

OVER THE BACK FENCE NEWS

Masonic Homes of California at Covina

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FROM JUDY FIGUEROA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please welcome our new Skilled Nursing Administrator, **SANDY FAHEY**. Sandy has over 40 years' experience in the Skilled Nursing Industry. Before joining Masonic Homes in Covina, Sandy worked for Hillcrest for eight years. Let's all give Sandy a warm welcome!

Construction News

Elevator walls are completed

Structural steel erection to begin in early September

On schedule.....yay!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

13 - Billie Karz

16 – Jerry Chandler

22 – Irv Lieber

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

15 – Donald & Miriam Covey

18 – Duane & Clare Bente

29 – Clement & Malini DeAlwis

YOUTH NEWS

On August 15 we were pleased to welcome members of DeMolay and Job's Daughters to join us for dinner in our dining room. They were on an annual leadership retreat. Many of our guests found seats at various resident's tables and we all enjoyed talking to these young people to hear of their interests, accomplishments and goals.

TRAVELING AGAIN

Remember a Sunday drive with your family? Well, on a recent fine Friday, our family "set sail" for the Palos Verde Peninsula on our bus (with Wil driving) for an afternoon of adventure. Wil had us traveling the Peninsula's hills with the blue Pacific in the distance and many very large homes and beautiful landscaping for us to see close up. The ocean and beaches were so beautiful. We even saw a sailboat out on the sea. The trip was a fun afternoon and we look forward to our next sightseeing drive. Be sure to sign up when Wil gets ready to go again!

A VERY SPECIAL EVENING

Six residents and Wil and Karen had a delicious dinner at a local restaurant and then drove to Laguna to see the Pageant of the Masters. Before going to our seats, we wandered through the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts. This is one of the oldest and most highly acclaimed fine arts shows. 140 highest caliber artists displayed their original works in ceramics, glass, painting, jewelry, photography, sculpture and wood.

This year the whole first part of the Pageant program was dedicated to the founding and progress of the town of Laguna Beach. It was so interesting to hear the narration of Laguna's history and, as always, the presentations of the paintings, pictures and statues with live persons were just marvelous. To answer the question of "how do they do that?", at one point a dark stage came alive with a set, background and live people taking their places to produce a wonderful Claude Monet painting....simply breathtaking. You must see this to believe it.

MEET OUR NEWEST RESIDENT

David Berg is Cedarwood's newest resident (C113). He is a member of Palm Springs Lodge No. 693 and a Life Member of Nevada Lodge No. 13. David has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for 56 years, a member of the Shrine for 52 years and the Scottish Rite for 42 years. He has been a Candidate's Coach is a 33rd Degree Mason and was awarded the Hiram Award.

David was born in Detroit, Michigan and came to California with his family at age 13. They lived in Boyle Heights, where he graduated from Roosevelt High and at age 17 joined the U.S. Navy. He served from 1944 to 1955. He and his late wife of 67 years had 3 sons (one is now deceased) and David now counts among his family 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great nieces. He moved to Covina from Rancho Murrieta.

David retired from the Chrysler Corporation, where he worked as a Service Representative and in the Body Shop. Subsequently, he owned an Army-Navy Surplus store in Temecula. Golf was his game. Now he's content to live with Cookie, his Poodle/Jack Russel mix Emotional Support and Service Animal, who came to him only 18 months old and will celebrate her 13th birthday in November.

Stop and take some time to chat and get to know this interesting man.

.....Interview by Sharanne Wick

Masonic Homes of California, Covina Campus

One Hundred Years of Compassionate Care

Judy Figueroa, Executive Director of Covina
Jennifer Shapiro, Director of Resident Services
Bobbie Dimmitt, Director of Housekeeping and Facilities
Steve Shapiro, Temporary Director of Dietary Services
Sandra Fahey, Skilled Nursing Administrator
Valerie Del Hoyo, Shari Jayasekara, Receptionists
Will Lozano, Karen Ramos, Activities Leaders
Lois Hoven, Newsletter Editor

Resident Reporters:

Milt Freer	A-109, X32298
Bob Dow	B-112, X32257
Sharanne Wick	C-105, X32240

TOTAL POPULATION = 63 Women-34 Men-29 Couples-9

(Includes 3 Outplacements)

John Pickett - Palm Desert Nettie Hasler – Eastern Star Home
Betty Parker - Claremont Place

(Temporary Stays)

Ketty Sorensen – Pilgrim Place Don Oliphant – Upland Rehab. Center
Clare Bente – Claremont Care Center

ALL RESIDENTS are invited to contribute to our Newsletter. If you have an article you wish to have included in the publication, please e-mail or personally give it to Lois Hoven, Editor before the 15th of the preceding month. E-mail: lois.hoven@gmail.com