

# VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

CALIFORNIA'S CROWN JEWEL IN RETIREMENT LIVING

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## February Birthdays

*February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Marilyn Westberg*

*February 4<sup>th</sup> Maxine  
Snelgrove*

*February 4<sup>th</sup> Marion  
Seaman*

*February 5<sup>th</sup> Carol  
Pollard*

*February 6<sup>th</sup> Natalie  
Guyton*

*February 11<sup>th</sup> Veve  
Meck*

*February 14<sup>th</sup> Ruth  
Kraft*

*February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Joseph Szerwo*

*February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Barbara Hurwitz*

*February 19<sup>th</sup> Marci  
Porter*

*February 23<sup>rd</sup> Chris  
Christmann*

*February 23<sup>rd</sup> Mark  
Harmeling*

*February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Phyllis Reinstein*

*February 29<sup>th</sup> Gary  
Gottfried*

## February at the Townehouse



### Ms. February

**Margery Jacobson (Margie)**



I was born in Chicago, Illinois but came to California when I was three years old with my mother, and one year old brother on the train. We arrived in Hollywood to absolutely no fanfare. No one knew at that time that I would be Ms. February at the Ventura Townehouse many years later.

I attended many schools in the Los Angeles area, eventually graduating from Glendale High School. It was wartime. I knew at a young age that I wanted to be a secretary and I started two days after graduating high school. I worked for Hertz Car Rental at their western division offices for five years. The war ended and I got married. I guess my great legacy will be having three fine children. We left Los Angeles after 30 years, moving to Wasco, CA, a small farming community northwest of Bakersfield. As empty nesters, we moved to Lompoc, CA, where we enjoyed many hours of playing golf and bridge.

My greatest achievements in life - winning first place in the Los Angeles city schools annual typing contest in my first year of high school. And having made two holes- in- one playing golf! Though I was married to a General in the Air Force for twelve years, I did not experience actual military life. He was retired for many years before we met and married.

I love shopping for and modeling clothes, the flashier the better. I hope and pray this terrible virus ends and we can get on with our normal lives.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

### Introducing Teri Daves



Hello everyone! I just moved into G15 and am looking forward to meeting new friends here at Ventura Townehouse.

I have a very friendly boxer named “Mr. Deets” who loves everyone and all dogs! If you see us walking around the community, please come say hello.

I grew up in Manhattan Beach and attended Marymount High School. I met my husband Don when I was 22. We both attended USC. During our 62 years together, we lived in Westchester, Glendale, Hancock Park, Newport Beach and most recently, Newbury Park. We have two daughters, Torie and Toni, as well as two granddaughters, Kathleen and Kimberly.

In my youth I worked as a model. One of my favorite jobs was working for the designer St. John. After my girls were grown, I was a travel agent for about 15 years. My husband and I both loved to travel and were able to see much of the world. My husband was a production manager and director on the show “Bonanza” for 10 years, and then the Asst. General Manager of Warner Hollywood Studios for 25 years, so we were fortunate to have lots of fun Hollywood adventures. Sadly, I lost my sweet Don this past June. I am looking forward to this next adventure at Ventura Townehouse and look forward to meeting you all!

### Introducing Bette Goldenring



Bette’s round the world adventure began with an 11-week intensive language and cross-cultural training session involving about 60 people. After the training session, Bette lived in a small town of 40,000 in the center of Hungary. Her primary duty was to supplement the efforts of five English teachers by emphasizing English conversation. She worked with 513 students at the “gymnasium” or high school of her colleague Edith Pipicz. Bette also created an award-winning drama group, a baseball team, a cultural club, and an environmental awareness event on United Nations International Green Day. She incorporated lessons on American culture and civics by showing American films including “Home Alone,” and a favorite--“Rebel Without a Cause”--in her home during the Sunday meetings of the culture club.

She also managed to tour England with the school choir, visit several European countries, and learn to play the zitara, a Hungarian folk instrument resembling a zither.

