

A FEW COMMENTS RELATED TO VILLAGE TO VILLAGE NETWORK SEATTLE
CONFERENCE
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VALUE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thank you for the opportunity to have the broad perspective on what the Village movement is all about. Also for the new ideas and energizing the conference provided. Particularly at this stage in our development I think that the more members who attend at least one conference the better we will be able to develop KVVP. It gave me a new perspective for what the movement is about and the possibilities for our Village. I emphasize this to put in a plug for attending the 2016 meeting which will be in Columbus. I hope there will be a push for members to go for part or all of the meeting. I suggest that we offer a subsidy to a number of members rather than pay the total cost for one or two.

TIMEBANK

I tried to learn as much as I could about TimeBanks and their relation to Villages. As far as I could tell most villages do not have TimeBanks and quite a few TimeBanks are separate organizations. However, most Villages have a significant social service component which is why the average dues are around \$600. Most Villages also have volunteers as well as members who provide services to Village members and do not pay dues.

Edger Cahn the founder of TimeBanks spoke at a plenary session. His presentation was wonderful and also passionate. I also went to a breakout session on Timebank where two leaders of Timebanks spoke. One in Tennessee is a program of their Village although it started as a separate entity. The second one encompasses an entire rural county in northern California and is a significant social service agency in that county. I hope that we will make TimeBank our social service component. I think that part of our program should be expanded in scope and outreach and TimeBank is a good way to do that.

BOOST YOUR BRAIN AND MEMORY

One breakout session included a presentation of the Mather Lifeways Institute on Aging program by that title. There is a video and program materials for an eight session discussion program on how to keep our brain functioning into our later years. The Institute on Aging is providing to all Villages free materials for the program. I talked to them about our participation and have the DVD. I would like to lead this as a KVVP program which will also be open to others. In addition to being a good program it may bring us new members.