

## HISTORY OF THE DIABLO VALLEY THRESHOLD SINGERS

6/19/26

Diablo Valley Threshold Singers was created in March 2012, when 10 women from nearby Bay Area chapters and 20 women new to Threshold attended an introductory workshop led by Kate Munger. The chapter's first leader was Ellen Doerfer and, early on, 8 members became part of a Leadership Circle, with each member carrying out specific tasks to run the chapter.



Hospice Service of Remembrance, May 2012

In January 2014, DVTS hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> NorCal Regional Gathering, in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek. We have hosted Kate Munger, Melanie DeMore, and Annie Garretson at more recent local and regional events.

COVID presented a difficult challenge for DVTS but the singing continued in Zoom-based rehearsals and in partnership with a new chapter being created in Worland, Wyoming. Since then, the chapter has come back with new enthusiasm and strength. We have over 30 members again, and about half the members sing regularly at about 30 bedside sings each month. Two original members continue to sing weekly bedtimes, and 4 additional original members attend gatherings.

In October 2024 we created a singing circle for longtime members who are no longer able to sing bedtimes or attend rehearsals. We call this casual singing the Always Circle, with thanks to Kate for her inspiration for the name "Kindness Made Audible Always".



Member gathering, June 2026 (photo credit: Rachel Davis)

Singers interested in joining are welcome to attend any rehearsal and to decide after three rehearsals if they would like to join. We celebrate every member's graduation to bedside singing with a simple ceremony at one of our three monthly rehearsals.