The Garden Gate

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A Message from the Eli Goldman



April showers can be counted on to bring May flowers, but there are a great many other exciting events May brings with it. Probably the biggest celebration in May is that of Mother's Day, when we honor our Moms for everything they've done for us. We will be celebrating them on the second Sunday in May (the 12th) with a special Parisian Tea Party and Can-Can Cabaret.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us on the 5th of May, which marks the date of the victory of the Mexican army over France in the Battle of Puebla in the Franco-Mexican War. But for so many of us, it really represents an opportunity to celebrate the Mexican American experience. We'll have a Mexican Fiesta at

lunch, followed by a talent show put on by our staff. On Armed Forces Day, we'll have a BBQ at lunch, and finally on Memorial Day, we'll remember those who have fallen for our country in the service of the United States. Shon has a couple of Memorial Day crafts specially planned, and will read a few poems in honor of those soldiers who have fallen in the service of our country.

Residents had a wonderful Passover seder, and the Rabbi came and performed a full Passover service with us. On Easter, our residents participated in an exciting Easter Egg Hunt; and for the Memory Care residents, the staff prepared special Easter baskets. The Easter celebration was topped off with one of our favorite performers, Jerry Weisbecker, who performed some of our favorite songs from the past.

Our Pet Therapy visits with Limor Ness have also been a huge success with Limor bringing in a wide variety of animals including goats and tortoises for the residents to handle and experience.

Appreciating all our mothers for the happiness they've given us,

~ Eli Goldman, Executive Director

Melrose Gardens Snapshots

Phyllis plays bingo



Aura and Limor with pet goat



Yasha, Flora and friend



Melrose Gardens News



There'll be no time to Siesta, just Fiesta on Cinco de Mayo!



Join us for our Fiesta Lunch Celebration followed by an exciting afternoon talent show put on by your favorite

Melrose Gardens staff.





Celebrate on Thursday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. James Burwell 5/09



Residents get ready to serve the ball up in a game of volleyball.



5/04	R&B Classics w/Danni Shannon	2:00 p.m.
5/05	Cinco de Mayo Party Talent Show	2:30 p.m.
5/11	Jazz w/Marc Bosserman	2:00 p.m.
5/15	Violin Concert w/ Yasha	2:30 p.m.
5/18	Rock & Roll w/Greg	2:00 p.m.
5/25	Guitar Concert w/Michael Quest	2:00 p.m.

Religious Services and Study

Catholic Mass - Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services - Fridays at 4:15 p.m. Church Services - Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.



MEET Marilyn Guske OUR RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Marilynn Guske was born on January 8, 1938 to her parents, Madge and Peter. She has four sisters named Norma, Phyllis, Juanita and Monica. She went to college at Fresno State and majored in Social Science. Marilynn worked for the Employment Development Department for the state of California.

She loves traveling and learning new things. Her philosophy in life is to always do the best you can. It's your time, so do your best with it.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Monica Murillo CAREGIVER

Our caregiver, Monica Murillo, will go beyond the call of duty to be there for our residents. She loves helping people and of course, our residents are no exception. If you need something, Monica is there for you. She's always got a smile on her face,

She's always got a smile on her face, and is very compassionate and caring. Thank you so much Monica, for all your hard work and commitment to the care principles of Melrose Gardens.

FUN WITH Marey M.!

Caregiver Marcy M. loves working with the residents, but she also enjoys fooling around with them too. In May, Marcy will act as the host of our own Melrose Gardens Wheel of Fortune show on Tuesday, May 7th at 2:30 p.m. And on the 2nd and the 14th, she will be offering our residents a spa experience with organic facials. So if any of those activities sound like fun, be sure and join her on those days for what promises to be a good time!



Caregiver Marcy and resident James have fun at our Mardi Gras Celebration.



Men's Movie NIGHT

Sunday nights in May are Men's Movie Night at Melrose Gardens. 6:00 p.m will mark the beginning of a movie we've picked out just for the guys here. Join us for a Sunday screening of *The Dirty Dozen, The Wild Bunch, Cool Hand Luke*, and *The Third Man*. We think these classic guy movies are great films for the Melrose Gardens dudes to enjoy, so pull up a chair and be prepared to be entertained! Of course, the women are welcome to watch these man movie classics too!



Ladies' Movie NIGHT



Tuesday nights in May are Ladies Movie Night at Melrose Gardens. Starting at 6:00 p.m., we'll be featuring movies we think the ladies will enjoy. This month, it's West Side Story, The Graduate, Doctor Zhivago, and The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society. If these interest you, be sure to show up and enjoy the screening! Of course, the men are welcome to join in and watch.



WELCOMING MAY with May Baskets

We will kick off May with by making a May Basket with an original twist. Shon has planned a fun craft involving creative wrap paper and flowers that you can hang on your door for the entire month of May. Sunday, May 12th 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Mother's Day with us as we host a Parisian Tea Party.

Can-Can Dance w/Dawn



Our staff assembled special Easter baskets for our memory care residents.

Can-Can d a n c e

The Can-can (or cancan as the French write it) is a popular music hall dance that began in the 1840s is usually associated with a chorus line of female dancers. The main features of the dance are the vigorous manipulation of skirts and petticoats, along with high kicks, splits, and cartwheels. It continues in popularity in the French cabaret to this day. The modern form of the cancan and its birthplace is the well-known French cabaret and tourist attraction, the Moulin Rouge.

Introducing... Our Staff



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