

DOMINICAN OAKS

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you to any residents who attended our Disaster and Preparedness training in January. This training was offered in order to educate and familiarize residents with the policies and procedures in place in the event of an emergency. For those who were unable to attend, I invite you to attend a class in February. Further details will be announced with additional dates, times and locations.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day whether you are celebrating with a partner, friend, or the whole community!

Amy Saulnier



VALENTINES DAY MEAL

Join us in the Dining Room for a special Valentines Day Dinner.

Menus will be posted soon.

VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATION

We have a fun filled day of music performances with champagne reception in-between. Join us in the Oaks Room at 2 PM on February, 14th for a performance from Sarah Songbird followed by crowd favorite, Joe Ferrara!

Seating will be mixer style with room to enjoy champagne and treats!

RESIDENT MIXER

Get in the groove and join us for the February Resident Mixer which will feature a disco themed dance party. New residents will be introduced by their buddies and there will be appetizers, cocktails and mocktails. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and mingle with your neighbors.



Guests are welcome. See you on the dance floor!

Pictures to left are from the November photoshoot. Check out our upcoming ads in the sentinel for more! Thank you to all who attended.

NOTEWORTHY BUS OUTINGS

ELLA'S AT THE AIRPORT - THURS, FEB 8TH AT 8:30 AM

Join us for breakfast at Ella's at the Airport, one of Watsonville's best restaurants. In addition to a beautiful breakfast, you will get to enjoy the airport action with airplanes taking off and landing right outside the patio!

BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ- THURS, FEB 8TH AT 1:30 PM

Pick up the latest release at beloved Bookshop Santa Cruz. This quirky bookstore has been a staple in the community since 1973 and filled to the brim with books and gifts by local artisans!

ZINNIA'S GIFT SHOP - THURS, FEB 15TH AT 10 AM

Located in Scotts Valley, Zinnia's features artisanal skin and self care, jewelry, home décor, clothing and accessories, baby products and gifts.

WHALE CITY BAKERY - THURS, FEB 15TH AT 1:30 PM

Enjoy a trip to Davenport to Whale City Bakery which has all your classic bakery favorites and more. The scenic drive up the coast is the cherry on top!

New!

Ted Talks in the Oaks Room

TED conferences began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, but today it spans a multitude of worldwide communities and initiatives exploring everything from science and business to education, arts and global issues. Watch a presentation that sparks imagination, embraces possibility and catalyzes impact hosted by leaders in the field.

MON 2/12 & 2/26 at 3:30 PM

WEDS 2/7 & 2/21 at 1:30 PM

February Birthdays

2 Joan Fisher

2 Sherry Eisendorf

3 John 'Jack' Weiser

3 Marjory O'Connor

7 Fred Jensen

10 Ruth Antolini

12 Joyce Rasmussen

16 Sharon Yang

17 Cibiana Heiman

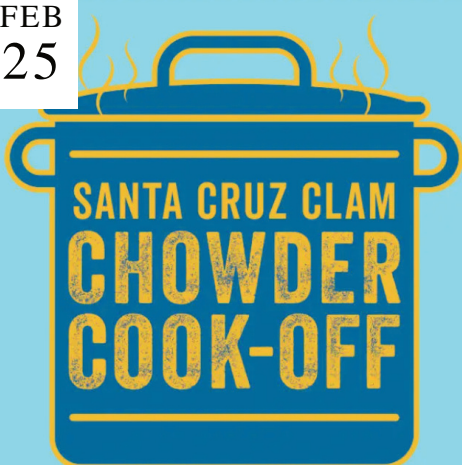
17 Karyn Nelson

24 Joan Law

24 Loretta Lansford

26 Norma Del Gaudio

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Dominican Oaks will be dishing up our signature clam chowder at the Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cook Off on Sunday, February 25th. We invite residents, friends and family to come cheer our kitchen team on and join the delicious festivities along the Boardwalk. We will be competing in the friendly competition, hoping to win prizes and bragging rights for BEST CLAM CHOWDER in the country's largest and longest-running clam chowder competition!

Dominican Oaks encourages residents to carpool to the event. Tickets can be purchased at beachboardwalk.com/clam-chowder-cook-off/ for \$12 each. Each ticket includes 6 tasting tickets, 1 cup, 1 spoon, 1 napkin, 1 white voting card and 1 red voting card. All of these items come in a paper bag sealed with a Chowder Cook-Off sticker. *Let's go team Dominican Oaks!*

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Annette Rau

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Brenda Barber

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Stacy Smith-Paynter

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Gerardo Piduca

Facilities & Housekeeping:
Eric Botkin

Food Service:
Chef Matt Mettalia

Marketing & Community
Relations:
Cheir Harty

Music at The Oaks

GUSTAVO ROMERO RETURNS - FRI, FEB 9TH AT 2 PM, OAKS ROOM

Concert pianist Gustavo Romero is internationally renowned for his exceptional technical brilliance and interpretive depth and has gained an acclaimed reputation for his commitment to in-depth exploration of a wide variety of composers.

