

VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

CALIFORNIA'S CROWN JEWEL IN RETIREMENT LIVING

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December Holidays

**December 10th
1st Day of
Hanukkah**



**December 21st
Winter Begins**

**December 25th
Christmas Day**



**December 31st
New Year's
Eve**



Introducing Ms. December Juanita Seavey



Juanita is a California native who was born in Sacramento. She has always enjoyed being around people. Yes, you can call her a "people person." In school she studied and gained a certificate in Human Resource Law.

Upon leaving school, Juanita became a director in Human Resources. She worked for 30 years for a variety of companies including a hospital, the Sheraton Hotel, the Hilton Hotel, and the Los Angeles Police Credit Union. When she was not working, Juanita followed her passion for acting and singing. She achieved a degree in Theatre and Arts; then following this she was invited to audition. She enjoyed acting in

many local theater productions. Later she went on to directing plays for various theaters in Ventura County.

She met her husband Stan while auditioning. Love grew on and off stage; they were happily married for 37 years. Stan was a teacher, so during the long summer holidays they enjoyed traveling. They visited many different countries.

Juanita moved to the Townehouse in April 2019 with her cat Cindy. She adopted Cindy from the Camarillo animal shelter. Juanita often goes back to the shelter to visit with the animals there. She said she has a special fondness for all animals.

Juanita said: "I love my life here at the Townehouse and the wonderful new friends I have made. The staff is amazing! I appreciate all they do and their positive and cheerful attitudes. It is an honor to be Ms. December."

PROUD VETERAN

Introducing Michael Buchkowski



"Boy 18 Flying Combat WWII"

My parents came from Europe to the US in 1900. They settled in Pennsylvania and rented a farmhouse one mile from town. They raised seven children, three girls and four boys. I was the fifth child. By the time I was eight years old my brothers and I were working on the farm. I drove the tractor and my father loaded the plow and other farm equipment. Our father bought and sold cows, pigs, chickens, and we had two horses. The farm was doing well producing all types of food products. To protect our property, we had a

collie dog named Lassie. He kept the town people from taking our fruit. Lassie was my companion and protector. He stayed by my side when I would walk through the woods to visit my friends, as coming home it was usually dark. Once we were old enough, we went to work in the coal mines.

At age 18 I was drafted and joined the military. I did my basic training in Miami. I had flight training, I was tested after six months and I qualified and was assigned to the B-25 aircraft with a crew of six, the 345th Bomber group. We had many more hours of flight training while practicing qualifying for combat. This included flying over land and water bombing targets and air to air gunnery practice. After completing all the training, we were called for WWII combat duty. For us this was "D" Day! We were ordered to go pick up a new B-25 Bomber and fly it to Townsville, Australia. The trip was about 2000 miles with a landing at Christmas Island in the Pacific for fueling. I was told this piece of land was only one mile wide and two miles long. If you missed the Island, you would end up in the water! We arrived in New Guinea and we were ready for combat. Our mission was to fly low, over ships, airfields, and cities to destroy anything we could. The problem with flying so low was we were close to ground fires and ship fires. I flew my required forty-one missions, then I was sent home. The war was over in August, 1945. You can check out my war memorabilia displayed in the basement cabinet.



INTRODUCING HARVEY MARASIGAN AND NANCEE BORGNINE

A Warm Welcome to Nancee and Harvey



It is with great pleasure to introduce our new marketing team; Nancee Borgnine and Harvey Marasigan. They joined our team on October 26, are acclimating very well and are a great addition to the Townehouse. We are looking forward to their skill set and expertise. Thank you for the open arms and warm welcomes everyone has extended during the last month.

Though having worked in senior living previously and now being given the opportunity to be a part of the team at the Townehouse, Nancee's early career was a bit different from most. She grew up in the entertainment industry as the daughter of Academy Award winning actor, Ernest Borgnine. Initially she followed the family business and became a theatrical agent, film producer, and PR/marketing executive for a gifting suites company that catered to the various awards shows.



Her interest and passion in senior living came quite by accident when she began visiting her friend's parents living in an assisted living community. They began frequently inviting her for visits since they enjoyed her company and she made them laugh. Nancee realized not only did she make a difference in their lives but spending time with the residents was most definitely making a difference in her life as well!

As Nancee says, she found her second career helping seniors and their families understand all that senior living has to offer. She continuously enjoys the next chapter of their lives, which includes making new friends, sharing with their peers, staying active, being connected, and thriving with a balanced lifestyle. Nancee quotes, "Nothing brings me more pleasure than being in a community and hearing the laughter of residents who are truly enjoying themselves and connecting with newfound friends."

Harvey has been fortunate enough to work in the senior living industry since 2002, beginning his career as a caregiver. The story goes; his cousin asked him to work a weekend shift for him, and voila; that is all it took. From caregiver, he quickly moved into sales. Not only did he enjoy caregiving for seniors, but also helping seniors find a place to call home. His last eight years he worked for a large-scale senior living company beginning as a sales assistant and quickly becoming the Director of Sales. With his success, the company allowed him to lead 3 communities in their portfolio over the last 6 years as the Director of Sales and Marketing.

Harvey knows this is his calling. He has gravitated towards seniors his whole life.

Please welcome aboard Nancee and Harvey.

Sincerely,

Evan Granucci
Executive Director

Townehouse Management Team

Administration

Executive Director Evan Granucci

Marketing Directors

Harvey Marasigan
Nancee Borgnine

Customer Service Front Desk

Office Manager Antoine Guerrier II
Concierge Supervisor Jazmine Dominguez

Director of Activities Fitness

Anne Howorth
Frank Jackson

Director of Health Services

Marissa Fontanilla

Director of Memory Care

Erika Rocha

Director of Social Services Kimmi Bryan

Director of Food Service Joe Messina

Housekeeping

Director of Housekeeping Alejandra Hernandez

Maintenance

Chief Engineer Steve Drake
Assistant Engineer Cliserio Meza

Transportation

Bus Driver María De Los Reyes

Photo of the Month



Ann Wells has found a creative way to spend her time. Learning the electric guitar with You Tube lessons.

Dates to remember

Hearing Aid Check

Wednesday, December 16th at 9:30am, Acoustic Hearing will be in the Lower Level Conference Room. No appointment needed.

Gratuities

We are asked not to give tips to individual employees, so Ventura Townehouse residents, as a group, give gratuities in June and December to all our hourly employees. We do this because we want to say "Thank you" for their good work and pleasant attitude, especially during the recent difficult times. Please join by contributing to the locked grey box in the lobby. When December approaches, we hope to be able to give a nice amount.

**Sandy Thieme
Resident Treasurer**

