

Let us clean your home in time for the holidays.

SIMPLY CLEAN
A Residential Cleaning Service

We use environmentally sound products and a HEPA filtration vacuum for a healthier, cleaner home & air.

Your satisfaction is my guarantee!

Call 925-395-1906

Licensed and Insured Support Small Local Businesses

CLAYTON CLUB SALOON
1873

6096 Main Street, Clayton, 673-0440

Dec. 7 & 8 Blue Healers
Dec. 12 Karaoke
Dec. 14 & 15 . . . Gerald & the Aces

All entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

www.claytonclubsaloon.com

Ken Mitolo CONSTRUCTION

BATHROOMS
KITCHENS
DOORS
WINDOWS

FIREPLACES
MOLDINGS
DECKS
LIGHTING

CA Lic. #531028, Est. 1987

(925) 672-2460

Serving the Clayton community for 20 years.
Clayton resident
All work guaranteed.

ISAGENIX
#1 CLEANSING AND FAT BURNING SYSTEM
LOSE WEIGHT NATURALLY THROUGH CLEANSING
JUST IMAGINE...
LOSING POUNDS OF FAT QUICKLY AND SAFELY
...AND BUILDING LEAN MUSCLE AT THE SAME TIME!

"Throughout the years I have tried many programs, I even did the Phen-Phen thing! I would lose a little with each of them, only to gain it back and then some. Isagenix has helped me to lose the weight and keep it off, and I feel great. I lost 50 lbs in three months, and went on to lose 125 lbs in 11 months. I have now lost a total of 152 lbs! Not only do I look and feel great, but people treat me different, they treat me very different! But best of all, is my relationship with my husband, because I feel better about myself, I allow him to love me." - Kim O.

We've got the "Skinny" on weight loss...
The "Weight" is over!

WENDY MOORE
(925) 570.5187

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS MAY VARY

For Diamond Terrace resident, volunteerism is a way of life



COLLEEN ELWY SHARING HISTORY

As you pass the familiar bells of the Salvation Army volunteer this season, you may see Marge Scott, a spry 99-year-old, standing there. Marge has been a Salvationist for more than 70 years and her personal life has held all the warmth and kindness that we associate with this organization.

Throughout her life. "During WWI, we lived on a farm and were self-sufficient, so we didn't suffer at all during those rough times," Marge says.

During the Depression, Marge and her husband, Antonio, were florists in Alameda and although they had to ration gas, they did not have to endure many hardships. "I still have my coupon book that we used during the Depression for rationing gas as we delivered flowers," Marge reminisces. "But our business grew even through all of that and we had it for over 34 years."



MARGE SCOTT AS A YOUNG SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEER

"Most people don't realize that the Salvation Army is primarily a church," Marge notes. "I attended a service there in Oakland in the 1930s and it just seemed like home to me."

Marge became the Sunday school superintendent for 12 years and was also president of the women's group, called the Home League. Her decades of volunteer work included running bazaars and fund-raisers, creating hand-crafted work, making blankets for the homeless and so much more.

"I have raised a lot of money for those in need over the years," Marge recalls with a smile. "And we have helped many different people along the way."

Born in Montana and coming to California with her family when she was in her teens, Marge has been blessed in many ways and so she has wanted to help those less fortunate

history for her personally. "I had gotten very sick as a child and the doctor came out to our house and said that I had malaria fever," Marge says. "My mother just didn't believe it, so she took me on a train to where there was a hospital and it turned out that I had diphtheria and they gave me a shot. But to get home, my mother hired someone to drive us to meet my father with his horse and buggy halfway. It was my first car ride ever and it is something that has always been a very clear memory to me."

Marge retired in 1972 and was later married to her second husband Don. Although she was fortunate most of her life, she has vivid memories of what she says was one of the biggest changes in

Marge beams when she mentions that she has two children, five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren that

keep her busy. In addition, she enjoys various activities at Diamond Terrace.

