



Meals on Wheels OF CONTRA COSTA

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SAVING LIVES ONE MEAL AT A TIME

SUMMER 2017

One hundred and six years young, Meals on Wheels client, Virginia Zaleski, joined staff and donors at the San Ramon Senior Center for lunch on May 18th. MOW of CC Board Member, Lorna Van Ackeren on the left and donor Kathy Hallock on the right engage Virginia in conversation after enjoying a beautifully prepared Asian Chicken Salad. Virginia was accompanied by her daughter “Ginny.”



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Stories From The Heart

Many of our homebound elders who have lived long and fascinating lives have made unique contributions to our communities. We enjoy sharing their stories.

Like many young women of her generation who grew up in rural America, Virginia was sent to live with relatives in Chicago where her parents hoped she would find a good job. Virginia found assembly line work in a factory and shortly thereafter, at age 19, she met her future husband at a Valentine’s Day dance. Her husband got a job at the Federal Reserve Bank where he worked until he retired at age 65. Looking for warmer weather, Virginia’s husband decided on San Ramon, CA. But Virginia loved Chicago and didn’t want to leave. However, having a sister in San Ramon made the move across the country more palatable.

So, in 1972, they moved to California and Virginia found herself organizing for the San Ramon Senior Center which at that time was – in her words – “a small white cottage.” Having established the center, Virginia served on the board until her eyesight began to fail. Thanks to the Center Shuttle, she is able to play Bingo every Tuesday at the Center. She misses the days when she and her husband would go out fishing on the Delta with her daughter, Ginny (Ginny was the first female Commodore at the Berkeley Yacht Club in 1990). The family loved staying out on the Delta for several days at a time. According to Ginny, her mother always caught more fish than the rest of her family. Virginia is just as clear-minded and feisty as ever. She misses watching sports on TV but still enjoys listening to the Giants on the radio.

The San Joaquin Yacht Club held its 29th Annual Golf and Bowling Fundraiser benefiting Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa on May 20th! Special thanks to: Katie Senior, Geri Marshall, Marilyn Fisher, Pat Bell, Carol Simmons, Leslie Clemensen, Buzz Wadsworth, Larry White & Margie Herron.



Bob Beauregard, Dennis Pippin, Geri Marshall and Commodore Andy Rowland enjoy the after-party.

“This was my first year to attend the Meals on Wheels event and I was very impressed with the amount of time and effort that goes into planning the events of golf and bowling; followed by cocktails, dinner, and awards. Many volunteers have worked year after year to ensure the day’s success...I can’t wait for the Champagne Cruise on September 16th!”

~2017 Commodore Andy Rowland



Diana Sloan Rowland takes a swing for Meals on Wheels.



Corner’s Tavern “Dine for Dollars” Promotes Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa!



Discovery Bay Yacht Club Splashers fundraise for Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa. Their Board approved a \$1,500.00 donation for MOW of CC.

Pictured are Splashers Joy Rogers, Roxie Pfarr, Fran Murphy and Lisa Ackerly in middle sitting on chair.

A special way to help...

Answers to your questions about leaving a bequest to Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa

Q-What is a bequest?

A-A bequest provides a specific amount of money, a percentage of an estate, or a certain piece of property to a charitable organization at the time of death. For most people this involves naming a charity as a beneficiary in a will, codicil, life insurance policy or retirement plan or by making a gift of real estate.

Q-What is the benefit of making such a gift?

A-Often a planned gift offers a charitable-minded person the chance to leave a special legacy without compromising his or her current financial situation. Some planned gifts can offer immediate tax benefits during your lifetime as well.

Q-Is it difficult or complicated to leave a planned gift?

A-Typically no. The first step is to contact an attorney who can advise you on setting up a bequest that ensures your wishes are followed. Sample language is provided on the back page that should make the process even easier.

Q-Why does Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa want to know that I have named it as a beneficiary in my estate plans?

A-When a generous donor includes Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa in their will or estate plans, we want to have the opportunity to thank them for their heartfelt gesture by acknowledging them through our exclusive Meals on Wheels Legacy Society. Knowing about future planned gifts also helps us plan for growth to meet the growing needs of our community.

A Note from Paul

Federal Budget Cuts

Show how much you care

with a tax-deductible gift to Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa in tribute to a special person or organization, to commemorate a special event, or in memory of someone important in your life. Meals on Wheels will send an appropriate card per your wishes to whomever you specify, expressing your sentiments and announcing receipt of your gift (but never the gift amount) and you will receive an acknowledgement letter.

Meals on Wheels continues to be threatened with federal budget cuts proposed by both the House of Representatives and the President for fiscal year 2018 (which begins October 1, 2017). Either proposal would be a devastating blow to homebound elders nationwide and Contra Costa County who depend on Meals on Wheels to maintain their health and independence, and continue to live their lives in the comfort and security of their own homes. One nutritious daily meal and the friendly visit of a Meals on Wheels driver make all the difference for more than 2,300 homebound seniors in our county each year.

The shortsightedness of both budget proposals is astounding. The government cost of assisting Meals on Wheels to provide life sustaining daily nutrition that prevents a homebound elder from otherwise being institutionalized unnecessarily is a mere fraction of the government cost to warehouse that same homebound elder. What appears to be a short term budget savings will cause federal budget deficits to explode in the long run. That is the reason our government chose to fund programs like the Older American's Senior Nutrition Program during another conservative Republican Administration.

The federal government provides about 35% of the current funding for our Meals on Wheels Program. You, our donors, already shoulder more than 40% of the program cost in our County.

