TAG Members Expand Teen Horizons
By Natalie Mallett

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.

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.
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

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 (Tomales), Volunteer Firefighter, Tomales 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

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), Adapt-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 Dorr (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

Vincente 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 Llmas (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 Mazariqes (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