

# Bay Village

OF SARASOTA



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## Bay Village

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### Mission Statement

*Established on Christian principles, Bay Village of Sarasota, Inc. offers a dynamic, secure and comprehensive residency for older adults, providing meaningful community life with continuing care.*

### Love Quenches All

*"Love is the greatest refreshment in life." — Pablo Picasso*

## February 2018

### NICHOLS' NOTES

Beginning in February, Bay Village has partnered with a new rehabilitation provider for the residents of our campus and those individuals who come here for post knee and hip surgery recovery. Functional Pathways is the new provider out of Knoxville, Tennessee. Many of the therapists employed with our previous provider have transitioned over to Functional Pathways and will remain here at Bay Village. I have partnered with Functional Pathways in the past and know firsthand the programming and additional tools they will provide for everyone here at Bay Village. I look forward to having Functional Pathways as part of our Bay Village team.

As I write this column, there have been almost two hundred resident satisfaction surveys turned in that were distributed in late December. The results are being tabulated, and I hope to be able to review these results with you at the Campus Update meeting on February 22.

Last month Sheila and I experienced our first Florida "cold" with lows in the upper 30s and highs in the 50s. Our family and friends up north were experiencing single digit temperatures with wind chills below zero. Sheila and I both agreed that if this is winter in Florida, we will take it!



## Village Vibes

### Valentine's Tea!

We have a *tea party* scheduled to celebrate Valentine's Day! We hope you will join us at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th, in the dining room.

Elizabeth Borsodi will add to the ambiance with her *harp* music, and we are planning a wonderful menu of both sweet and savory treats for you!

We need to know how many are coming ahead of time, so please sign up in the activity book in the mail room if you'd like to join us! We have limited space and Bay Village Tea Parties are very popular!

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!



### 'Soup' Is One

How many words can you come up with using the letters in "Super Bowl"?



### NINE-STRING THEORY PERFORMS!

This is also the first time this group is performing, so join us for another Bay Village "first" on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, AT 7:30 P.M. in the AUDITORIUM for what should be an incredible evening!

Some of the finest instrumental music from the around the world find a fresh new voice in "9 String Theory," the unique musical collaboration of domra virtuoso Angelina Galashenkova-Reed and award-winning classical guitarist John Huston. Performing music of great variety and intense virtuosity, 9 String Theory defies genres, effortlessly blending artistic musical traditions from Argentina, Russia, Romania, Spain, France, Italy and the U.S. We'll put the full biographies of the artists in the glass case across from the gift shop!

This company brought us the Russian Folk Dancers and the Crystal Glass Trio, (both brought the house down), so we trust that you will put this on your calendar as a "must-attend" performance  
WEBSITE: [www.lynnmccconnell.com](http://www.lynnmccconnell.com)

### A Bay Village FIRST!

To our knowledge, there has never been a professional play performed at Bay Village! Things are about to change!

We are happy to announce that BOTANIC GARDEN will be performed here on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

Botanic Garden premiered at the Greenhouse Theater in Chicago in February 2008. Under the direction of Academy Award winner Olympia Dukakis. Since then, Botanic Garden has been performed throughout the country!

BOTANIC GARDEN, a funny, poignant drama, is about a fifty-something widow, Kate Goodman, who is desperate to get out of a first date. She turns to the one person who can help, her deceased husband, Jake. The play intersects the present with "flashbacks" from their 30-plus years of marriage. BOTANIC GARDEN is a fresh, engaging portrait of the intricacies of a long-term relationship. Using intimate direct language to summon urgent human complexities, BOTANIC GARDEN not only examines the difficulties of losing a life partner, but also challenges the conventional notion of our need 'to move on.'

There will be a post-show discussion and refreshments with the cast members about the play's theme.

JOIN US for something different!

## Wellness Corner, By Petra Mueller

We are planning several Wellness Outings in February. First we are heading to the Manatee Viewing Area by Apollo Beach on Wednesday, February 7th. There you will see the manatees gathered in the warm water weathering the cold during our Floridian Winter.

Tuesday, February 13th, we are going to the Venice Rookery, where at sunset time, hundreds of birds try to come and make their bed at night. A very interesting event, where you can watch a variety of birds. Dinner will be at Darrell's before the bird watching.

Saturday, February 24th, walk the Ringling Bridge one way, both ways or spend time in Bird Bay Park watching the bay. After the walk, we are going to have breakfast at Thomas German Bakery.

Come and play the Wii on Thursday, February 1st, at 2 pm. Plenty of games to choose from!!

