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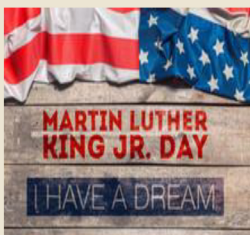


January
Holidays

New Year's Day



*Martin Luther
King Jr. Day on
the 15th*



Kindness and Gratitude

As the December 15th deadline approached for Ventura Townehouse residents to make donations to our staff Gratuity Fund, we were worried that we might not receive enough to match the maximum of \$225 that we gave to each employee six months ago. But when we opened the gratuity box on the evening of December 15th, we were thrilled to find an avalanche of checks—an extraordinary display of generosity on the part of all our residents, and a powerful expression of gratitude for the way Townehouse staff members work to keep us safe and happy and healthy.

When all the calculations were complete, we found that we were able to give each full-time six-month employee a check for \$424! Many of us feel that they have earned every penny and more. On behalf of the Board of the Ventura Townehouse Residents, we would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who have contributed so generously. Please keep up the good work, to encourage the staff to do the same!



TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

Thank you from Terry

On February 2nd, 2020, I moved into the Townehouse to live out the rest of my life without work and no responsibilities. Are you laughing yet? I think I made it to August before actually taking the Presidency of an organization I'd never heard of. It's called the Residents Council and I am stepping down after three years that combined fun, work, some annoying things, mostly getting to know people and staff.

Obviously, I enjoyed it since I stayed on for 3 terms and no one threw me out the door. As I step down, I want to say THANK YOU. Thank you to the board that served well and willingly and did many things beside their job. To the people who were not on the board who stepped up to help in so many ways, and to all of you who came to the big monthly meeting. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.

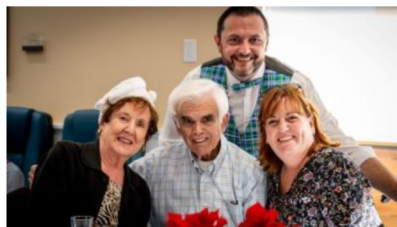
I became friends with some of the staff. Thank you to Evan who had to listen to me carry on about some item or another from a meeting that upset me. He often talked me down off the ledge and has become not just the head guy but has become my friend. Thank you so much.

To Anne and Kimmi who do such a great job with activities and insurance help. They are two important women in my life, and I adore them both. I don't want to leave out Rachel who I laugh with and kid around with and just love her. I'm looking forward to getting to know David who is a good fit, particularly since he has that great accent like Anne has. I must not forget Nancee and Harvey. With their help we get new neighbors when there is a vacancy. I've seen both Nancee and Harvey hauling walkers upstairs for residents, bussing tables in the dining room and other nice things for all of us. I appreciate them both so much.

As I step down from the top spot, I leave the leadership in the capable and caring hands of Barbara Niles who is a natural leader and very smart. To all of you residents who live here and contribute to so much, thank you all very much. I love living here and hope to be a resident for many more years.

Sincerely,
Terry Gibson, Past President

Christmas Celebrations



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A Special thank you to The Paradise Music Academy

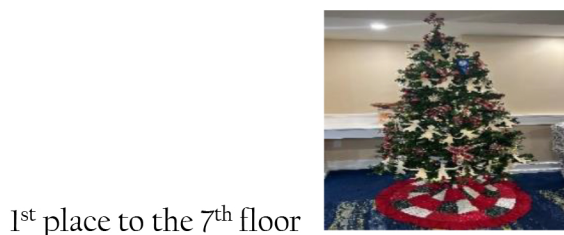
In December, students from The Paradise Music Academy performed a wonderful concert for our residents, families and friends. Featuring classical pieces, popular songs, Christmas carols and even music from video games, the children aged 6 -16 amazed us all with their piano playing and vocal skills. Their teacher, Connie Mason, and her band “jazzed up” some Christmas carols and had the crowd clapping their hands and tapping their feet. The band featured drums, banjo, piano and an upright bass.

