

# VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

CALIFORNIA'S CROWN JEWEL IN RETIREMENT LIVING

**July  
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## **July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

*As we celebrate our  
nation's freedom,  
we honor the  
courageous men and  
women dedicated to  
preserving it.*



## **July at the Townehouse**

Invite your family and friends to our Fourth of July Picnic Lunch in the Park. We will feature our resident winner cornbread and chili, along with a traditional barbeque of hamburgers, hotdogs, pork spareribs, fried chicken wings, funnel cakes, ice cream and

more! Events start at 11am on the 4th, with live music featuring the Orchard Blue Grass Band. We have games for the kids, face painting and more. See you there wearing your Red White and Blue!

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## **2024 Townehouse Chili and Cornbread Cookoff**

### **And the winners are?**

Congratulations to Maxine and Barry; they are both winners!



Maxine's chili was prepared and cooked from her family recipe. Her choice of spices was New Mexico chili mix from a former worldwide chili cookoff champion, Jim Beaty. Also, her cornbread is one of a kind.

Barry's chili has a wonderful flavor and a spicy kick to it. His special recipe has a combination of spices taken from three world - winning chilis. Five years ago, Barry's famous chili took first place at the Point Magu employee picnic.

Chef Bryan will cook both chili recipes to be served at our Fourth of July Barbeque.

# Townehouse News

A warm welcome to Barry La Combe



At the young age of two months, I was adopted, and my wonderful parents raised me in the San Fernando Valley. I graduated high school there and then went on to serve in the US Navy as a radar technician for four years. My wife and I enjoyed 38 years together during that time. We enjoyed square dancing, camping, fishing, and cooking in the great outdoors. My specialty was smoking various types of meat. My wife was the baker, and I was the cook. We made a great team.

My experience in the navy and my passion for electronics secured me a 35-year career at Point Magu NAS. The last 20 years I worked as an electronic technician with Airborne Threat Simulation Organization, working to help our war fighters to improve their skills in the air. I was very proud of the work I performed. I retired from civilian service from Point Magu NAS on March 1, 2020, to care for my wife. My wife passed away in February, 2024. I am looking forward to my retirement here at the Ventura Townehouse.



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A warm welcome to Marlies Pendarvis



I came to the US in 1960 from Germany. My sister and brother-in-law had emigrated a couple of years earlier. I cared for two children in the Philadelphia area for one year before joining my sister and brother-in-law, who had a coffee shop. Three years later I moved to Los Angeles, got married, and started a family. While visiting Germany with my children, my husband was killed in a traffic accident. Two years later I married again, and we combined our two families, six children altogether. We lived in Burbank for 10 years before moving to Tahoe.

We enjoyed an active outdoor life in Tahoe, skiing, and hiking. I also opened my own business "Marlies Personal Chef." I cooked and served for family reunions and private residents in Lake Tahoe. I always met with each client individually to ensure each menu was precisely customized. When I started having some health problems, I moved closer to my family in Ventura. It has been an emotional time leaving my house of thirty years in Tahoe. However, I knew it was time to close one chapter and start a new one. I feel blessed to have my family close by and I am enjoying meeting new people here at the Ventura Townehouse.

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A warm welcome to Joan Campbell



I was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the Glendale area. I have two sons, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Most of my career was in banking. After retiring my husband and I moved to Oceanside, California, where I studied calligraphy. This hobby led me to becoming a calligrapher. I started a small business, teaching and working with clients for more than twelve years. My husband and I loved to travel and after his passing I continued to travel with "Road Scholar." I moved to Ventura to be near my family. My current hobbies are knitting and color art. I am looking forward to joining many of the activities here at the Townehouse while meeting new people.

# TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

## Age Exchange

“WHAT A CONCEPT” Intergenerational Learning – bringing memories to life.



We wish to thank all the staff and students at Pacific High School this year for bringing the Elder Buddy program to the Townehouse. And thanks to Kathy Elliott and Beth Borer who make sure more projects like this will continue through grants and their creative minds.

Here are a few words of wisdom our residents shared with the students: Be kind, make sure you are exposed to many resources, look beyond the remarks others make, work harder on yourself, live life by learning something new each day. The senior residents responded with what they learned from the students: I like being exposed to their backgrounds which are so different from mine, they come up with some really good ideas, and I love that they are willing to listen to me.

This program was a huge success, so much so that we have decided to do it again. Teacher Beth Borer will be here to present an outline of the next program, and to answer questions in August.

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## Congratulations Maxine!



**"You're my great-great- grandmother!!"**

**Bennett Mathew**

**Born May 24, 2024**

# Townehouse Management Team

Executive Director	Evan Granucci
Business Office Director	Daniel Adams
Marketing Director	Harvey Marasigan
Director of Resident Care	Yonatan Isaacs
Lead Concierge	Deserae Navarro
Director of Activities	Nancee Borgnine
Fitness Director	Frank Jackson
Director of Memory Care	James Christensen
Director of Social Services	Kimmi Bryan
Director of Culinary Services/Executive Chef	Bryan Gross
Director of Housekeeping	Alejandra Hernandez
Chief Engineer	Steve Drake
Assistant Chief Engineer	Cliserio Meza
Transportation	Ed Cardona



## **To all Residents: Thank You!**

Our Gratitude Fund is so important to all of us at the Townehouse, residents and staff alike. It is important to us residents to say, "Thank you" to our hard-working and wonderful staff. It's important to the staff because they need to know in this tangible way, that we appreciate what they do for us.

Your contributions to the Gratitude Fund have enabled us, once again, to deliver a gift of gratitude, in the form of a check, to each individual hourly employee. This long-standing tradition is dear to all our hearts.

### **COME TO THE MEETING!**

Come to the Resident Council meeting on Tuesday, July 9, at 10:30am in the DRL. Get answers to your questions. Voice your concerns. Learn about new activities and future plans. Meet fellow residents. Tuesday, July 9, 10:30am, in the DRL.

### **Introducing our new Librarian**

#### **Mary Ambrose**



I have always had a love for books, even as a child I enjoyed reading. For eleven years I was the librarian for a prestigious private high school.

I am looking forward to serving as your new librarian. Let me know if you would like any newer, or different, books other than what we have. If anyone has any large print you aren't reading, please consider donating them to our library. Nonfiction of all sorts is always welcome; I am working on adding more biography, nature, and history books.

### **Photo of the Month**

