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Residents Corner

Quote of the Month

“Taking joy in living is a woman’s best cosmetic.”

I am asking for donations of used, all occasion greeting cards. Don’t worry if the card has writing on it, I can cut it off. Please do not cut or tear the cards. I will decorate them. You can leave the cards at my door, apartment (335) or call me, and I will pick up your cards. Telephone (805-650-1324).

Bella Jackson.

CANASTA ANYONE? Several people have expressed a desire to form a Canasta card playing group. Let’s meet Thursday, Feb 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fourth Floor living area to set up a time to play. We have the cards, score sheets and instructions ready to go. See you there.

Maxine Snelgrove

We will continue the Bible study going forward on Thursday mornings in the chapel, starting at 10am. However, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Bible study will begin at 9:30am. This will allow residents to attend our monthly resident meeting.

Chris Christmann

Al Philips has volunteered to facilitate the Monday writing group. The location has changed, starting in February, the group will meet in the lower level conference room at 3pm. Thank you, Al.

A special thank you to Margery Jacobson for donating her husband’s military flag. It is flying with great pride in the front of our Townehouse.

VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

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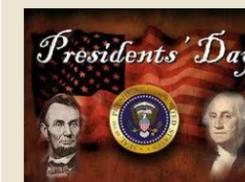
February Holidays



Groundhog Day February 2nd

Valentine’s Day February 14th

Presidents Day February 20th



February at the Townehouse

Musical Inspiration

Samantha and I want to share this inspiring email from teacher Kathy Elliott, director of the Elder Buddy Program.

When Joe La Rocca told his student buddies that he used to play the harmonica in the Navy and that he had stopped playing, but took it up again after meeting our students, we thought it would be fun to write a grant for harmonicas for each of our students! We were very lucky and won a grant to purchase one harmonica for every student. We have been practicing two songs, which we would like to play in honor of Joe playing the harmonica and to honor our Elder Buddies. Could you please ask Joe La Rocca if he would bring his harmonica to our last visit? We would like to start off with student Blaine, playing Taps on his harmonica in honor of Bob Swanson, since he was his Elder Buddy. The students came up with the idea that it would be a nice way to honor Bob and his service in the Navy. Then the students will play their two songs. Maybe we could convince Joe to play a song for us, or maybe show the students how to make a cool sound on their harmonicas!



Calling all singers!

If you enjoy singing, come and join our Townehouse singing group. We will meet in the 7th floor Vista Room. This month we have invited Barbara Reed to accompany us on the piano. Barbara is the director of the Ventura Choraliars. She will bring along the song sheets. If you have a favorite song, or if you would like to sing a solo, let me know. The dates are posted on your calendar, February 15th and 22nd at 3pm. See you there!

Love is in the Air. How did he propose?



Bob first noticed Marcie swimming in the pool at the apartment where they both lived. It was poetry in motion according to Bob. It wasn't long before Bob joined Marcie for a swim. Marcie swam every day to keep in shape. She worked with Desi Arnez and Lucille Ball on the "I Love Lucy Show" and in those days, appearance mattered. Bob was a professional musician and it didn't take Marcie long before she was flying off to Seattle to listen to Bob's band. When she arrived, Bob and the boys whisked her off the plane to downtown Seattle. Bob had located a minister and they were married before the band began to play. Marcie and Bob returned home to Hollywood and surprised the family. Later they had a formal wedding to include all the family. Bob and Marcie have been happily married for 60 years.



Irene was born in London. At the young age of nine, her family was caught up in World War II. London was being bombed and all the children were gathered up for evacuation. She boarded a train with groups of children headed for the countryside. With all the children gathered in a church hall, families came from nearby farms to choose children to foster. As destiny would have it, Irene was chosen to live with Tom's aunt and uncle. She was known by the neighboring children as the evacuee kid. Irene always felt Tom, five years older, looked out for her. She told him at age nine "one day I will marry you!" When the war was over Irene was reunited with her family in London. One day Tom was working on the family farm when Irene appeared walking across the fields in her stockings and stilettos. She had decided to visit her foster family and asked about Tom. That evening Tom and Irene went out to the movies. Six months later they were married. It took Tom six months to get permission from Irene's father, as Tom was five years older. Eventually her father said, "For twenty quid you can take her off my hands!" Tom and Irene have been married for 62 years.



When I asked Vlad how he proposed to Arlene he said, "Always ask the father first, and the bride second." On Arlene's 21st birthday Vlad took her out to a fancy restaurant. He gave her his gift, a box of Fannie May chocolates. Arlene admits she was a little disappointed, as she had given up eating chocolate. Vlad insisted she open her box of chocolates. There inside was an engagement ring! Arlene said the restaurant was so dimly lit she had to go into the restroom to have a closer look. Arlene and Vlad have been happily married for 65 years.



Community Appreciation Breakfast

January brought the Pacific High School students to our Community Appreciation Breakfast.

Honoring these students brought the biggest group we ever had to our table. They are:

Lily Alfaro, Jose Ambriz, Rose Angulo, Valerie Burciaga, Josivan Charco, Brittney Conchas, Jesus Cisneros, Wilver Contreras, Fabi De La Cruz, Denise Diaz, Sergio Eligio, Lily Falbo, Alfredo Garcia, Tyler Harvan, Jesse Joaquin, Leticia Mancilla, Jaiden Marks, Jose Martinez, Jacob Molina, Jacob Novickas, Blaine Peery, Pedro Ramos, Alicia Rodriguez, Vanessa Romero, Danny Sandoval, Ricardo Severiano, Tyler Stolla, and Brooke Young.

Kathy Elliott, English teacher and head of our "Elder Buddy Program," introduced her principal Deidre Monarres and staff Ann Griffith, and teachers Suhey Mandujano, and Corey Meyers, both Para Educators. Kathy labeled the "Elder Buddy Program" as project-based learning (PBL) which encourages students to work, live, and engage in hands-on learning through interacting with our seniors with experience.

She said, "What a better way to learn about history than right here with the Ventura Townhouse seniors?"

Project-based learning (PBL) is a student-centered pedagogy that involves a dynamic classroom approach in which it is believed that students acquire a deeper knowledge through active exploration of real-world challenges and problems. Students learn about a subject by working for an extended period to investigate and respond to a complex question, challenge, or problem. It is a style of active learning and inquiry-based learning. PBL contrasts with paper-based, rote memorization, or teacher-led instruction that presents established facts or portrays a smooth path to knowledge by instead posing questions, problems or scenarios. The students shared some profound things their elder buddies taught them: Be kind, make sure you are exposed to many resources, look beyond the remarks others make, work harder on yourself, live life by learning something new each day. The senior residents responded with what they learned from the students: I like being exposed to their backgrounds which are so different from mine, I am confident, after working with the students, in them taking over in the future; they come up with some really good ideas; and I love that they are willing to listen to me.

We wish to thank all the staff and students at Pacific High School this year for making a real difference in our lives. And thanks to Kathy Elliott and Ann Griffith, who make sure more projects like this will continue through grants and their creative minds. Thanks, from our hearts to yours, for touching every one of us with your intelligence, kindness, creativeness and genuine love in action.

Samantha Crisp, Director of Marketing.

