

Sonoma Valley Interfaith
Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 / 12 pm–1 pm
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Present: Curran Reichert, Scott Pryor, Donna Thomas, Marie Wilson Johnson, Peadar Dalton and Nicole Trotter.

12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing** - Curran opens with reflection on the recent loss of several forward thinkers including Thich Nhat Hanh, the Father of Mindfulness. See his “Walking Meditation” [here](#).
- **Checking in** - FCC doing Zoom, Methodist Church in-person with guidelines, St. Leo’s in-person with guidelines, Church of Scientology open with guidelines, Nazarene in-person with guidelines, Shir Shalom doing Zoom.
- **Non Profits Check-in and Updates.**
 - Sonoma County Interfaith Council** - Scott Pryor shared there is not much news since December.
 - City Council** - ongoing discussion in regards to plans for SDC development. City council meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month with public forum opportunities to speak. See more [here](#).
 - Sonoma Collaborative (Prev. Sustainable Sonoma)** - reviewing proposals for use of SDC that consider environmental protection as well as low income housing while only utilizing the currently paved areas.
 - SVUSD** - Donna will be waiting until Covid allows them to meet safely.

12:30 pm

- **Guest: Carla Rodriguez, Chief Deputy DA for Sonoma County.**

Carla oversees the Elder Protection Unit as one of her many responsibilities. Seniors currently make up about 25% of the county’s population. It is estimated that by the year 2030 there will be over 160,000 seniors in our county and abuse reports are rising. Abuse can be physical, sexual, neglect, emotional and/or financial. The two largest types of abuse reported are physical abuse at 58% and financial abuse at 42%.

Financial abuse in the form of scams is rising. Because it may take time to discover you are a fraud victim you have 4years from the date you discover the fraud to file a claim. To see many current scams in our county you can visit the DA's webpage [here](#).

If you or someone you know has been or suspects abuse and is a senior it is important to file a report to Adult Protective Services (707) 565-5940 or your local law enforcement. You can also get legal advice at (707) 340-5610.

How can we help?

Please share this information with seniors in your circles. You can print the PowerPoint pages from Carla that were emailed to you. Encourage your more lonely and/or isolated seniors to open up discussions with someone they trust in regards to any kind of abuse. As with children we should report our suspicions of abuse of our elderly population. Most abuse is done by those close to the seniors and they are often reluctant to report it and may need someone to advocate for them.

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 23rd, guests will be Whitney Evans from Care Partners and Renee Scott from Vintage House.

- **KSVY - Please mark your date on your calendar.**

Due to Covid-19 no one is coming into the studio. The call in number is 933-9133. Or, you can zoom in as well. The information is on their website www.ksvy.org

February 1	Nicole Trotter	707-996-6024
February 8	Marie Wilson-Johnson	707-996-2151
Feb. 15	Donna Thomas	707-939-6774
Feb. 22	Manette Fairmont	707-529-9562
Mar. 1	Scott Pryor	831-747-0139