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# Homestead Headlines

Happy  
New Year

JANUARY, 2011

## HVCA Board

Tues., 1/4, 7:30 PM

## HVLT Board

Tues., 1/11 7:30 PM

## CERT Committee

Tues., 1/18, 7:30 PM

## Sanitary Board

Tues., 1/25, 7:30 PM

## Tam Des Rvw Bd

1st/3rd Wed., 7:00 PM  
Log Cabin, Tam Vly

## A. A. Meeting

Saturdays, 10:00 AM

## N. A. Meeting

Thursdays, 6:30 PM

## Homestead Village Walking Group

Fri., 1:15-3:15 PM

## Blue Bear Music

Wednesdays, 4:30 PM

## Puppy Training

**Gentle Touch Classes**  
Thurs., 6:30 & 7:30 PM

## Ali Weiss Music

Thurs., 9:30, 10:30 &  
11:30 AM and  
3:30 & 4:30 PM

## T'ai Chi Chuan

Mondays, 6:00 &  
7:00 PM

## Group Meditation

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

## Music Together

Fridays 9:30, 10:30 &  
11:30 AM

## Mat Pilates

Wednesdays., 9:00 AM

## Homestead's Annual Meeting, January 22, 2011

Homestead's Annual Meeting is planned for **Saturday, January 22, 2011**. All Homestead residents are welcome and residents over age 18 are eligible to vote. The annual meeting is a wonderful time to meet and socialize with neighbors. The appetizer/beverage social begins at 5:00 and the meeting begins at 6:00 which will feature reports from the boards of the **Community Association, Land Trust, Sanitary District and CSA-14**. Awards are traditionally given for neighborhood service. The annual meeting is a great way to find out what's going on in Homestead and to ask questions or weigh in on items of concern to you. We're also going to share ideas and proposals for capital improvements to the community center, pool, and grounds. We hope to see you there.



HVCA Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting. The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month to plan events and help our neighborhood. It's a great, easy way to be involved and make a difference in our community. Please call Board President **Al Wuthnow**, 381-4200, for more information.

## The Headlines is now all electronic, but there are choices!

Since August, the *Homestead Headlines* has been delivered to you monthly, as always, only now using the medium of cyberspace to bring you all the Homestead news. We are very appreciative of those who have provided us with an email address, not only for *Headlines* delivery, but to be in touch with other important Homestead events and announcements, as well as emergency response. **PLEASE** continue to contact the office and provide your email and street addresses to receive the *Homestead Headlines* electronically if you have not done so!

However, **IF you still wish to receive the *Headlines* by postal mail, you CAN "opt-in" to the mailing list for mailed "hard copies."** As above, simply contact us by phone, mail, or email, and request first-class postage mailing. In addition, there will always be a few issues printed and available at the community center for pick-up, AND we will also mail a notice annually in January to assure that any new Homestead residents are aware of the *Headlines*, and can subscribe for free delivery, either by email, U.S. Postal Service mail, or both.

**To convert to E-Headlines delivery, email [info@homesteadvalley.org](mailto:info@homesteadvalley.org) and provide your full name, mailing, and email address(es).** Or, view both the current AND archived issues of the *Headlines*, or modify your account, at our web site: [www.homesteadvalley.org](http://www.homesteadvalley.org). Click on "*Homestead Headlines*" on the right side.

Like this one, the January 2012 issue will be mailed via USPS to welcome and introduce the *Homestead Headlines* to any new "Homesteaders" and provide the opportunity to see instructions on signing up for E-Headlines. *Thank you!*

**Deadline for the February Headlines: January 15, 2011**

## Images of Early Homestead Valley

By Chuck Oldenburg

### HELEN'S ORAL HISTORY

#### CHAPTER 7

#### A NEW LIFE

Helen's father died on October 12, 1911 a few days before her seventh birthday. Her mother sold the farm on July 2, 1914 and took the children to live with relatives in an elegant mansion at 123 Edgewood Ave., a short steep brick street on the east side of what is now UCSF Medical Center. The household consisted of Helen, her great-aunt, her grandmother, her mother, her aunt, her older sister, Margaret, and her younger sister, Harriet—seven females in three generations supported financially by the wealthy great-aunt. Quite a change from the nuclear family on the farm. In the summer of 1915, when Helen was 10 years old she went to the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

