

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS



The participation of many residents during the last three months was great. The religious events around the Holy Week (Easter week) in April were filled with devotion and respect. During the last week of April we had a Pizza Night to welcome the approaching summer season; initially planned for about 25 residents, we ended up having 60 residents join in the fun, sharing with other residents this informal dinner.

In the month of May we enjoyed our "Cinco de Mayo" celebration with Mexican folk dancers and an afternoon of "Margarita drinks and nachos". We also had a Candlelight Lunch on May 10th to honor our mothers; on this occasion, we were delighted by the special entertainment offered by Joyce Garro, a former "Goldigger", one of Dean Martin's show-girls.

The residents enjoyed a glass of pink champagne and delicious desserts from Massis Bakery, a newly opened bakery across the street.

In the month of June we organized a Pizza Night in the Assembly Room to celebrate "Father's Day and Flag Day" and we invited our volunteers to join us to celebrate and receive a special recognition for their time and dedication to our residents here at Villa Scalabrinini. We also enjoyed several nice outings away from the facility: trips to the restaurant and shopping at the locals stores.

In July we plan to celebrate Independence Day with a parade, a display of firecrackers, live music and a banana split ice cream!

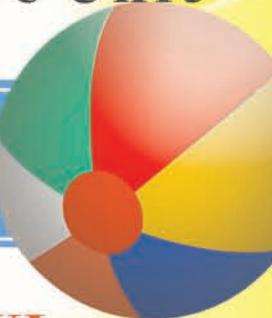
Sincerely,
Ricardo Alas
Programs Director/Social Services



VILLA SCALABRINI

Retirement Center & Special Care Unit

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends,

At Villa Scalabrinini we never miss the occasion to celebrate life and to honor our residents. During the last couple of months we've celebrated Mother's and Father's Day, as most American families do. Calling to mind the commandment of the Lord: "Love your father and mother", we've put our residents and friends on central stage to honor them and thank them for the mission they've accomplished.

The Lord did not issue this command for children only but especially for adults. To "honor" our parents means to respect, help and show them kindness. We honor them when we recognize the importance of their role in our life, and are thankful for the treasure and experience they continue to offer.

As grown up children, it is our turn to give to them now; and by giving them honor we continue to benefit from their presence in our mist.

Our parents are the living image of God because God has revealed himself as a Father. We can only understand something of God, of His life and of His feeling towards us by starting from the experience of love that we have received from our father and mother. The image of God that we carry with us throughout our life is conditioned by the relationship that we have had, and have, with our parents. This is true for society too. A society where children are not welcome and elderly are not properly honored is slipping on a dangerous slope.

There is one sure way to gain wisdom and direction for our lives: by staying in touch with our elderly parents who have walked before us enlightened by Faith and strengthened by love. They are the giants on whose shoulders we stand and from whom we gain wisdom of heart. Any other "progressive" path is a futile attempt to re-invent the wheel! Even the Holy Family of Mary and Joseph drew much hope and wisdom for their life mission from their encounter in the Temple with two elderly persons: Anna and Simeon.

I wish to sincerely thank family members, friends and volunteers who dedicate quality time to the residents of the Villa. The memory of the "good old days" is the most precious gift that one can possibly give to our residents. Nothing can compete with that.

Finally, I am glad to announce the members of the Advisory Board that has been named to counsel me as Executive Director of Villa Scalabrinini and La Piazza: Fr. Richard Zanotti, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary in Sun Valley, Fr. Raniero Alessandrini, Pastor of St. Peter's Church in Los Angeles, Fr. Ramiro Chan, Rector of the Seminary in Sun Valley and Peggy Marro, the Provincial's secretary. I thank them for accepting this new responsibility, and I am looking forward to working with them to keep and develop Villa Scalabrinini and La Piazza as the standard for retirement living in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Father Louis Piran, c.s.
Executive Director

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"LENTEN OBSERVANCE"

We need to stop, reflect and pray on this Lenten Season!

When it is time to do our religious activities, some of our residents will remind us. "It is time to pray the Holy Rosary." Thank you Lord, for we too will be aware of it. Our daily witnessing with our residents was our mere act of Love to the Lord. On this Lenten Season, we tried to observe, as we could be one with Jesus.

ALLELUIA is our Song!

The day before Easter, the residents were getting ready for their Egg Hunt. They colored their Easter eggs during Arts & Crafts time. Some of the staff who was available helped the residents hunting for eggs on Easter Sunday and many families shared their Easter blessings with the staff on this glorious day! Alleluia!

"MOTHER'S DAY"

Join us for high tea party!

Mother's Day is a special day here at the Villa. Lunch was held in our large dining room. Lots of foods were prepared for all to share. Everyone was taking part in serving our dear residents. The families of our residents helped us too. Thank you Lord for our dear Mothers.

