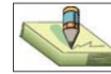


## Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their ongoing service!

- 21 years** Carolyn Schwab, California Room Researcher, CC Library  
**18 years** Jim Allen, Tour Docent, CS; Sister Millie McMurdo and Peter Schmid, Sr. Peer Counselors, HHS  
**16 years** Olga Ballesteros, Sr. Peer Counselor, HHS  
**14 years** Jane Slack, Aide, Stinson Beach Library  
**13 years** Donald Ames, Page, Novato Library  
**9 years** Richard Cotton, Sr. Peer Counselor, HHS; Joanne Elder, CCV Admin. Asst., HR; Bobbie Kimball, Aide, Bolinas Library  
**8 years** Charlotte Urban, LBW Liaison, Library  
**7 years** Miriam Cooper, Aide, Corte Madera Library  
**6 years** Joan Gray, LBW Liaison, Library; Roberta "Bobbie" Kettler, Tour Docent, CS; Roberta "Bobbie" Kettler, Juv. Hall Tutor, Probation  
**5 years** Daniel Freeman, Marine Patrol, Sheriff  
**4 years** Ann Brebner, Sr. Peer Counselor, HHS; Rochelle Newman, Consumer Mediator, DA  
**3 years** Timothy McDonald, Shelver, Novato Library; Marvin L. Mizis, Legal Self Help Receptionist, Courts; Charles H. Waldron, Evidence Processing Asst., Sheriff; Tiffany Welter, Advocate, Marin Advocates for Children  
**2 years** Clarice Bridges, Project Independence Advocate, HHS  
**1 year** Shani Boyd, Alexis Caligiuri, Duncan Frost, Catherine Gorman, Emily Paquette, Jordan Stenvers, Teen Advisory Group, Novato Library; Jennie M. Butler, Office Aide, Parks; Arianna Gard, Juv. Hall Tutor, Probation; Christina Bricca, Evelyn Grimaldi, Rachel Lim-Vu, Tamsin Woodmason, Homevisit Parent Partners, HHS; Arline Mathieu, Shelver, Bolinas Library; Betty J. Mattea, Stephen Cook, Sylvia M. Jensvold, Elias Olson, Roberta Robinson, Thomas A. Robinson, Reva Saper, Real DUI Court in Schools Coordinators, Courts; Jeff Skov, Juv. Hall Tutor, Probation; Christopher Tarbell, Attorney, DA

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### Volunteer Notes

#### Fond Farewell to Vivi After 17 Years



Administrative specialist and 17-year volunteer Vivienne Freeman has retired

from the Civic Center Volunteers office. Most of her service was with CCV's now-retired manager, Joan Brown, who often praised Vivi's practical wisdom, dry wit, and stellar skills. Dedicated to recognizing all who served the county, Vivi single-handedly produced thousands of beautiful certificates of appreciation. She entered data, generated *Volunteer View* copy, maintained files, staffed events, and more. Our deepest thanks, Vivi, for your amazingly generous service at the heart of the CCV program!

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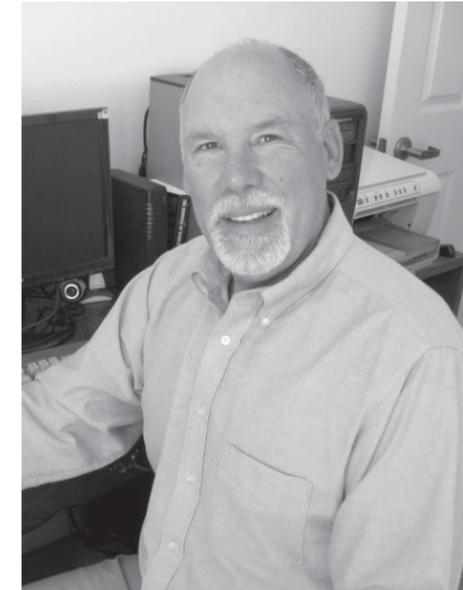
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### Vince Simpson keeps proceedings in order at Marin's Community Court



Volunteer bailiff Vince Simpson draws on 31 years of law enforcement experience.