JUNE BUG FOLK MUSIC - WEDS, FEB 21ST AT 3 PM, OAKS ROOM

Enjoy Kelly “Junebug” Bayer’s mix of classic folk and jazz tunes, with the guitar, banjo, autoharp and harmonica, that will get your feet stomping and hands clapping.

CHARLIE LINDNER - FRI, FEB 23RD AT 2 PM, OAKS ROOM

Exploration of Music through the years, from Swing to Blues to Jazz to Modern

CAPITOLA COMMUNITY CHOIR - TUES, FEB 20TH AT 7 PM, OAKS ROOM

Do not miss a special evening performance from the local Capitola Choir group.

KARIN PHOENIX & SPECIAL GUEST JAZZY TOM - TUES, FEB 13TH AT 2 PM, OAKS ROOM

Karin has played as part of the USO touring Japan, Australia, Korea and many other countries for the US Military. Since the 1980’s Karin has been a hometown favorite in Santa Cruz County, performing alongside famous bands such as the Doobie Brothers and Tim McGraw. Jazzy Tom joins her from Canada!



New Book in process from DO resident, Fran Stekoll:

What are the Odds?

Six residents in Garden Level have shared amazing coincidences with Fran. She is compiling all these coincidences into a book entitled, What are the Odds?

For example, Jack Reed, a resident in Garden Level, shared the story that before he was a dentist, he sold men's clothing at Desmond's Dept Store in Pasadena, CA where Fran's grandfather was a manager! Jack remembered Joseph Karnow, who was Fran's grandfather, and Jack's boss!

Surprisingly, there are many other amazing coincidences amongst our residents. Fran would like to hear from residents about these coincidences and life stories. If you have any to share, please contact Fran Stekoll at #831-234-3260. We are all here for a reason!

MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

TERENCE & BRENDA AINSLOW

Terence and Brenda Ainslow are happy to join the Dominican Oaks Community. They met in 1956 at lovely Clacton Beach on the east side of the coast of England near London. After a couple years of marriage they decided to enjoy a new adventure together and emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada. Then after a few years in Philadelphia and a long term stint in Honolulu, they moved to Los Altos, Ca and subsequently bought their first home in Sunnyvale. They raised their two sons, Michael and David there while Terence worked as an architect for Syntex (now Roche) and Brenda, once the sons were grown, worked as an Administrative Assistant for different executives at Apple, including Steve Jobs. They resided in Sunnyvale for 28 years. Upon retirement they moved to Half Moon Bay and have lived there for 25 years. Their son Michael, and daughter-in-law Jill have two daughters, Chelsea and Clarice. Their two granddaughters continue to bring them such joy. The family are really looking forward to engaging with the Dominican Oaks family. Terence enjoys walks, news, current affairs, chess and music. Brenda enjoys walks, reading and loves to write.

RUTH ANTOLINI

I grew up in Nebraska. After graduation from college, I taught school there for a few years. One day my mother said, "Everything is not bolted down, you should slide West." So a girlfriend and I migrated to Santa Maria where we both were hired to teach. It was also there I met my husband. One day he had an opportunity to open a business in Santa Cruz, so we moved.

My first exposure to Dominican Oaks was when my husband's business, which was just across the freeway, supplied building materials for Dominican Oaks when it was built.

With 2 children, we moved to upper Paul Sweet Road where I lived for over 50 years on a fruit ranch. I also was teaching at Green Acres School, which was also just across the freeway. It was there I started a garden science project just outside my classroom. Low and behold, UC became interested & adopted & dedicated the concept. The program is now known as the Lig Lab & has become adopted throughout schools in CA and Nationwide. The daily journeys of my family driving past Dominican Oaks are a good omen of my living here, so I'm looking forward to meeting new friends & having time to play my piano.

FRED JENSEN

Fred was born in Denmark. He came across the Atlantic and spent 10 years in Canada then came to the United States in 1961. Here he built a successful landscape construction business, JensenCorp.com. In 1972, Fred purchased Crest Ranch Christmas Tree Farm in Bonny Doon. Fred has two children, Paul & Louise, three grandchildren & one great-grandchild. He loves dogs, enjoys the beach & passes the time with puzzles. Fred is also an avid Rummikub player.

EUGENE & VIRGINIA LIEB

Gene grew up in Manhattan & Virginia grew up in Alexandria, VA. We met when we were both working for DuPont in Wilmington, DE. We moved to Santa Cruz County in 2013 to be near our children & grandchildren and to enjoy the beautiful climate here. Gene is a Chemical Engineer by training but spent the past 40+ years doing marketing research. Virginia has a BS in marketing and an MBA. Most of her corporate career was with DuPont & General Electric. We are both retired & have active "hobbies"... technology for Gene & music for Virginia. We are moving to Dominican Oaks to make our life easier with less chores!