

## TAG Members Expand Teen Horizons

By Natalie Mallett



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*Teen Advisory Group members discuss plans to promote teen library services, programs, and events.*

Working together to make a difference, local teens influence the types of services offered to their peers at Marin County Free Library branches. Teams of high school and middle school students meet monthly. For example, the Civic Center Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets the second Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Most of

the library's 10 branches have a Teen Advisory Group. Check at your branch.

At these meetings teens share snacks, get to know each other through fun games, and receive community service hours for volunteering their time to plan and implement library programs and services for their peers. TAG members have hosted

craft events for younger children, made blankets for shelter animals at Marin Humane, and selected new furniture for library teen spaces. To become a TAG member, check with your local branch and attend a meeting. For details about the Civic Center branch, call the library at 415-473-6058 or talk to the teen services librarian, **Natalie Mallett**.

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### VOLUNTEER NOTES

#### Board Honors Outstanding Volunteers and Interns

This month the Board of Supervisors recognizes outstanding volunteers and interns who completed their commitments in the past year, made significant impacts, and earned the endorsement of their staff supervisors for special honors. The 170 honorees receiving formal resolutions of commendation consist of 100 interns and 70 volunteers. Three of the volunteers had served since the 1990s. "It's hard to overstate the benefit the people of this county derive from volunteers and interns who serve our departments through Civic Center Volunteers," said Board President **Damon Connolly**. "The Board thanks each one of them."

Five of the commendations are posthumous for volunteers who passed away during the year. For the list of all honorees, see the December 18 Board agenda on the county [website](#) or call the CCV office, 415-473-7407.

#### Holidays

County offices will be closed the afternoon of Christmas Eve, December 24, on Christmas Day, December 25, the afternoon of New Year's Eve, December 31, and on New Year's Day, January 1.



# Fire Lookouts: Keeping Us All Safer

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH HANKS



*County Fire Department volunteer lookouts pose with staff at the Throckmorton station above Mill Valley at a season-end celebration complete with chocolate cake. Lookouts watch over wildlands around Mt. Tam and Mt. Barnabe, extending the department's first line of defense against wildfire. Staff expressed appreciation for the hundreds of hours served in 2018 by this team. Soaking rains came late, and lookouts were on duty through early December. After a break, they'll train for the 2019 season.*



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PHOTO BY ANNE STARR

*In recent years, Volunteer View production has been supported by county printers Tom Vella, left, and Tony Cresci, right, plus printer and former Civic Center Volunteer Mark Isaacs, not pictured. Volunteer Joanne Elder, center, managed distribution.*

## Thanks, Team!

Are you reading these words on paper? If so, you have a copy of the last paper *Volunteer View*. Most volunteers and interns already receive the e-version, and the newsletter will be all electronic as of January. Originally typed by Civic Center Volunteers founding manager **Joan Brown**, *Volunteer View* has been printed for decades at the Public Works Department's print shop, which serves county departments and local nonprofits. "We thank Printing Services staff for their excellent work, and are grateful to Civic Center Volunteer **Joanne Elder** for her flawless distribution efforts over the past 15 years," said Volunteer Coordinator **Anne Starr**. The *View* will be emailed to current CCVs. It is posted on the [county website](#). To request it in an accessible format, call the CCV office at 415-473-7407.



# Volunteers Support Arts & Crafts Fair



PHOTOS BY ANNET KATAN

*Volunteer energy played a key part in the annual Employee Arts & Crafts Fair. Over \$1,300 was raised for good causes; the Human Resources bake sale led with \$780 for Butte County wildfire relief. Vendors showed hand-crafted wares and musicians shared their talents during the November 29 fair held at the Civic Center. Pictured clockwise from top left: Aletta Caballero, Human Resources; Connie Siebler, Assessor-Recorder retiree; Bene da Silva and Eric Steger, both Public Works; Nathan Craver, Information Services; and artist Noel Ryan, a Civic Center tour docent for Cultural Services. Civic Center Volunteers Deborah Fox and Veronica Morino helped set up, Victoria Gonzalez led a vendor workshop, and Heather Liencres coordinated the fair.*



## Happy Anniversary!

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their involvement.

