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From: Cynthia Brown <professorcindy@gmail.com>

Title

**Question**

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The **Poll** feature allows you to conduct a poll of RVChat users. The system creates a summary so you can easily see the results, and how people voted

**Answers**

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**+ Add Answer**

**Additional Options**

- Allow multiple choices.
- Only moderators and poll creators can view results and responders, regardless of whether the poll is open or closed.
- Only display results when the poll has closed. Moderators and poll creators can always view results.
- Do not show who responded to the poll.



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### Coffee with Friends, Thursdays, 9am, Club Room #poll

Existing polls are listed under Messages, #poll

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#### Coffee with Friends, Thursdays, 9am, Club Room

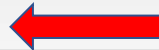
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Please respond to this poll about your attendance and then add some notes on the Wiki page titled Tell Me More About "Coffee With Friends."

**Vote**

- I am a regular attendee (more than half the time).
- I am an irregular attendee (less than half the time).
- I have never attended.

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You can vote, change your vote, or see the results.

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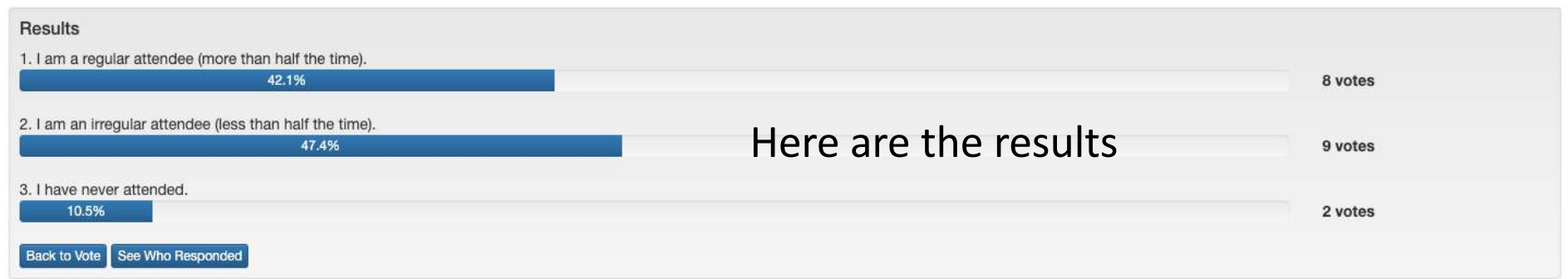


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# Potential Poll Example

We decided to try a theme for our next dinner excursion. (Once we have the theme, we'll pick a restaurant.) Should it be:

- Italian
- Vietnamese
- French
- Lebanese
- Barbeque

Use a **chat** when you want to quickly decide an issue

We've decided on Vietnamese food... now let's pick a day, time, and restaurant, and arrange car sharing.

Click the **chat** item in the left side menu, start a new chat, and everyone who is involved can join, share opinions, etc. It's like having a meeting without having to physically get together. It is done live on the site, NOT via email, so you have to let people know when to join in

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**Chat on Chats** **Subscribed** **2**  
I started this Chat from the Chat menu inside groups.io. I clicked the box at the bottom that says "Send an announcement to the group."  
By [Susan Hyne](#) · 11/09/19 ·

**When to meet?** **Subscribed**  
I would normally send this as email but want to try the chat feature. Can you meet Monday morning?  
By [Cynthia Brown](#) · 11/02/19 ·

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**Chats** allow multiple people to “converse” in real time.

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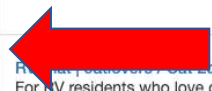
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Members + Create Subgroup Categories

**Main Group**

[RVChat | main / RVChat](#)  
 A forum for peer-to-peer communication among Rose Villa residents.  
 Created: 11/02/19  
 57 Members, 82 Topics, Archives are visible to subscribers only, Restricted, Last Post: Feb 6

- Subgroups You Belong To**
- [RVChat | cat lovers / Cat Lovers of Rose Villa](#)  
 For RV residents who love cats. This is a test, not intended to be a real group.  
 Created: 11/04/19  
 3 Members, 2 Topics, Archives Viewable Only By Members, Last Post: 11/23/19
  - [RVChat | recycle / Rose Villa Recycling](#)  
 This is a working group for the RV recycling team.  
 Created: 11/23/19  
 7 Members, 5 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Feb 4



**Subgroups** allow for special interest groups to keep their messages more private and not impact the main group.



## Example: The Recycling Team

- Currently the recycling team has a subgroup where they post files and notes.
- These tend to be working documents that are not ready to be shared with the whole group

