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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



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happenings

I wanted to **thank everyone** who was able to attend our **2026 Mother's Day celebration**. We had an incredible turnout, and everyone seemed to enjoy every detail and magical experience provided here at the House.

This Mother's Day, we immersed our residents in the culture of Spain, with live **Spanish acoustic music playing in the background while guests enjoyed delicious Spanish paella and yummy Arroz con Leche dessert**. We also created a beautiful backdrop inspired by the breathtaking **Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela**, giving the feeling of walking alongside this spectacular destination on the famous Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. Known for its stunning Baroque façade and the reputed tomb of the Apostle St. James, Santiago de Compostela added a special cultural touch to our celebration.



Now that we've shared a little history about Santiago de Compostela, **here are some wonderful pictures taken during the event, where all of our residents participated and embraced this magical experience**. It was truly heartwarming to see everyone enjoying such a special occasion together.



Thank you again to everyone who joined us and helped make this day extra meaningful for our residents, especially our lovely mothers.

Now it is time to redirect our love and appreciation to our amazing

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fathers. **With Father's Day just a few weekends away**, we are excited to gather together to celebrate Father's Day while also welcoming the first day of summer, both of which happen to fall on the same day this year.

We will be gathering on **Friday, June 19th, to honor the wonderful father figures in our community during Bill's Grill**. If you do not have any other plans and would like to join us, we warmly invite you to spend a relaxing afternoon in our backyard enjoying Bill's Grill and great company.

Since space is limited, please reach out to Sara to reserve your spot.

Hope to see you there.

A warm Heritage House welcome to our new Resident, **Janice Butler**

Jan is excited to join the Heritage House family after living in the Santa Ynez Valley for the past 44 years. She is an avid painter who specializes

in acrylics, but her greatest passion is animal welfare. Over the years, she has been actively involved in numerous animal charities and feels especially at home surrounded by animals of all kinds.



She was born in Michigan and moved to California at the age of 16, before meeting her future husband, Carl. Carl, a retired Battalion Chief with the Los Angeles City Fire Department, and Jan, who worked as an airline stewardess and later became a real estate agent, shared over 50 years of marriage. Together they raised two daughters and are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren. They were enthusiastic world travelers, visiting destinations including Africa, Europe, French Polynesia, Egypt, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, among many others. Although Carl passed away in 2024, Jan and her family cherish the many memories of their life, travels, and traditions together.

People often say Jan "has never met a stranger," as she quickly builds warmth and connection with everyone she meets. Her kind heart, cheerful nature, and love for people have helped her form many lifelong friendships. She is active in the Old Mission Santa Ines Catholic Church and finds peace through prayer.

Jan is looking forward to meeting new people, volunteering, sharing her talents, and perhaps even learning a new language along the way.

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A warm Heritage House welcome to our new Resident, **Mary Murata**

Mary Murata was born Mary Noda and raised on her family's farm in Mountain View. She married her husband, Sam Murata, in Rockford, where she lived until 2019. Mary worked as a computer bank clerk and is the proud mother of two daughters, grandmother of two grandchildren, and great-grandmother of three great-grandchildren. Gifted with a natural green thumb, she has always been an enthusiastic gardener. Before moving to Santa Barbara, Mary lived in a senior community in Rockford, where she delighted neighbors by sharing her homemade pickles and raspberry jam.



A warm Heritage House welcome to our new Resident, **Ed Robinson**

Ed is originally from Stillwater. During the Korean War, he was drafted into the Army and stationed in Tokyo, where he met his wife, Kimiko. After returning to the United States, they raised two children together.

Ed went on to become a computer programmer—



among the pioneers in the field—and enjoyed flying small planes as a hobby. His love of aviation provided many opportunities for travel throughout the U.S. for both Ed and Kim, and together they also enjoyed exploring destinations around the world. Kim passed away in 2023. Today, Ed's son and daughter both live in Santa Barbara, and he is the proud grandfather of three grandchildren.

You will be deeply missed....

In loving memory of:



Donald Smilovitz

Best,

Alejandra Nunez, Executive Director

June Announcements:

Bill's Grill:



Join Bill's Grill this month on

June 19th at 5:00 PM

Please call Sara to RSVP.



