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### CHINO HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOSTS AUTHOR TALK FEATURING COLUMNIST DAVID ALLEN MAY 24<sup>th</sup>

Chino Hills, CA - The Chino Hills Arts Committee (chARTS) is pleased to host Inland Valley Daily Bulletin columnist David Allen on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center for a free reading, book signing, and Q&A session. Allen will read excerpts from his new book "Getting Started," which is a collection of humorous essays culled from the first four years of his column for the Daily Bulletin.

Allen will also talk about his earlier book, "Pomona A to Z," an alphabetical survey of the unique and unusual aspects of Chino Hills' neighbor to the north.

"David Allen's gift of storytelling is differentiated by a genuine appreciation for the people of the Inland Valley and his knack for seeing humor, charm, and importance in everyday life," said Chino Hills Community Foundation Board Secretary Lisa McPheron. "In a crowded media landscape, David brings voice to local issues with a balanced consideration that weaves in wit and sarcasm."

In "Getting Started" Allen goes back to the beginning to survey his first four years of columns, when the valley was new territory for him 20 years ago. After unpacking endlessly, he reports for jury duty in Chino, attends a Mexican wrestling match in Pomona and pays attention to movie dialogue about Rancho Cucamonga. Not limiting himself to local news, he wonders what a Rolling Stones tour in the distant future might be like (sponsor: Depends), considers applying for a job in Swaziland as the town hangman and enters clothing store alerts for clues about which side is for men.

The Author Talk is free and books will be available for sale. Light refreshments will be served.

#### **About Chino Hills Arts Committee (chARTS)**

chARTS is led by local artists and art lovers who represent a wide area of expertise in fine arts, graphic design, music, creative writing, theatre and more. The group is part of the Chino Hills Community Foundation, which was created in 2008 to promote and support the cultural, educational, and recreational needs of the city. chARTS encourages the creation, enjoyment and enrichment of the arts in Chino Hills. Follow chARTS on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/chinohillsarts](https://www.facebook.com/chinohillsarts).

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