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March 2021

March Holidays



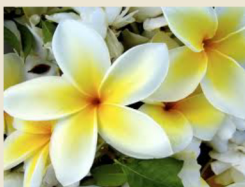
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**March 14th
Daylight
Savings**

**March 17th
St. Patrick's
Day**



**March 20th
Spring Begins**



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March at the Townhouse

Ms. March Carole Morris



Not only is Carole beautiful and our model of the month, but she is also a very talented artist. Carole was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and remembers as a child of five her mother would provide crayons and Disney coloring books. Carol would pass the time not coloring but shading and painting the Disney characters. Through the years, Carol has painted with many materials, her favorite being oils.

Carol finds painting to be a spiritual experience saying God works through her when she puts the paint to paper. When the last of her four children left the nest, Carole's husband quit his job and they traveled the United States promoting and displaying Carol's art. She never stopped painting while learning new techniques. Carole loves her life at the Townhouse and said she continues to paint from her memory with her limited sight. We look forward to seeing more of Carole's work when we can schedule a resident art show in the Vista Room.



Whoohoo! The Dining Room is opening! March 15th join us for a grand opening celebration luncheon in the dining room. Stand by for more information. Mimosa's will be flowing! Door prizes and more.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Introducing Krysten Reiger



I have only been at Ventura Townhouse for one month, having arrived in the middle of the pandemic. As all of us, I am looking forward to the lifting of restrictions so life can return to some form of normality.

Here is a little about me:

I grew up in Southern California where my father was a citrus rancher growing oranges, lemons, and avocados. After an initial college experience, I worked as a Senior Staffing Specialist with the Department of Defense for seven years. With deep appreciation, I was selected as the first female on this coast to staff wage board employees such as crane operators and heavy-duty mechanics, among others.

Counting my blessings, I was fortunate to be able to quit working and return to school full time. I received both BA and MA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

In my final semester at MIIS, I was recruited by the US Dept of State to fill a vacancy for the Director of Language Acquisition in Europe. It was a challenging and exciting opportunity, but as the Cold War wound down, so did my position. For the first time I joined the private sector.

My background was a good fit to manage the Vodaphone account. Vodaphone was in the process of bidding on establishing cell services for countries. I was responsible for Korea, Spain/Portugal, and France. A bid would be the size of a set of encyclopedias! I have been with my current company for 21 years. Yes, I am still working. We are an executive search firm specializing in management opportunities.



Other than working, my passion for over 45 years has been needlepoint. I am self-taught having ordered a kit from the back of a magazine. I love the meditative and Zen-like quality of the experience and never tire of learning new techniques. I look forward to meeting each one of you.

My feet are cold!



Kimmi's sister lives in Washington. She sent this photo of her chickens after the snowstorm. You do not have to be a chicken to be grateful for our Mediterranean weather here in Ventura.

Can we come in????



Townehouse Talent Mister Ron Hargrave



Ronald J. "Ron" Hargrave (born November 8, 1929) is a well renowned ukulele player and actor from the 1950s era; he has become an icon to the Rockabilly fan base. He co-wrote music for Jerry Lee Lewis, had many singles, and was also identified as a billboard star musician in Japan. Ron was born in the Bronx to Vaudeville performers directly after the big Wall Street Crash of 1929. His family, trying to avert disaster, moved to Hollywood, California in 1936, where they settled, and he began his lifelong career choices for the entertainment industry. In 1953 he was drafted into the Army Special Services. There, he entertained troops with his guitar and singing. During his military service he met the daughter of Lou Costello; this chance meeting started him off in the film industry. After meeting Costello's daughter, he met with Abbott and Costello and eventually was managed by Lou



Costello in the film, "Dance with Me Henry", released in 1956. He began writing songs and was introduced to Jerry Lee Lewis where he co-wrote "High School Confidential" (Jerry Lee Lewis song) and wrote "Latch On" and other movie songs. He was also a boxer and his swagger in Costello's movie earmarked him as one of the first on-screen rock and roll actors, in an era that had not yet adjusted to the young attitude of Elvis Presley or Jerry Lee Lewis. At age 80 Ron Hargrave recorded a new album. The title is simply "Ron Hargrave." It's anchored by, of all things, the ukulele and the infectious way he plays it. Maybe we can talk Ron into playing a few tunes during our wine and cheese social.



Introducing Health and Wellness Nurse Melani Sauer



You may have already seen me around the community. I am an LVN and part of the Excellent In-Home Care Team. Every Tuesday morning at 10am, I will conduct a blood pressure health check in my office. During your visit I will check your vitals, take your weight, and answer questions. If you need help connecting with your doctor, we can help you with that. My office is located downstairs across from the beauty parlor. I look forward to meeting you and assisting you with your medical needs. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my three grandkids. I live in Ojai where I feel so blessed to have the best of both worlds, mountains and beach. Make sure you stop me to say hi and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Townehouse Management Team

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Director of Memory Care

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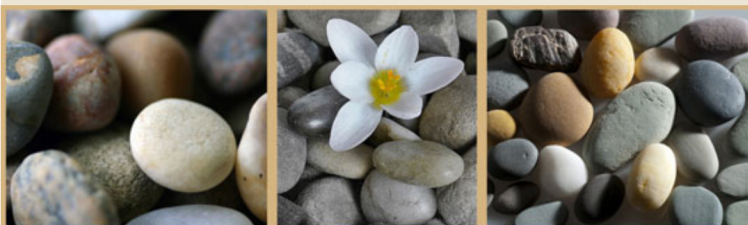
Director of Housekeeping Alejandra Hernandez

Maintenance

Chief Engineer Steve Drake
Assistant Engineer Cliserio Meza

Transportation

Bus Driver María De Los Reyes



Honorable recognition to Marissa Fontanilla (Director of Health Services)

This month we are giving a big thank you to our Director of Health Services Marissa Fontanilla who worked tirelessly calling Public Health and CVS daily to schedule the vaccine clinics. Marissa has worked at the Townehouse for five years. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, and walking with her dog Wesley.



Photo of the Month Muffi Ehrlich

