

THE ATHENS VILLAGE VOICE



June 8 Brown Bag to be a List Concert



Have you ever heard of a List Concert? All of us make lists constantly, either in our heads or actually on paper. So why not share them?

Vivian Dunbar, an expert on hosting List Concerts, will moderate this free-for-all exchange of ideas and keep things in order. All you need to do is bring your sandwich or whatever as usual and either bring a list to share or get ready for

the lists of others and the ideas they reflect.

Just to get your list-making going, here are some types of lists Viv has heard in past concerts:

1. Injuries caused by family and friends.
2. Things to do while you are still able to make a list.
3. Places to which you would like to travel.
4. What you would tell the President if you had a chance.
5. How you would raise your children differently.

And so on. Anything is fair game. The zanier, the better. They are lots of fun, and some are also useful if they encourage other people to bring up ideas (such as following a list of what the lister is planning to have done at his or her memorial service).

If you have never participated in a List Concert (or even if you have), come and enjoy this one, as either a lister or listener. Lists are fun and informative. They bring great responses from the listeners. They initiate exchanges of ideas that may not come up otherwise. Come, bring a list or not, share. Bring a guest also.

Calendar

Every Tuesday, 1 p.m., Informal lunch gathering of members & guests at Bob Evans Rest'nt.

We, June 8, 12 noon, Brown Bag lunch, ACVNA (See p. 1 story.)

Tu, June 21, 10 a.m., Board meeting, ACVNA.

Fr, June 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop off computer gear at ACVNA office for free, safe recycling.

Now we are **92**

John and Jane Woodrow and Emily Householder have joined us this month.

!!!WELCOME!!!

The Athens Village enjoys volunteers

One of the most attractive things about The Athens Village is how people step up when volunteers are needed or at least respond positively when they are called, if they can possibly fill the role offered.

Office Coverage

One such immediate need is for folks (men or women) to cover the office while Patty Mercer is doing summer hours, working from home on Mondays and Wednesdays and coming into the office only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

When the call went out for volunteers to cover the office on the two days Patty is not there, the eight necessary responded: Sue Foster, Gladys Bailin Stern, Cathy Evans, Carolyn Murphree, Alvi McWilliams, Susan Kaneshige, Dru Riley



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**The Athens Village Voice**

is sent to you every month to catch you up on the who, what, when, where, why, and how of our Village. Your feedback is very welcome.

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Board of Directors

Ellsworth Holden, president
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Want to help grow TAV?

Want to help The Athens Village grow? Contact Ellsworth Holden, who is gathering a Membership Committee together. 593-8545 or Ellsworth_Holden@hotmail.com.

Advisory Council has second meeting

The Advisory Council had the second of its three-times-a-year meetings on May 24, immediately after the Village's Board of Trustees meeting. Katharin Foster, chair of the Advisory Council (AC), presided.

The AC was enthusiastic about the passage of a dues-reduction plan in the earlier Board meeting, as well as the establishment of a Reserve Fund. They also were interested in the vetting surveys scheduled to be sent out to vendors and service providers suggested by Village members.

Other issues discussed were transportation (especially of the elderly and disabled), getting more Village speakers to outlying groups, an Athens Village section at the ACVNA booth at the County Fair, and similar means of spreading the word.

Other AC members in attendance were Peggy Irwin, Paula Moseley, Deb Murphy, Debbie Schmieding, Kathy Trace, Joan Stroh, Mike Turner, and Marty Zinn. Sue Foster, Village Board liaison, attended, as did Ellsworth Holden, George Weckman, Patty Mercer, and Dru Riley Evarts.

Volunteers do their part in The Athens Village

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Evarts, and Jo Prisley. The shifts are 2 hours each (10-12 or 12-2). Each person would be tending the office for two hours every other week. You could volunteer as an office tender as an extra who could fill in if called in case one of these eight can't make it one day. Patty trains her subs and has the instructions all typed out anyway, in case any memory lapse would occur. She will be reachable at her home phone in case any question arises. In addition to these office tenders, Anne McClanahan volunteered to do office work at home if needed. You could do that, too, if you like.

Calling Vendors & Service Providers

Another recent example of the willingness of volunteers developed when the Vetting Committee drew up a survey form to send to vendors and service providers who had been recommended to The Athens Village by members who had used them. The information was not always complete, so a plan to call these people was formulated to check accuracy of information, best person to whom to address the survey, exact address, etc. This was done by Pat Grean, Mary Ann Swardson, Betty Larsen, Sue Foster, Max Evans, Ed Penson, and Dru Riley Evarts.



Vetting surveys coming in already

Patty Mercer was delighted to open her mail at the office on Wednesday (June 1) and find that she already had four completed surveys from vendors and service providers. The survey forms had been put in the mail only a few days before.

Undoubtedly, the prompt return was enhanced by the special calling some members did to check addresses, the persons to be contacted, etc. (See volunteer story starting on p. 1 and continuing to p. 2.)

More important, however, was the form and presentation of the survey designed by the committee headed by Ed Penson. (See other committee members in last month's *Voice*.)

