

From the President:

Happy New Year! One more year has flown by, seemingly more quickly than ever. I hope the new year will be kind to you, your friends, and your family. There are certain to be challenges, as there are every year. Parkland Village is prepared to help people meet some of those challenges.

Our membership is growing, gradually but surely. As of this writing, we have 18 individual memberships and 10 household memberships, for a total of 38 people. Most of our members joined to support the Village and do not need services at this time. But there are several more people who are in the process of becoming members, and they all need services.

We have 19 vetted volunteers who are offering direct services to members. Since the inception of services this past August, 11 of those volunteers have provided 37 services to 8 members. The most popular services so far have been transportation and friendly visits, with some yard work and assistance with technology. One volunteer has been providing friendly visits to a member with vision loss, and the service includes reading the member's mail to her.

On January 17, we held our first Zoom forum for members and volunteers only. It was an opportunity for members and

volunteers to meet and get to know each other. People also shared their experiences as volunteers, members, or both.

We will be sure to do this again, including in-person when the weather permits an outdoor gathering.



One of things we plan to do soon is to promote and operationalize Village Talk, which is a type of social media that will be available to all volunteers and members. People can post all sorts of messages, including announcing events, seeking ride-sharing, recommending electricians, plumbers, etc., or seeking recommendations. In addition, members will get to choose whether they would like to participate in a Member Directory.



As soon as there are a sufficient

number of new volunteers who want to provide direct services to members, we will hold another volunteer orientation, hopefully in February. **Please let us know if you would like to provide direct services to members: transportation, light chores in and around the home, assistance with technology, and/or friendly visits.** Let us also know if you are fit and would like to be part of a snow-shoveling brigade to clear off

members' pathways after any of Albuquerque's infrequent snowfalls.

We can especially use help with our organizing infrastructure so that we can keep up with what we expect will be increased demand for services. For example, we need one or two more people who would be willing to take turns with the Village phone to respond to calls from members requesting services, from people wanting to volunteer, and from people seeking information about the Village. We also need a couple of people who can help with assessments we conduct for new members needing services. Both volunteer positions involve training and being members of our Services Committee.

Stay safe and healthy,

Rich Weiner, President, Parkland Village



Valentine Gifts Ready for Delivery!

Our volunteers have decorated boxes of our Parkland Village note cards with charming handmade Valentines. These make festive Valentine gifts. Each box features a unique handmade Valentine decoration. Inside are

the 12 cards with the photographs of our very own neighborhood. These high-quality boxed sets are a great value at only \$20, plus funds support our Parkland Village neighbors. Why not brighten someone's day with a unique and useful Valentine's gift? You may choose between the cards for 2023 or the 2022 card sets.

Call 617-851-8151 to order. In most cases we can deliver by the next day.



A Valuable Partner

Albuquerque Photographers Gallery has been our valuable partner for three years now. These professional photographers have selected 12 winners each year from the contest entries for the PV calendar and cards. They have also selected the first-

place winning photo, which adorns the cover of the calendar.

The gallery has also given the winners a weekend exhibition, with a reception. Our cards and calendars have been for sale at the gallery as well. We are so grateful for their support. We asked the gallery for a statement for this newsletter, and they responded:

"The Albuquerque Photographers' Gallery has been part of our community for twenty years. An artist-owned business, we've been in Old Town serving fine art collectors from Albuquerque and New Mexico and around the world. On April first, twenty years ago, someone whose name is lost to history, came into our gallery, and bought the first photograph we ever sold. Twenty years. And counting! We've kept our reasonable prices, cheerful friendly artists, and great photography the entire time."

This year's jurors were Urey Lemen and Jake Worth. Our heartfelt thanks to each of them!



Photo by Urey Lemen, *Here Come the Rain*



Photo by Jake Worth, *Abo Milky Way*

Visit the gallery at 328 San Felipe St NW, Suite B, Albuquerque NM 87104. Hours are Monday-Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday noon-5pm. Closed Tuesdays. And check out their website: www.abqphotographersgallery.com

Profiling Local Businesses

This new column highlights the businesses in our neighborhood that have supported Parkland Village. Please thank them for us when you stop in these shops.



Terrazzo Archives is an unusually beautiful store. This Nob Hill Business Center shop is at the corner of Silver and Carlisle. They gave Parkland Village's winter fundraiser

wonderful support by carrying our holiday cards and displaying them at the register. Our Valentine gift boxes are there now.

The concept of Terrazzo Archives is to be an import store featuring handmade objects made from natural materials from around the world, with a mix of both vintage objects as well as contemporary. William and his partner have traveled widely, and the shop reflects connections to artists in various countries, including many from Africa, and a women-owned factory in Turkey. Not only are the objects found here lovely, but the elegant and artistic displays are transporting.