Save the Date

Father's Day Celebration along with Bill's Grill:

**Friday, June 19, 2026
at 5:00 PM**

Happy Father's Day to all the amazing fathers!

Call Sara to RSVP as spaces are limited.

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resident article susan conner



Susan Conner was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has two younger brothers and a younger sister. Susan is athletic by nature and participated in swimming, water skiing, snow skiing, running, sailing, ice skating, and tennis throughout her life. Susan and her first husband moved to Virginia and then to Pasadena, California, where she raised her six children, three boys and three girls. Susan and her second husband owned a sailboat and spent many summers sailing to Catalina Island. After her second husband died, Susan became a successful real estate agent and lived between Kirkwood, California, and Santa Barbara with her partner Bert. Together, they enjoyed skiing and sailing for many years with family and friends. Susan was a world traveler and visited several European countries, particularly enjoying France. She has also traveled to India, Cuba, Haiti, Spain and Guatemala. After Kirkwood, Susan and Bert lived in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for many years, and Susan developed her love of painting. After Bert's death, Susan moved to Santa Barbara in 2020, near her daughters Katy and Susie. Her son Buddy lives in



Washington state, her son Chris lives in New Mexico, and her daughter Mary lives in northern California. Susan has 12 grandchildren and eight grandchildren.



activity alley uriel jeronimo, lead activities coordinator

Happy June, Everyone!

Time is going by so fast, and it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. I hope everyone has been enjoying the start of summer and making wonderful memories along the way.

A little update from my personal life — I recently had the opportunity to celebrate both my brother's and my brother-in-law's birthdays with a lovely dinner. It was really nice being able to spend quality time together. I was also able to start making plans for a vacation coming up in October, which I am very excited about and looking forward to.

In May, Dr. Stephen Jones took us on an amazing journey through Japan. The residents had such a wonderful time learning about the culture, scenery, and history. It was truly an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. **This month, in June, Dr. Stephen Jones will be taking us to Croatia,** and I cannot wait to see what hidden surprises and interesting stories he has in store for us next. Dr. Stephen Jones **visits every third Tuesday of the month,** so be sure to join us because it is always such a fun and engaging experience. It's nice to be out of the house and have a nice picnic, and plan to continue having



nice picnic outings. **We went to Tucker's Grove** and hope to go to Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden this summer.

June is right around the corner, and we have some exciting news ahead! Weekends here are usually nice and relaxing, and to make them even more enjoyable, **we are currently working on scheduling more live musicians to perform, hopefully beginning in mid-June.** We are very excited about bringing even more music and entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

Prom season is also coming up for high school students, so we thought — why not have one here?! **On June 26th, we will be hosting our very own Senior Prom featuring Rod Robles and his band** for an afternoon filled with music, dancing, and fun memories. Be sure to dress for the occasion and come ready to celebrate with us!

Warmly,

Uriel Jeronimo, Lead Activities Coordinator

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activity alley uriel jeronimo, lead activities coordinator

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june health news

sofia vasquez, cna, clinical director + tony warn, clinical care coordinator



May is gone, and here comes the most exciting June of the past few years. May brought me the finalization of my divorce – it is all done and over with now, and that chapter of my life has officially come to an end.

For all the soccer fans out there, the 2026 FIFA World Cup begins June 11th, with the opening ceremony taking place in Mexico City as the Mexico national football team takes on the South Africa national soccer team. In the spirit of the game, I'll be wearing my jerseys to work throughout the month of June.

June also brings my birthday – June 27th to be exact. Here's hoping for a healthy June filled with happiness, unforgettable memories, and an amazing World Cup to enjoy.

Rooting for the United States men's national soccer team, Mexico national football team, and Brazil national football team to make deep runs and give us a tournament to remember.

Take Care,

Tony Warn, Clinical Care Coordinator



business blog

sara hernandez, staff development & business manager



Hello everyone,

I hope you are all staying healthy and well. I hope you all had a lovely month of May and are enjoying the beautiful warm sunshine.

