

## Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries in June and thank them for their ongoing involvement.

- 26 years** **Brian Saunders** (S.R.) Clerk, Treasurer-Tax Collector  
**14 years** **Nancy Sakellar** (Pt. Reyes) Aide, Pt. Reyes Station Library  
**9 years** **Maritza Wilson** (Nov.) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**8 years** **Jon Snyder** (M.V.) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**7 years** **Sanny Perlas** (S.R.) Patient Advocate, H&HS; **John Polman** (C.M.) Driver, Fire Department  
**6 years** **Frank Cox** (S.R.) OES Volunteer, Sheriff; **Gloria Jones** (M.V.) Liaison, Library Beyond Walls; **Carole Sherick** (S.R.) Liaison, Library Beyond Walls  
**5 years** **Elizabeth Bolton** (M.V.) Ombudsman, H&HS; **Evelyn Jaffe** (Tib.) Liaison, Library Beyond Walls; **David Roberts** (Nov.) Driver, H&HS  
**4 years** **Wyna Barron** (Marin City) Liaison, Library Beyond Walls; **Nora Lee Cornett** (S.R.) OES Volunteer, Sheriff; **Jacqueline Ford** (Nov.) Senior Access Reader, Novato Library & Liaison, Library Beyond Walls; **Jane Solomons** (S.R.) Internet Tutor, Civic Center Library & Aide, So. Novato Library; **Isidoro Weitzman** (Tib.) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS, **Tikva Weitzman** (Tib.) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**3 years** **John Boland** (C.M.) Dentist, H&HS; **Eric Zaremski** (Greenb.) Dentist, H&HS  
**2 years** **Cloann DiGrazia** (Nov.) Accounting Clerk, Finance; **Judith Hanks** (M.V.) Intern, Public Defender; **Cristine Insley** (Nov.) Advocate, H&HS; **Jim Laveroni** (Rohnert Park) Investigative Aide, Child Support Services  
**1 year** **Raymond Melvin Banks** (S.F.) Legal Intern, Public Defender; **Gleneda Borton** (S.R.) Paralegal, Public Defender; **Sue Combs** (Richmond) Reader, Novato Library; **Jane Gibson** (Larkspur) Reader, Corte Madera Library; **Belinda Ingraham** (Marin City) Legal Assistant, D.A.; **Ruth Lopez** (Pt. Reyes) Event Coordinator, H.R.; **Jenny Mendez** (M.V.) Data Entry Support, H&HS; **Brigid O'Hanrahan** (Pt. Reyes) Assistant, Pt. Reyes Station Library; **Jean Rodgers** (Tib.) Connection Ctr. Assistant, H&HS; **Sue Smith** (Oakland) Patient Advocate, H&HS; **Debra Ziegler** (C.M.) Shelves, Corte Madera Library

**Staggering Statistic:** CCV contributed \$10,923,960.29 in services to the County of Marin in 2009. Congratulations and thank you to all CCV volunteers and interns. **You make the difference !**

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## Volunteer Notes

From the Bd. of Supervisors  
 to Our Volunteers:  
 Quote of the Month

"We live in an amazing county and in no small part it is because of volunteerism and the spirit that we are celebrating here today. We couldn't do what we're doing without you. One of my favorite stories is Stone Soup, where everybody contributes a little bit when everybody is hungry. At the end of the contribution of a little piece of carrot and a little piece of potato, we end up with this bubbling, rich broth that feeds all of us. ... It's wonderful to know that we have that kind of spirit here in our county. It is no small wonder that this is the best county in the state. Thank you all for contributing yourselves and your time."

-Supervisor Susan Adams  
 May 4, 2010  
 At the Spring Volunteer  
 Recognition Event

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# The Volunteer View

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## B.K. Cooper brings heavy rigging expertise to Marin search and rescue team



B.K. Cooper coordinates equipment usage at the Mill Valley mudslide.

**B.K. Cooper** is a volunteer Rigging Manager with Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and a member of the Marin County Volunteer Sheriff's Posse. "Cooper," as he is commonly known, joined the Marin County Sheriff's Posse in 1992 to train and prepare to deploy to emergency events, primarily search and rescue, at the discretion of the Sheriff. In 1997, he increased his volunteer commitment by joining the Marin USAR as a rigging manager, coordinating heavy equipment usage in an emergency.

His supervisor, Fire Operations Battalion Chief **Mark Brown**, says, "Cooper's depth of knowledge in USAR heavy rigging and crane operations is unsurpassed in the nation. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading heavy riggers. Not only is Cooper excellent at his job, he has a knack for being able to teach his skills to others in a very effective manner. Cooper is a tremendous asset for the Marin County USAR Team."