We also took several measures to raise interest in the survey. News releases went out to the media, John Ray interviewed Ed Penson on WOUB, Ray Wagner interviewed Sue Foster and Steve Kropf on WATH, and Ellsworth Holden signed a letter to the editor of both the *Athens News* and the *Athens Messenger*. People were aware. All of these public notices encouraged businesses not already on our list (made up from member suggestions) to contact Patty Mercer for a survey form.

Dues to have first reduction when membership reaches 110

The Athens Village Board of Directors voted at its May meeting to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dues to lower our dues for the first time when the membership reaches 110. (It stands at 92 now, with several more persons presently making final decisions about joining).

The new annual dues after the reduction will be \$375 for an individual or \$700 for a two-person household.

At the same May meeting, the Board also voted to formally establish a Reserve Fund to act as a backup for necessary operational bills or to serve in an emergency. Both the cost of normal operations and the Reserve Fund were taken into account in establishing 110 as a goal to reach before reducing dues.

Max Evans was chair of the Ad Hoc Dues Committee. Serving with him were Pat Light, Warren Reininga, George Weckman (Board representative), and Mike Thomas (representing the Advisory Council).

This committee developed and circulated a questionnaire in order to act with knowledge of the opinions of the membership. It had a 53% return, and both the votes and the individual comments rendered in the returned questionnaires were considered by the committee in making its recommendations to the Board.

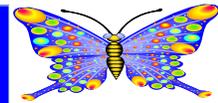
Board members observed that it would pay all of us to interest others in membership, inasmuch as dues could come down even more as the membership grows.

Changes in ACVNA rates affect us very little

ACVNA's Board of Trustees has increased some rates, but they affect The Athens Village only slightly. **Your annual home inspection by Lane Hoisington is still free.**

If Lane finds a problem then (or if you find it on your own) he will fix it if he has the expertise and tools, and his rate for that work remains \$22 an hour, billed through ACVNA. When you call him to come by your house to look some situation over, the time will be billed at 1/2 hour minimum, according to a policy set last year by TAV's Board.

If you use other ACVNA personnel, consult Patty Mercer about the rates.



Short Notes

Peg Cohn is home again (this time from Kimes Rehab Center). She will be continuing her physical therapy at home but must not put any weight on her left leg. If you want to offer any assistance or simply chat, use her house phone — 592-4074. She enjoys using her iPad, too. Her e-mail is moederthree@gmail.com



Pat Light's **High Society Jazz** group is taking a hiatus in June. Wait for word on July.



Lorraine Myers has recuperated from her first hip replacement. The second is scheduled for June 22. She should be home a day or two later. If you want to offer any help then or get interim reports, use Frank's cell phone, 590-5572.



Warren Reininga is in rehab at Doctors Hospital in Nelsonville for at least another week. He is getting stronger, says son Eric. He welcomes visitors.



Joe Agranoff continues his recovery at home, 591-4649. He welcomes calls but do not leave a message if he doesn't answer, because he does not listen for messages. Just try again if you don't get him the first time.



Both **Ann Holden** and **Elizabeth Dakin** would enjoy cards. Ann: Rm. 100, Lindley Inn, 9000 Hocking Hills Dr., The Plains 45780. Elizabeth: Kime's Nursing Center, 75 Kimes Lane, Athens

Safe disposal of computer gear offered

Put Friday, June 24, on your calendar. Thanks to the sharp-eyed Patty Mercer, The Athens Village is able to offer its members safe and proper disposal of computers, printers, and associated gear. All you have to do is bring such equipment to the ACVNA office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on June 24.

FreeGeek Columbus is the organization to which the gear we collect will be taken. They strongly recommend using DBAN to clear all data from your hard drive before turning in your computer. If you have questions about this, get help at support@dban.org.

FreeGeek accepts complete computer systems, mainboards, modems, video cards, RAM, hard drives, power supplies, cell phones, printers, cables, and uninterruptible power supplies. They do NOT accept manuals, software CDs, Styrofoam, televisions, microwave ovens, copiers, DVD players or VCRs, smoke detectors, appliances, or any other noncomputer items.

Lane's Corner: a monthly list of helpful tips

It's that time of the season when we enjoy the warm days and nights. But don't forget that our little pests — the bugs and beasties — enjoy being around us, too. What can we do to discourage their "affection"?

1. Try not to let standing water accumulate around your home in old tires, plastic bags, unused flower pots, etc. — anything that will retain water for a long period of time.
2. For tent caterpillars or bagworms, you can use full-strength household bleach in a small spray bottle. Be sure to protect your eyes, skin, and clothing.
3. Ants are another problem appearing everywhere. You can spray, or use a granulated ant poison. You can also spread a clear liquid, Terro, on small pieces of cardboard or paper in their traffic areas to do them in.
4. For bigger animals (coons, rabbits, squirrels) the most vital things are keeping your outdoor dog and cat food area cleaned up and using garbage cans with tight-fitting lids. Above all, never start feeding coons.

