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Volunteer Combats Financial Abuse of Elders

By Katherine Bonenti



Civic Center Volunteer **Stan Green** serves on the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST), which is part of Marin’s Health & Human Services Department. FAST’s mission is two-fold: to give seminars in the Marin community warning of financial abuse and scams; and to help investigate financial abuse cases.

Volunteering is an important part of Stan’s retirement. A man of a diverse interests, he was born in New York and attended University of Rochester. He moved to California in 1967 to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley. Both his degrees are in mechanical engineering but, at age 29, he made a career change to finance. Stan is a retired Certified Financial Planner and investment advisor. He always enjoyed volunteering, especially when related to the elderly and finance. In 1989, he was part of a fiduciary service activity for elders now housed by the Institute on Aging. He also served on the Marin County Commission on Aging.

“People are funny about money and often lack the confidence to keep their

finances in order,” said Stan. “For some, financial well-being is always on the back burner.”

Stan also volunteers at Sparkpoint Marin, a program of Community Action Marin. He said Sparkpoint’s services are free and are particularly helpful to those with financial struggles. He also recommends Whistlestop’s valuable directory of general resources for seniors. For more information about senior resources or to request a FAST presentation, call 457-INFO (4636).

Marin will be hosting its second annual Financial Planning Day this year, on November 4 at the Marin Center Exhibit Hall. The event is open to the public and free of charge. Certified Financial Planners will be available for

30-minute consultations on financial subjects ranging from insurance and taxes to investments and estate planning. Save the date and watch for publicity.

“Stan has the biggest heart of anyone in finance that I ever met,” said **Michele McCabe**, the volunteer supervisor for FAST. “His manner makes him reassuring and his background gives him credibility. He is a perfect fit for FAST.”

Stan lives in Greenbrae with his wife. He has two daughters and a 2-year-old granddaughter. When he’s not spending time with his family, he enjoys playing golf and bridge. He recently joined the Rotary Club of San Rafael Harbor.

Interested in volunteering to help elders? Call the CCV office at 415-473-7407.

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The mission of the Civic Center Volunteers program is to manage an effective partnership between community volunteers and County of Marin government.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

Thanks, Marin County Fair Volunteers!

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who make the annual county fair a success! Your efforts recording fair entries, greeting guests, ushering shows, setting up, and more are greatly appreciated. Your dedication to the community helps the show go on.

Everyone is invited to Let the Funshine In at the county fair June 30–July 4 daily from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fireworks are nightly at 9:30 p.m.

Time to Log Your Hours

Log your hours through June 30. We’ll soon be preparing the CCV annual impact report, which lists hours by department. Help your team’s total to be accurate by updating your time record. Access your Log Book with your user ID and password via the online portal at marincounty.org/volunteer. Need help? See page 2 for instructions.

Holiday

Marin County offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

IN YOUR VIEW...

By Emily Kesler

As a Civic Center Volunteers event aide, what is your favorite assignment?



John Pierremont, *Human Resources:* The Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast has been one of my favorite events because of the moving speakers and intrigued

crowd. I also got to meet some members of the Human Rights Commission. It definitely felt like a social change was taking place!



Maria Gregoriev, *Health & Human Services:* I enjoyed volunteering at the Health & Human Services pirate-themed health fair! I loved seeing the costumes, meeting new

people and employees, and learning about different Marin County departments and what they have to offer.



Deborah Gregor (and Kelina), *Human Resources:* The County of Marin Career Development Day is my favorite event. My best event memory is from the 50th anniversary of the

Civic Center building. A radio drama was staged in the Board of Supervisors chambers with a KTIM DJ as the announcer.



Flo de Losada, *Health & Human Services:* My favorite memory is the CalFresh event at the Wellness Campus in San Rafael on Kerner. There was lots of dancing and

music. The Wellness Campus is so beautiful and it really gives you a sense of how united the community of Marin really is.



Veronica Morino, *Human Resources:* I enjoy working at the County of Marin Career Development Day. I also remember volunteering at an event for domestic violence prevention at the Embassy Suites that

had some interesting speakers. What I really enjoy is the diversity of each event.

Intern Gains Skills on Public Administrator Team

By Shirley Trimble

A second-year economics major at UC Berkeley, **Sarah Noyce** hit the ground running as an intern in the Public Administrator's (PA) office starting in May. The PA team helps settle the affairs of residents who die without anyone to handle their estates. Originally, Sarah was looking for exposure to an office environment but discovered a great deal more by interning with the PA.

