

Renaissance Lifestyle

SPRING 2019



Hop On Over For Easter Brunch

To celebrate this time of the year, we'll be hosting our annual Easter Brunch on Saturday, April 20. We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids that morning at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., you can join us in the Dining Room for a delicious brunch buffet. RSVP today by calling (951) 319-8243 or stopping by the concierge desk. We hope to see you there!

Transitional Living Grand Opening!

Renaissance Village Murrieta is now offering assisted living services in its Transitional Living Villa. On Thursday, April 18 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., we are hosting the Grand Opening of the Transitional Living Villa. The evening will include tours of the villa, appetizers, and refreshments. If you would like to attend our upcoming grand opening, please be sure to RSVP with our concierge or by calling (951) 319-8243. We hope you'll plan to join us.

Executive Director's Corner

Dear Residents, Family, and Friends:

Welcome to our new staff and residents. We're happy that you've chosen Renaissance Village Murrieta as your home. We welcome to the Renaissance Villages Family, Janel Garcia, and Griselda Luis-Venegas as caregivers.



We also welcome to the kitchen, Diego Hernandez as a line cook and Norma Pinedo as a prep cook. In addition, we welcome Aleyda Ochoa as a server.

We're excited to share that we are now offering a new living option. Our Transitional Living Villa is great for seniors seeking a more intimate and cozy atmosphere for assisted living. In addition, this living option is ideal for seniors who need or desire more supervision. We are hosting our Grand Opening of the Transitional Living Villa on Thursday, April 18 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

We're also looking forward to the various events we will be celebrating this spring. Be sure to check out our Save the Date section to see what's coming up.

Happy Spring! I hope to see you around the community.

Brian Taube, Executive Director

Resident Spotlight: Linda B.



Linda Burton during interview.

Linda B. was born in Visalia, CA in May of 1947. She is the oldest of two children, but she wasn't her brother's biggest fan when he came home.

She even asked her mother to take Michael back, but she wouldn't. One of her most vivid memories of him was a car ride when he was six months old. She asked for the name of his haircut, and her mother said it was a "butch." From then on Linda and everyone in their family called him Butch.

Despite having only one brother, Linda's family is by no means small. Most of her family lived in Visalia. Being the oldest of 38 grandchildren, Linda spent a lot of time babysitting her cousins. During the winter of 1955, cities throughout California flooded. Linda's family's house did not flood. Linda's parent's two-bedroom, one-bathroom home housed 32 of their family members. Since there was no going out, everyone lived off of the food her mother had frozen or canned. Despite the close quarters, Linda does not recall any fights or arguments.

It was at the age of nine that Linda found the Lord in Vacation Bible School (VBS), and she also met her husband, Gene, there at 16. VBS holds a special place in her heart for both of these reasons. Toward the end of high school, Gene was unsure of what to do after graduating. Linda encouraged him to join the military, so he joined the Air Force. She attended the College of the Sequoias in Visalia. However, she got her MRS Degree first and didn't graduate. Twenty-nine days after she and Gene married, he went to Vietnam. While he was away, Linda worked a job with Fuller Brush. She knocked on doors to sell brushes and cleaning supplies. Unfortunately, Linda liked visiting more than selling. While in Vietnam, Gene served in the Air Force

Security Service as a Morse Code Interceptor. Also referred to as "Ditty Boppers," these men listened and translated Morse Code. When Gene returned in 1967, he continued his military career. They moved to Sacramento, CA and lived there for 2.5 years. Then they lived in Hawaii for four years before returning to California. The Lord then sent them to Nebraska to prepare them for winters because three years later they moved to Alaska where they lived for 15 years.

Linda's main job was a mother to her sons, William Eric and Michael Lee. She enjoyed the times she and Gene spent with the boys. Linda shared that for four years they lived without a TV. In that time, they taught the boys to play various games and went through the Bible with them. They also went on mission trips with their church to North Carolina, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. When the boys were older, they also visited Hawaii.

