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**December
2024
December
Holidays**

**December 21st
Winter Begins**

**December 25th
Christmas Day**



**December 25th
1st Day of
Hanukkah**



**December 31st
New Year's Eve**



Let's Get Ready to Celebrate!

Holiday Extravaganza

Saturday, December 7th, join us for our fifth annual Holiday Extravaganza! Invite your family and friends to enjoy the spirit of the season.

Festivities will be from 5pm till 8pm; they will include Strolling Dickens Carolers, lots of vendors for you to do some holiday shopping, and the Ventura Townehouse fabulous dessert buffet with champagne and coffee.



New Year's Eve Extravaganza

Dance the night away to the sounds of a 10-piece Sinatra Tribute orchestra featuring singer Michael Falcone from 7pm till 11pm.

Festivities will be throughout the first floor and outside. We will be serving hors d'oeuvre, an array of desserts and a full bar. You can also enjoy our wine and champagne bar and perhaps you would enjoy a hot chocolate with Bailey's liqueur.



If you like, you can stop by the Dining Room Lounge for a hand or two of Poker and Blackjack.

TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

A warm welcome to Allan Tenenholtz



It all started on a cold, snowy winter day in Chicago on January 22, 1940 when a boxer was born. When I was eight years old, I started with the Chicago Park District after-school program boxing. Continuing my whole life, I've boxed, trained boxers, coached boxing to all ages, paid, and as a volunteer to youth programs. I became a Marine at eighteen and was assigned to Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Italy, boxing among my assigned duties. Family obligations from 1967-75 had me working in construction and trucking. As the children grew older, I resumed boxing, became a Navy Seabee Reservist and was a Physical Fitness instructor. As a reserve recruiter from Great Lakes, Illinois, I transferred to CBC Port Hueneme to help active-duty military personnel transition to civilian life. Coaching has continued to the Ventura Athletic Club, in July 2000, as a personal trainer and basic boxing instructor.

A warm welcome to Judy Tenenholtz



My three sisters welcomed me on March 24, 1953, to our home in Oakland, CA. My dad was a combat photographer in three wars, World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. For a short period in my life, I lived in Montana, but California called me back. For thirty years I was a dental office manager here in Ventura. In my leisure time I played ladies and co-ed softball, beach volleyball, single and doubles tennis, and snow skied at Heavenly Valley in beautiful Tahoe. Hiking with the Sierra Club I met a partner, Allan, and we'd meet at the downtown Mission, hiking to the Ventura Cross, to the pier, harbor and around six miles of city trails. Often, we'd meet ahead of the hiking group and do the entire route and then repeat it. Twenty-six years together Allan and I decided nine years ago to make it permanent. With his boxing and physical fitness training skills he has helped me to contend with my MS diagnosis. We have a punching bag on our TowneHouse balcony where we both work on our fitness together.

A warm welcome to Lon Kirkgaard



I was one of twenty-nine children born on Friday, March 3rd, 1933, in the Marie Donaldson Hospital in Denver, CO. With my brother we became a family of four. Six weeks later my mom, brother and I moved by bus to LA to join my father who had found work. We finally settled in west LA, having moved many times following work. I attended school there, eventually going to UCLA and the USC Pharmacy School. Working at various types of pharmacies wasn't my cup of tea. Many positions later I worked at UCLA Lab of Nuclear Medicine & Radiation studies. Following other employment, I became a chemist for the City of Oxnard, then Wastewater Operations with Ventura County, onto Simi Valley Sanitation Dist. and finally to the City of Los Angeles as an Operating Engineer. Retiring in 1998, I moved to Ojai and lived there for thirty-five years. My first marriage gave me two children, a boy and a girl. My parents' burials gave me anxious moments in the sixties. Marrying again from 1984-2022 was the best thing that ever happened to me. That's my life in a nutshell.

TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

A warm welcome to Tom O'Neal



My birth took place in Tenafly, New Jersey, on March 19, 1943. In my high school years, I played football, tennis, wrestled and in college I played soccer. In my senior year a school counselor asked me if I planned to go to college and what would I major in? I did go to Roanoke College in Virginia majoring in chemistry because it sounded like a good choice.

With graduation I joined the Air Force going to Officers Candidate School. Based in the South Philippines, I was part of the parachute delivery of goods to bases in Viet Nam. I was discharged as a captain and returned to the US and found myself at LSU teaching chemistry. Geology and oceanology became my desires, and I received a Chevron Fellowship and teamed it with my GI Bill to return to those studies at USC with, also, a Sea Grant Fellowship. I worked in the petroleum field for four years. From there I taught at USC Northridge and ultimately here at Oxnard Community College for forty-five years. In my mid-twenties I was losing my hearing and so hearing aids became a way of life. Eventually I had a cochlear ear transplant in both ears. So wonderful to hear better. Last year I retired and recently, because of physical ailments, my son thought I should consider looking for a more secure living condition which I've found here, and I love it.

Introducing the **Ventura British Brass**

I am often asked about our unique brass ensemble. The question I hear is "is everyone British"? The answer to that question is no, as the founder, only I am British. So, to clarify here is a little history.

Originating in Britain in the 1840s, the brass band became very popular throughout Europe and the rest of the world. Unlike most popular brass ensembles in the United States, the British style brass band has a fixed, standard instrumentation using cornets, not trumpets, and tenor horns, not French horns. This gives the band their unique sound.

Growing up in the North of England, I was surrounded by the glorious sound of the village brass band, Sunday afternoon concerts in the park, Sunday morning hymns played at church, and many wonderful brass concerts in the town's cathedral.

When I emigrated to beautiful Ventura, I was surprised to find no music ensemble where I could play my cornet. I eventually plucked up the courage to walk in on an orchestra rehearsal at Ventura College. During the break I showed my cornet to principal trumpet player, Randy Jones. He was intrigued, wanting to know more about the British brass band. It wasn't long before Randy suggested starting a British brass band in Ventura—after all, I had the knowledge, and he knew many talented brass players. Due to this meeting in the summer of 2005, the "Ventura British Brass" was born.



We enjoyed playing for the Veterans service last month and we are looking forward to performing again with a special holiday concert in the Dining Room Lounge starting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 17th. To read more about the band, visit venturabritishbrass.com
Musician and founder Anne Howorth

Townehouse Management Team

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Employee of the Month Congratulations

Leticia Mora



I have worked at the Ventura Townehouse for seven years. I love my job. The residents here are so friendly, grateful, and kind. When I not working, I enjoy walking on the beach. I have three beautiful daughters who are all grown up. I am still waiting for a grandchild. Happy holidays!

Employee Gratuity Fund

Here we are again, a beautiful day at the Townehouse. I tell my friends that living here is like being on a cruise: we get accommodations, three meals a day plus frequent snacks, and almost constant activities in which we can take part or not, as we choose. And all this without tipping! If you have been on a cruise, you know that tips at the end of just a two-week cruise amount to hundreds of dollars. Think of this as you compute the amount you donate to the Employee Gratuity Fund giving to those who make our lives so pleasant all year...many of whom we never see! We all have until December 10 to make our contributions toward showing the Townehouse hourly employees how much we appreciate them.

During this coming holiday season, all of us on the Residents' Board wish you, our fellow residents, much happiness, and joy.

Sincerely Barbara Niles.