"MEMORIAL DAY"

The nation pays tribute to its honored veterans. We do remember them all in our Holy Mass as we reflect on those who have gone before us. We reflect on their service and their sacrifice on behalf of our great nation. On this day we also remember those serving today who embody that same commitment of service and sacrifice. May God bless them all!

"THANK YOU DAD"

Father's day is one of our special moments when we say how much we are grateful to our dear fathers. We had a special Pizza Social for their lunch with Magic Music as entertainment. Everybody had a great time, dancing and singing as well. "Thank you dad for the gift of yourself to all of us"!

NURSE'S WEEK!

Go Onward Nurses! Your service helps to prolong in time the ministry of mercy carried out by Christ who "went about doing good and healing all". (Acts 10:38)

We are indeed grateful for your loving service to our residents. We are one family and we will not let the day pass by without saying a word of gratitude. And you will receive merit, for He said, "your loving dedication will be merited by God. As you do everything for Him out of LOVE."

Lots of fun on this week-long celebration and the residents were able to witness all the daily events, also assisting with the raffle draw, wearing the daily color - coded uniforms everyday and a lot more. We are looking forward to next month's events. May God reward you. Thank you!

We will extend our gratitude to all the Staff of the Villa who in every way possible lends a hand for the success of all these events. May Our High Priest Who is our Lord Jesus Christ be our forever inspiration through His beloved people-our dear Residents. Thank you all!

Maria Bedoya, SSD and

Sr. Mavieve Joy G. Bernaldez, AR



Ways to Give to VILLA SCALABRINI

"A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step"

We are grateful for the many gifts of financial support we receive throughout the year. These gifts help us meet the needs of our Retirement Center and the senior residents it serves.

Unrestricted donations will be used toward general facility improvements.

Restricted donations will be used for the purpose designated by the donor.

We appreciate your generous support.

Benevolence Fund - The Benevolence Fund supports one of our missions - to provide comfortable and dignified living choices to under-served or otherwise compromised seniors, whose income and assets are insufficient.

Special Projects - Funds donated towards special projects will be allocated for facility improvements.

Where Most Needed - We always appreciate unrestricted funding, which is directed to general operating costs. In the end, all our resources enable us to provide the best care and services to our residents that we possibly can.

Ways to Give: Cash, Check, Credit Card Gift or Online Donation – The easiest, most direct way to support Villa Scalabrini.

Make a Donation to Villa Scalabrini

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Through the philanthropic support of donors, Villa Scalabrini will be able to enhance its services and impact the lives of its senior residents.

Your generosity is vital and allows us to provide the excellent care and services you have come to expect from Villa Scalabrini.

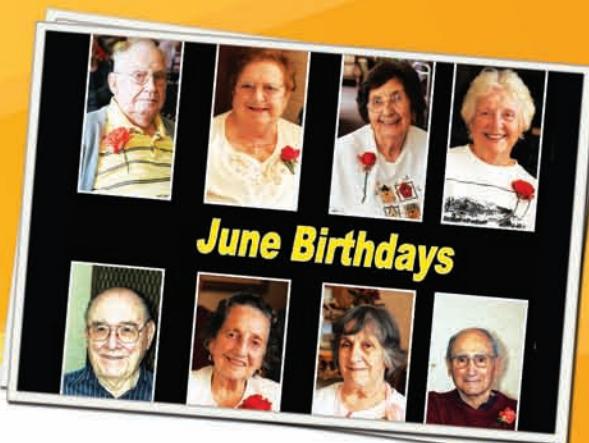
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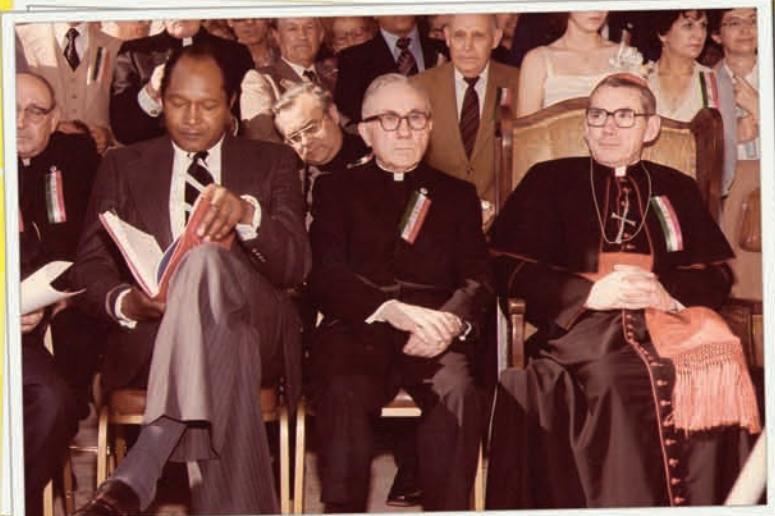
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Our History

Villa Scalabrinii Retirement Center in Sun Valley, CA was opened for residents' occupancy on July 16, 1979.

