. On the library's website, about 80 of these oral histories are online. The range goes back to the 1870s as descendants of Marin pioneers remember what their older relatives' lives were like.

Committing the oral histories to the computer has been a major volunteer undertaking. Transcriber **Ann Derricksson** has made a major impact in bringing the collection up-to-date.

"When Ann joined in March 2007, there was a large backlog of audio tapes that had not been transcribed. Now, almost all have been transcribed, and we are continuing with contemporary interviews," continued Carol. "It's a very difficult job. It requires a great deal of attention to detail and patience — two qualities Ann has. She is very dedicated."

Working from home at her own pace, Ann has transcribed 21 interviews and has contributed more than 300 volunteer hours. She likes keyboarding the stories and was particularly taken by the life of a woman painter in the 1920s. "She liked to go to Tahoe to paint wildflowers. She was adventurous for her time," recalls Ann.



Ann Derricksson has transcribed 32 interviews, contributing 300 volunteer hours as a CCV.

"I also liked the story of Joe Gargiulo who was an educator and politician. In the post World War II era he was a champion for education. His family had run a San Rafael restaurant for 50 years — Maria's Pueblo on B Street (now the Panama Hotel)."

Ann has a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from UC Berkeley and taught there for ten years. For 13 years, she worked as an editor at Commerce Clearing House, a former Terra Linda publisher of text law. Always an avid reader, Ann is a fan of Virginia Woolf, likes contemporary fiction, and is a member of the library's book club. Next year, she will publish two books through Dorrance Publishing Co., a translation of a French novel by Marguerite Duras, and a short work of fiction.

- by Shirley Trimble

Who's New & Welcome

Noah Kirshbaum (M.V.) Intern, CMHS, H&HS
Grace Llewellyn (Lrkspr.) Legal Intern, Legal Self Help Center
Lisa Ruff (S.F.) Law Clerk, Public Defender
Karyn Erickson (Saus.) Legal Aide, Legal Self Help Center
Navid Azizian (Tib.) Dental Assistant, Dental Clinic, H&HS
Donald Jennings (S.R.) Fire Lookout, Fire
Wanda Rice (Nov.) Library Aide, So. Novato Library
Carly Denning (C.M.) Library Aide, Corte Madera Library
Leah Ruppe (Stin. Bch.) Student Nurse, Women's Health Svcs., H&HS
Irene Montiel (Nov.) Library Aide, Novato Library
Kelsey Agostini (Nov.) Clerk, Women's Health Svcs., H&HS
Cindy Daly (Lrkspr.) Ombudsman, Division of Aging, H&HS
Elisa Keiper (S.R.) Library Aide, So. Novato Library
Patrick Filipelli (Nov.) Legal Intern, Legal Self Help Center

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

At Marin Women's Studies, Kim Borden gets experience as she pursues pre-med as a freshman at UCLA

It's been an exciting summer for 18-year-old **Kim Borden**, a recent San Francisco University High School grad. She did a full-time internship every day during June, July, and August with Marin



Kim Borden of Marin Women's Studies investigates how certain factors affect breast cancer.

Women's Studies (MWS), earned her driver's license, and is learning to drive a stick shift.

As an entering pre-med freshman at UCLA this month, Kim was looking for personal experience doing research and found exactly what she wanted at MWS. In little over a year, MWS has completed 10,000 health surveys of Marin women in its investigation of how reproductive, lifestyle, demographic, and biologic factors affect the breast cancer risk in Marin women.

"Kim has been indispensable and was always willing to take on new projects," says **Rochelle Ereman**, MWS director. "She created a medical data dictionary, created charts on health statistics, and reviewed information from our health survey on depression and mental health statistics in low versus high-income respondents.

She was a pleasure to work with, and was highly motivated."

Kim says her internship at Marin County has taught her a lot about research. "I realize how much teamwork counts in staff projects, and was able to become much more proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word. The staff was very nice and helpful," she says.

During her senior year of high school, Kim volunteered five hours every Saturday in Project Open Hand's grocery center sorting food for AIDS patients. She excelled in AP chemistry and played second base for her softball team for four years.

She plans to pursue a hospital internship at UCLA in addition to her classes.

- by Shirley Trimble

In Memoriam

Long time volunteer **Edward Bodington** recently passed away after serving in the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services as a Ham radio operator volunteer for almost seven years.

He enjoyed hiking, being active, and photography. He is described by his supervisor as being "superb, phenomenal, and dedicated."

Ed and his wife, Helen, were married for 55 years.

Michael Malecek redesigns Marin Housing Authority's website, bringing more public information online

The Marin Housing Authority received a much-needed enhancement and redesign of its agency website this summer through the dedicated work of special project intern, **Michael Malecek**.

Michael is a Princeton University senior majoring in sociology and urban studies. He worked closely with housing authority program managers and staff, while researching other housing authority agencies, in order to gather information to use for guidance in his recommended website revisions.

"The project was an eye-opener and gave me a real-world view of how housing authorities function and their role in local government," he said. "Now, with the modified website, we hope to be more accessible to the public while also helping to take some of the pressure off the Housing Assistline phone line. Housing and rental information, along with other resources and necessary

forms and documents, will be available online."

According to MHA Director of Supportive Services **Kimberly Carroll**, "Michael exhibits enthusiasm and works very well with our staff. He has been very diligent in completing this task and exhibited good judgment, skills, and initiative."

This summer, Michael also was a half-time intern in the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services where he worked with community constituents to ensure that San Francisco residents receive the highest levels of service.

At Redwood High School and at Princeton, he was a member of the varsity crew team and was a Marin Rowing Association volunteer assistant coach for the spring 2005 racing season.



Michael Malecek brings enthusiasm and works very well with staff.

After graduation, he plans to work for a year or two either in the nonprofit sector or in city government before attending graduate school.

- by Shirley Trimble

Psychology major Priya Brandes preps for grad school in temp position in Public Defender's office

It isn't often that a summer internship will end with a visit to San Quentin.



Priya Brandes plans to enter law school following her upcoming LSAT tests

But **Priya Brandes**, a psychology senior at Bates College in Maine, accompanied Deputy Public Defender **Pedro Oliveros** to the prison after her three-month internship in the Public Defender's office.

After conducting research for the Maine Supreme Court and clerking for a Maine judge, she focused on a career in public-interest law. Interested in the mental-health aspects of criminal law, Priya gained important insights at the county's PD office. "I understand how some clients are taken advantage of and need someone to stand up for their legal rights," she says. "I shadowed attorneys, observed in court, went to the jail, eventually interviewed clients on my own, and wrote a few

motions. Staff was very friendly and supportive," she said.

"Priya always has a smile and is very bright and energetic," says Assistant Public Defender **Jose Varela**. "She was interested in all aspects. She didn't see easy clients, but saw people who were angry, stressed out, and emotional. She was involved in the profile of a case involving vehicular manslaughter, and helped with a three-strikes case involving a mental health client. She did background information and we went to Vacaville. She is a very good and precise writer."

The Mill Valley resident will take the LSAT in October and hopes to attend law school in Bay Area.

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