Terrazzo Archives is owned and managed by William Curry. William and his partner opened TA in April of 2021. William is an artist who has specialized in textiles. He has an MFA in costume design and has worked with textiles his entire life...beginning in childhood when his grandmother taught him to sew. William loves nature-made materials such as fibers and wood that are converted into man-made objects that are both aesthetic and functional.

Terrazzo Archives is located at 113 Carlisle Blvd SE. Hours are 10am to 6pm, Tuesdays through Sunday. Call the store at 505-219-3968. **Article by Vicki Rohrmann**

In the coming months we will be profiling the following businesses, too. In the meantime, visit them to see what treasures they hold:

Organic Books: 111 Carlisle SE
LaVonBlu: 109 Carlisle Blvd SE Suite B
Frondescence: 109 Carlisle Blvd SE Suite A
Terrazzo Archives: 113 Carlisle Blvd SE

Mata G Restaurant: 116 Amherst Drive SE
Sukhmani Home Décor: 112 Amherst Dr SE
Mariposa Gallery: 3500 Central Ave SE

and our local coffee shop
Michael Thomas Coffee at 1111 Carlisle Blvd SE



Special Note: If you would like to submit an article for the Newsletter, send your ideas to candynartonis@gmail.com



Volunteers at work and play

Nine volunteers gathered at Vicki Rohrmann's home to make valentines, add ribbons and bows, and add them to boxes of cards from 2022 and 2023. This activity was especially fun and rewarding. Let us

know if you'd like to join the next project. You do not need to be part of a committee to volunteer for one-off projects of this type.



Member and Volunteer News

What are community members doing? This column will keep us updated on recent activities and upcoming projects. Let us know what you are doing by sending your announcements to info@parklandvillageabq.org and we will include the story in future issues.

“Los Árabes of New Mexico” by Monika Ghattas

Retired history professor Monika Ghattas was hosted by the Corrales Historical Society as part of its speaker series. She spoke at the Old San Ysidro Church on Sunday, January 15 to an overflow audience. Monika's topic was the first Arab peddlers to arrive in New Mexico. The

material came from her book, “Los Árabes of New Mexico” available on Amazon. The talk included photographs and other materials from the book. She explained that these early immigrants from Lebanon and Syria first sold religious artifacts and other small objects that they could carry in a backpack. Later they were able to purchase donkeys, then carts. Eventually they became shopkeepers and enriched our New Mexico culture

We heard that these men arrived in the late 1880s via the train from the East or came north from Mexico and easily blended into New Mexican communities with some of their descendants becoming prominent citizens in this state.



Volunteer Opportunities: If you have thought about helping with the organizational aspects of the Village, we would be delighted to talk to you.

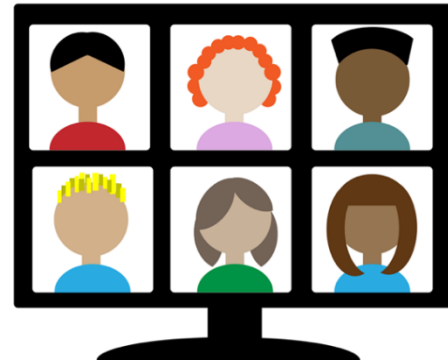
- **Services Committee:** This committee handles all aspects regarding members and volunteers of direct services, including matching volunteers with members who request services. The committee orients new volunteers, provides training updates to volunteers as appropriate, and facilitates meetings with volunteers to share experiences and suggest changes. The committee helps to

recruit new volunteers and follows up on requests to volunteer. The committee also arranges home visits and orientations for new members.

- **Events Committee:** This committee plans events and programs, both on Zoom and in person.
- **Resource Evaluation and Coordination Committee:** The committee researches the work of other agencies (City and non-profit) and meets with key people in those agencies – by Zoom during the pandemic – to create cooperative arrangements and avoid the duplication of services.
- **Other:** Do you have a special set of skills that might be helpful to us? Let us know!



PARKLAND VILLAGE DIVERSITY STATEMENT: Our Village community serves all elders and persons with disabilities who reside in our service area regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual and affectional orientation, race, ethnicity, creed, religion, or political affiliation.



Zoom Forums

If any of you have skills and/or interests that you would like to share in a future Zoom forum, please get in touch with us and let us know. Or you could request a topic.



For more information about Parkland Village, read further and visit our website at www.parklandvillageabq.org.

Reminder: Online Yoga Classes

The **Villages of Santa Fe**, in collaboration with AARP, has been sponsoring online classes in exercise and gentle yoga. Any of you are welcome to register for, and join these classes. Some classes are free, and some involve a nominal fee. You can get

more information about and register for
these classes at:

<https://villages.punchpass.com>

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