

# The Vision

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## from the Board of Directors



Residents (left to right):  
Sanya Weston,  
Lori Tucker-Sullivan,  
Andrea Corp,  
Sheri Lee Robinson

We are pleased to introduce a new initiative of The Village Club Enrichment Fund: the **Women of Impact Residency Program**. We do this as The Village Club celebrates its 70th anniversary, with excitement for what lies ahead.

Launching this February, **Women of Impact** is a year-long residency designed to celebrate and engage extraordinary women who are shaping the cultural, creative, literary, and civic life of our area. Throughout the year, our Residents will join us for conversations, workshops, mentorship opportunities, and capstone experiences that invite intellectual curiosity, dialogue, and connection.

We are honored to welcome our Residents:

### SANYA WESTON - Philanthropist in Residence

Sanya L. Weston, an award-winning travel expert, has more than 30 years experience in the tourism industry. Recognized as one of the Top Businesswomen in Michigan and an Extraordinary Woman in Business in Detroit by Forbes magazine, Weston is the CEO of Your Premier Travel Service Group, the oldest African-American-owned travel agency in Michigan.

Sanya founded the nonprofit, Young People Travel Global Edge, an international mentoring program that partners with local organizations like Detroit PAL and Detroit Lacrosse. She is focusing on exposing African-American youth to international travel, leadership development, entrepreneurship, education, careers, cultural immersion, and sports. This initiative led her to be recognized as a Distinguished Woman by Northwood University and one of the 2022 winners of the Magellan Awards by Travel Weekly magazine.

### ANDREA CORP - Entrepreneur in Residence

Andrea Corp is the founder of Bloomified, a pro-aging movement of self-discovery classes and pro-aging workshops designed to support, inspire, and empower women in midlife and beyond. The name Bloomified came about because Andrea believes midlife is a significant transition period and the most powerful chance to bloom. She created a course curriculum called Bloomified: Finding Magic in Midlife, dedicated to inspiring women in midlife to explore who they want to become next, and helping them redesign exciting new stories about their futures.

### SHERI LEE ROBINSON - Artist in Residence

Sheri Lee Robinson is an abstract/surrealist painter living and working in Detroit. After graduating from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1989 with a BFA in Painting, she embarked on a long, prolific career that has landed her compelling work into the hands of art collectors worldwide. "I make large format, abstract paintings in oil, ink and acrylic. I also sometimes make tiny paintings with big things to say. My work is eclectic and I never know what will emerge."

### LORI TUCKER-SULLIVAN - Author in Residence

Lori Tucker-Sullivan is an author, music writer, and teacher at Wayne State University. Her writing has appeared in various magazines and journals, including *The New York Times*, *The*

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Village Club Enrichment Fund is a nonprofit organization designed to enrich the lives of The Village Club employees and their immediate family members through educational scholarships; enrich the lives of our members and the community through lifelong learning opportunities; enrich the community through beautification and preservation projects; and raise and expend funds in support of women entrepreneurs.

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*Washington Post, The Manifest-Station, Motherwell, Passages North, The Sun, Midwestern Gothic* and others. Her book, *I Can't Remember if I Cried: Rock Widows on Life, Love and Legacy*, features the profiles of 14 women who lost the loves of their lives and what they taught Lori about grief.

Together, these Women of Impact reflect the values at the heart of the Enrichment Fund—lifelong learning, creative expression, community engagement, and support for women leaders and entrepreneurs.

We are proud to launch this program during such a milestone year and grateful for the opportunity it creates for our members and our broader community. Additional details and opportunities to engage will be shared throughout the year.

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## from the General Manager

In the last edition of *The Vision*, I shared how profoundly scholarships have shaped my life—support that remains deeply personal and meaningful to me. Building on that, I want to highlight another powerful way the Enrichment Fund is investing in our employees that you, as a member, may not yet know about.

In addition to traditional scholarships that help pay tuition at accredited educational institutions, The Village Club Enrichment Fund also offers an Employee Continuing Education Grant. This grant helps cover registration fees for continuing education opportunities such as conferences, workshops, and classes, giving our employees access to learning experiences that go beyond the classroom.

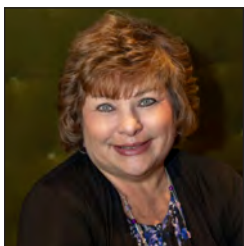
It is inspiring to see how the Enrichment Fund continues to find new and meaningful ways to support education, one of the core pillars The Village Club stands on. These opportunities not only expand our employees' skills, but also enrich the service and experience they provide to our members every day.

I would like to thank the Enrichment Fund Board for its thoughtful work in stewarding these programs and opening doors for our employees and their families. Most of all, thank you for your continued generosity in supporting The Village Club Enrichment Fund; your gifts truly make a lasting difference in the lives of our employees.