### 12 YEARS

**Victoria Gonzalez** (San Rafael), Arts and Crafts Instructor at Loma Alta School, Juvenile Hall, Probation Department

### 9 YEARS

**Susana Narvaez** (Sausalito), Senior Peer Counselor, Health and Human Services (HHS)

### 7 YEARS

**Kelley Litz** (San Rafael), *Frankly Speaking* Newsletter Proofreader, Human Resources

### 6 YEARS

**Mary Bramblett** (Fairfax), Investigative Aide, District Attorney's Office

**Suzanne Gollin** (Novato), Program Assistant, HHS

**Tim Graves** (Tombales), Volunteer Firefighter, Tombales Station, Fire Department

### 5 YEARS

**Louise Berto** (San Anselmo), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

### 4 YEARS

**Suzan Sharpley** (Novato), Law Librarian, Marin County Law Library

### 3 YEARS

**John Pierremont** (Santa Rosa), Event Aide, Human Resources

**Christopher Ruedy** (Woodacre), Steward, Marin County Parks

**Dennis Whipp** (San Rafael), Consumer Mediator, District Attorney's Office

### 2 YEARS

**Ann Morris** (Novato), Environmental Steward, Marin County Parks

**Michael Warner** (Petaluma), Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

### 1 YEAR

**John Hammond** (San Rafael), Adopt-A-Spot Team Leader, Public Works

**Harita Kalvai** (San Rafael), Teen Program Intern, Civic Center Branch, Marin County Free Library

**Valerie Lels** (Kentfield), Volunteer Attorney, District Attorney's Office

**Patrick Troubetzkoy** (Pacifica), Photographer Intern, Human Resources

## Who's New & Welcome!

**Zena Aladdin** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student with Aging Disability Resource Connection, Health & Human Services (HHS)

**Adam Almedilla** (San Anselmo), Student Service Intern, Fairfax Library

**Lisa Bleier** (Point Reyes), Shelver, Point Reyes Library

**Stephanie Chau** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student with Aging Disability Resource Connection, HHS

**Vicki Crase** (San Rafael), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Katya Crawford** (Kentfield), Marin Girl Teen Ambassador, Human Resources

**Joyce Derr** (Novato), English Tutor, Novato Library

**Ruben Diaz Escobar** (Novato), Spanish Tutor, Novato Library

**Heidi Dittrich** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Ashley Eslinger Esquivel** (Albany), Social Work Intern with Bridge Program, HHS

**Alicea Evans** (San Rafael), Community Mental Health Intern, HHS

**Vicente Garcia** (San Rafael), HIV Outreach Aide, HHS

**Alena Gittens** (Hayward), Community Mental Health Intern, HHS

**MayBritt Goldblum** (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Laura Griffith** (San Rafael), Civic Center Tour Docent, Cultural Services

**Crystal Guevara** (Mill Valley), Community Mental Health Intern, HHS

**Frank Klebanoff** (Novato), Radio Amateur Civic Emergency Services/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Brittany Lawson** (Vacaville), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Jazmin Llimas** (San Francisco), Community Mental Health Intern, HHS

**Paulina Machi** (Oakland), Social Work Intern with Children's Mental Health, HHS

**Nancy Mackie** (San Anselmo), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Court Mast** (Sausalito), Richardson Bay Harbor Assistant, Community Development Agency

**Kelsey Mazariegos** (San Rafael), High School Intern, Public Defender's Office

**Lucy Ndungu** (Mill Valley), Community Mental Health Intern, HHS

**Barbara Parkman** (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**James Pennington** (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Martin Perlmutter** (Tiburon), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Patricia Prorok** (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Elizabeth Purcell** (San Rafael), Teacher Assistant, Probation

**Jenna Reeder** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Everil Robertson** (San Rafael), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Robert Robertson** (San Rafael), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

**Vita Romanovska** (San Bruno), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Kathleen Safford** (Mill Valley), Ombudsman Volunteer, HHS

**Maritza Saucedo Rosas** (Petaluma), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Ivette Vazquez-Lopez** (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

**Charles Viebrock** (Novato), English Tutor, Novato Library

**Catherine 'Taylor' Watts** (Kentfield), Mental Health Services Act Program Support Intern, HHS

**Shirley Young** (San Rafael), Communicable Disease Team Investigation Support, HHS

**Sophie Zlatunich** (Corte Madera), Marin Teen Girl Ambassador, Human Resources



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