

How did the Meadow Vista Friendly Neighbors begin?

In 1944, Irene Ross suggested to some of her neighbors in Meadow Vista that they start a club to help the community. She envisioned a club that would always be there in any community member's time of need. And so Mrs. Ross and her friends formed the Meadow Vista Friendly Neighbors Club!

Originally the club met in the one-room schoolhouse, which was located at the site of the current Placer Hills Fire Department. They elected the first slate of MVFN officers: President, Jean Wegmann; Vice President, Jean Keiler; Secretary, Madge Harding; and Treasurer, Elizabeth Camenisch. The club's first project was to help improve conditions in the little schoolhouse for its 14 pupils.

Over the years, the club grew and became involved in a great variety of community projects. To accomplish these projects, the club held fundraisers, such as box socials, putting on amateur shows, hosting dinners and bake sales, and selling snow cones.

When the Christmas Food Basket and Toy Program first started back in the early 1950s, there were only seven families in need of help. In recent years, however, the number of families in need has grown to over 130.

In 2014, the club was honored with a citation from the California State Legislature for seventy years of devoted community service. Decades after its founding, the Meadow Vista Friendly Neighbors Club continues its long-standing tradition of "neighbor helping neighbor." Our club members continue to provide a variety of service projects and ensure that help is available whenever members of our community are in need.