

DOMINICAN OAKS

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2021

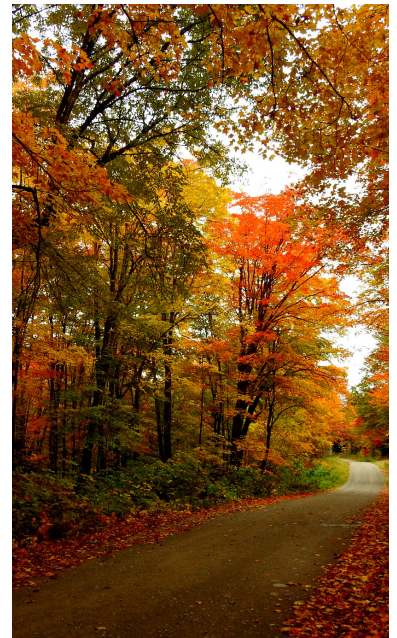
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTE

The first colonial Thanksgiving in 1621 celebrated the season's harvest, which was an English tradition. One history source indicates that there were approximately 50 pilgrims who survived the Mayflower trip and the first winter in the New World. Guests included about 90 Wampanoag Indians. Not only was the food a focal point, but also recreational activities.

Similarly, 300 years later, we celebrate Thanksgiving with good food production. We enjoy gathering with family and friends to share favorites... smoked turkey, oysters, wild mushroom stuffing, pumpkin pie, and the list goes on. Our present day activities include golf, bocce ball, traveling and that list goes on as well.

So, in this season of continued Thanksgiving, I wish you all that is good. May more blessings come your way!

- Kathie Will



RESIDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

GOOD NEWS: The Resident Assistance Committee has secured the services of an ELECTRONIC DEVICES person who can repair or assist you with ALL your devices. He will be at Dominican Oaks on November 20th. Mark your calendar... more details to follow.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

While we are, unfortunately, unable to invite guests into the Dining Room at present, we will be serving up our delicious annual Thanksgiving meal on 11-25-21 for our residents!

- Breakfast will be served in the Dining Room, as usual.
- There will be 3 seatings for the Thanksgiving meal.
- Due to the expansive special meal, dinner will be a boxed meal option.
- You will pre-select your lunch and dinner meal options using the menu slips that will be available at the Activity Desk.

ACTIVITIES NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK!

Attendance has decreased in certain activities and we would like to find out why. If you have input on why the following classes no longer appeal to you or ways we can improve them, please fill out a suggestion card at the Activity Desk and put it in the suggestion box:

- Zumba Exercise Sundays at 1:30pm
- Yoga with Lisa on Wednesdays at 9:30am
- Country Line Dancing every other Thursday at 10:30am

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05 Faye Alexander
11 Anita Gillespie
12 Veneta Hoffman
21 Marilyn Lipton
22 Dr. Charles Murray
23 Laurie Babka
25 Peter Molinari
26 Harry Mayo
27 Natalie Joslin
29 Pat Rebele
30 Susan Kepner

ANNIVERSARIES

None this month



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If you have a moment, check us out!

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ACTIVITY UPDATES

Class Updates:

- Art classes: Art classes will no longer be separated into 2 groups. All residents who have signed up may attend ANY of the Art classes, which are first come, first served. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to secure your spot. If you are interested in participating in the Art classes and have not yet signed up, please contact Activities at 831-464-4807.
- Beading Class: We are resuming the \$5.00 materials fee for each class. Prior to 2021, there had been a \$5.00 material fee. Please bring \$5.00 cash and give it to the instructor, Marcia. We think you will be pleased at the new assortment of exquisite beads that are now available.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 11/3 & Wednesday 11/10: Martinelli's is a family run business in Watsonville. We will be going to their store/showroom. We will be tasting some of their product as well as watching a video clip of how the Martinelli business got started and where it is today. Trips will be in the afternoon on the days noted above. Sign up at the activity desk.
- Thursday 11/4 9:00am: Shopping and lunch at Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey. This is an all-day trip. Sign-up at the Activities Desk.
- Friday 11/5 4:00pm: Special Happy Hour to celebrate resident Faye Alexander's 104th birthday! Seating is first come, first served. Doors to the Oaks Room will open at 4:00pm and not a moment earlier.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

ARLIE TAKAHASHI

On a tour of senior living communities, I fell in love with an apartment that had a view of the garden, hill, and oaks beyond. So here I am! I was born 10/18/1937 in Rochester, N.Y. I went to Oberlin College, then over time received 2 masters' degrees at University of Wisconsin and Rutgers's University. I have 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. My working years included 12 years each in teaching and 12 years working for the CDC's HIV/AIDS 24/7 hotline. Although I planned to teach history, there was no affirmative action at the time, so I taught and coordinated the Title I program at high school level. I also occasionally taught ESL. The 12 years at the CDC HIV/AIDS hotline were very rewarding, with frequent classes, wonderful colleagues (many of whom were HIV+) and many interesting and rewarding calls. In retirement, I particularly enjoyed time for reading, walks, taking courses and exploring whatever area I was living in at the time. I look forward to doing the same with Dominican Oaks and this community, and getting to know people here.

LEBA WINE

I was born in Johnstown and raised in Punxsutawney PA. Right after I graduated from Punxsutawney High School, my whole family moved to Tucson AZ because my brother had gotten quite ill. I loved school and had almost as good a time living for two years after graduation in San Francisco. I returned to Tucson to meet the five bachelors that my mother had arranged for my entertainment, and I married bachelor number 3. He was a lawyer, Harvard Law, and in the Arizona State Legislature. Every year we moved from Tucson to Phoenix for the legislative session. We had four children, and I was elected to the Tucson school board. My husband died when we had been married seventeen years. Obviously, I needed a change from the sad memories in Tucson, and the four children, our dog, and I moved to Tiburon CA. Wanting something really hard to do, I went to Hastings College of Law. I dabbled as a lawyer for 20 years when my daughter Katie died. That was when I moved to Santa Cruz to be near my oldest daughter, where my son also now lives. Another daughter lives in Tucson. I love to write and have actually written a book. I knit, crochet, cook, kvetch, and read. I am looking forward to good conversation with new friends here.

BARBARA KELLER

I came to Dominican Oaks with such interests as: genealogy, bridge, exercise, movies, and lectures.

Biography excerpts are printed as submitted by the resident. For full versions, please see the bulletin boards.