

# VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

CALIFORNIA'S CROWN JEWEL IN RETIREMENT LIVING

June 2021

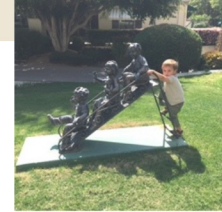


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## June at the Townehouse

Ms. June featuring Susanne Gottfried



*June  
Holidays*

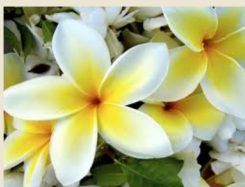
*June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Flag Day*



*June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Father's  
Day*



*June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Summer  
Begins*



I was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Hungarian born parents. My father was a potter and a sculptor. My parents exposed me and my two sisters to lots of culture, taking us to museums, concerts, theatre and ballet from the time we were very young. We also got to be around other Chicago artists.

After graduating, I went to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, receiving a BFA in painting and printmaking. Having no way of earning a living, I attended Roosevelt University and received an MAT in early childhood education. I then taught kindergarten as well to nine-, ten-, and eleven-year-olds at a magnet school in Chicago. I also taught some art classes at a junior college.

I met my husband Gary when I was 18 years old and we married three years later and had our son, Jonathan, just when I turned twenty-five.

Fast forward to CA, with our art backgrounds in art (Gary was a sculptor), we apprenticed in art restoration and very quickly were good enough to buy out the man we had apprenticed with. We restored jade, ceramics, paintings, ivory and porcelain, our specialty.

Reading and going to museums and fun adventures are what I like the best. Also, I enjoy visiting with friends and sharing ideas and meals together. I like to be with people who are positive. Life is too short not to be with upbeat people.

I enjoy being with other people and hearing about their journey in life. I like special gourmet meals. I hope to give more than I get and accept people as they are. I enjoy learning new things.

Susanne Gottfried

## INTRODUCING THE BARBARELL'S

Barbara is a popular name here at the Townehouse. In fact, we have nine lovely ladies with the name Barbara currently residing here. Four of them are neighbors, not only neighbors but live next door to each other!

**Barbara LeCroy 316, Barbara Lang 317, Barbara Norris 318, and Barbara Bean 319.** Seeing them and hearing them giggling on the third floor outside my office door make me smile. I nicknamed them the Barbarell's.

### Barbara LeCroy



Barbara has always enjoyed a full and busy life. Together with her husband Bob, they had eight children. Barbara moved into the Townehouse with Bob eight years ago; sadly, Bob passed away last year. Since then, Barbara has remained active and involved with the social activities here at the Townehouse where she has many longtime friends.

### Barbara Lang



Barbara moved into the Townehouse just recently. She instantly felt at home when she found out three of her neighbors were Barbara too. She has settled in and continues to make friends with other residents not named Barbara! Barbara has a fondness for art and is looking forward to joining the Sunday art group. She is also looking into joining a Mahjong group.

### Barbara Norris



Barbara has fond memories of growing up in a musical family. Her father played the saxophone, her mother sang, and Barbara played the piano. Today she still enjoys all the live music events here at the Townehouse, especially when she is accompanied by her special friend Leon.

### Barbara Bean



Barbara grew up in an orphanage in Oklahoma. She has fond memories of singing in the children's chorus. She traveled to many different states singing with the Tipton Children's Chorus, performing in various churches. Barbara continues to love singing. She sings along with Pandora (music app) each day. Barbara has lived at the Townehouse for almost three years. She loves her home here and has made many new friends.

**Spiritual meaning of the name Barbara.** If **Barbara** were to be a precious stone, she would undoubtedly be the Emerald, a symbol of knowledge and truth.



## OPENING DAY AT THE PIER!

*Wow! What a fun day. How excited we all were on our first venture on the Pier. We will post more photos on our resident board shortly.*



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## Happy Father's Day to all our fathers!



### Definition of a Father

A father is someone that holds your hand at the fair.

Makes sure you do what your mother says.

Brushes your hair when it is tangled because mother is too busy. Let's you eat ice cream for breakfast.

He walks you down the aisle and tells you everything is going to be ok.

We will celebrate our fathers here at the Townehouse on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> with a special lunch followed by live entertainment featuring Charles Ritner's talented daughter Lisa. Lisa plays the Saxophone and sings all our favorite jazz melodies. Join us at 3pm in the Rose Garden.

## Townehouse Management Team

### Administration

Executive Director                      Evan Granucci  
Executive Assistant                      Justine Perigo

**Marketing Directors**                      Harvey Marasigan  
    Nancee Borgnine

### Customer Service Front Desk

Director of Concierge                      Antoine Guerrier II  
Services

**Director of Activities**                      Anne Howorth  
**Fitness**    Frank Jackson

**Director of Health**                          Marissa Fontanilla  
**Services**

**Director of Memory**                      Erika Rocha  
**Care**

**Director of Social Services**              Kimmi Bryan

**Director of Food Services**              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

PLEASE HELP US THANK OUR WORKERS!

We Townehouse residents have established a fund to offer a financial thank-you to the non-management staff members who, day in and day out help to make our lives safe, enjoyable, and comfortable. At the end of this month, we will do our semi-annual distribution from that fund. If you have not yet contributed this year, now is the time. We urge donations of at least \$1.00 per resident for each day you live here. Please give what you can; make your check payable to Ventura Townehouse Residents Fund and put it in the Gratuity Box near the front desk by June 30.



Thank you

Greg Morgan, Townehouse Residents Treasurer

## Employee of the Month Congratulations, Mirella Rocha!



I am Mirella Rocha and I am about to turn 20 next month. I have four sisters and one brother named Aaron Rocha who also working here in the dining room before me. He motivated me with all the stories he shared about all the residents. I would name all of you and the stories, but it would take up the entire article. Now I get to go home and tell my family my own stories. Many of you have inspired me to grow and think about my future. I enjoy being apart of your life each day, especially when we would deliver meals to your rooms. It really made me see things differently. I enjoy working here along with all my co-workers and managers and everyone has been very nice to me. I am happy to serve the residents here at the Townehouse.