## The Village Vibes

### VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Bay Village of Sarasota, Inc. through 2018 is to:

1. Strive to achieve the highest quality of service to our residents.
2. Extend effective dialogue between residents and staff.
3. Promote the efforts of staff and residents to build a caring community.
4. Balance net operating revenues and financial reserves so that we may have the financial strength to maintain our infrastructure and to provide our staff with a competitive compensation and benefit package.



### B.I.L.L. Series News

We will begin January with three weeks of our popular National Geographic Nature Series videos. The titles and descriptions will be on your mailbox flier. Beginning on January 23rd, we will show just a few of the dozens of European travel documentaries by popular travel host, Rick Steeves. Titles and descriptions will be on your mailbox flier.

Our next class from Adult and Community Education (ACE) is "Foreign Affairs" with Bay Village favorite, Bob Clementis. The first class is January 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. If you haven't been to a class with Bob, his topics are usually centered around the goings on in the Middle East and are discussion-based. This is a six-week class.

Also from ACE, our next "How Novel!" Book Group with Alice Blueglass will meet on January 23rd, February 6th and February 20th in

the board room. The books you will read are listed on the mailbox flier, and students are responsible for purchasing their own books, but class is free.

### The Russian Duo Is Back!

On Thursday, February 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium, "The Russian Duo" will perform! They have performed for us a number of times, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed this unique concert, so we are glad they are on the schedule again! Balalaika virtuoso Oleg Kruglyakov and masterful pianist Terry Boyarski enjoy a love of traditional music, but you will hear all types of music this evening, including traditional Russian folk music, bluegrass, tango, dances, classical, gypsy and more. They combine historical information with masterful playing and performance. They have some great videos on their website as well as reviews. Go to [www.russianduo.com](http://www.russianduo.com) and check it out. This is the first of four "do not miss" concerts we have.

## KEY

- A=Auditorium
- B=Bus Service Provided
- BD=Board Room
- C=Card Room
- CR=Craft Room
- D=Dining Room
- GR=Game Room
- M=Meeting Room
- P=Pool
- R=Rooftop Terrace
- W=Wellness Center

## Chess Anyone?

We were contacted by a local chess player who is looking for opponents! Friends of his are moving in soon, so he thought of Bay Village! His name is Bob Schleppe, and you can contact him by phone: 918-0022 or email: rfs5@verizon.net. Maybe if we have enough interest, we can start a chess club here? Let resident services know if you'd like us to start one!


## Ladies' Chorus

We get requests for us to start a ladies' chorus occasionally and we are wondering if anyone would like to lead such a group?  
Let resident services know!