Over the past weekend, my family and I took a trip up to LA to celebrate Mother's Day and a few family birthdays. We had never done a true "tourist day" in LA, so this was our chance to fit in as much as we could over a few days. **We had the opportunity to visit the Griffith Observatory, which overlooks the Hollywood sign.** Although we underestimated the steep 0.6-mile hike, the view at the top was magnificent and definitely worth it! The observatory is a free-admission museum that gives visitors the opportunity to gaze at the stars and learn more about the universe we live in. Around 7 PM, the telescope opens to the public and allows you to view the night sky. **On the second day, we visited the LA Zoo.** Fun fact: the zoo is home to about 1,700–2,200 animals representing more than 250 rare or endangered species. It's safe to say I got my daily steps in!

Enough about that — **it was so lovely to see everyone who was able to attend our Mother's Day Spanish-themed celebration.** The weather was definitely on our side, and seeing the house and patio filled with conversation, laughter, and smiles was wonderful to see.

I also wanted to jump on here and wish a Happy Father's Day to all of the special fathers (or father figures). We celebrate you today for being part of our lives and helping make this world a better and safer place. A very special Happy Father's Day to those celebrating their very first Father's Day!

Happy
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Day

I know you are tired, but when the day quiets down and the crying and tantrums are over, you would do it all again in a

heartbeat. June 21st is a day to celebrate the silent strength and support fathers give us every day as the backbone of our families. **We are lucky to have a handful of dads here at The House, and we will be celebrating them on June 19th with a BBQ and live music. We hope to see you there!**

I hope you all have a wonderful month of June!

Warmly,

Sara Hernandez,
Staff Development & Business Manager

facility facts

ernesto guerrero, facilities and transp. manager

Summer, Father's Day, and the World Cup 2026, YAY!

Summer brings in longer days, warmer breezes, and a sense of freedom. It's a time for outdoor adventures, family picnics, and late-evening conversations



that linger as the sun sets.

Father's Day is definitely a Summer Spotlight.

Falling in June in many regions, Father's Day sits right in the heart of summer's social calendar. It's an opportunity to honor our dads. Longer days bring me memories when I used to go with my dad to see soccer games. A 90-minute game would feel like it was 15 minutes long. Time went by so fast in those days. I looked forward to it all week to spend time with Dad. **This June 11th kicks off the long-awaited 2026 World Cup, where, for the first time, FIFA will be having a total of 48 teams from all over the world.** These 48 nations are divided into 12 groups of four, playing a total of **104 matches across the United States, Mexico, and Canada.** It's so popular that it's the most-watched sports event in the world, where it is estimated that more than 5 billion people will tune in to watch this exciting event. If you hear screams or shouts during the next few weeks, don't be scared, it's just us checking the score :). If you would like to watch a game, or if there is a specific team you go for, let me know, and I'll be happy to set it up for you!

Summer and Father's Day together offer a chance to slow down, spend more time outdoors (since days are longer), and recognize the dads who shaped our lives with discipline and love. I'm grateful for my dad, I've learned so much from him, and to all dads...



FIFA WORLD CUP

UNITED STATES - CANADA - MEXICO



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Thank you,

Ernesto Guerrero, Facilities & Transportation Manager

operations news

morgan e. randall, operations director



Summertime!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our wonderful Mother's Day celebration. We truly appreciate your support.

As we head into June, we look forward to the Summer Solstice, celebrating Father's Day, and enjoying outdoor concerts, barbecues, beach days, and time with loved ones.



Over the weekend, my in-laws and sister-in-law drove down from the Bay Area to visit Jesse and me. We had a lovely time together, chatting and making memories over smoked tri-tip, scenic walks through La Purisma Mission State Park,



and the Chumash Casino. It was quite a weekend! We enjoyed meaningful celebrations of both Mother's Day and Father's Day, which were quite special.

Wishing all the incredible dads a very Happy Father's Day!

Warmly,

Morgan E. Randall, Operations Director



bill's grill
bill mcgeever



Julie, the dogs and I are headed up to the Western side of the Sierras in June. We will be close to the Sequoia National Park and we plan on hiking through the Sequoia National Forest. Julie hasn't been up there before, so it will be the first time she's had a chance to see the really big trees.

