

VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

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Our garden is in full bloom. Join our daily walking group. We meet in the front lobby at 1pm.



August at the Townehouse

Peace Love and Music



We invite you to our concert in the Park on August 23rd. Our theme will be Woodstock re-visited. We have invited Bob Bishop and friends to entertain us with all the golden oldies rock and roll tunes from the 60's. So, wear your hippie beads, bell bottom jeans and tie-dye t-shirts with head band optional!

Rachel will be serving up her special recipe cocktail, "Sex on the Beach" along with other beverages.

See you there or be square!

Dinner and a Movie

Buon appetito!



This month Chef Bryan and I collaborated and we came up with the idea of "Dinner and a Movie." Starting this month on August 23rd, Chef Bryan will create and provide a delicious Italian fare.

After dinner I will present a showing of the movie, "Under the Tuscan Sun." Our featured movie will begin at 7pm in our expansive Vista Room theatre. We plan on continuing with this theme each month on the fourth Wednesday. So, if you have a favorite food, country, or movie, please let us know.



Summer Days at the Townehouse

This month we have scheduled a social gathering every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm in our new Pavilion outdoor seating area.

Wednesday, August 2nd please join us for a cool glass of lemonade or a Tequila Sunrise if you prefer. Rachel will shake up the drinks while I introduce some summer trivia facts.

Wednesday, August 9th please join us in the Pavilion and sample one of our many choices of wine coolers. While sipping on your wine cooler join in the conversation. Our topic will be, "Best Summer Vacation."

Wednesday, August 16th please join us for a strawberry margarita in the Pavilion. Once again, Rachel will show off her bar tending skills. Bring a short story or a poem to share.

Wednesday, August 30th we will meet in the Pavilion for iced tea, or if daring, a Long Island Iced Tea.

Classical Music Monday

This month I have arranged for each Monday at 3pm to have a classical musician perform in the Front Lobby.

August 7th: Renée Hamaty, pianist, has performed worldwide as soloist and collaborative pianist. For fifteen years she was Music Director and pianist for "Opera & Broadway Under the Stars" concerts at Arts & Letters Cafe in Santa Barbara and served as vocal faculty pianist for the Music Academy of the West's 2013 MERIT program. In addition to her active piano collaborating schedule, Renée teaches private piano students of all ages in her Santa Barbara studio.



August 14th: Jesse Davis - Local Classical Guitarist and teacher who specializes in weddings and luxury events will perform a blend of Spanish and South American guitar music. Jesse Davis is well known throughout Ventura County as a talented performer and teacher. Specializing in, but not limited to classical guitar, Jesse's sensitive acoustic playing provides a beautiful soothing ambiance.

August 21st: Gilberto Gonzales - Gilberto has toured the world with his guitar and has performed with countless top players. He now lives in Ventura with his wife and son. Gilberto will perform his own styling of solo guitar music from Latin America.



August 28th: Tiger Whitten - Aspiring young artist Tiger Whitten specializes in Classical and Flamenco guitar styles. He will present a wide variety of your favorite classics and some contemporary surprises.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Terry Neuwalder



Terry was born in San Francisco and worked in N.J. & N.Y.C. Her father was an Architect at the World's Fair in San Francisco. Terry met her husband while working for a children's camp; she worked as a counselor and her soon to be husband, Herbert, worked as a cook. Five years later they married. Terry studied pre-med at Antioch college in Yellow Springs Ohio, majoring in Biology. She also studied at the Columbia University in N.Y.C while Herbert majored in government at Harvard in Cambridge MA. During her husband's 2-year army service working as a doctor, Terry worked for the army as an outside contracted doctor. She later worked as a psychiatrist for many years and enjoyed the therapy and support aspect of her job. Terry shared that her husband, who was born in Vienna, was part of the Kindertransport; a group which saved 10,000 children from the Nazi war. At a very young age Herbert was separated from his parents and put on a train to England to escape the War. He was reunited with his parents after eight years.

Terri and her husband enjoyed going to the Metropolitan Opera in N.Y.C, and later in life they enjoyed spending their time traveling to Europe, Egypt, Japan, and China. Terry believes it is important to take time out to replenish your energy, become more thoughtful, see new places and meet new people. She has 3 children. One of her daughters lives in Ventura and visits often. Terri shared that the Ventura Townhouse is "a great place, very pleasant and friendly." Welcome Terry.

A warm welcome to Patricia Gilbert



Patti was born in Chicago and got her bachelor's degree in art. She is an accomplished artist and enjoys "creating different qualities of art." She loves to capture the human expression when drawing portraits.

Patti was crowned Miss Chicago (she is the lady in the middle in the photo.) Then at the age of twenty, she decided to do something very different and took up skydiving. Patti spent many years volunteering at UCSB. She also wrote the motto "On land we build with dignity," a phrase that is inscribed in Latin on the center of the Elk Grove Village flag. Patti was recognized and honored for her 10 years of dedicated service as a member of the DAR-(Daughters of The American Revolution), a lineage-based membership service organization for women who are directly descended from a person involved in the United States' struggle for independence. The non-profit group, works toward and promotes education and patriotism.



Patti's son, Taylor, lives here in Ventura. He worked as a teacher, and currently works as a busy successful realtor. Patti chose to come to the Townhouse for its beautiful location by the ocean and shared that her lesson in life is "always help someone for what they need." She enjoys "helping people find their own passion and for them to know that they can!" It's important to laugh and enjoy life. Thank you, Patti, for sharing your words of wisdom, and welcome to the Townhouse!

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Employee Highlight

Laila Pacheco

Townehouse Baker Extraordinaire



I am twenty years old, and I am currently a culinary student at Oxnard College. When I am not working at the Townehouse, I am with my mentor doing catering events. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my friends. I was interested in cooking and baking at a young age. I remember always watching the Food Network channel. I enjoyed watching the chef on the Food Network channel cooking a full course meal. Watching how they made the dessert was my favorite. My dad also influenced me, as he liked to cook. On my father's side of our family are cooks and bakers. So, maybe it's in my genes. He is very proud of me for following in his footsteps and for doing a job I love. One day I hope to have my own restaurant or café. I am very grateful and love working here as the baker for all the residents.

Photo of the Month

