Lee Altman was born on February 12, 1918, in Osnabrück near the Dutch border of Germany. She went to an agricultural boarding school in Osnabrück near the Dutch border of Germany. She went to an agricultural boarding school in Osnabrück near the Dutch border of Germany.

Pat Eldridge was born on March 17, 1918, in Ohio. She lived there until her graduation from high school, when she took off for Beverly Hills to visit another aunt who was studying at Stanford. Pat immediately fell in love with the area and never looked back. She worked at Congdon & Crome stationary store on University Avenue in downtown Palo Alto for 17 years, where she became the Assistant Manager. She met and married Kimball Eldridge in 1940 and went on to earn two Masters’ degrees, a BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1940 and a Masters in Statistics from Stanford University in 1961.

Bill Corcoran was born on April 19, 1918, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He received his BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1940 and went on to earn two Masters’ degrees, a Master’s in Science and Engineering from Cornell University in 1946 and a Master’s in Statistics from Stanford University in 1961. He served in the US Navy for over 20 years, including as a Division Officer on the U.S.S. Indianapolis and after WWII, as the head of the Navy’s Bureau of Ordnance’s propellant research section. He retired from the Navy as a Captain in 1962.

Bill joined United Technologies Corporations, Chemical Systems Division in the 1960s, where he continued to focus on solid propellant rocket research until his retirement in 1982. Bill is an avid student in the Avenidas Creative Writing class, where he is known for his stories, and is an active member of the Avenidas Book Club. He lives in Woodside with his family.

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From the President
Things are heating up at Avenidas as we launch two new exciting programs!

First, we are thrilled to introduce the Avenidas Friendly Visitor program, which offers a supportive social structure of trained volunteers who provide weekly positive interactions to frail adults in the community. This program benefits older adults by addressing loneliness and isolation often experienced by individuals who have no family members or support system.

Second, we are pleased to introduce Avenidas Blooms, a program that will continue the heartwarming mission of the local nonprofit organization Random Acts of Flowers, which officially closed its doors this spring. We'll have our own spin on things as we blend the flower deliveries with some of our existing programs, including the new Avenidas Friendly Visitor program, Avenidas Door to Door, Avenidas Village, and Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center.

We wish to thank the volunteers who are helping to launch Avenidas Blooms, as well as the four donors who’ve given seed funding to this important program: Lady Bess Fishback, Noreen Carruthers and Anne-Marie and Joe Macrae. We couldn’t have launched this wonderful new program without you!

If you’re interested in learning more about either of these new programs, please contact Jyllian Halliburton, our Director of Community Engagement, at jhillburton@avenidas.org. We are currently looking for more clients, volunteers, and donors.

Will your legacy enrich the lives of people just like you?

It can. When you make a gift to Avenidas through your will or trust, you create a personal legacy to deliver innovative programs and support services to people just like you. Charitable gifts in wills and trusts are easy to arrange, remain in your control, and don’t require giving away current income or other assets you depend on.

Legacy gifts, like gifts in wills and trusts, provide a financial foundation that enables Avenidas to provide support, information and community to enrich the lives of older adults and their families in Palo Alto and surrounding mid-Peninsula communities. Have a favorite program or service that has made a difference to you? A legacy gift can help reach so many others far into the future.

For sample wording you can add to your will or trust, or to learn more about your options for making a legacy gift to Avenidas, please contact Mary Hohensee at (650) 289-5446 or mhohensee@avenidas.org.

Daytime Activities Delight at Day Center

Participants at the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center in Mountain View, which is dual licensed to provide both adult day care and adult day health care, enjoy playful activities year round! If you have an elderly parent or spouse who could use some stimulation, activity and socialization during the day, consider touring our center and you could even try out a free day! Call us at (650) 289-5499 or visit www.avenidas.org/care.

In March, all things green were donned to show Irish spirit on Saint Patrick’s Day.

Music can be very stimulating and our participants are treated to a variety of musical acts. The South Bay Community Orchestra kept the participants enthralled on a recent afternoon.

Avenidas Village Kept Members Engaged and Active During The Spring

February Fun
In February, over 40 members celebrated Chinese New Year at the popular Chef Chu’s in Los Altos. The month concluded with an informative talk on fall prevention, given by Ellen Carman from Stanford’s Farewell to Falls Program.

Marvelous March
Moving on to March! Avenidas Village member and Consulting Professor at Stanford University, Dr. Anne Colby, presented on her research on well-being and life purpose among those over the age of 50 at Vistas. Arranged by the Avenidas Village Expanding Choices group, our “Documenting Choices for End of Life Care” was another well-attended March event.

Members celebrate Chinese New Year at Chef Chu’s.

April Adventures
We began April with musical trivia, pizza (and fun!) at Game Night. A Village favorite, Café Pro Bono was our destination for lunch bunch.

Our April Vistas featured Dr. Jerry Silverberg, Avenidas Village member and Emeritus Professor of Surgery at Stanford University.

Dr. Silverberg shared his journey from brain surgeon to bench scientist on Alzheimer’s disease.

Call for Auditions!

Open auditions for this year’s dramatic reading of a new play, Deleted. (A literary romp about a support group for fictional characters rejected by their authors) by Enid Davis will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4 and 5.

All are welcome! No acting or stage experience necessary. Call 650-289-5400 for time, place and more details. Class goes from Mondays, 9/10 – 10/29, 2-4 PM. Performances will be on 11/1 & 11/2.

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