

## Townhouse Management Team

### Administration

Executive Director      Evan Granucci  
Executive Assistant      Chantel Hernandez

**Marketing Directors**      Harvey Marasigan  
Nancee Borgnine

**Customer Service Front Desk**  
Lead Concierge      Deserae Navarro

**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 Culinary**  
**Services/Executive Chef**      Bryan Gross

**Housekeeping**  
Director of Housekeeping      Alejandra Hernandez

**Maintenance**  
Chief Engineer      Steve Drake  
Assistant Engineer      Cliserio Meza

**Transportation**  
Bus Driver      María De Los Reyes



## A note from our President

I want to take this space to wish you all a good 2023. We've had good times and bad times during this past year. But the good wins the award for the year. Our beautiful grounds far exceed the meager sidewalks that most places like ours have. I get up and when I look out my sliders, I see trees everywhere. If I want to take a walk, there are about 12 acres for me to walk through. If I want privacy, I simply go to my apartment and enjoy solitude for a while. I have now been living here over 3 years and still love it.

I know I've said this before, and I will probably continue to say it. Our staff needs more than you's. Our administration is helpful and caring. Please give them a star once in a while.

With my best wishes, I remain,  
Terry Gibson, president  
Residents Association

### Resident Bulletin

**PLEASE HELP US THANK OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!** We, the Townhouse residents have established a fund to offer a financial thank-you to the approximately 120 non-management staff members who, day in and day out, help to make our lives safe, enjoyable and comfortable. In the middle of December, we will do our semi-annual distribution from that fund. If you have not contributed since June, now is the time. How much you give is entirely up to you, but since they earn just over the minimum wage, we urge donations of around \$2.00 for each day you live here. Please give what you can. Make your check payable to **Townhouse Residents Fund** and put it in the **Gratuity Box** next to the front desk by **December 10.**

Thank you, The  
Townhouse Residents  
Association



# VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

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2022  
*November*  
*Holidays*



*Daylight*  
*Savings*  
*November 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Veterans Day*  
*November*  
*11<sup>th</sup>*



*Thanksgiving*  
*November*  
*24<sup>th</sup>*



## November at the Townhouse Giving Thanks!



Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will honor all our veterans and veterans' wives. Join us for a gathering around the flag in the Park at 10:30am. The Ventura British Brass will set the tone by performing a selection of Americana and patriotic music, followed by a service to recognize all our veterans.

Life is abundant. Always.....not just on Thanksgiving. We are Grateful! Thanksgiving is a reminder to share and celebrate the abundance of life. Gratitude for food, love of family and friends.

Here at the Townhouse we will serve our traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 23, from 4pm to 6:30pm.

If you are inviting family, please RSVP at the front desk before Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to RSVP if you are not bringing a guest. Seating is limited. The cost for an adult guest is \$20 and for children \$10. Please note: No green buck vouchers will be taken for the Thanksgiving meal.

A meet and greet reception will be held in the front lobby starting at 3pm. We are looking forward to a beautiful day.



## TOWNEHOUSE NEWS



### Introducing Patricia Rush educator and author

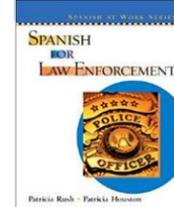
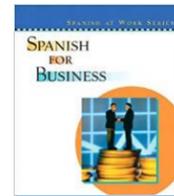
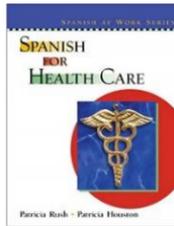
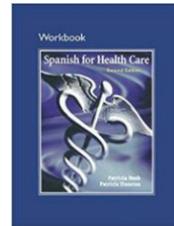
Patricia was born in San Gabriel, California. She studied at California State University, Los Angeles, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969 and a Master of Arts degree in 1972, both in Spanish. During the period from 1970 till 1985, she served as a high school teacher in San Gabriel.

In 1987 she was appointed as an instructor in Spanish at Ventura College, the post Rush held till September 1989, when she was promoted to the post of a Professor of Spanish and that of Foreign Language Department Chair. Patricia remained in the positions until her retirement in May, 2008.

During her tenure at the college, she taught Beginning and Intermediate Spanish, as well as Vocational Spanish for Health Care, School Personnel and Business. In addition, she authored several books for such courses, as Beginning and Intermediate Spanish, Vocational Spanish for Health Care, School Personnel and Business, as well as Spanish for Law Enforcement.

Moreover, Patricia directed the Migrant Education Program in the Alhambra School District, as well as the Gifted and Talented Education Program, and served as Dean of Students and Vice Principal in charge of Curriculum. Patricia has traveled extensively throughout the Spanish-speaking world, focusing on Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Cuba, and has directed International Studies programs.

Patricia's primary motivation for writing is a desire to "make language learning (Spanish) relevant to students." She also claims that the ability to use the second language in a professional setting can help in achieving success in a chosen field.



### Employee of the Month Azizah Humphrey



The best part of working for the Townehouse is learning about the resident's lives. They all have experienced life differently and with that a lot of wisdom to pass on to us. I love my job at the front desk as your concierge. When I'm not working, I enjoy creating and making all types of candles. I like to watch a good horror movie, and in my spare time I enjoy doing makeup and hair with my daughter. I have a black cat named Hershey. I have a dream to one day move to Oregon, to live in nature and experience the seasons. Thank you for recognizing me as employee of the month. It's a real honor.

## HOLIDAY KINDNESS

### The Story of Grace Rose Farm

When I received a little note from the front desk saying a family member would like to donate roses for our residents I replied, "yes, that would be nice." I had no idea of the magnitude and beauty of this gift; one by one the buckets of beautiful roses were unloaded. They filled the Dining Room Lounge. We were overwhelmed by their beauty and fragrance.

After meeting with the growers, Ryan and Gracie, they told me they were related to resident Janice McGuire. Gracie offered to do a flower arranging activity with our residents for the holidays, saying she grows roses all year round. I later checked out the business on their website and came across this lovely story.

### Sometimes the best things in life unfold without a plan.

Gracie and Ryan never intended to be rose farmers, but their passion and talent for gardening was undeniable. Grace Rose Farm came from their love of creating beauty, and the satisfaction of knowing how much joy could be translated through the act of growing and sharing flowers.

When Gracie and Ryan purchased their first home in 2015, Gracie, an avid gardener, had the idea to grow a rose garden in honor of her grandma. The couple planted over 500 rose bushes and as they began blooming, Gracie shared images of the unique varieties and colors on social media. Requests started pouring in from floral designers, and as they began shipping their garden roses locally and around the country, Grace Rose Farm was born.



### Debbie's Ceramic Crafts

Thank you to Debbie for providing this wonderful pumpkin art and craft project. We are looking forward to another ceramic craft project soon. Debbie has volunteered to make ceramic Christmas trees with us. We will post a sign-up sheet for this fun activity soon.

