

# VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

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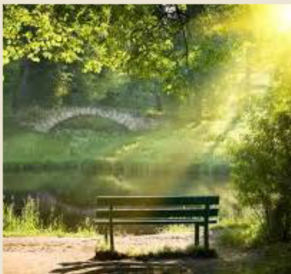


*"August is a time to soak up the sunshine and let your soul be filled with warmth."*



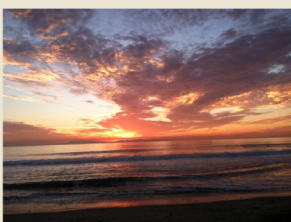
## **August at the Townehouse Summer Games in the Park**

We are extremely fortunate to have many outdoor spaces at the Townehouse. This month we will continue to enjoy our beautiful Park and Rose Garden area with daily scheduled games. Join your neighbors and friends for a game of beanbag toss, shuffleboard, bocce ball, hole-in-one putting, croquet, table tennis, basketball, or if you prefer, casually sit, and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade. Our outdoor areas are available every day for your amusement. Also, be sure to check your schedule for our concerts in the Park this month.



*"August is a reminder that every sunset is an opportunity to reset."*

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, join us in the Park when we celebrate summer by hosting a Luau. Here are a few pictures from our last Luau. Be sure to invite your family and friends.



# TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

## A warm welcome to Gene and Jane Vosika



Gene met Jane when he was a cadet serving in the Air force. Jane was attending the women's college in Colorado Springs close to the Air force base. It all began with a phone call from the secretary at the women's college inviting men from the Air Force Base to attend their holiday dance. Gene saw Jane from across the room, asked her to dance, and the rest is history. That very same year Gene joined Jane and her family for Christmas at their home in Portland,

Oregon. In 1959 Gene graduated from the academy and his graduation photo along with Jane was featured on the cover of Life Magazine. Soon after graduation they married. After 30 years serving in the Air force, Gene secured a position at Morton Air force Base in San Bernardino as the director of safety.

Jane's career took her into modeling when she started out as a teacher for the Portland Oregon Charm School, later modeling for top magazines and catalogs. Gene and Jane raised two daughters and have four grandchildren. This year they celebrate their 65-year anniversary. Gene and Jane are enjoying life at the Townehouse while meeting new friends.



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## A warm welcome to Kath Wurtz



Thanks for the warm welcome. I was born on Long Island to Kath and Ed Wurts who lived here at the Townehouse for many years. Ironically, they lived on the sixth floor a few doors down from where I live right now. I attended college at the Immaculata University, at that time an all-girls school, near Philadelphia PA. My teaching career began in New Jersey for eight years and I taught fifth and sixth graders in the Hueneme School District at Parkview for over twenty-five years. In New Jersey I was an ambulance attendant with the all-volunteer rescue squad. At that time, throughout most of the state, all ambulance service was free! I continued teaching first aid to my students during the school year and during summer school here. Teaching cheerleading was also a vocation of mine. Traveling to most all of the European

countries, three different times, plus visiting over half of the US states and a stay in Japan were done with my love of travel. To live here at the Townehouse is, by far, my best choice.

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## Moving on to a New Adventure



After two years working for the Ventura Townehouse, I am sad to say goodbye. It's been a great and fulfilling experience being part of the concierge team, filling in for Deserae as lead and overall being a friend to my residents and team members. August 31<sup>st</sup>, I will be moving to Fayetteville, North Carolina, to be with my boyfriend Robert, who is in the US Army. He is currently going to school for airborne training and will be applying for Army Rangers. I want to thank all our residents, resident family members and staff for making this an amazing two years! I will miss you all.

Sincerely Susana Jacobs



# TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

## Welcome back Pacific High School Students!

Earlier this year, we introduced the Elder Buddy Program to our residents here at the Ventura Townehouse. It 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 program and to answer questions on Thursday, August 15<sup>TH</sup>, at 3:30pm in the Dining Room Lounge. At this time, we will provide a signup sheet in preparation for our first meet up on Thursday, August 29th at 10am in the Dining Room Lounge. If you participated in the previous Elder Buddy Program, you are more than welcome to sign up again.

For newer residents who are not familiar with this program here is a brief description.

### ELDER BUDDY PROJECT

“Intergenerational partnerships are about building bridges. Our goal is to build a bridge between the generations and gain a deeper understanding of what both have to offer.”

During our once-a-week-visits, both young and old participants will share in some of these activities:

- Get-to-know-you.
- Experiences during war times and the Depression.
- Share life experiences and memories.
- An open dialogue to discuss values and lessons learned.
- Share our special talents.
- Most importantly, developing intergenerational friendships.

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## Message from your Resident Board



Wouldn't it be nice to get our Food Committee up and running again? I do think that the group has made some differences in the past, not big changes, but very small steps that have been helpful. It has been a struggle for the committee members. They have put forth a great deal of effort and have received little recognition.

I've been chatting with residents about this and have found a person who shares my positive opinion: Edie Marshall. She not only has agreed to be on the committee but has consented to chair the group.

Edie spends many hours each week volunteering at Community Memorial Hospital. She also is a dedicated and busy organist at her church. Remember the adage: If you want something done, ask a busy person. Edie certainly meets that criterion.

If you are interested in helping Edie with revitalizing this committee that deals with a subject that is so important to all of us, please let her know. Or you may speak with me, or any Board member. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely, Barbara Niles  
Resident Board President



## Townhouse 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



## Employee of the Month Congratulations Ed Cardona



Thank you for the honor and recognition of employee of the month. It is a privilege to go to work each day and be involved in so many special events. As the “bus driver” I enjoy conversations with residents while transporting everyone to doctors appointments, stores, pharmacies, etc..

In the last month alone, I have had the honor to host happy hours and deal blackjack for our casino night. I also enjoy all the wonderful outings the activity team plan for us. I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with an amazing team of professionals who are always looking to enhance the living experience for the residents.

I love our residents! They are a unique group of sophisticated retirees who are very smart and lots of fun. It is a pleasure serving them. Never a day goes by where they do not amaze me with their passion and zest for life. And one of the best things of all.... I get paid to provide these services.

When I’m not working, I enjoy staying active. Trish and I play tennis, pickle ball, workout at the gym, and enjoy dancing. On the weekends, we enjoy exploring the town and eating out, while trying new cuisines. Trish and I are looking forward to celebrating our eighth-year anniversary.

I have one son named E.J. who lives in Maui. Our latest member to join our family is a cat we named “Little Kitty,” who adopted us. One day after scaling the wall and landing on our patio, we found her in our living room!

Thank you again for your friendship and this recognition.

Mister Ed