For the past year, retired San Francisco police officer **Vince Simpson** has been "keeping the peace" as a volunteer bailiff for Community Court.

One day a month, Marin Superior Court moves to St. Vincent's Free Dining Room in downtown San Rafael to hold a court aimed at addressing the minor violations of the homeless, and nearly homeless, population in Marin. "The calendars are large, often 50 defendants on the docket, making for a rather chaotic situation," explained Court Commissioner **Beverly Wood**. "There's no metal detector, no screening, and no restrictions on visitors. There is only Vince Simpson. Vince is responsible for keeping an eye on the proceedings and making sure that everyone keeps his or her cool. He calls the proceedings to order, and keeps them in order."

Community Court resolves cases that would otherwise clog the courts. After lunch hour, the dining tables are arranged in a courtroom setting. After intake, the defendants eventually talk with one of two *pro bono* attorneys. Most defendants are assigned community service. "The goal is to try to get people back on their feet and to make them more accountable. My role is presence," Vince said of his volunteer role. "It gets me back into law enforcement. I enjoy it. It's a breath of fresh air."

"To his immense credit Vince does his job with kindness not force," Commissioner Wood added. "His experience working with the public and his willingness to act as our bailiff has been an integral part of Marin's Community Court."

Vince retired three and a half years ago from his 31-year law enforcement career. His favorite work assignment was four years with the Horse Patrol in Golden Gate Park, including two years patrolling the outside parking lot at S.F. Giants games. "After intensive training I built a lot of rapport with my Morgan horse, Fred, who was hard-working and loved people," said Vince. "The horses were a great tool because they broke a lot of barriers with the public."

Vince and his wife Diane have three grown children: Nicholas, Charlie, and Jennifer. The entire Simpson family is environmentally in-tune and enjoys outdoor activities.

By Shirley Trimble

## Who's New & Welcome

**Andrew McWherter**, Shelver, Nov. Lib.  
**Leo Bitoy**, Research Assistant, HHS  
**Yesenia "Liz" Teodoro**, Homevisit Parent Partner, HHS  
**Aldo E. Ibarra**, Attorney, DA  
**Teal Langworthy**, Homevisit Parent Partner, HHS  
**Jesus Anguiano**, Tutor, Nov. Lib.  
**Jennifer Crumb**, Veterans' Svcs.Aide, HHS

**Jonathan Deras**, Veterans' Svcs.Aide, HHS  
**Genevieve Finn**, Shelver, Bolinas Lib.  
**Elise Kaplan**, Legal Assistant, County Counsel  
**Jessica Albarran**, CAPA Student Intern, HHS  
**Celia Milan Laico**, Tutor, Nov. Lib.  
**Christopher Zeidel**, LBW Researcher, Pt. Reyes Stn. Lib.

**Andriana Rodriguez**, Juv. Hall Tutor/Intern, Probation  
**Scott Luo**, Maintenance Aide, Cultural Services  
**Mari Tomiyama**, Research Asst., Housing Authority  
**Willow Dawson**, Shelver, Pt. Reyes Stn. Lib.  
**Jannicka Murphy**, Tutor, Nov. Lib.  
**Betty Obata**, Veterans' Svcs.Aide, HHS  
**Cynthia Salgada**, Juv. Hall Tutor/Probation

## Public Defender interns learn the art of criminal justice

Students at the Marin County Public Defender's office have gained a true understanding of criminal justice through their experiences as interns this summer. The program, created by Public Defender **Jose Varela**, allows motivated students from high school through post-law school to learn the ropes of legal public service in an intimate setting.



L to R: Legal interns Thomas Daly, Aaron Schwartz, staff member Pedro Oliveros, interns Kathleen Natividad, Grant Miller. Not Pictured: Interns Cassidy Toles, Catherine Kimel.

"Internships give the students a personal experience that will make them stronger candidates for future careers in the public sector," Jose said. "I love helping students with good ambition who want to make this world a better place!"

While pre-law students got a taste of the roles and functions of the Public Defender and the other attorneys in the office, the certified law students were fully engaged as part of the litigation team and represented actual clients. This summer, seven law-school interns from around the country served as interns. They attended court, interviewed

clients in jail, covered crime scenes, and argued motions.

