

Who is the Plan B Club?

The Plan B Club is for a group of select, solvent, senior homeowners in Idyllwild who wish to live it up forever ON THE HILL by addressing the un-met needs of the community and, at the right time, celebrate their demise at HOME in the company of friends of their own choosing. Plan B members agree to commit whatever resources are convenient and reasonable to help each other retain their mobility, home maintenance and companionship on the basis of mutual reciprocity. Plan B is not a charity.

Why does the Plan B Club exist?

In an AARP survey, 90% of Americans ages 55 and up, if given the choice, would prefer to stay in their own homes. It is, in essence, a club of individuals, who have agreed to support each other in maintaining their independence, while aging gracefully and zestfully on the hill. Membership is about choices; the choice to live in your own home confidently, and to participate in the services and social activities that are right for you.

The Plan B Club was created to provide support for residents of the hill community who wish to stay in their own homes as they grow older, and be an ongoing integral, contributing part of their community. It's a strong sense of community and a love of the community that is driving the project. This is a "Give and Take" experience designed to enrich and support the members. To stay in touch with fellow Plan B members, monthly meetings and impromptu forums are held to exchange ideas and address concerns of mutual interest.

The Plan B Club is a Volunteer-First organization. Some members may prefer to use the services of preferred vendors who have been personally recommended by the members and who may have agreed to offer preferred rates to our organization. However, if a member agrees and a volunteer is available with the necessary skills to perform the task, a volunteer is assigned to perform the service.

You are invited to volunteer in whatever capacity fits your skills and abilities in the following areas.

AREAS OF SERVICE:

Transportation - Destinations of trips typically are the Post Office, grocery stores, doctor appointments, meetings or social events on the hill.

In Home Assistance - Helping members with minor housekeeping chores, visiting by phone or in person on a regular schedule, walks or outings, preparing or providing a meal, assisting with bills or other paperwork, mail pick up, etc.

Light Home Maintenance - Changing light bulbs, basic plumbing assistance, shoveling walks, moving boxes, repairing broken items, reprogramming remote controls or their electronic components, etc.

Gardening - Caring for plants while away, helping with yard clean-up, trimming trees or bushes.

Pet Sitting - Caring for pets while members are away from home.

Social Events - Initiating and arranging events of interest for members. Picking up and accompanying each other when desired. Working with other members on club activities such as mailings, newsletters, record keeping, typing, etc.

How it works?

The Plan B Club is for people who spend the majority of their time on the hill. We are asking for an initiation fee of \$25 per member at this time to help pay for mailings and handouts. In the future, if a part-time receptionist/coordinator/dispatcher is required, a membership fee may be implemented. Membership is by invitation only. We are not putting out general advertisements. When thinking of who to ask to join, ask yourself this question: "Do they play well with others?" Members fill out a survey listing their skills, talents and areas of interest, and other pertinent information. Willingness to volunteer, and availability is listed on this form as well. Then, members email or call a single telephone number to arrange for assistance, or to participate in a variety of activities. This is a "Give and Take" experience, designed to enrich and support the members and promote long term friendships based on mutual interests.

The Plan B Club is committed to using their resources to eliminate Loneliness, Helplessness and Boredom

1. Loving Companionship eliminates loneliness. Everyone deserves easy access to human and animal companionship.
2. Giving as well as receiving eliminates Helplessness.
3. A life filled with variety, spontaneity, and unexpected and unpredictable interactions alleviates boredom.

For further information contact the person who gave you this brochure or one of our officers:

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Preparing for 100% of the rest of your life

Plan B Club



Not to dwell on the next life, but to live it up in this one and gracefully age in place among friends of your own choosing