Thank you to all involved. We hope to have The Paradise Music Academy students, and Connie and her jazz band performing for us soon.

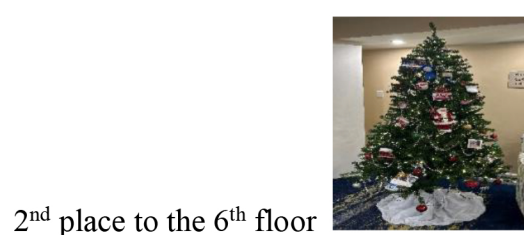


Christmas Tree Decorating Competition

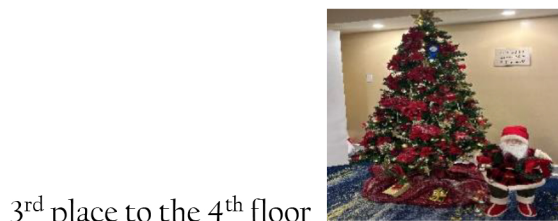
Thank you to all the residents who took part in this competition. Everyone did a wonderful job.



1st place to the 7th floor



2nd place to the 6th floor



3rd place to the 4th floor



Honorable mention to the Basement tree

And an honorable mention to the 3rd floor whose decorations were on and off and off and on!!! Thank you to the two judges who had a very difficult job.

Townehouse Management Team

Administration

Executive Director Evan Granucci
Executive Assistant Chantel Hernandez

Marketing Directors Harvey Marasigan
 Nancee Borgnine

Director of Resident Care Yonatan Isaacs

Front Desk Deserae Navarro
Lead Concierge Susana Jacobs

Director of Activities David Scarlett
Fitness Frank Jackson

Director of Memory James Christensen
Care

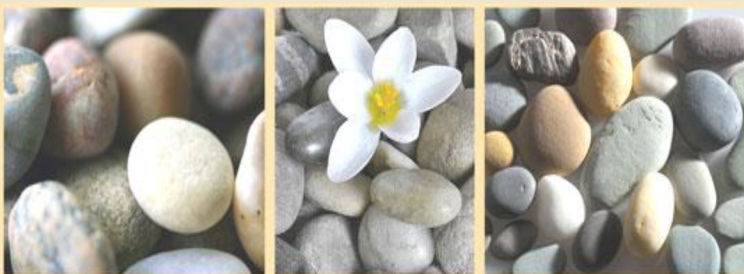
Director of Social Services Kimmi Bryan

Director of Culinary Bryan Gross
Services/Executive Chef

Director of Housekeeping Alejandra Hernandez

Maintenance
Chief Engineer Steve Drake
Assistant Engineer Cliserio Meza

Bus Driver Ed Cardona



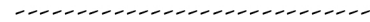
What's Going On?

In January, I shall be giving three talks, with two of them about my heroes. On the 4th, I am giving a presentation on “**The Life of Sir Winston Churchill.**” He is a remarkable historical figure with many great speeches and quotes.

To celebrate his day, on the 15th, I shall give a talk about another one of my heroes, “**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**” He led a movement that created change politically, socially, and culturally.

And, on the 25th, to celebrate Australia Day, I will discuss “**All Things Australia.**” Kangaroos, Koalas, Boomerangs and more!

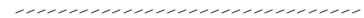
David



Join me every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Rose Garden for our brand-new **Tai Chi class**. I will lead you through various forms of Tai Chi while educating you on the benefits. If you are looking for a low impact, relaxing yet energizing form of exercise, you will enjoy Tai Chi.



Anne



Our Cocktail Socials have now been moved to Tuesdays at 3pm in the Pavilion. Join me and your friends and neighbors for drinks, snacks and good company.

This month's cocktails are:

Banzai
Malibu Pineapple
Bloody Mary
Margarita



Rachel