"I like public administration," said Sarah. "I've been able to see the administration of the whole estate probate process by attending court, and by having public exposure to and interaction with other groups in the county and the business community. I appreciate the four PA staff mentors who help me understand the work they do in a very complicated process."

Chief Deputy Public Administrator **Brett Rhodes**, Sarah's supervisor, said, "Sarah has made her mark by developing an onboarding reference binder specifically to guide future PA interns on our team. She has demonstrated a unique ability to adapt to a fast-paced environment while still taking on many supportive assignments. Her interpersonal skills are among her best assets. She exhibits patience, understanding, and communicates well with



PHOTO BY ROBYN ANDIUS

Sarah Noyce, an intern for the Department of Finance, at the Marin Civic Center.

others both within the organization and the community."

During her last semester at Sir Francis Drake High School, Sarah was inspired by her economics teacher to explore the field further in college. At Drake, she participated in Mobius, a group that addresses essential moral questions; she also started a club that explores world cultures and works with exchange students. She hikes, is on the Berkeley ski team at Squaw Valley, and enjoys travel. She lives in San Anselmo with her parents and her brother, Will, a junior at San Domenico School.

Instructions: Logging Your Service Hours

1. Log on to your record at <https://ec.volunteernow.com/custom/1433>. If you have multiple assignments, from the drop-down list under "Please select from the following survey(s)," choose the role for which you want to report hours.
2. Start Date/End Date: Hours may be reported daily or monthly. To report a specific day, press the calendar links to make the start and end dates match. To report once a month, show the start date as the first of the month and the end date as the last of the month.
3. Hours: Enter the total number of hours you served on the day or month for which you are reporting. If you have a month with no hours of service, enter 0.
4. Miles Driven and Service Performed: Both are optional.
5. Press OK to save.
6. Need to review or change your information? Under Menu, click Log Book. For questions or a tutorial, call our office at 415-473-7407. We're happy to help.

Honoring Frank Lloyd Wright's 150th Birthday!

In honor of Frank Lloyd Wright's 150th birthday on June 8, Cultural Services offered special docent-led tours.

The sold-out tour brought 150-plus visitors to the historic Marin Civic Center designed by Mr. Wright. They viewed the arches, the golden spheres, and the one-and-only Wright-designed

doghouse — and learned about the thought behind this unique government building. (The doghouse is on display through September 8 at the Civic Center Library.)

To take a regular tour, call Cultural Services at 415-473-6400. For an e-tour, visit marincounty.org/depts/cu/tours.

Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their involvement.

19 YEARS

Linda Comella (San Rafael) and **Jane Johnson** (Novato), Patrol Volunteers, Parks

18 YEARS

Holly Harton-Hernandez (San Rafael), Steward, Parks

15 YEARS

Doug Kunst (Danville), Fire Lookout, Fire

Linda Novy (Fairfax), Patrol Volunteer, Parks

Stan Rowan (Fairfax), Driver, Fire

9 YEARS

John Newman (San Rafael) and **Bruce Schomaker** (Petaluma), Fire Lookouts, Fire

7 YEARS

Marjorie Genolio (Point Reyes Station), Shelver, Inverness Library

Maria Gregoriev (San Rafael) and **Susan O'Brien** (Mill Valley), Financial Abuse Specialist Team Volunteers, Health & Human Services

Stuart Quan (San Rafael), RACES/ACS Volunteer, Sheriff

6 YEARS

Joan Brown (Kentfield), *Frankly Speaking* Proofreader, Human Resources

5 YEARS

Paula Kamena (San Rafael), Investigator, Sheriff

Judy Wilkins (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Parks

Amory Willis (Sausalito), Patrol Volunteer, Parks

4 YEARS

Gloria Amirehsani (San Rafael), Senior Peer Counselor, Health & Human Services

Jim Cleaves (Novato), Tutor, Novato Library

3 YEARS

Lelia Lancot (Larkspur), Clerical Assistant, Health & Human Services

2 YEARS

Jesse Alvarez (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Parks

Marie Fitzgerald (Mill Valley), Event Aide, Human Resources

1 YEAR

Pamela Ross (Greenbrae), *Volunteer View* Copy Editor, Human Resources

Kim Tran (Novato), Teen Shelver, Novato Library

Celine Yon (San Francisco), Bookmobile Intern, Mobile Library Services

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Tour patrons gather on the second floor to view documents about Frank Lloyd Wright's work.



Visitors gather at the south arch near the golden entrance gates.

