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ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS



During the month of March our residents were encouraged and invited to participate in the annual St. Patrick's celebration where we served Irish coffee and green beer! Green decorations and outfits could be seen throughout the facility. Two days later I drove the residents to Casa Italiana and St. Peter's Church in Los Angeles where they celebrated the St. Joseph's Festivities with a special mass and a delicious pasta lunch for all the participants.

In April I drove the residents of our Safe Care Unit for a special treat away from the facility...Ice cream trip to the city of Tujunga. We also had pizza delivered for a special "Pizza Night". Another Pizza Night is scheduled for June since the residents requested it during our monthly residents meeting.

In May a Candlelight Dinner was organized to celebrate Mother's Day for all the mothers living here at the Villa. A beautiful corsage was presented to each resident mother as a symbol of love and respect.

Also in May we enjoyed the visit of a special group of dancers to celebrate Memorial Day and honor the men and women who gave their life serving this Country.

The month of June is dedicated to the celebration of Father's Day and we will pay special tribute to our flag (red, white and blue); an outside BBQ is scheduled to welcome the summer days.

For the past few months we were able to enjoy some nice outings away from the facility; trips to restaurants and shopping trips to several local stores.

We all look forward to our upcoming summer highlights: the 4th of July BBQ and the Annual Hawaiian Day in August. Meanwhile, a sincere thank you goes to all the volunteers and especially to all the residents for their participation in our activities programs.

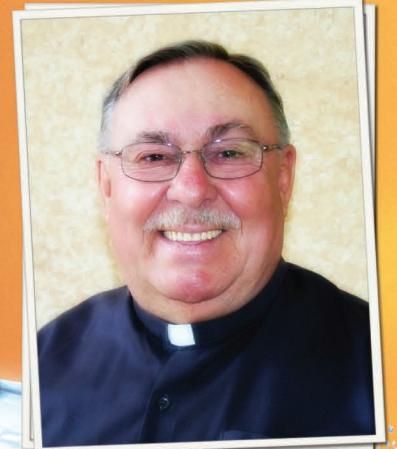
Sincerely,
Ricardo Alas
Programs Director/Social Services



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends, of the Villa,

It is a pleasure to reach you again to talk about our home, Villa Scalabrinini. We can say that our report is very positive: the Villa is always full to capacity together with our independent living residence La Piazza, already with a waiting list. This brings us confidence to continue our work in serving the people under our care.

As you know we don't have a marketing department and still the number of people visiting us is very satisfactory.

Sometimes we ask ourselves "How do people know about Villa Scalabrinini?"

... And the answer comes right away: mainly from friends, relatives, doctors and also from hospital staff.

At the beginning of the year I went to Providence St. Joseph Hospital for some tests and the receptionist asked me where I worked; I said "Villa Scalabrinini". Right away she said "I heard that Villa Scalabrinini is a wonderful place for the elderly, my friend had her mom there and she was very happy with the service provided by the Villa". It goes without saying that I was very happy to hear that!

As you can see, our best marketing tool is our "happy residents" and their families; word of mouth travels fast and is very efficient because our very stable staff surrounds our residents with love, care and respect.

The beautiful notes of appreciation we receive from the families of our residents confirm the special reality of life at the Villa. I'm very grateful to you all for the moral and financial support given to us.

May the blessings of our good Lord come upon you and your loved ones and enjoy the beautiful California summer!

Fr. Antonio De Angelis, c.s.
Executive Director/Administrator

Celebrating 34 Years of Service 1979 - 2013

La Piazza AT VILLA SCALABRINI

The Best in Retirement Living

An exceptional living experience at an
affordable price!

Individual homes make our community exclusive and special.

- Enjoy your own beautifully appointed home with more than 1200 square feet
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath all on ground level
- Soaring 10' ceilings
- Full gourmet kitchen
- Attached carports
- Private patios
- Utilities included
- Pet friendly
- Complete maintenance, including weekly house keeping and linen service
- Two gourmet meals a day
- Landscaped grounds, walking paths
- Putting green, gym facilities, library, Club house
- Weekly wellness program, movie nights, games and more
- Secure premises, 24 hours a day

Check us out!

To check for residence availability,
to take a tour or to request a brochure
please contact Laura Mesrobian,
Admissions Coordinator, at
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SCU NEWS

Thanking God for His Love and Grace, we at Special Care Unit proudly share with you our precious and humble encounter with God in serving our residents the best way we can. As our new Pope says, "We are called to follow in His footsteps....To step outside ourselves so as to attend to the needs of others, those who long for a sympathetic ear, those in need of comfort or help."

Viva el Papa Francisco!

Last March 13, 2013, residents and staff watched in television the election of our new Pope, as the whole world was waiting for the result of the conclave. It was in the second day that all of us saw the white smoke come out of the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. It was a very special event in the history of the Church of Christ. Thanks to God for giving us His successor, Pope Francis.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was a great celebration. The residents were asking about any Holy Mass celebrated by our New Pope and we found one to watch. Easter eggs were ready for the traditional egg hunting; with the help of our nurses, the residents enjoyed it so much!