Teaching English in Hungary was just the latest in a lifetime of volunteer efforts for Bette, who earned a bachelor’s degree in social welfare in 1977. During the 60’s she was involved in Habitat for Humanity projects in Mexico. Before her departure for Hungary in June, 1991, she tutored two adults through the Laubach Literacy Program, assisted in an English-as-a-second-language class at Buenaventura High School, and was a member of the Ventura Klezmer Band. In addition, she has taught guitar and Jewish community education workshops over the years. And she spent the summers of 1982-84 as an archeological worker in Jerusalem. The death of Bette’s husband spurred her decision to join the Peace Corps. She said, “My husband, Ira, and I always wanted our children to understand there’s a time for taking and a time for giving.” Bette now enjoys her retirement and is looking forward to meeting like minded people. She lives in the Garden, G29. You will often see her walking her dog, Wally.

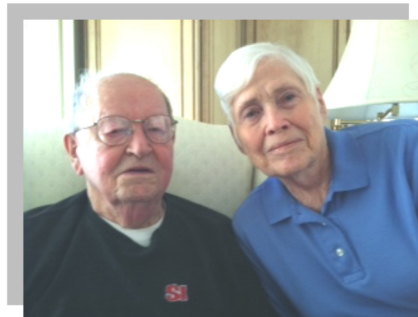


## TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

Love is in the Air.



Congratulations to Lucille and Charles Hoffman. This month they are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!



Lucille was born in Arkansas. She met her husband Charles during the war when he was stationed there.

Charles was born in California and served in the Air Force. He served as a navigator on a B29. After marriage they raised three children in California. They moved to Texas where they lived for many years.

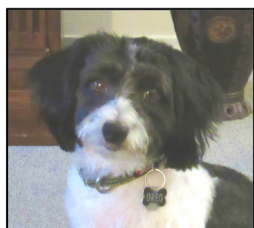
Lucille volunteered at the Barbara Bush library for 17 years. While there she worked on repairing book bindings and repairing and cleaning children's books. The two are now enjoying retired life together.

### We will miss you Jazmine.

Dear residents, I wanted to let you all know that I will be leaving The Townehouse to take care of my foster children. This was a hard decision to make since I feel like I am leaving my Townehouse family as well. I am looking forward to visiting you all soon with my children. Hopefully with no masks! Please remember to be safe. I wish I could have personally said goodbye to everyone, but I know we will all see each other in the future. Love and kisses Jazmine.



### A dog's life!



Something strange has happened in the past year. I've been discussing it with my fellow dogs, and they've noticed it too. Whenever the humans go out, they wear masks to hide their faces. My friend Cupcake came up with an interesting theory, and I think maybe she's on to something. "Humans are sensitive," she said, "and a lot of them are kind of funny-looking. I think maybe they're embarrassed." I told her we should just accept that. "After all," I said, "they're only human."

# Townhouse Management Team

## Administration

Executive Director Evan Granucci

## Marketing Directors

Nancee Borgnine  
Harvey Marasigan

## Customer Service Front Desk

Office Manager Antoine Guerrier II

## 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



## Resident Bulletin

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are still not meeting as a group for our monthly resident meeting. Please utilize the comment box located in the Dining Room Lounge. The resident board members meet and pick up the comments weekly. We continue to meet with Evan and Anne so we can pass your comments and ideas onto the individual managers. The comment cards for the dining room are on the table by the dining-room door.



Thanks,  
Terry Gibson

## Happy Valentine's Day

### MENU

*February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

ORANGE GLAZE SALMON  
&  
BEEF MEDALLION  
RICE PILAF  
STEAMED ASPARAGUS  
DINNER ROLLS

### DESSERT

ANGEL FOOD CAKE  
W/ DELICIOUS STRAWBERRY SAUCE  
LOVERS RED VELVET SUGAR COOKIES