Fun fact: The gates were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé John Rattenbury. Wright wanted a welcoming space, fresh air, and flow between the interior and exterior even when the gates are closed.



Civic Center Volunteer **Joan Brown** leads a tour in the Civic Center library, where the only FLW-designed doghouse is on display.

Fun fact: Mr. Wright built the library under the dome and above the Board of Supervisors office to symbolize that knowledge and learning are superior to politics. He also believed that the future of the country is in the youth and the future of youth is in learning.



A tour group views a model of the Civic Center on the first floor of the Administration wing.

Fun fact: During construction, a work stoppage was ordered by the Board of Supervisors, who suggested a hospital be built instead of the Civic Center. Residents picketed, and six days later, work on the Civic Center building resumed.



Who's New & Welcome!

Samuel Allen (Mill Valley), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender

Jeremiah Amilcar (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Kameelah Amilcar (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Nasser Banihani (Berkeley), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender

Puneet Bassi (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Mario Batki (Mill Valley), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender

Spencer Becerra (San Anselmo), Pre-Law Intern, County Counsel

Daniel Belay (San Francisco), Dental Intern, Health & Human Services

Clare Boyle (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Ella Carter (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Jennifer Contreras (Petaluma), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender

Veronika Cuddy (San Rafael), Pre-Law Intern, District Attorney

John Duncan (Mill Valley), Pre-Law Intern, District Attorney

Kristn Eliot (Novato), Administrative Assistant and Volunteer View Writer, Human Resources

Nathan Farrington (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Rachel Forer (San Francisco), Dental Student Intern, Health & Human Services

Annie Forsman (Corte Madera), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender

Maya Friedman (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Shavonne Gash (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Kaya Gately (Point Reyes Station), Information and Referral Program Intern, Health & Human Services

Jasmine Gerraty (Corte Madera), Public Health Policy and Prevention Intern, Health & Human Services

Samantha Giron (Novato), Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Intern, Health & Human Services

Adriana Golden (Greenbrae), High School Intern, Public Defender

David Granicher (Sacramento), Environmental GIS Intern, Community Development Agency

Sarah Harnsberger (San Anselmo), Law Library Assistant, Law Library

Yessenia Hernandez (San Rafael), High School Intern, Public Defender

Jessica Hernandez Bivian (Santa Rosa), Communicable Disease Team Intern, Health & Human Services

David Hernandez-Deras (San Pablo), Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Intern, Health & Human Services

Vineet Jain (Oakland), Law Clerk, County Counsel

Se Jin Joo (San Francisco), Dental Intern, Health & Human Services

Weston Kirby (San Rafael), Legal Support Intern, District Attorney

Katie Kolb (Novato), Adult Probation Intern, Probation

Johnny Kong (San Francisco), Legal Intern, Public Defender

Reyna Langley (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Andy Lavine (Tiburon), High School Intern, Public Defender

Madeline Lear (Los Angeles), Pre-Law Intern, Public Defender

Gabriella Lewis (Kentfield), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

Marguerite Marley (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Daniel Marzo (Petaluma), Legal Support Intern, District Attorney

Emily McKay (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Satvik Namburu (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Cate Nash (San Anselmo), High School Intern, Public Defender

Anna Nonaka (San Francisco), Dental Intern, Health & Human Services

Grace Onuoma (San Francisco), Pre-Law Intern, District Attorney

Andrew Patton (San Francisco), Epidemiology Intern, Health & Human Services

Anna Plourde (San Francisco), Epidemiology Intern, Health & Human Services

Deborah Post (Fairfax), Communicable Disease Team Outreach Assistant, Health & Human Services

Anna Qiu (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Stephanie Ramirez (San Francisco), Adult Offender Work Program Intern, Probation

Elizabeth Ratcliffe (Corte Madera), School to Career Intern, District Attorney

Melanie Ridge (Rohnert Park), Legal Support Intern, District Attorney

Chris Rohrer (San Anselmo), Youth Volunteer, Fairfax Library

Alexandra Selivanov (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Katie Smith (Petaluma), Teen Girl Conference Coordinator, Human Resources

Sierra Stephens (Fairfax), District 2 Intern, Board of Supervisors

Shama Stropes (San Rafael), Summer Reading Program Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

Willow Taraja (Boyes Hot Springs), Library Beyond Walls Liaison, Library

Christina Torre (Novato), Legal Support Intern, District Attorney

Jazmin Torres (Vacaville), Adult Probation Intern, Probation

Gina Welisch (Corte Madera), Legal Support Intern, District Attorney

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