“We had season tickets of course, because that's the way my aunts always behaved. But to get there...to go off Edgewood Avenue was a chore in itself, then you take number 6 streetcar, and then you had to change at Grove to the number 22 streetcar. And you got off at the top of Fillmore Street, and you took a cable car down the steepest streets I've ever seen in my life. Well of course, the people would be all standing straight, and they started over the hill. And then everybody was smashed to the bottom of the streetcar, of course, going down, with all on top of each other. And with my family, who couldn't bear anyone to touch them, and thought everybody was a rapist! Aunt Allie [Helen's great-aunt] would be screaming at the top of her lungs, “STOP THAT SIR!” And, “Mercy on us!” And Little Auntie [Helen's aunt] would be saying, “Oh, Allie, please don't talk like that!” And, “Helen where are you?” And I'd be smashed to smithereens, by the time we got down, I think it was three hills, but it may have been two. And then we straightened out again, and everybody straightened themselves up, and started walking back into the car, and trying to pretend they'd never been off balance and lost their dignity. But that's how we got to the fair. And then when you came home, it was the other way, going up that hill. Of course everybody was still in the same place, down at the bottom. But it was a different kind of feeling, going up. Oh man, those days!

“But when we got to the fair, don't think we weren't having a wonderful time. Oh! It was the most beautiful fair! You know we still have the Palace of Fine Arts to show you what kind of architecture it was. Then there were the courts, about three courts that were done by Maybeck, and Stackpole, and all the good artists of our time, and interior and exterior decorators. It is really said to be the most beautiful fair that was ever shown. It was like Fairyland, it was so beautiful. In the middle of one of the beautiful courts was Sousa, you know. He played his wonderful, wonderful band of military music, all afternoon, really.”

*Chuck's articles are posted on [www.millvalleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.millvalleyhistoricalsociety.org). Photos are clearer on line than in print. He can be emailed at [chuckoldenburg@gmail.com](mailto:chuckoldenburg@gmail.com).*

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# Homestead Valley's Annual Meeting Board Elections & Potluck Saturday, January 22, 2011

**Appetizer/Beverage Potluck Social 5:00 P.M.  
Meeting 6:00-7:30 P.M.**

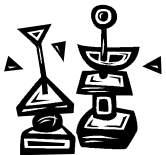
**Homestead Valley Community Center  
315 Montford Ave., Mill Valley**

- Reports from HVCA, HVLT, CSA-14, and Sanitary District
- Recognition for Volunteer of the Year and Distinguished Service Award

Elections will be held for vacancies on these Boards:

CSA-14      Community Association      Land Trust

All Homestead Valley residents 18 and over may vote.



Bring your favorite family  
appetizer / beverage  
to share with  
and neighbors.



Fun activities  
for the kids  
will be provided  
by the staff of  
Camp Tam.



**Homestead Holiday...**

**A Wonderful Winter Celebration**

**By Nejat Düzgünes**

The Homestead Valley Community Association hosted the Winter Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 11. We invited friends and neighbors to celebrate our Winter traditions. The craft tables for creating snowflake and wreath bead ornaments and sparkling pinecones, and decorating gingerbread cookies, were crowded with children and parents all evening. We enjoyed drinks and the great array of holiday snacks and treats that everyone kindly contributed. We took a moment to honor the Valley residents who created the Centenary Quilt in the main hall. Then we joined Les Lizama at the guitar to sing all the carols we could remember. Santa must have heard the heartfelt carols and decided to drop in and cheer us up.

We give our warmest thanks to everyone who made a special effort to contribute to the Winter Holiday Celebration. **David Ross** and my wife **Diana Flasher** took care of all the details of the event and, together with **Dana Schmidt**, **Renee Glazier** and **Les Lizama**, set up the Center for the holidays. Our camp director, **Mandy McGowen**, set up a table to inform community members about our wonderful camp for school age children. **Burnett Tregoning** greeted everyone and got us into the Holiday spirit by serving drinks. **Les Lizama** led the caroling, **Al Wuthnow** used his special connection to the North Pole to ensure that Santa came again this year. My daughter **Maxine**, along with friends **Nicole Yip** and **Samantha Elliott**, helped everyone at the ornament-making table, and my son **Avery** shared a poem about friendship at the end of the celebration. Many Valley residents brought tasty snacks and treats. **Gwen Gallagher** took many pictures & created a video of the event (which can be viewed at [www.homesteadvalley.org](http://www.homesteadvalley.org)) and led the clean up effort. Thank you, friends and neighbors, for being there and celebrating the Winter Holidays. We wish you all the best for the New Year, and we hope to see you again next year.

