

# VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

CALIFORNIA'S CROWN JEWEL IN RETIREMENT LIVING

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## September at the Townehouse Ms. September, MJ Murphee

**Labor Day**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosh  
Hashanah**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Grandparents  
Day**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Yom Kippur**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>**



**Autumn  
Begins**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**



I was raised in Garden City, Long Island, New York and spent my summers between Jones Beach on Long Island, Camp Kokosing in Waterford, Maine, and our family farm in Vermont.

I graduated from college in Kansas where I met my husband. We had two children, a boy, and a girl. When they were 8 and 10 years old, I decided to go back to school and become an RN. We became active in the American Royal Horse Show, which was a big deal in Kansas City. One of the guests was Loren Greene, who

played "Ben Cartwright" on the TV show "Bonanza". We were assigned to take him to the airport, and guess who got to sit in the middle and got a big smooch from big Ben!

I've had the good fortune to travel quite a bit. Some of my favorites were the crossing on the QE-2 from New York to South Hampton and returning on the Concord. We almost got to play golf with Sean Connery at St. Andrews. He was on the 18<sup>th</sup> and we were teeing off on one. Some other memorable trips were Buenos Aires around the Horn to Cheloe, Egypt and the Pyramids, etc. and animal Safari in Africa.

I've had a couple of good falls since I've been at the Townehouse and the last one almost did me in, but I fooled them all and returned, which just goes to show, "You can't keep a good gal down." I'm glad to be back home.

(Annual Flu Shot) It's that time of year again. CVS Pharmacy will administer the flu shots on Wednesday, September 8, between 10:00am and 12noon in the Dining Room Lounge. If you want to receive your flu shot at this time, please sign up with Marissa in the med room.



## THURSDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES ON THE PIER

This month we have scheduled entertainment every Thursday evening starting at 7pm on the Pier. Check out our September concert series:

**Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** We are introducing “Jazz Night” featuring saxophonist Lisa Ritner. Lisa is a vocalist and fine saxophone player. She performs at many local venues with her band. Reviews describe Lisa as a smooth, sexy alto sax player, taking you down the road to jazz heaven. Lisa will be accompanied by her jazz guitarist Carlos.

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** “Elvis is on the Pier” If you are the type who prefers to get your exercise through dancing, we have a special treat for you. Tom Weaver, AKA Elvis, will perform on the Pier. He informs me he’s the real “Hound Dog,” so put on your blue suede shoes and be ready to shake, rattle and roll! This will be a fun event.

**Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** Grab your hat, wear your jeans, and join us for a night of country music. Bob Bishop will sing a variety of popular country and western songs. He is the “King of the Road”.

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** Love is in the Air and once again, join us for “Thursday Date Night.” Bring along your sweetheart or invite a friend. All are welcome. Sip on a glass of your favorite wine and enjoy romantic songs sung by our “Silver Fox,” Tom Weaver. He has all the right moves.

**Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** We have invited Steve Ormond to the Pier for a night of Boogie Woogie who will get us dancing in our chairs with a selection of songs. Steve has been a professional musician for over three decades. He plays a variety of instruments, specializing in the keyboard and accordion. Originally, he was the musical director of a melodrama/vaudeville theater. Steve’s musical career over the decades has included performances at the Edinburgh Theater Festival and involvement in a variety of bands, playing classic rock, Latin, jazz, Dixieland, and Ragtime.

Here are photos from last month.



### A man of action! Bill Growdon



I Did It My Way.....

My life journey includes the exciting highlights of coastal sailing races, three Transpact sailing races to Hawaii, riding several California rapids, competing in tennis tournaments, snow skiing in Tahoe, Utah, Colorado, and more, coaching my son's baseball and soccer teams, playing soccer, learning to windsurf and row a single scull, riding in a single seater glider. After retirement I was hired as a wrangler for four seasons, a horse trail guide and packer in Yosemite Park, making me a bona fide cowboy. Competitive amateur ballroom dancing, some singing lessons, learning to play a soprano recorder were among the many fun things.

My mathematical skills resulted in my becoming a mathematical computer programmer for many companies: Lawrence Radiation Lab, Livermore; General Dynamics; TRW, Inc; Computer Sciences Corp; Naval Air Station Point Mugu; Philco Corp; Computer Applications Inc., etc. I witnessed a hydrogen bomb detonation at the Nevada nuclear test site, visited the Los Alamos, NM, nuclear test site, and attended meetings at the Pentagon, during my career. I was born in Fresno, CA, on March 2, 1930. Mom named me Bill because I came with the rest of the bills. I had seven sisters and a brother. My high school years and college days were a bit chaotic, but this resulted in much knowledge from many higher institutions of learning, which led to the above resume. My wife, Rosella, and I have three children, who have given me the most exciting and proudest moments of my life.

Interviewed and submitted by Maxine Snelgrove



### Dottie Leimert - One Hundred Wonderful Years



Dottie is a Midwest gal at heart, born in Clinton, Iowa. In her youth she enjoyed playing piano and flute and in high school found a love for theater, starring in the school play as a senior.

In 1946 she married Jack Leimert (her husband of 63 years) and moved to California soon after. Three children followed, along with a very full life. Determined to earn a college education, she took college classes over 15 years completing a degree in Religious Studies while raising a family.

Church was always an important part of Dottie's life. She taught Sunday School for years and was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Always active in the community, she was a member of the Cal State University, Northridge Arts Council where she served as Program Coordinator, recruiting guest speakers. She was also a Campfire Girls leader for her daughter's troops. With a

group of friends, she helped create an investment club for women to learn and experiment in financial markets. Her favorite activities with family and friends included golf, bridge, travel, and indulging in See's chocolate. Dottie golfed for years and even achieved a hole in one to her surprise and delight! Years of playing bridge with friends brought fun competition and much laughter. Dottie and Jack loved to travel, especially exploring Europe. Family vacations were traditionally enjoyed in Laguna Beach. All holidays included visits with the four grandchildren who Dottie loved to dote on. Dottie and Jack moved to the Ventura Townhouse in 2005. Jack passed away in 2009.

September 1<sup>st</sup>, Dottie will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> year birthday. She invites everyone to join her on the Pier at 2pm on September 1<sup>st</sup> for birthday cake!

Happy Birthday Dottie 100 years young!



# Townhouse 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 Employee Appreciation Week



**Pick up your cards and write a note of appreciation to our wonderful employees.**

Cards will be available in the DRL Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.

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## Presidents Article August, 2021

It is always a pleasure to say a little something to all our residents. I love doing a monthly article, but NOT this month.

SCAMS – I don't know how many of us receive "freebies" or "discounts" or "warnings." Yesterday I got an offer from AT&T/Direct – I can have 3 years of ½ price service "IF" I send them the first year's payment in full. I got suspicious immediately and asked for paperwork from the company, telling them I would pay the first year when I got the paperwork. The man told me no paperwork until after I pay. So, I called AT&T and lo and behold, I'm not in line for a discount at this time – NO KIDDING. A newer scam.

1. The IRS and/or the Social Security Administration DO NOT CALL. They notify you by mail ONLY if anything is amiss.
2. If it's free, BE SUSPICIOUS, because nothing in life is free.
3. Please beware, and if you think it's too good to be true, it probably is.

Have a great month and if you think you got a spam call, you can call me and I'll find out for you.

Best Wishes for September

Terry Gibson, President