**NO MAIL ON  
PRESIDENTS DAY,  
FEBRUARY 19TH!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<h1>February</h1>	
4	5	6
<p>10:30 St. Thomas More Catholic Service (Bd. Rm) 7:30 Movie: "Dunkirk" (A)</p>	<p>9:00 Ladies' Shuffleboard (Courts) 9:30 Crafts, Coffee &amp; Conversation (CR) 9:30 Bible Class(A) 11:30 Sit &amp; Fit on Video (A) 7:00 Progressive Bridge (G)</p>	<p>9:00 Strength! (W) 9:30 Splash (P) 10:00 Craft Class (CR) 10:00 <i>How Novel!</i> (B) 10:00 <i>Foreign Affairs</i> (A) 11:30 Sit N' Fit (A) 2:00 <i>Residents' Council</i> (A) 2:00 Open Gym (W) 7:30 B.I.L.L.: "Rick Steeves Travel" (A)</p>
11	12	13
<p>10:30 St. Thomas More Catholic Service (Bd. Rm) 1:00 <i>Asolo</i> (B) 7:30 Movie: "Loving Vincent" (A)</p>	<p>9:00 Ladies' Shuffleboard (Courts) 9:30 Crafts, Coffee &amp; Conversation (CR) 9:30 <i>Town Hall Series</i> (B) 9:30 Bible Class(A) 11:30 Sit &amp; Fit on Video (A) 7:00 Progressive Bridge (G)</p>	<p>9:00 Strength! (W) 9:30 Splash (P) 10:00 <i>"Foreign Affairs"</i> (A) 11:30 Sit N' Fit (A) 12:45 <i>Duplicate Bridge</i> (G) 2:00 Open Gym (W) 3:30 <i>Dinner &amp; Venice Rookery</i>(B) 7:30 B.I.L.L.: "Rick Steeves" (A)</p>
18	19	20
<p>10:30 St. Thomas More Catholic Service (Bd. Rm) 12:15 <i>Sarasota Opera</i> (B) 6:15 <i>Florida Studio Theater</i> (B) 7:30 Movie: "The Descendants" (A)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Presidents Day</p> <p>9:00 Ladies' Shuffleboard (Courts) 9:30 Crafts, Coffee &amp; Conversation (CR) 9:30 Bible Class(A) 11:30 Sit &amp; Fit on Video (A) 6:15 <i>Venice Concert Band</i> (B) 7:00 Progressive Bridge (G)</p>	<p>8:30 <i>Men's Breakfast</i> (D) 9:00 Strength! (W) 9:30 Splash (P) 10:00 Craft Class (CR) 10:00 <i>How Novel!</i> (B) 10:00 <i>"Foreign Affairs"</i> (A) 11:30 Sit N' Fit (A) 2:00 Open Gym (W) 7:30 B.I.L.L.: "Rick Steeves" (A)</p>
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<p>10:30 St. Thomas More Catholic Service (Bd. Rm) 12:15 <i>Sarasota Opera</i> (B) 1:30 <i>Sarasota Orchestra</i> (B) 7:30 Movie: "Crooked House" (A)</p>	<p>9:00 Ladies' Shuffleboard (Courts) 9:30 Crafts, Coffee &amp; Conversation (CR) 9:30 Bible Class(A) 11:30 Sit &amp; Fit on Video (A) 7:00 Progressive Bridge (G)</p>	<p>9:00 Strength! (W) 9:30 Splash (P) 10:00 Craft Class (CR) 10:00 <i>Foreign Affairs</i> (A) 11:30 Sit N' Fit (A) 12:45 <i>Duplicate Bridge</i> (G) 2:00 Open Gym (W) 7:15 <i>Venice Theater</i> (B) 7:30 B.I.L.L.: "Rick Steeves" (A)</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We have the remainder of the "Best Pictures" from the 1950s on the schedule this month! Glad everyone is enjoying them!</p>	1	2	3
	<p>9:00 <i>Strength Class (W)</i>            9:30 <i>Splash! (P)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            12:30 <i>Guys Only Luncheon (D)</i>            2:00 <i>Wii Games (W)</i>            7:30 <i>Movie Special: "On the Waterfront"- 1954 (A)</i></p>	<p>9:30 <i>T'ai Chi (w)</i>            10:00 <i>Writer's Group (m)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Hand Exercise (CR)</i>            3:30 <i>Vespers (A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i></p>	<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard (courts)</i>            9:00 <i>Strength Class (W)</i>            9:30 <i>Splash! (P)</i>            11:00 <i>Venice Orchid Show (B)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit- Video (A)</i>            7:30 <i>Movie Special: "Gigi"- 1958</i></p>
7	8	9	10
<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard</i>            9:30 <i>Beg. Tai Chi (W)</i>            10:15 <i>Manatee Viewing Area And Lunch (B)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit N' Fit-video(A)</i>            2:00 <i>Line Dance (W)</i>            2:30 <i>Popcorn &amp; A Movie"Dunkirk"(A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i>            7:15 <i>BINGO (A)</i></p>	<p>9:00 <i>Strength Class (W)</i>            9:30 <i>Splash! (P)</i>            9:30 <i>Ringling Museum and Lunch at MUSE(B)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            2:30 <i>Dietitian Delores Pufhal Presents- "Achieving Desired Weight Loss"(A)</i>            7:30 <i>The "Russian Duo" Performs</i></p>	<p>9:30 <i>T'ai Chi (w)</i>            10:00 <i>Book Group (A)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Hand Exercise (CR)</i>            2:00 <i>Shabbat (M)</i>            3:30 <i>Vespers (A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i></p>	<p>7:30 <i>Audubon Society Nature Center and Birding (B)</i>            9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard (courts)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit- Video (A)</i>            7:30 <i>Movie Special: "Ben Hur"- 1959</i></p>
14	15	16	17
<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard</i>            9:30 <i>Beg. Tai Chi (W)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance (W)</i>            11:15 <i>Episcopal Svc (C)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit N' Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Line Dance (W)</i>            2:30 <i>Popcorn &amp; A Movie"Loving Vincent"(A)</i>            2:30 <i>Valentine's Day Tea (D)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i>            7:15 <i>BINGO (A)</i></p>	<p>9:00 <i>Strength Class (W)</i>            9:30 <i>Splash! (P)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            12:30 <i>Guys Only Luncheon (D)</i>            2:30 <i>Movie Special: "Around the World in 80 Days" - 1956 (A)</i>            4:30 <i>Dine Out Night: "BOCA"(B)</i></p>	<p>9:30 <i>T'ai Chi (w)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Hand Exercise (CR)</i>            3:30 <i>Vespers (A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i></p>	<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard (courts)</i>            9:00 <i>Strength Class (W)</i>            9:30 <i>Splash! (P)</i>            11:00 <i>Balance and Posture (W)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            2:45 <i>Venice Symphony (B)</i>            7:30 <i>Movie Special: "Marty"- 1955 (A)</i></p>
21	22	23	24
<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard</i>            9:30 <i>Beg. Tai Chi (W)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance (W)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit N' Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Line Dance (W)</i>            2:30 <i>Popcorn &amp; A Movie"The Descendants"(A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i>            7:15 <i>BINGO (A)</i></p>	<p>9:00 <i>Strength Class (W)</i>            9:30 <i>Splash! (P)</i>            10:00 <i>Campus Update (A)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            7:30 <i>Movie Special: "The Bridge Over the River Kwai"- 1957</i></p>	<p>9:30 <i>T'ai Chi (w)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Hand Exercise (CR)</i>            3:30 <i>Vespers (A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i></p>	<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard (courts)</i>            9:15 <i>Ringling Bridge Walk (B)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit &amp; Fit-video (A)</i>            1:00 <i>Sarasota Ballet (B)</i>            2:30 <i>Children's Orchestra (A)</i>            6:15 <i>Chorus of the Keys (B)</i></p>
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<p>9:00 <i>Men's Shuffleboard</i>            9:30 <i>Beg. Tai Chi (W)</i>            11:00 <i>Posture &amp; Balance (W)</i>            11:30 <i>Sit N' Fit (A)</i>            2:00 <i>Line Dance (W)</i>            2:30 <i>Popcorn &amp; A Movie"The Crooked House"(A)</i>            6:15 <i>Duplicate Bridge (GR)</i>            7:15 <i>MEGA-BINGO!!! (A)</i></p>	<p>A NOTE ABOUT THE MOVIE "VINCENT"! THIS EXTREMELY UNIQUE FILM WAS HAND PAINTED BY ARTISTS. EACH FRAME IS A PAINTING!! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL FILM AND A GREAT STORY ABOUT THE DAYS SURROUNDING HIS DEATH.</p>		

