

## The View from Lori's desk...

A look back and a look ahead  
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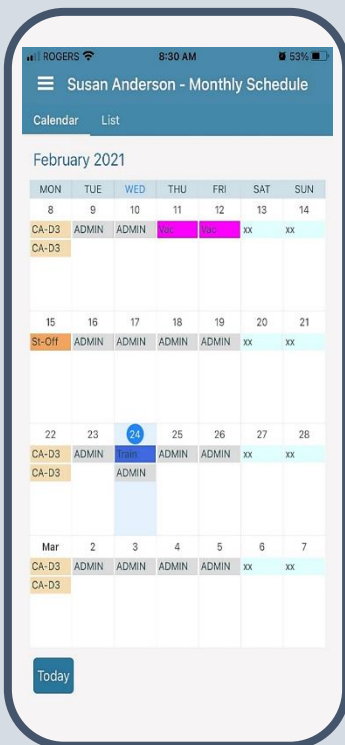
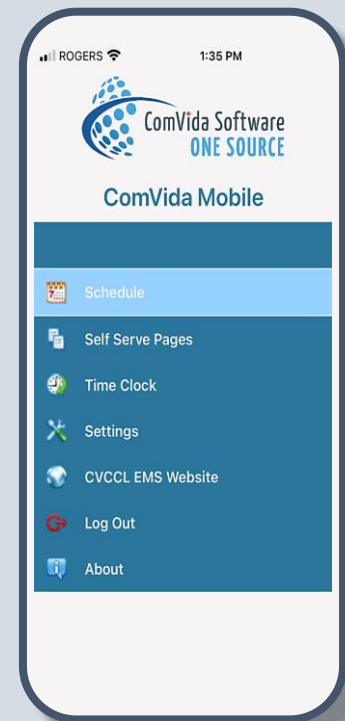
So... how've you been? Seems like ages since we last connected!  
Hard to believe it's been a full year since we've experienced a bit

normalcy in our lives. And here we are, having survived lockdowns, line-ups, physical distancing, toilet paper shortages, and yet another 'spring forward'! The good news is that vaccines and warm weather are both right around the corner (phew!). Hopefully, with a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work, we'll soon see the end of this pandemic. I don't know about you, but I am definitely ready to enjoy life without a mask again!

2020 was challenging for all of us in so many ways but, on the plus side we had a fantastically productive year at ComVida – a ton of new features in CVC51 (and many more to come), the introduction of ComVida Connects (our new video series), and now the pending release of [ComVida Mobile](#)!

That's right! [ComVida Mobile](#) is an all-new app that gives employees access to their schedules any time anywhere using their personal mobile device. It's built for both Apple and Android devices, and the initial release features:

- Customizable HR page views
- An at-a-glance scrollable Monthly Calendar
- A virtual proximity-aware Time Clock, enabling employees to record their hours using their own device *when they're on-site*.



Best of all, [ComVida Mobile](#) is part of the CVC51 suite, so it's available to you and your staff at no extra cost! Check out our latest ComVida Connects video, [ComVida Mobile](#), and be sure to contact [Helpdesk](#) for information about adding this tool to your toolkit.

Over the course of 2021 we'll be working on more enhancements and new tools, highlights include:

- Leave Management pages for both employees and schedulers
- More Background Jobs with options to save time and keep everyone in-the-loop
- New options to facilitate the process of on boarding new team members

So, stay tuned!

Speaking of new opportunities, one of the most talked about features of CVC51 is Conditional Vacancies, also known as Owner Tracking. If your organization has situations where an employee can rescind a leave request, or where certain types of leave requests are only granted if the vacancy can be filled without attracting overtime, then this new functionality is just the ticket! It tracks the original owner of a shift, and the new Conditional Vacancies report is a great way to review all of the

conditional leave requests and assignments in one place.

There's also the new PIER Check tool in Payroll. It was introduced last year, and it's a quick and easy way to review mandatory employee deductions and employer contributions, plus it's available in real time and on demand.

Some of our best features have come from our users and we'd love to hear your ideas too! The door is always open, virtually speaking...

In an effort to stay connected, we will be sending these perspectives on a regular basis, so watch for more news and views coming soon.

*This view includes a brainy quote from Jimmy Dean (1928–2010), and a couple of fun shots of ComVida Mobile to give your curiosity a nudge.*