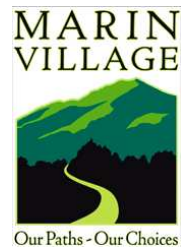
**Homestead Village...**

**Author Bruce Wrisley To Speak At Homestead January 14th, 2011**

**By Renee Glazier**

Homestead Village, an organization of independent elders will hold a third get-together for interested neighbors on Friday, January 14th, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm at the Homestead Valley Community Center, 315 Montford Avenue.

**Bruce Wrisley**, author of **Stay or Move? The Seniors' Housing Dilemma**, will be our guest speaker. His book discusses the questions seniors should consider when deciding whether to stay or move to a different location and/or a different type of housing. The book is based on Bruce's 53 years of experience as a Real Estate Broker and counselor. He has an M.A. in psychology from Stanford University. He taught a course on this subject at College of Marin for nine years; and has done real estate counseling with seniors for 23 years.



There will be time allotted for socializing with friends and neighbors before and after the formal presentation. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Contact Christina Oldenburg at 388-9315 or email [david@homesteadvalley.org](mailto:david@homesteadvalley.org) for a reservation. Please let us know if you need transportation to the meeting.

**Homestead Village** is a Community Village Organization affiliated with Marin Village. Membership in Homestead Village is open to all interested Homestead neighbors at no cost. Homestead Village wishes to provide social/recreational activities based on the interests of Homestead residents. **Marin Village** assists independent elders who wish to continue living in their own homes by providing referrals to thoroughly screened service providers. Membership in Marin Village costs \$200 per year per household. See the Marin Village website <http://www.marinvillage.org> for further details on establishing membership.

*Homestead Village, is a program for independent seniors*

*Sometimes wish you had someone to help with a maintenance issue? Do you need transportation? Would you like to join an exercise group? Attend a class? Learn something new? If so, perhaps joining and volunteering with Homestead Village (or better yet, becoming a full-fledged member of Marin Village) would be just what you need.*

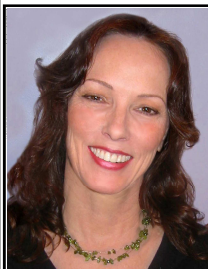
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## Homestead Village Presents

**Bruce Wisley**

Author

“Stay or Move? - The Seniors’ Housing Dilemma”

Friday January 14

1:30—3:00 PM

Free Event

Seating is Limited

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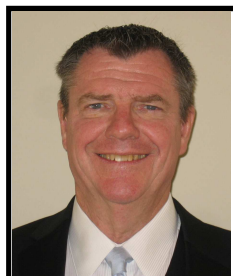
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***Wednesdays at 9:00 AM at the Homestead Valley Community Center—beginning January 12, 2011  
For more information, please contact Carmen Zeni at 415.388.0808***

### **On the Calendar...**

#### ***Homestead Village Presents Bruce Wrisley, Author***

**Friday, January 14, 1:30—3:00 PM**  
Author, "Stay or Move? The Seniors' Housing Dilemma"

#### ***Homestead Valley Community Association Annual Meeting***

**Saturday, January 22**

**5:00 PM Appetizer Potluck—6:00 PM Meeting**

Awards, elections & fine food. All community members are welcome, those 18 years of age & up may vote.

#### ***Next "Homestead Walkabout"***

**Saturday, January 22, 9:00 AM**

Get acquainted with Homestead Valley's wonderful hiking trails, get some exercise, and meet some of your Homestead neighbors. Dr. Jerry Freedman will be leading a 1 1/2 to 2 hour leisurely paced walk. Dogs and children are welcome. Call Jerry at 383-1270 for details and meeting place.

Note: this hike includes a moderately strenuous climb to the top of Homestead Hill (approximately 700 feet).



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