While in Nebraska, Linda worked part-time at their church's preschool. When they moved to Alaska, she worked full-time at the preschool on base. She later became the assistant coordinator for the community school. They taught various classes like computers, typing, cake decorating, and more. Linda later worked at the Anchorage School District as a teaching assistant. She worked there for ten years with the Alternative Career Education (ACE) program. ACE taught classes on job skills, food preparation, housekeeping, childcare, clerical, and more.



Linda and her late husband, Gene.

Toward the end of their time in Alaska, Gene fell ill. His doctor advised they leave the state, so they went back to California. After he retired, the Lord opened the door for them to start a prison ministry. They drove 200 miles round trip every Saturday and 150 miles every Thursday. Unfortunately, Gene

contracted bacterial meningitis, and they had to stop. It was a sincere desire of his to get well enough to go back. But, a few weeks shy of their 47th wedding anniversary, Gene passed away. That year was tough for Linda. She lost an additional 17 people in the nine months that followed.

The most critical thing in Linda's life is her friendship with others. She shares this is only made better through her relationship with Jesus Christ. Linda doesn't want people to remember her for being a good person, but rather for being a Christ-centered person. Her involvement in the church has been significant throughout her life. In addition to all the ministries she served in, she also cooked for church retreats and camps.

Linda loved cooking, but she enjoyed cake decorating and flower arranging more. However, Linda has essential tremors. These tremors cause uncontrollable shaking or "tremors" that can affect the voice, head, arms, and legs. Linda has familial tremors, meaning they are hereditary. She's the fourth

generation in her family to have them. Her familial tremors make it difficult to do the things she loves. However, she doesn't let that stop her from reading and playing mind games, Scrabble, and Pinochle.

Her son, Eric, now works in Vancouver, Washington as an events coordinator for Banfield. Eric and his wife are parents to four kids: Ethan, Luke, Esther, and Sophia. Lee owns a foster care agency in Lake Elsinore, CA. He and his wife are parents to one boy, Chase, and they live in Winchester, CA. Linda loves being a grandmother. She hopes to have a relationship with her grandkids much like the one she had with her grandmother.

When it comes to Renaissance Village Murrieta, Linda loves the people most. She shares they've all become like family. Last year Linda came for a few days of respite care at Renaissance Village Murrieta while her daughter-in-law was out of town. She got a taste of the community and shares that Renaissance is a port in a storm. Linda feels that the people are helpful, friendly, and supportive.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

February

Crystal S., Caregiver/Med Tech

Crystal has a passion for the nursing field and loves her residents. She shares that they're always fun and have wonderful stories. Crystal also enjoys learning from the residents because they offer so much wisdom. She and her husband have a son and daughter. They love watching them grow and seeing their personalities develop.



January

Victoria G., Med Tech

Victoria loves building friendships and trust with residents. She feels you should trust those coming into your home. Victoria appreciates how the management team and nurses get out on the floor and get involved. When she's not working she enjoys hiking. She also loves spending time with her daughters, parents, and fiancée.



March

Cindy D., Cook

For Cindy, working at Renaissance Village Murrieta is a nice change from the fast pace of the restaurant industry. She's always enjoyed cooking for others and loves to hear when people enjoy her food and flavors. Cindy enjoys working with her co-workers and treats them like family. She likes to work out or spend time with her husband and her son when she's not working.

GREAT DAYS AWAIT AT RENAISSANCE VILLAGE!



Pizza and salad buffet in the Dining Room? Count us in!



Thank you to Faith Bible Church for attending From Paris With Love.



Harriet and her daughter, Linda, at Valentine's Day Happy Hour.



Wishing you the happiest of birthdays, Jake.



Marjan, Activities Director and Maria.



Bobby, Dot, and Don enjoying the Mardi Gras entertainment.



Colleen and Patricia at our Oscar Viewing Party.



Jeannie and other residents at Geri-Fit.



Dot dancing with a man from Faith Bible Church.