# Calendars

- You can view the calendar by month, week, or day
- To create an event just click in the calendar. In month view an event is automatically all day; in week or day view you can set the times

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### February 2020

RSVPed Only Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22



This is the month view of the calendar; it also has week and day views

# Photos

- The system stores photos and documents that are attached to messages; you can also add photos directly to the Photos section
- You can access the photos through the Photos button
- Please note we have very limited storage! If we get too many photos, we'll have to go through and remove the old ones

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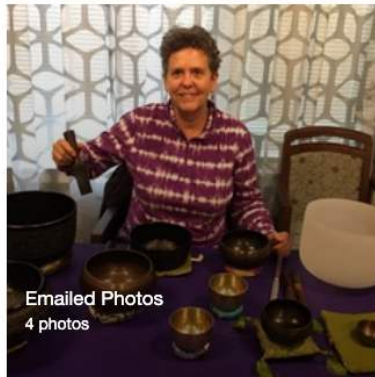
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Emailed Photos  
4 photos



2019 Tuesday Market  
5 photos  
Susan Hyne



Test Album  
2 photos  
Cynthia Brown

Using 68 MB for attachments storage  
Using 196 kB for photos storage



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Name ^	Type	Uploaded By	Size	Uploaded
Medicare information <span>3</span> Information on Medicare advantage plans	Folder		-	11/13/19
recipes <span>1</span>	Folder		-	11/05/19
SEEDS Volunteer Schedules <span>1</span> Monthly schedules for SEEDS volunteers compiled by Carolyn Bailey.	Folder		-	3:54pm
RVChat Intro.pdf	PDF	Cynthia Brown	29 MB	Feb 7

Using 29 MB for files storage

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Here are the files for the main group so far. The recycle subgroup has its own files. Note the SEEDS volunteer schedules.

## “Database” feature

- Suppose you want to create a signup for an event where everyone brings something, like food to a potluck or cookies to a bake sale
- It would be great for people to be able to see what others are bringing so you don't end up with too many similar items
- This would be a good use for the Database feature. It lets you create a table with rows and columns, such as a list of names in one column and what they're bringing in the next column.

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[+ Create Table](#) [+ Import Table](#)

Name	Records	Updated
Rose Villa Recycling Guide A guide to what can be recycled and where to take it	1	12/05/19

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Here's the button for the Database feature





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## Index

- Electing Resident Council members by Neighborhood

Create a page with the title of *Home* to replace this page.

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New Page

Add a Footer

Add a Sidebar

A “wiki” is a shared document that can be edited by all members of the group. The best-known example is Wikipedia. The wiki feature is a good way to collaborate on a document that several people are going to contribute to.



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Email sent by Susan Hyne 20191110:

Let's use this topic to experiment with moving from messages/chats about a topic to developing a proposal using a Wiki page (a feature of groups.io). Go to RVChat on groups.io, then select Wiki and click on the topic "Electing Resident Council members by Neighborhood". Click on Edit Page button at bottom to edit; click on Save Page when done.

With a Wiki, we can all add/edit. Please read the page. Type in comments/ideas. If you find a topic where you're willing to do some research, type in your name, the date, and what you'll research. Then come back and add info. We'll see how it works to develop a document collectively.

FYI--In my view, this is primarily a chance for us to practice working together. We may or may not decide to act on this particular topic.  
End of email

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\*=Topics needing some research

**Topic:** Electing Resident Council members by neighborhood rather than At Large (campus-wide)

**Background:**

\*Current process for electing Resident Council members (length of term, how many are elected each year, what do Bylaws say, etc.)  
Three Council members are elected each year for a term of three years by members of the Residents Association. Elections are held at the November annual meeting and terms begin the first day of January. The Council determines portfolio assignments of Councilors as described in the Council Procedures Manual.

\*History (has neighborhood representation model been used in the past? what were the pros/cons?)

\*Current representation by Ready Force neighborhoods (20191116 Added by Steve Morris and Susan Hyne):

This is the beginning of the existing wiki page.

# Subgroups

- Subgroups are useful for discussions that are not appropriate for the general group
- People can sign up for a subgroup if they want to but otherwise won't see the subgroup messages
- Possible examples might be:
  - A subgroup for a committee such as the Recycling Team (exists)
  - Pet owners and those willing to care for pets in emergencies
  - People interested in off-campus cultural events who would like to carpool
  - People who want a forum for contentious topics that others might find annoying or offensive

## Bottom Line

- You don't have to learn to use all these features to get good use out of RVChat!
- Begin by setting your password, profile, and preferences
- After that, the best place to start is with messages to friends and neighbors about issues, opportunities, questions, problems...
- Make it your own!