Ventura Townehouse

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2023 February Holidays

February at the Townehouse Valentine's Day





Groundhog
Day
February 2nd



February 14th chef Bryan is planning a spectacular Valentine dinner. We look forward to displaying the delectable menu in the Dining Room Lounge. If you wish to invite a guest, please let the front desk know ahead of time.

Valentine's Day February 14th

Presidents'
Day
February 20th



The Townehouse Singers are back!



If you enjoy singing, join us on the 7th floor Vista Room on Fridays, at 1:30pm.

We will start rehearsing an Irish themed program just in time for a Saint Patrick's Day performance.



Introducing our Townehouse Ambassadors

Harvey Kern Maxine Snelgrove Barbara Morris Cheryl Hodge Barbara Niles



Barbara Morris

Being an ambassador gives me the opportunity to serve and meet new residents and help them adjust to their new family. I love being helpful.

Barbara Niles

I am so happy to be an ambassador; it is a delightful activity. We get to know new residents as soon as they move in. Hopefully, we ease some of their anxiety of moving, and we help them to learn their way around the Townehouse. It's fun!

Maxine Snelgrove

As an ambassador, it's my pleasure to welcome new residents and introduce them to the many activities and wonderful people that live here. In my former life, I welcomed children to elementary school and their new learning environment. To be happy and make new friends was my desire for them. I feel that is my primetime endeavor with new residents as they join our community and its diverse and interesting population.

Cheryl Hodge

I enjoy being an ambassador because I love people. Giving a tour of our community allows me to get to know the person. Sitting down and sharing a meal with a new resident you get to know each other and often find common interests.

Harvey Kern

Being a part of a dedicated group who have the privilege of introducing new residents to the magic of the Ventura Townehouse, including safety, security, activities, other residents, staff, is FUN.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Love is in the Air. How did he propose?

OUR LOVE STORY



Our love story began on my best friend's front lawn in Oakland, CA. It was the first day of my high school senior year. Late that afternoon we were sitting on my friends front lawn eating a cupcake, when a car, a blue 1938 Chevrolet coupe with two boys inside kept driving by. We were flattered at the attention of course. They finally stopped and that cutest one asked the question, "can I have a bite of your cupcake?" Now, you must remember, we were seventeen. They got out of the car and came over. The one who had spoken earlier, was named Rod. We found they both lived in a house about five doors up the street. We dated off and on for about two years.

Rod was just staying with his friend and his family. He went back to his home in the Central San Joaquin Valley near Fresno. For about a year our romance was "long distance". Telephone calls and love letters. (Oh, how I wish I had kept those.) Rod made an occasional trip by train to see me; he had to catch it about 2:00am, getting to Oakland about 7am or 8am.

He moved back to Oakland in about a year. He worked in a foundry in the city and lived in a couple of different "room and board" homes in the area.

Finally, the day came when he asked me to marry him. It was on New Year's Eve at my home. My parents had gone to a party. My longtime friend and her boyfriend were over with us at the time. At midnight, he took me into the other room, took an engagement ring from his pocket and asked that special question. "Will you marry me?" I happily said yes. My parents were happy as well, but hesitant. Rod was born with a heart condition and his doctors had told him that his life expectancy would be around age thirty years.

Apparently, God had a different idea. Rod spent our first anniversary in the Stanford University Hospital having open heart surgery. It has always seemed that for us, each time we had a serious problem, there was a new solution.

On the day of our wedding, we made a vow before God, to love, honor and obey through sickness and in health. (The sickness part wasn't so much fun) We have kept those vows for, going on sixty years, come May nineteenth this year.

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Presidents' Message

I'm looking out the window in my living room. It is a beautiful day with the sun shining and people walking. The trees look green and alive with birds stopping to say hello.

Welcome to the Ventura Townehouse! I've lived here since 2020. I recall driving by here as a working woman long before I moved in. I used to think that this must be a private resort. At some point, one of my friends told me it was a retirement home. I was still working at that time and hadn't given much thought to retirement.

One evening I realized I wasn't as young as I had been when I moved up to Ventura County and that made me stop and think. A year later I was living here, and it was the best move I have made in many years. Take a walk, sit on a couch or chair somewhere in our many acres of green grass, trees, flowers. Need a ride, we have a bus and a nice large car to drive you where you wish to go.

I love my apartment with glass sliders that open to my private balcony. The cottages are scattered throughout the many acres of the property and this is a great place to live. Friendly people, a full dining room, dozens of activities every week and a wonderful caring staff. Am I happy? YOU BET.



Sincerely, Terry Gibson, President Residents' Organization