## "Village Vibes"

### BOOK GROUP NEWS!

On Friday, February 9th, the Book Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. in our auditorium.

Caroline Stephens, a retired Presbyterian minister, will present the book, "An Invisible Thread." This New York Times best seller is a true story of an 11-year-old disadvantaged boy and a busy sales executive in New York. It chronicles the lifelong friendship that develops from one small act of kindness. Be sure to come and hear this amazing story!  
...Terry Butner

### Welcome New Residents!

\*Mrs. Janice Berrier moved in to apartment 1139 on January 2nd.  
\*Mrs. Joan Siegel moved in to apartment 506 in February. NOTE: in your directory Mrs. Siegel is listed in apt. 306. 506 is CORRECT.

### RAINBOWS AND SHOWERS

RAINBOWS for all the fantastic concerts we had in JANUARY!! Thanks to our extremely talented performers! We've got some great concerts lined up this month as well!

RAINBOWS for "Yappy Hour" starring the Nichols' poodles!

RAINBOWS for "Salute to Vienna at Van Wezel!" Our group had a fantastic time!

RAINBOWS for our New Year's Eve Party! The conga line beat the one at German Night! Thanks, Kit Moran Band, for providing fantastic music!

SHOWERS for NOT BRINGING CARTS BACK!

### UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Join us at the residents' council meeting this month (February 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium) as we present our "Unsung Hero Award." This award was created for those who go "above and beyond" many times without everyone else's knowledge. Last year, it was fittingly presented to Babe Baptist.

### Gift Shop News

Well, folks, we have a slew of holidays coming up in the next few weeks! The first is Valentine's Day. You surely will want some cards for your favorite friends and we have them in the shop and some candy too. Everyone likes candy and stamps that are now 50 cents each.

Each says "Uncle Sam." Presidents Day follows Valentine's with George Washington and Abe Lincoln leading the pack. We all need a reminder of the fine men they were and how they dedicated themselves to our country. February 14th is Ash Wednesday and March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, so get out your green and make it look new with an elegant piece of jewelry! A new shipment just arrived!  
Stop by and browse. We have lots of interesting items. Give suggestions or offer to volunteer in the shop! We'll train you and it's FUN!! Happy holidays!