He volunteers up to 30 hours a month and says, "It's an honor to bring the skills that I have picked up over the years to help in emergency situations within and outside of our county." Cooper spent ten days in New York at the site of the 9/11 terrorist attack during the rescue stage, spent time in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and worked at the scene of the fatal mudslide in Mill Valley in 2006.

Cooper says, "I also enjoy the ceremonial aspects of my volunteer position. With my mule Kate and her wagon, I escort the Marin County Sheriff in parades around the county." He also participates in Honor Guard duties involving the department's limber and caisson.

As founder of Cooper Crane and Rigging, Inc., Cooper travels extensively for training and for work. He belongs to FEMA California Task Force #3 (one of 28 federal search and rescue groups), Sonoma County Trailblazers, Reno Sierra Riders, and Operating Engineers Local #3.

Married, with children and grandchildren, Cooper lives with his wife, Charyl, in Novato. In his spare time he also enjoys riding his mule in the hills with his dog Cody in tow.

**Sheriff Robert Doyle** says, "B.K. Cooper, or Coop as we refer to him, has really been the heart and soul of our volunteer posse for a number of years. At his urging, we purchased the caisson, which is Civil War vintage, and restored it to its original state. For the posse and the organization, it is a touch of historical importance, and because of Coop's efforts it has put a face on our posse statewide."

by Barbara Webb

## Who's New & Welcome

**Cyril Ackerman** (Fairfax) Shelver, Fairfax Library  
**Hans Adler** (Mill Valley) FAST Team Volunteer, H&HS  
**Bjorn Anderson** (Lagunitas) Firefighter, Fire  
**Monica Benitez** (San Rafael) Student Nurse, H&HS  
**Marie Cavanagh** (Tib.) Comm. Supp./Donation Coord., H&HS  
**Vicky Chin** (Greenbrae) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**Sharon Clark** (Novato) Clipping File Vol., Civic Center Library  
**Meagen Clendenen** (S.F.) Student Nurse, H&HS  
**Diane Cokely** (San Anselmo) FAST Team Volunteer, H&HS  
**Mary Donovan** (Larkspur) Facilitator, H&HS  
**Chelsea Drummond** (S.F.) Student Nurse, H&HS  
**Jenny Duffin** (Sonoma) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**Janice Dushkes** (San Rafael) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**Jill Engelbrecht** (C. Madera) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**Lauren Eenteen** (S.F.) Student Nurse, H&HS  
**Eugene Fan** (S.F.) Medical Student Intern, H&HS  
**Mark Fitzgerald** (Tiburon) Firefighter, Fire  
**James Gilardi** (Pt. Reyes) Evidence Asst., Sheriff  
**Geoff Gicker** (Novato) Carpenter, Parks & Open Space

**Sandra Ordonez Jimenez** (Nov.) Translator, Novato Library  
**Katherine Jones** (S.F.), Student Nurse, H&Hc  
**Brice Lynch** (San Anselmo) Law Clerk, County Counsel  
**Katie MacBride** (Tiburon) Tutor, Probation  
**Michelle Marble** (Petaluma) Student Nurse, H&HS  
**Elsa Marconi** (Novato) Shelver, Novato Library  
**Phillip Meagor** (Santa Rosa) Firefighter, Fire  
**Lisa O'Callaghan** (San Anselmo) Shelver, Fairfax Library  
**Bertha Osomo** (Greenbrae) Centering Pregnancy Asst., H&HS  
**Juliana Polidor** (Novato) Child Engagement Asst., H&HS  
**Dorothy R. Randall** (Novato) Shelver, Novato Library  
**Manmeet Rattu** (Vallejo) STAR Program Intern, H&HS  
**Miki Raver** (Tiburon) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**David Rogers** (Mill Valley) Tutor, Probation  
**Erica Schafer** (San Anselmo) Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS  
**Carly Skeath** (San Jose) Student Nurse, H&HS  
**Judith Sylvester** (Hayward) Patient Advocate, H&HS  
**Jody Timms** (Fairfax), Senior Peer Counselor, H&HS

### We Remember...

A dedicated volunteer, **Brenda Morris**, passed away at her home in April following a long illness. Highly esteemed and a lover of the arts, Brenda served as volunteer receptionist for Cultural and Visitors Services. Brenda's supervisor, **Lonnie Garey** said, "We just loved Brenda. She was a warm, engaged, and lively person with a great sense of humor. She was a dream volunteer and I will always remember her fondly."

## Volunteer Jean Terribilini has a passion for the conservation of wetlands in Marin County

**Jean Terribilini** volunteers 30 hours a month as an administrative assistant in the Environmental Planning Division of the Community Development Agency.