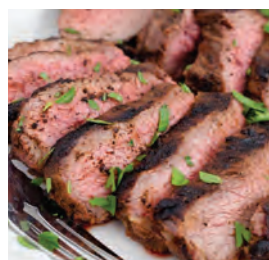
I will be sure to include some photos of the trip next month.....



The 4:05 Cocktail Hour and Bills Grill will be on Friday, June 19th. And here's our menu for the combination Father's Day/Bills Grill:



- Rubbed & Grilled Tri Tip
- Red Potato Salad
- Bicolor Corn on the Cob
- Grilled Focaccia Bread
- Crispy Sicilian Cannoli



Take care and Happy Father's Day!!!!

Bill

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bill's grill

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bill mcgeever



Congratulations, John, on your first vehicle purchase in +45 years.
Looks like the wait was worth it.....

Bill

dining delights

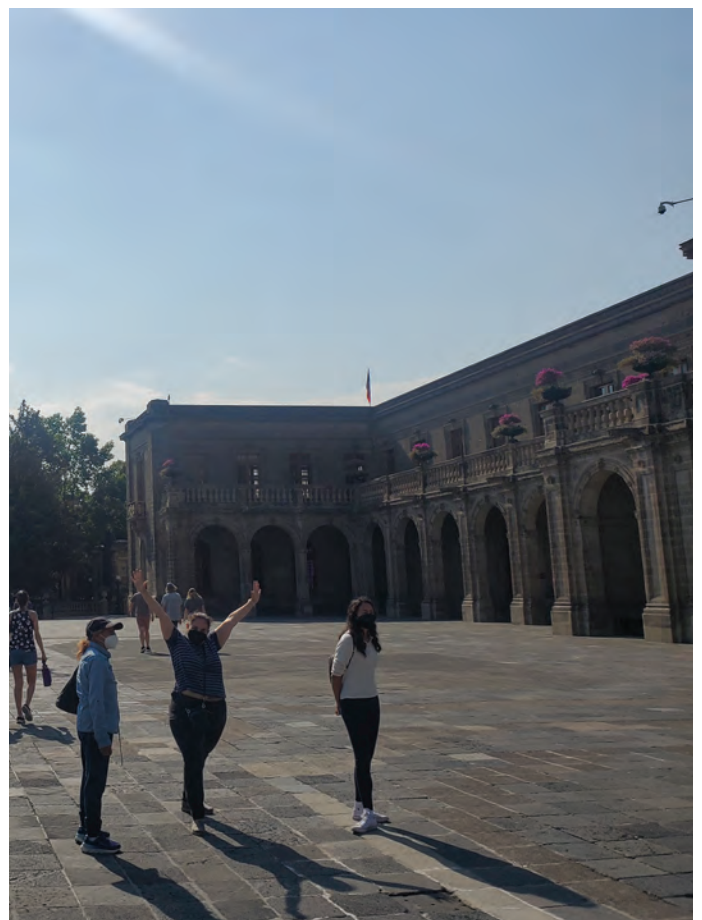
odin macias, dining services manager

Hello, everyone!

In May, we celebrated **Mother's Day**, and I'd like to honor my mother, **Aurelia Severiana Martinez**. Born in December 1945 in El Oro near Toluca, Mexico, she was the daughter of farmers and craftsmen, **Andres Martinez and Severiana Bernal**. At 16, she moved to Mexico City, later married, and raised six children. Despite the challenges, she provided for us with hard work, discipline, and determination. Now 80, she still has a strong sense of adventure and loves traveling across Mexico. I've learned so much from her, especially her work ethic and devotion to family, which is why I believe Mother's Day should be celebrated all year long.

Thank you,

Odin Macias, Dining Services Manager



important dates

405 Cocktail Hour- Every Friday

Bill's Grill June 19

June Birthdays

Residents

Frank Petroni	June	04
Douglas Caldwell	June	11
Shannon Hanon	June	12
Janet Rajala	June	16

Employees

Thalia Garcia	June	07
Uriel Jeronimo	June	10
Rosa Mejia	June	10
Sonia Contreras	June	12
Lisa Sanchez	June	18
Anthony Warn	June	27

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