



2018

MEMBER DIRECTORY



The mission of Village At Home is to build a supportive community for all ages, with an initial focus on providing activities and services for older adults and persons with disabilities\* so that they may have the practical means and the confidence to live full lives in their homes and neighborhoods.

\* This includes persons with temporary illnesses or conditions, as well as persons with permanent disabilities.

Uniquely created for its North Baltimore neighborhoods, Village At Home is governed by its members and positioned to be responsive to their specific needs. Village At Home is also part of the growing Village movement in the United States.

## Our Staff

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Founder & Executive Director

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Associate Director



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We are happy to present to you this wonderful new Village At Home directory, our first ever! Not only does it provide members' contact information and photos, but it tells our stories. These stories reveal the interesting details of our lives that may not otherwise come out in casual conversation. Sharing stories helps to connect us more deeply as a Village.

Our enormous gratitude goes to volunteer Stephanie Eaddy for taking on this project and creating such a beautiful directory. We'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped Stephanie: Sally Foster, Marion Knipp, and Noah Smock.

We thank you, as well, for being part of our Village and for helping to make North Baltimore a more aging friendly place.

**Susan Newhouse**  
Executive Director



Susan Newhouse (left) with Village Member, Cynthia Munro

## Susan Newhouse

Roland Park resident Susan Newhouse remembers the day in 2006 that she opened the New York Times and read an article about the Beacon Hill Village in Boston. "I thought, aha, this is the way to age," says Newhouse. "I'm going to open a village."

The village Newhouse had in mind is part of an innovative network of virtual villages, where people from all over the world join together (via computer or phone) to "age in place" and to stay connected with their neighbors who volunteer to help them with a variety of tasks and services.

"Aging people are invisible," says Newhouse, a licensed clinical social worker who runs a private geriatric care management company and who has taught in the gerontology program at Towson University. "Our needs increase as we age."

In 2008, Newhouse launched Village At Home, a community-based network of volunteers who provide services and activities to older adults and people with disabilities so they can live full lives in their homes and neighborhoods.

"Baltimore is a city of neighborhoods," says Newhouse. "So it makes sense to people to have a village. Village At Home adds a specialized network that caters to older adults. Existing networks of friends and family aren't often enough."

Having the Village is a great relief for out-of-town offspring, says Newhouse. "We give them some sense that their parents are not alone. Families are worried about their parents, even if they only live an hour away."

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Excerpted from story by Jill Yesko, *The Baltimore Sun*, March 24, 2016, "Innovative nonprofit village connects seniors, neighbors in north Baltimore"

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# OUR STORIES

## CLAUDIA FIELDING

Claudia has lived almost all her life in the Roland Park area, and she was educated at Notre Dame Prep when it was still on the North Charles Street campus. Later she took a wide variety of courses at Baltimore County Community College, which she found stimulating and enriching.

Claudia has held several interesting jobs, including one at the Convention Bureau, where she persuaded convention organizers that Baltimore would be the ideal location for them, and then made all the necessary arrangements. She also worked as Course Scheduler at Loyola College.

In 1953, she married Geoffrey Fielding, a native of Nottingham, England. While serving in the British Merchant Navy during World War II, Geoffrey had been to Baltimore several times and made some close friends. After the war, he decided to return and worked as a feature writer for the Baltimore Sun. One assignment was to interview a local artist, who decided that he would get along well with her cousin, Claudia. A dinner party was duly arranged, and three years later Claudia and Geoffrey were married. They had four children and 54 years together before Geoffrey's death in 2007.

After leaving the Sun, Geoffrey worked as Public Relations Director at the Walters. With the goal of raising funds for the expansion of the Gallery (now Museum), he initiated and administered the Tours Abroad program and the Lecture/Lunch series. In these and other creative ways, he succeeded in increasing the membership and achieving the necessary funding.

Claudia and Geoffrey traveled extensively, both in the U.S. and abroad. They regularly attended the Symphony and other cultural events. Claudia has enjoyed needlework, knitting, bridge, and above all volunteer work. At 93, she is committed to the Aging in Place movement and is most appreciative of the Village.

# OUR STORIES

## CYNTHIA MUNRO

The indomitable Cynthia emigrated as a widow from Britain to the U.S. at age 89! She came to Baltimore in 2016 to be near her older son after the sudden death of her one other child. She had visited her son and his family many times and knew she would be comfortable here.

Cynthia has lived all over Europe and the U.K., for 43 years in or around Salisbury, the beautiful cathedral town in the South of England. She remembers sitting on the very bench where the Russian double agent, Sergei Skripal, and his daughter were poisoned in March 2018.

From 1952 to 1956, Cynthia worked for NATO, as a secretary, first in Paris and then in Naples. Already fluent in French, she rapidly learned Italian as well.

After an 11-week trip to the United States, visiting friends, Cynthia settled back in London in 1957, enjoying various secretarial jobs. There she met Patrick in 1962, marrying him within less than six months, becoming step-mother to his two children, and soon having two of their own.