She is even trying to learn how to use the computer, even if it is one finger of typing at a time. "Imagine that we didn't have telephones until later on and when I had to answer it at my brother's work one day, I was so scared. And now over 80 years later, I am using a computer," Marge adds.

Still active in the Salvation Army church, Marge attends adult Bible classes and weekly services. "It really has been a part of most of my life," Marge says warmly. "Two years ago, I was ringing the Christmas bells for donations outside of one of the local stores nearby. I just may help with that again this year."

If you are a senior living in Clayton, or know of a senior that would like to share their life story with the Clayton Pioneer readers, please contact Colleen Elwy at 672-9565 or at colleensbyline@aol.com.

Savor a holiday cup of peace – with a scone on the side

Without question, the holidays are the busiest time of the year. We frantically rush to get cards mailed, put up decorations and attend holiday gatherings. We agonize over gift lists, fight our way through the crowded stores, worry about expenses and then spend hours wrapping gifts.

In this whirlwind of holiday activity, consider stealing an hour of precious time for yourself. A few moments of respite to pull ourselves together and soothe our souls is what we need to experience the joy that truly makes this the most magical of seasons.

While making a pot of tea takes only minutes to prepare, setting aside an hour of time to relax over a steaming cup can be difficult. Our minds are filled with the clutter of things to do and places to go. Whether we take time alone or with a friend, a break for teatime might be just what you need to feel refreshed.

Scones are the perfect accompaniment to your cup of Christmas cheer. A scone mix is the quickest answer, but quality can vary. To enhance flavors, choose a cream scone mix and add dried fruits, chocolate chips, toffee bits, etc.

Devonshire cream can be purchased at specialty stores, along with curds and jams. You can also make your own Devonshire cream and add flavors like cinnamon, orange zest or maple.

Here's one of my favorite recipes for you to try this holiday season. I hope you'll enjoy it with your feet up and your hands wrapped around a hot cup of something wonderful.

WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT SCONES

- 2 c. flour
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda

- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 6 T. chilled unsalted butter, diced
- 3/4 c. white chocolate morsels
- 1 c. peppermint bits or chips
- 3/4 c. chilled buttermilk
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. peppermint extract

Preheat oven to 400. Lightly spray a baking sheet with non-stick spray containing flour. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add butter and combine until mixture is reduced to size of breadcrumbs. Stir in chocolate and peppermint chips.

In small bowl, whisk buttermilk, egg yolk, vanilla and peppermint extract. Add buttermilk mixture to dry ingredients and mix until dough comes together in moist clumps. Gather dough into a ball and knead two or three turns.

Place on lightly floured sur-



PAM BARNETT TEA FOR YOU

face and pat to about 1/2-inch thick. Using cookie cutters, cut scones into desired shapes and place on baking sheet one inch apart. Sprinkle tops with sugar and bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown.

Serve with Candy Cane Cream (recipe follows).

CANDY CANE CREAM

- 3/4 c. heavy cream
- 1/4 c. crushed candy canes

Combine ingredients in the bowl of an electric mixer. Whip until medium peaks form. Garnish with mint leaf, if desired.

Pam Barnett was an English major in college and a teacher before opening England's Tea Cottage in the Clayton Station. Email her at Pambarnett@aol.com

DIAMOND TERRACE
Retirement Community

Call today for a personal tour & complimentary lunch
(925) 524-5100

Happy 99th Birthday Marjorie
from your friends and family at Diamond Terrace!

"To God be the Glory for 99 years of good health & happiness."
-Marjorie Scott

6401 Center Street Clayton CA 94517
www.diamondterrace.net

Adorable Condo Situated in San Ramon,
Walking Distance to Shopping and Entertainment. Fast Freeway Access. Two Bedroom, 1 Bath, Indoor Laundry, Upper Unit with Balcony overlooking Pool. Pergo Flooring throughout.

\$349,000

This is a Short Sale, Subject to Lender Approval. Priced below comps.

Kimberly Morucci
(925) 437-1650
kmorucci@rockcliff.com
www.kimmorucci.com

Clayton resident & ranch property owner.

J. Rockcliff REALTORS