Residents with Morgan, Server, on Hot Dog Day in the Dining Room.



Stephanie & Ann at From Paris With Love.



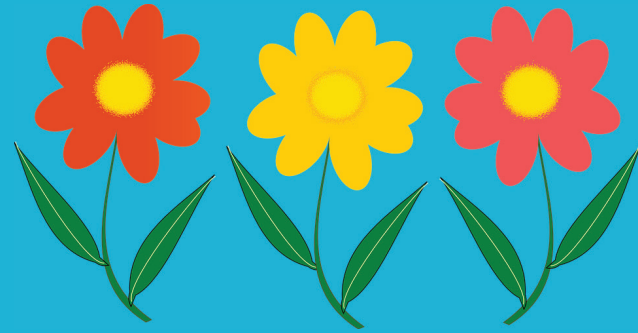
Norma enjoying some IN-N-OUT!

BRAIN TEASERS

Are you great at puzzles? Give these riddles a try!

1. What can you hold without ever touching, or using your hands?
2. When you have me, you immediately feel like sharing me. But, if you do share me, you don't have me. What am I?
3. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
4. Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I?
5. Which seven-letter word contains dozens of letters?

1. Your breath 2. A secret 3. A palm 4. An onion 5. A mailbox



SHARE AND EARN MORE!

Ask about how you can earn a check for \$1,000 when you refer a new resident.



Resident Ambassadors: Linda B., Bobby R., Lauralee M., and Carol A.

Resident Ambassador Program Welcomes New Residents

Moving into a new place can be intimidating or scary, but it can also be fun and exciting. When you move into Renaissance Village Murrieta, you join the Renaissance Villages Family. This community is your home, and we encourage you to treat it as such. To further welcome and embrace new residents, we've created the Resident Ambassador Program.

The Resident Ambassador Program is run by and for residents. Our residents came together to meet a need of further bringing residents together and making them feel welcome and included. Residents voted on which residents should lead the program. Bobby R., Carol A., Lauralee M., and Linda B. are our designated Resident Ambassadors.

What Is A Resident Ambassador?

The Resident Ambassadors welcome new residents and come alongside them as they get adjusted to their new home. Resident Ambassadors act as tour guides around the community and

invite them to the various activities throughout the week. They also sit with new residents at meals and help them get acquainted with other residents. They serve as a liaison between our management team and new residents. Resident Ambassadors can answer questions they may have.

Linda shares that they're able to offer incoming residents their perspective of the community because they've already experienced everything. In addition, they can answer questions and provide help to their fellow residents.

"Our goal is to make each resident's transition to the community as stress-free as possible. We want everyone to feel at home from the minute they walk in," Ashley Percia, Director of Community Relations said.

Lauralee shares that the Resident Ambassador program is great for both current and new residents. The relationship allows current residents to get to know new residents and vice versa. Resident Ambassadors also make an effort to encourage residents to get together for activities and outings.

Residents can easily spot Resident Ambassadors around the community. Each resident wears a Resident Ambassador name badge. They are all happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have. Want to get more involved in what's going on at Renaissance Village Murrieta? Our Resident Ambassadors encourage you to attend the monthly Resident Council meetings.

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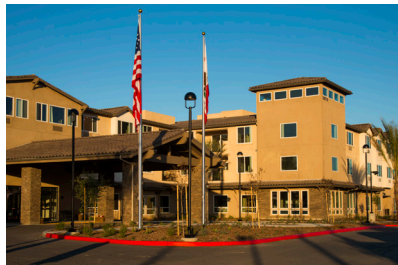
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SAVE THE DATE!

**Caring for Someone with
Mid-Stage Alzheimer's Part 3**
Friday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Transitional Living Grand Opening
Thursday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Easter Brunch
Saturday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m.
(Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.)

Mother's Day Brunch
Saturday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27 at 3 p.m.

Father's Day Dinner
Saturday, June 15 at 4 p.m.

**Call (951) 319-8243 or speak
to the concierge to learn more.**

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