Stan Pena, TVC General Manager

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## Employee and Continuing Education Grants:



**KIM SONCRAINTE**

Communications

I am sincerely grateful to The Village Club Enrichment Fund for supporting my attendance at the Michigan Association of School Boards "Beyond the Horizon" conference. George Couros's keynote, centered on The Innovator's Mindset, emphasized embracing change, strengthening relationships, and communicating with purpose—messages that directly support my work as the Club's Communications person. His reminder that innovation begins with connection and clarity was especially meaningful and aligns with our ongoing efforts to keep members informed, engaged, and supported.

In addition to the keynote, I attended sessions . . . that provided a valuable perspective on transparent communication, thoughtful decision-making, and building trust within a community.



**NATALIE FISCHER**

Food and Beverage

The Enrichment Fund supported Natalie's continuing education in a Sommelier Program, part of the nationally accredited wine education used by universities, vocational schools, and wine schools across the country. She successfully completed Level 3 and expanded her knowledge of global wine regions, advanced tasting techniques, and higher-level beverage management. Level 3 is traditionally known as the step where people move from "student of wine" to "working sommelier."

Natalie reports, "This program gives us stronger in-house wine knowledge, helps with smarter purchasing and menu development, and supports a more polished guest experience. It basically means we'll be even better equipped to talk wine, teach wine, and build a beverage program that matches the level of service we aim for at TVC."

# The Enrichment Fund Presents: An Evening with Mitch Albom



Carol Litka Cole & William Cole with Mitch Albom



Serafa Fadiya & Rose Battey



Linda & Ed Kmit



Lisa McFarlane (I) with her sister & brother-in-law Bethany & Jim Salter



Dr. Molly O'Shea (c) with her husband Tony Gallucci & Margaret Desmond



Kathy Wolf, Julie Dawson & Theresa Schulz



Gay Garcia with Mitch Albom



Jane Bowman, Mitch Albom, Cathleen Clancy & Pam Bingham



General Manager Stan Pena with Mitch Albom



Mary Kay Heintz & Janet Dickerson



Connie Salloum & Mitch Albom



Diane & Derick Grempi



Mitch Albom discusses his new book, *Twice*

When we've been members of The Village Club for some time and are asked to consider supporting our various causes, we may lose sight of what we learned about our great organization when we first joined. Here's a reminder that both you and the Club have a great vision for our Club, its future, and our broader community.

### The Village Club

Founded in 1956, The Village Club is a distinct 501(c)(7) organization with three distinct pillars: social, educational, and philanthropic. These three pillars make us a passionate community.

### The Village Club Foundation

Founded in 1983, The Village Club Foundation is a distinct 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which accepts tax deductible gifts for the purpose of offering financial support in the form of grants to qualified nonprofit organizations throughout the tri-county area.

### The Village Club Enrichment Fund

Founded in 2019, The Village Club Enrichment Fund is a distinct 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which accepts tax deductible gifts for the purpose of offering educational scholarships and continuing education grants to The Village Club employees and their immediate family members; provide life-long learning opportunities to members and the greater Birmingham-Bloomfield community; enrich the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills communities through beautification and historic preservation projects; and support for women entrepreneurs. By awarding scholarships and grants to encourage and reward the pursuit of higher education, professional certification and professional development, we let our staff know that we value their service and wish to retain excellent employees.

Together, the Foundation (which looks outward) and the Enrichment Fund (which looks inward), provide The Village Club with a holistic means to achieve our shared missions of social, educational, and philanthropic opportunities.

## Giving Tuesday Thank You

**THANK YOU!** Because of your generosity our Giving Tuesday campaign donations totaled \$22,200. Thanks to the additional generosity of an anonymous donor who matched dollar-for-dollar, our total collections for Giving Tuesday are \$44,400.

We very much appreciate your support throughout the month of November.



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## At a Glance: Understanding Our Three Entities

| Entity                           | Founded / Status              | Focus & Purpose  | Funding Type                  | Impact   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| The Village Club                 | 1956 501(c)(7)<br>Social Club | Fosters social connection, lifelong learning, and philanthropy among members.                  | Member dues & Club activities | Builds community through events, programs, and member engagement.  |
| The Village Club Foundation      | 1983 501(c)(3)<br>Nonprofit   | Outward-facing charitable arm supporting local nonprofit organizations in the tri-county area. | Tax-deductible donations      | Strengthens the broader community through charitable grants.   |
| The Village Club Enrichment Fund | 2019 501(c)(3)<br>Nonprofit   | Inward-facing charitable arm supporting education, enrichment, and initiatives.                | Tax-deductible donations      | Provides scholarships and grants for employees and families, lifelong learning for members, Club beautification, and support of women entrepreneurs. |

### How They Work Together

- The Village Club builds connection.
- The Foundation gives outward.
- The Enrichment Fund invests inward.

Together, they create a vibrant cycle of connection, learning, and generosity.

*The Village Club Enrichment Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization. All donors will be sent an acknowledgement letter which conforms to IRS requirements for tax purposes.*