### From the Dining Services Director

Another kitchen tour has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st, @ 2:30 pm. Please call Denis @ extension 2112 to sign up for the tour, which lasts about 45 minutes.

A few have asked about holding a weight loss seminar with our dietitian, Delores Pufhal.

She will present, "The Keys to Successful Weight loss" on Thursday, February 8th, at 2:30 p.m. in our auditorium.

Whether it's a New Year's resolution or not, attending this informative lecture is a great place to start!

### Winter Hydration

Staying hydrated is important year-round. If drinking ice water doesn't sound appealing in the winter months, replenish your body with soups, herbal teas, decaffeinated beverages, and fruits and vegetables.

## February Birthdays

February 1

Claire Mader (HAPPY 105th BIRTHDAY TO CLAIRE!!) & Bennie Baptist

February 2

Janet Schmidlein

February 4

Margaret Guzmer

February 5

Roy Goodwill

February 6

Elva Stookey & David Pyle

February 7

Harvey Wolfson

February 12

Alice Shankland, June Carol Hines & Bill Bacon

February 13

Fred Lee, Madelyn Nordmark

February 14

Robert Gifford & Bea Eisele

February 15

Sarah Barlow

February 16

Sara Atz

February 17

Ellie Tiemann & John Godman

February 18

Joann McKoane

February 19

Wren McHargue & Joyce Huber

February 20

Elaine Hevrdejs & James Huber

February 24

Penny Goodell

February 26

Kimi Crawford

February 28

Opal Akscin



## Day Trips and Travels

Besides all the wonderful "wellness outings" you read about in Petra's calendar, we've got some other fun ways to get "out & about" this month!

On Thursday, February 8th, we're headed to the Ringling Museum! We have some free tickets, compliments of Don & Carolyn McGarvey, so thanks very much to them. If you aren't aware, Don & Carolyn have been volunteers at the museum for years. We also have a 15% discount at "Muse," so that is where we will dine!

On Saturday, February 10th, we are headed to The Celery Fields for some birding and a special art exhibit that is in their visitor's center! We are going for breakfast after our birding at "The Original EGG."

At press time we're awaiting word from the new restaurant downtown, "BOCA." Hopefully they can accommodate a group from Bay Village on Thursday, February 15th. The restaurant is very unique, both the menu and the fresh herbs growing up the wall!

On Saturday, February 24th, The Sarasota Chorus of the Keys presents its annual concert. We have 2 chorus members who live here now, Bob Gannon and Don Loos. We're going to the evening show this year. "My Three Sons" Quartet will also appear!

## The Village Vibes

### February Vespers Ministers

February 2

Rev. Dr. Chuck Moffett  
Bay Village Chaplain

February 9

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February 14

Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes  
service  
10:00-11:00 A.M.

February 16

Rev. Dr. Chuck  
Moffett  
Bay Village Chaplain

February 23

Rev. Dawn Mayes,  
Community  
Presbyterian Church,  
Englewood, FL

### February Anniversaries

February 2

Charlie & Kathy Reich  
& Tom Cliff & Bob  
Wiegand

February 3

Jack and Jacquie Rieke

February 12

Alfred & Cecile  
Chamberland

February 18

Tom & Clarice Jardine

February 23

John & Donna Gary





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or Current Resident  
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City, ST 00000

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

*Rev. Dr. Chuck Moffett*

"We Are Who We Were Then..." was the opening title of my thesis for my Doctor of Ministry degree. It affirms that each of us is an undeniable product of our past, which has a major impact on how we interpret and respond to current events.

I was born into, and lived much of my early life in, a school of at least 24 nationalities. We lived on the conviction that each of us - all of us - was a part of God's creation. Each of us is a full child of God.

Today, we move into a new year and a new way of defining inclusion and exclusion. I invite us to consider our history of "we are who we were then." In light of our faith, do the present cultural values truly define who we are called by God to be today?! Which of those past values are based on the popular present values of self, security, and selfishness? I invite us to re-examine all our past values in light of God's amazing grace and unconditional love to ALL people. Where those values are in contradiction to God's inclusive love, God's grace can transform us from "who we were then" to the second part of my thesis, "...but not who can be then." We are called to be new people wherever our past values are destructive to self and others.

Many, if not all, of the world tensions today are because leaders of the nations (including our own), corporations, individuals of affluence and influence, prefer the world to "be like me." Often little respect or understanding is shown to "who THEY were then," and "who THEY are now." Is that true of us also? How can we live and speak out in favor of a world where all are seen as children of God? How do we nurture a nature and conviction of inclusiveness here at Bay Village?

Let me know, please.