Golden Gate University law student **Kathleen Natividad** said she was in court on her first day as an intern. "It was amazing — everything I wanted and more!"

**Grant Miller**, a first-year student at UCLA Law School, was busy with research, writing, and client work. "We really got to do the cool stuff lawyers do," he said.

**Thomas Daly**, a second-year student at John F. Kennedy University's College of Law, was grateful for the small size of the office and the big opportunities. "I

got to argue motions in court; no other office will let you do that!" Thomas said, praising the program's many opportunities for learning about the profession he intends to enter.

"We have confidence in our interns who have shown their capabilities year after year," said Deputy Public Defender **Pedro Oliveros**, who supervises the law interns. "They have a great impact on our office."

"Interning at the Public Defender's Office showed us how to be responsible and ethical attorneys," added Thomas Daly. "We learned that each case is special, no matter what."

By Kathy Khalvati

## Volunteers at Juvenile Hall create brighter future for youth

Serving as mentors, tutors, and teachers, a team of dedicated Civic Center Volunteers seeks to create avenues of opportunity and success for incarcerated youth in Marin County. These citizens share their passions and talents to encourage teens to receive high school credits and possibly transition to a path of higher education after completing their time at Juvenile Hall.

Supervised by Head Teacher **Bart Jones**, the efforts of the 14 volunteers have allowed the program to prosper and become multi-faceted. "The children need support to continue; we reach out in a realistic way to help them," said Bart.

Volunteer **Mary Melissa Grafflin**, a retired school teacher, has been with the program for seven years, taking three buses from San Francisco each week to serve. She teaches a course on current events and the law to keep students

connected to the outside world. "We are the only continuity they've got," said Mary Melissa.

**Robert Flynn** comes in twice a week. A transition counselor for students with potential for higher education, Robert is the former chair of counseling at College of Marin. Upon retiring, he offered his experience and

connections to implement a transition program at Juvenile Hall. So far, 12 students have enrolled.

"All students should know that at any time in their lives this educational opportunity is always open for them," Robert said of the community college. "It's a seed I try to open."

By Kathy Khalvati



L to R: Mary Melissa Grafflin, Linda Krause, Robert Flynn, Peggy Ackley, Jeff Skov. Not Pictured: Bobbie Kettler, Arianna Gard, Katie MacBride, Stuart Hyde, George Hagan, Victoria Gonzales, and student interns Tyler Birss, Andriana Rodrigues, Cynthia Salgada.

## Lydia Hull facilitates book club at Corte Madera Library



Lydia Hull's management skills benefit library book club program.

**Lydia Hull** has been volunteering more than a year as a book club facilitator at the Corte Madera Library. "I work with the librarian to research possible book club selections, looking at related information such as timelines, historical background, and author information," she said. "I also provide pictorial informa-

tion relating to book themes, and act as a liaison between book club members and the librarian. I am responsible for room set-up and take-down, and I gently guide the book discussions."

Lydia serves up to 24 hours a month, depending on the book's length and availability of background materials. She said, "Participating in the success of an active public book club allows me to combine many of the things I value most: support of public libraries; reading a variety of books; inclusion in interesting conversations; hearing a variety of viewpoints; and working with the professional library staff."

With an undergraduate degree in social sciences from Dominican University and graduate work in organization and leadership from

the University of San Francisco, Lydia has worked as director of admissions at Dominican and associate director of admissions at USF. She provided sound academic advice to adults who wanted to complete their undergraduate degrees and was "gratified to witness 'my' students at their commencement ceremonies."

Lydia was born in Brooklyn, NY. She lives with her husband Angus in Mill Valley. They have one son, Joshua, living in Woodland and two delightful grandchildren, Zoe and Zachary.

Her supervisor, Librarian **Christine Prusiner**, said, "Lydia has done a great job as the discussion leader of the Corte Madera Library Book Club. She has consistently been well-prepared and organized. It is a delight to work with her! We greatly appreciate all of her efforts."

by Barbara Webb