Contra Costa County and California are blessed with elected representatives who (for the most part) understand the importance and financial benefit to the nation of maintaining Meals on Wheels and other safety net programs. We need them to convince their colleagues in Washington to look beyond bragging rights for making short term budget savings to supporting funding that benefits the nation and its most vulnerable citizens.



Young People Give, TOO!

A special thank you to Lianne, a California High School senior from San Ramon, who rather than receive gifts for her 18th birthday, asked that gifts be cash donations for Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa. Her self-less gesture garnered \$450.00 for our homebound seniors. Thanks, Lianne!

SPECIAL Thank you to the Lafayette Rotary for donating \$25.00 for each weekly speaker. And to Norma Evans, President of the Lafayette club, for organizing the acknowledgments.



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Serving Size 1/4 Cup (113g)	
Servings Per Container 8	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 100	Calories from Fat 20
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 2g	3%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	7%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 10mg	3%
Sodium 460mg	19%
Total Carbohydrate 4g	1%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 4g	
Protein 16g	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 8%	Iron 0%
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Healthbeat

A note from Dietitian Jeanne Polk

At-A-Glance: The Nutrition Facts Label

Understanding what the Nutrition Facts Label includes can help you make food choices that are best for your health.

1. Serving Size

This section shows how many servings are in the package and how big the serving is. Serving sizes are given in familiar measurements, such as “cups” or “pieces.” Remember: All of the nutrition information on the label is based upon one serving of the food. A package of food often contains more than one serving!

2. Amount of Calories

The calories listed are for one serving of the food. “Calories from fat” shows how many fat calories there are in one serving. Remember -- a product that’s fat-free isn’t necessarily calorie-free. Read the label!

3. Percent (%) Daily Value

This section tells you how the nutrients in one serving of the food contribute to your total daily diet. Use it to choose foods that are high in the nutrients you should get more of and low in the nutrients you should get less of.

Daily Values are based on a 2,000-calorie diet. However, your nutritional needs depend on how physically active you are. Talk to your healthcare provider to see what calorie level is right for you.

4. Limit these Nutrients

Eating too much total fat (especially saturated fat and trans fat), cholesterol, or sodium may increase your risk of certain chronic diseases, such as heart disease, some cancers or high blood pressure. Try to keep these nutrients as low as possible each day.

5. Get Enough of these Nutrients

Americans often don’t get enough dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, and potassium in their diets. These nutrients are essential for keeping you feeling strong and healthy. Eating enough of these nutrients may improve your health and help reduce the risk of some diseases.

Why I Give

“With the hot days of summer recently eclipsing over 100 degrees, I really appreciate a nutritious ready-made meal delivered by a friendly visitor who checks on me. I don’t know what I would do without Meals on Wheels.”

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THANK YOU!

to our 1,000+ donors who have supported Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa for over a decade and, in so doing, have had a major impact on the lives of homebound elders in our community.

Every donation

to Meals on Wheels helps homebound elders in our community to maintain their health and independence. Limited space prohibits our acknowledgement of each of our over 9,000 wonderful donors this past year. Thank you so much for each and every gift to help our homebound elders in need!

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Nutritious Cost-effective Meals

When you're on a budget and shopping for one, it can feel nearly impossible to stock up on healthy foods. Fear not: We did the work for you. Here are a few healthy recipes that'll cost you less than a buck per serving. For more ideas check out: <https://greatist.com/health/44-healthy-foods-under-1>

Pinto Beans

Typical Price: \$0.30 per 1/2 cup, \$3 per can

If you're a big fan of ordering refried beans at restaurants, you'll be glad to hear that they're a snap to make at home: Just mash up pinto beans with garlic and spices on the stove. Packed with protein and fiber, pinto beans are a delicious and health-minded addition to any homemade burrito, soup, or salad.

Garbanzo Beans

Typical Price: \$0.30 per 1/2 cup, \$3 per can

These little beans (also known as chickpeas) pack a serious amount of fiber. Roast them with olive oil and your favorite spices (think: cumin, paprika, or curry powder) to use as a crouton replacement or blend into hummus.

Hummus

8 Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups dried chickpeas
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/4 cups tahini
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 teaspoon toasted cumin
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for garnish
- Salt

Directions

1. Place chickpeas in a large glass bowl and cover with 4 cups cold water. Soak overnight. Drain chickpeas. In a medium pot over high heat, add drained chickpeas and sprinkle baking soda over top. Gently stir together, cooking for about 3 minutes. Add 6 cups water and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for about 30 minutes until skin is loose and chickpeas are fork tender. Skim off any foam and skin pieces that come to the surface.
2. Drain cooked chickpeas. Transfer chickpeas to an ice bath to allow skins to separate from chickpeas. Skim off skins and discard. Drain chickpeas, removing any remaining skins.
3. Add tahini, lemon juice, garlic, and cumin to a food processor. Process, adding water as needed, until a creamy white sauce forms.
4. Add chickpeas and process until a smooth paste forms. Drizzle in olive oil or water (plus more cold water as needed) until a smooth paste forms. Add salt to taste.
5. Transfer hummus to a glass bowl, using the back of a spoon to make a circular well around the center. To serve, drizzle additional olive oil throughout the well. Store remaining hummus for up to one week in the refrigerator.

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Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa has partnered with the East Bay Community Foundation for their 75 years experience in assisting charitable nonprofit organizations in receiving a variety of gifts. To join the Meals on Wheels Legacy Circle, simply let us know of your intention to make a Planned Gift to Meals on Wheels.

Please contact Paul Kraitz, Secretary/Treasurer of Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa at 925-335-3358 to discuss other planned giving options.

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