After Jean's children were grown, she went back to Sonoma State University to finish her bachelor's degree in environmental studies and planning, with an emphasis on restoration and conservation. She now volunteers with employees managing and mapping environmental review documents. "My volunteer job helps me see how the concepts I learned in class are applied in the real world," Jean says. "I can see how problems are dealt with and how compromises are made among all the stakeholders for so many projects in Marin. I'm impressed with how well-informed the general public is about their surrounding natural environment and how concerned they are with appropriate stewardship of this beautiful area."



Jean Terribilini organizes and updates Environmental Planning.

Jean supports local organizations that encourage conservation of our natural surroundings through conservation easements. She says, "The repairing and preserving of our priceless natural environment is so important to me." She would like to find a job where she would work with others on the

conservation of wetlands in Marin County.

With five children and two grandchildren, Jean keeps busy, and still has time to volunteer at her church, for the Red Cross, and for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She also volunteers for LandPaths in Sonoma County and for the Sonoma Land Trust.

Her supervisor, **Rachel Warner**, Community Development Planner, says, "Jean has contributed to a number of important projects, including, but not limited to, updating our archival filing system for environmental review documents, GIS mapping and database creation, document distribution, assistance with public meetings, and updating qualified consultants list. She is diligent and thorough with every task and is enjoyable to work with."

by Barbara Webb

## Intern Manmeet 'Mini' Rattu, forensic counselor, makes our community stronger



Manmeet Rattu counsels clients for the STAR Program.

**Manmeet "Mini" Rattu** works 15 hours a week to provide individual and group counseling for clients at Marin County's Support and Treatment After Release STAR Program, a full-service partnership providing services to mentally ill offenders. Mini collaborates with

multidisciplinary STAR team members in setting goals and creating treatment plans for clients.

She says, "I'm learning modern approaches in clinical therapy and how to collaborate with judicial, health, and community organizations. I feel myself growing with each day I volunteer, and best of all, it's fun!"

Mini has a psychology B.A. from San Francisco State University and an M.S. in counseling from Dominican University. She would like to earn her Ph.D. in clinical health psychology in order to teach others how physical health is linked to mental health. Mini's supervisor, **Larry Jacobs**, Mental Health Unit Supervisor, STAR Program, is her mentor. "He has taught me so much," she says. "I forever want to grow and learn and be of service to others to make our communities stronger and more peaceful."

Mini is an avid traveler and says, "I love international destinations, but my favorite is our home in Punjab, India. It is all farmland, where villagers live a simple lifestyle; food is grown organically, electricity is limited, and people live in sync with nature and animals. It is absolutely beautiful and relaxing."

Larry Jacobs says, "Manmeet is mature and professionally competent beyond her years. She is actively engaged with our team; attending staff meetings, counseling clients, presenting cases to the clinical team and updating the court judge, DA, PD, and probation officer within the context of our weekly STAR Mental Health Court's pre-court meetings. Manmeet is reliable and thoughtful and readily adapted to become one of the team. She is a delight and we are thrilled that she will be volunteering with us for many months to come."

by Barbara Webb

## Tiffany Welter says, 'The more I give, the more I seem to have to give'

**Tiffany Welter** has volunteered 15 hours a month for the past year to provide administrative support for Children and Family Services. Tiffany says, "My work varies from week to week. I help support and maintain the tasks of the administrative staff, who support the social workers."

She says, "I have an incredibly blessed life and choose to give back." For the past ten years, Tiffany has volunteered for Meals on Wheels, SafeChoice, Ritter Center, and Marin Abused Women's Services. She has been volunteering with Marin Advocates for Children for the past 2½ years and recently became a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteer.

Tiffany is a student at San Francisco State University, working on her master's degree in social work. With a bachelor's degree in human development, life coach



Tiffany Welter advocates for children and families.

training, and a certificate in nutritional consulting. Tiffany's career goal was to be a life coach and nutritional consultant. Now, through her volunteer

work, she finds herself more interested in working with families and children, with a special interest in adoption services.

Tiffany and her partner Michael travel several times a year. She says, "Our best trip was volunteering at an orphanage in Bali in 2008. I want always to be of service in my community regardless of how busy I am."

**Alva Ackley**, Social Services Unit Supervisor, Children's Social Services says, "Tiffany is a helpful, consistent, and reliable member of our team. She always presents a positive attitude toward our work and the tasks we assign to her. She has a great interest in the work of Children and Family Services. She also volunteers at Marin Advocates for Children and plans to further her career choices in this area. We greatly appreciate her contributions to our agency."

by Barbara Webb