The 90-room facility, capable of accommodating up to 130 ambulatory senior citizens in single and double occupancy rooms, was dedicated on April 22, 1979. The dedication ceremony was attended by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, L.A. Archbishop Cardinal Timothy Manning, other civic and religious dignitaries and a crowd of over 2,000 people.

Villa Scalabrinii is the brain-child of Father Luigi Donanzan, of the Scalabrinii Fathers of St. Charles (a missionary religious order for assistance to migrants) and is based on the concept that retired men and women should spend the sunset years of their lives in pleasant surroundings, engaged in stimulating activities among their peers. Once the idea was launched, it found immediate endorsement from His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Manning and response from the Italian American community, among whom a committee of prominent Southern California individuals was formed to raise the necessary funds.

A dream becomes reality. Villa Scalabrinii is dedicated on April 22, 1979

Villa Scalabrinii, located in Sun Valley, at the foothills of the Verdugo Mountains in the San Fernando Valley, is a modern, functional structure, universally praised in architectural circles as "a model home for senior citizens." Designed by George Kirkpatrick and Panos Koulermos, architects, it is a one floor building with basement, covering a total area of 100,000 square feet.

Residents rooms are distributed around seven inside gardens that go by the names of famous Italian cities, such as: Palermo, Napoli, Roma, Firenze, Venezia, Milano, and Torino, thus offering the advantage of privacy and open air, while, at the same time, being all connected to the central facilities.

Among the special features of Villa Scalabrinii are: a spacious and modern chapel for daily Mass, dining room, arts and crafts room, physical therapy room, dentist room, optometrist room, beauty parlor, barber shop, bocce court, TV rooms. The building also houses the Sisters' quarters and rooms for retired Priests.

The building is completely furnished in modern, elegant and functional style. Dining room, living room and entrance hall have furniture and chandeliers all imported from Italy. Also imported from Italy is the marble of the entrance.

Among the many outstanding donors are: Henry Salvatori, Jimmy Durante (whose bust can be admired in the Napoli Garden, a work by sculptor Carlo Rambaldi), Michael Monteleone and Frank Sinatra.

Frank Sinatra held a "Tribute to Dolly Sinatra" night in Las Vegas in November, 1977, and a show at the Universal Amphitheater on June 3, 1979. A life-size picture of Dolly Sinatra, mother of the world famous entertainer, can be seen outside the Chapel which is dedicated in her memory. She died tragically in January, 1977 and had termed Villa Scalabrinii "one of my favorite charities."

A new addition to Villa Scalabrinii is the Active Seniors Community La Piazza, twenty brand-new private apartment homes, set in beautiful surroundings, the ideal place for Seniors who want to enjoy life at its best! Come and visit Villa Scalabrinii, where our guiding principle is the care and wellbeing of our residents, which we pursue through the dedication of our committed and experienced staff.

We offer our residents the quality of life they deserve, from nutritious meals, to a variety of activities that enhance their bodies and minds, to the pleasant surroundings, the many beautiful gardens that encompass our facility.

Tours of Villa Scalabrinii are available any weekday (weekends by appointment). For more information please call Laura Mesrobian, Admissions Coordinator, at 818-768-6500 ext 228 or email laura@villascalabrinii.com

Villa Scalabrinii, a tradition of caring!

Dear family & friends,

Summer is already here! There is so much happening in the Special Care Unit and Retirement Center since last spring. I am going to share some of the improvements that we have made in both areas:

- We replaced 100% of our bedside tables in the Special Care Unit;
- We mounted kick plates for all the rooms, entrance doors, and bathroom doors in the Special Care Unit to prevent damage to the doors;
- We painted the large dining room in the special care unit;

• We have organized the wellness program in our Retirement Center, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:30am --residents are benefiting from our instructors to help muscle strengthening and improving in range of motion-- our classes are always full!

Our goals for the following months and years are as follows:

- Upgrade our fire alarm system (currently in the stage of approving the plan through the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development department known as OSHPD).
- Upgrade our phone systems;
- Upgrade our nursing stations and call light systems;
- Install electronic health record systems by 2014, which is the new federal and state regulation required for all long term care providers.

All these projects are necessary and need to be implemented sooner or later. These current and future projects are going to improve Residents safety and create better care.

From March through June, 2011 we had 19 admissions in our Skilled Nursing Unit and 13 new admissions in our Residential Unit. We welcome all of you and our deepest sympathy goes out to all the families whom have lost their loved ones. They are always in our prayers.

