

Dear Friends,

The past few years have brought significant challenges. The COVID shutdowns forced us to pause in-person workshops and pivot to "Senior Life Online," offering virtual workshops to continue our service. Then, we faced an unexpected crisis: our organization was hacked. Unwelcome messages appearing to be from Senior Life were sent to our mailing list. We only discovered this when members reached out to us. Our website was also corrupted, resulting in the loss of several years' worth of postings. Our dedicated volunteers spent months cleaning up the aftermath. Thankfully, a UCSC student team, Get Virtual, volunteered their expertise and helped restore our website. We sincerely apologize for the lack of communication during this period. We even lost access to our mailing list. With repairs now complete, we look forward to keeping you informed about Senior Life's activities and opportunities for you to enjoy.

What have we been up to?

- We helped open the Scott Valley Performing Arts Center, now called "The Landing," which continues to improve the facility and host wonderful events. If you haven't attended yet, you're missing out on a fantastic performance space (with comfortable seats!).
- We sponsored our annual "Mayor's State of the City" for the ninth year, and for the third time, it was held at The Landing. A recording of the 2025 event is attached.
- We've worked hard to create the annual Alfred Hitchcock Festival, which will present its fourth event from March 6–8, 2026. We hope you'll join us for this fascinating educational experience, celebrating "Hitch," who lived in Scotts Valley for twenty years.

Senior Life also launched a project envisioned by Colly Gruczelak to provide simple home repairs, helping seniors remain in their homes. After a few months, we established a separate organization for this effort, "Damian's Ladder," named after a young man who selflessly helped neighbors and tragically lost his life in an accident. Senior Life provided office services and the seed funding for this new nonprofit, which has already completed some 500 service calls at no charge to the homeowner. Along the way, our organization has also helped fund smaller purchases that benefit senior groups.

Thank you for your patience and support. We're excited to reconnect and continue serving our community. Please let us know of any senior group that could use our help. And, come join our volunteer group, improving life for our fellow senior citizens.

Warm regards,
The Senior Life Team