As the family fruit farm in Suffolk became less and less lucrative, Cynthia and Patrick learned of new opportunities opening up for tourism on the island of Malta. They made the hard decision to sell the farm and try their luck in a completely new venture. They and another family they were close to took the risk of moving to a new country and building what would be one of the first foreign-owned hotels on the island. While the hotel was under construction, the two men learned about the hospitality industry through a correspondence course! They ran the hotel successfully for eleven years, until the new political situation made it impossible for foreigners to work in Malta.

The family then moved to Scotland for five years, but couldn't adjust to the harsh climate after the warmth of the Mediterranean. As soon as the boys had completed their education in Scotland, it was back to Salisbury.

Among Cynthia's favorite memories is her 1947 season as a debutante. She was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, where she curtsied to the King and Queen. Because of post-war austerity she wore a pre-war dress of her mother's, as did most of the debs. But she distinctly remembers one young woman in a dashing floor-length gown, who grabbed the attention of the press. Eventually this woman married Earl Spencer and became step-mother to Princess Diana.



**Cynthia at the Rawlings Conservatory  
June 2017**

# OUR STORIES

## MELISSA SPEVAK

For the past 23 years Melissa has been practicing at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a pediatric radiologist, doing diagnostic work. After graduating from medical school in 1976, she spent 6 years in further training and 4 years as a general radiologist in the Air Force. Her love of children led her to specialize in pediatric radiology, first working at the University of Virginia, and then for eight years at the University of Massachusetts.

While training at Children's Hospital in Boston, Melissa met Philip, a pediatric cardiologist, and they were married in 1987. They have a son and a daughter, ages 23 and 25. They moved to Baltimore in 1995 and both have worked at Hopkins since then.

Melissa and Philip enjoy close ties with their extended family and have regular reunions at a lakeside home in the Midwest, owned by Philip's family. They also enjoy travel, skiing and sailing, with cruises on the Chesapeake Bay when their busy schedules permit.

Philip is a past President of the Roland Park Civic League and remains active in that, and in many other community projects.

Melissa is on the board of Village At Home, and is Coordinator of Volunteers. She is committed to the mission of the Village and especially enjoys serving as an active volunteer when time permits.



**Melissa (left) with Village volunteers  
Sally McCabe and Anne Parshall  
2018 Spring Party**

# GOOD TIMES!



Susan Newhouse (Executive Director), Joan Partridge, and Pete Partridge (V)



David Blumberg (MV), Caroline Wayner (Associate Director), and Stephanie Pessin (V)



Leigh Hubbard (MV) and Mary Salkever (MV)



Joe Greenblum (V)



Tom Phipps (V)



Marrion Phipps (V)

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Cary Woodward (MV) and Peggy Woodward (MV)



Bob Armenti (V) and Jane Holloway (V)



Leanne Chadwell (V)



Marion Knipp (V)

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Pete Partridge (V), Joan Partridge, Dave Salkever (M), Martha Armenti (V), Megan Shook (V), Bob Armenti (V)



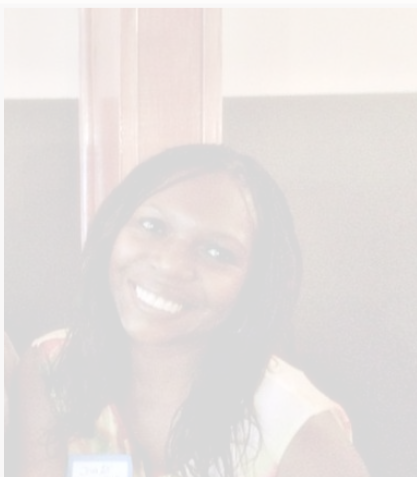
Prem Bhandari (V) and Cynthia Munro (M)



Deb Shaw (V), Julie Lynn, and Stephanie Pessin (V)



Nahketah Johnson (M) and Martha Armenti (V)



Stephanie Eddy (V)



Noah Smock (V)

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# Volunteer List

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Robert Armenti  
Meg Berman  
Prem Bhandari  
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Sidney Brower  
Susan Carey  
Leanne Chadwell  
David Champney  
Sandy Collins  
Margaret Diamond  
Stephanie Eaddy  
Sally Foster  
Steven Frantz  
Cindy Freeman  
Joe Greenblum  
Ann Hesselbacher  
Jeannette Hobbins  
Jane Holloway  
Leigh Hubbard  
Gail Katz  
Marion Knipp  
Jamie Kozumbo  
Mary Madden  
Sally McCabe  
Courtney McKeldin

Patricia Murty  
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Susan Nestler  
Susan Newhouse  
Nick Pantinakis  
Anne Parshall  
Pete Partridge  
Stephanie Pessin  
Kathy Peterson  
Marrion Phipps  
Tom Phipps  
Chrissy Quezada  
James Ridenour  
Henry Russell  
Mary Salkever  
Kirsten Sandhofer  
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Megan Shook  
Gillian Silver  
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Cary Woodward  
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