We are also welcoming new additions to our staff members.

Hilda Osornio, OPT-Housekeeping

Gloria Saucedo, OPT-SCU Activities



**Blessings to you all,
Ardy Afshar
Administrator/CFO**



La Piazza

AT VILLA SCALABRINI



Highlights of Polenta Night at La Piazza

Good food, music and fun! Those were the expectations for Polenta Night at La Piazza, last June and true to the promise everyone had a wonderful time. The food was plentiful and delicious (thank you Guy & staff!), the music by Tony De Bruno livened the atmosphere and invited all to the dance floor. Yes, all, including Lina Sisto, our spunky 101 year young resident who could not resist getting up and dancing the chicken dance to everyone's amusement.

The elegant La Dolce Vita Hall was the perfect setting for the night and many of the guests took the opportunity to tour the beautiful residences of La Piazza; their comments were enthusiastic, fully appreciative of the functionality and beauty of the apartments, as well as of the serene surrounding gardens. We look forward to having some of them become future residents of La Piazza Active Seniors Community!

Many guests left with great raffle gifts and all with a smile on their faces....

Thank you all for a wonderful event!

Laura Mesrobian
Assistant Administrator/Admission Coordinator

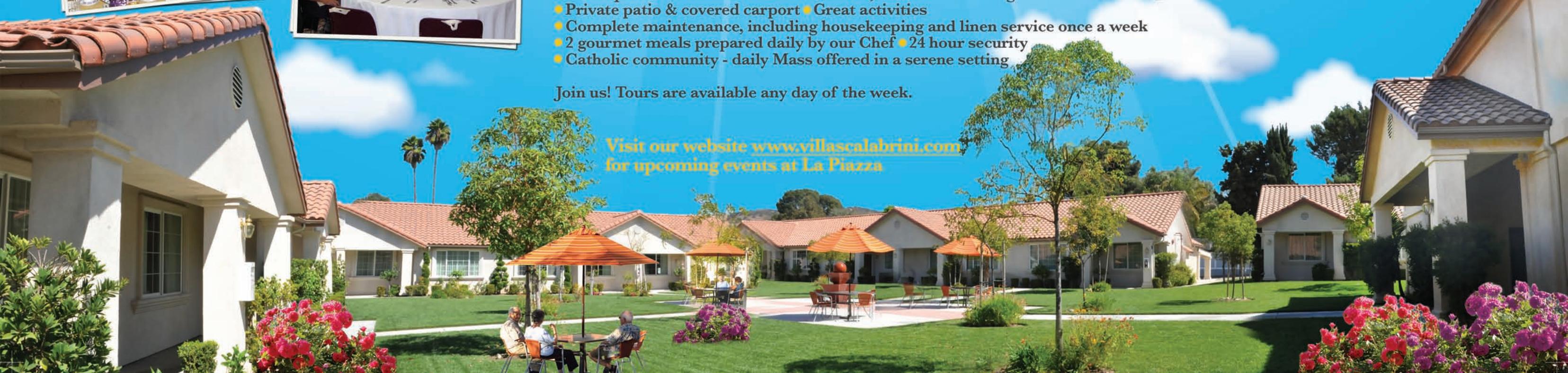


Special things that make La Piazza different from all the rest:

- 1200 sq. ft. individual homes
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath with a full gourmet kitchen
- Private patio & covered carport
- Great activities
- Complete maintenance, including housekeeping and linen service once a week
- 2 gourmet meals prepared daily by our Chef
- 24 hour security
- Catholic community - daily Mass offered in a serene setting

Join us! Tours are available any day of the week.

Visit our website www.villascalabrini.com
for upcoming events at La Piazza



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In July we will welcome Mary Kay Hall and in August we will welcome Angela Narici as our first residents to occupy La Piazza. Thank You Ladies! They are the trail blazers that will shape the direction and flavor of our beautiful facility.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to attend The Keystone Club's meeting at The Joslyn Center in Burbank to make a presentation on behalf of La Piazza. To my complete surprise, many of our friends are part of that group and welcomed me with open arms. Thanks to the Keystone Club!

The La Tuna Canyon Community Group meets at our facility once a month – I attended one of their meetings and enjoyed the group very much. I was invited back again for the month of June and they asked us to participate in their 'Spaghetti Western' community picnic in July. Stop by and see our booth!

St. Joseph Hospital continues to be a great place to network with many like minded people who are focused on assisting Seniors. We are fortunate to partner with them and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship in the coming years!

Having been in touch with many supporters of La Piazza through the community and our families at The Villa has shown me that our mission to help Seniors stay healthy and independent is catching on. Keep an eye out for our upcoming events and new residents. If you are interested in more information about La Piazza, please contact Gigi Santoro at (818) 847-7554.