St. Patrick's Day

We had a special Pizza lunch for everybody to enjoy on this feast day of St. Patrick. The residents also enjoyed the beautiful, thrilling and visually stunning Riverdance-The show, the ultimate celebration of the very best of Irish culture. "It was like nothing else I have ever seen", said one of our residents. Everyone appropriately wore green!

May Events

During the month of May with its springtime loveliness, one can deepen his knowledge of Our Lady by devoutly reciting more Rosaries. As we always start our day with the Holy Mass, so we end also our day praying the Holy Rosary. "During little sufferings, pray by making the invocation, 'Mary' and tell her you want it all to serve whatever intentions are most acceptable to her. Thus you put your sufferings like a chisel into the hands of a master sculptor." -St. Maximilian Kolbe recommends.

We also had our Cinco de Mayo celebration. Our residents enjoyed chips and dip and with the help of staff and volunteers they had a great time. Thank you everyone for all your loving support!

Welcome our dear Sr. Gerry, AR

We warmly welcome our new Sister assigned here with us. She just arrived last 4th of May and we are happy to have her here. Thank you Sister and welcome! We are blessed to have you with us. God bless!

Happy Mother's Day!

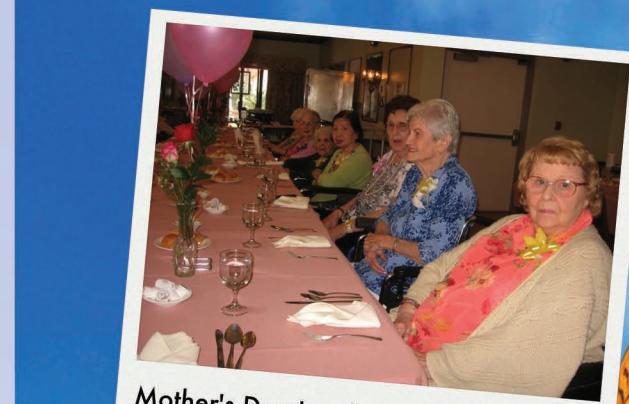
Mother's day celebration is always special. On the 10th of May we had a special lunch; some family members came to celebrate with their mothers. And some of the families took the residents out for a special celebration in their homes. Everybody enjoyed a wonderful meal, as well as the singing and dancing. Thanks to our kitchen personnel and to our SCU staff for their big help!

We believed that the Lord will work more wonders for those who trust in His ways. He is with us in every step of the way. Our New Pope says, "The power of grace comes alive and flourishes to the extent that we, in Faith, go out and give ourselves and the Gospel to others."

With grateful hearts, we thank you for the wonders of your love that you have shared with all of God's special ones, our residents!

Many Blessings!

By: Sr. Mavieve Joy G. Bernaldez, AR
Maria Bedoya, SSD



Mother's Day Lunch



Mother's Day



Happy Birthday Maria!



Enjoying fresh fruits in SCU

RCFE NEWS

Inside the Walls of Villa Scalabrini: The Dolly Sinatra Chapel

Built with a generous donation made by the famous entertainer and named after his mother, the Dolly Sinatra Chapel is the focal point of Villa Scalabrini.

Mrs. Sinatra was a committed supporter of the Villa's project, as she believed in having a Retirement Center that would cater to the elderly in a compassionate, loving and skillfully caring way.

Unfortunately Dolly Sinatra tragically perished in an airplane accident before the opening of the Villa.

Her son, Frank Sinatra then decided to generously fund the construction of this beautiful Chapel inside the walls of Villa Scalabrini, and in so doing continuing his mother's commitment to the project.

A dinner-show was organized at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas in November 1977 under the name "A Tribute to Natalie "Dolly" Sinatra for Villa Scalabrini of Los Angeles". With the participation of major personalities, the event was a great success and all the proceeds went to the Villa Scalabrini project.

Adorned with a beautiful mosaic of the Risen Lord, crafted by Italian artisan workers, the Chapel is beautifully maintained by our Sisters of the Augustinian Recollect and hosts a daily Mass for the residents and the neighboring community.

It is a well known fact at the Villa that most of our residents greatly benefit from having the convenience of religious services in place; it enhances their quality of life, their feeling of comfort and spiritual wellbeing.

Not to mention that for many of us on the staff being able to escape for a few minutes to the serenity of the chapel, can be reinvigorating in the midst of an often hectic work day.

Whether to attend Mass or to spend a few moments of quiet prayer, a visit to the beautiful chapel of Villa Scalabrini is well worth the time.

We welcome visitors!



Laura Mesrobian
Admissions Coordinator

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center and Special Care Unit and La Piazza at Villa Scalabrini, Active Seniors Community, are open for tours daily. For information or appointments please contact Laura Mesrobian, Admissions Coordinator, at (818)768-6500 ext. 228 or laura@villascalabrini.com



Villa Scalabrini is Awarded a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation by the Federated Italo-Americans of Southern California.

On the occasion of Republic Day, Italy's National Day, the Federated Italo-Americans Organization has awarded Villa Scalabrini with a Certificate and medal of Recognition and Appreciation "For Outstanding Generosity and Dedication to the Italo-American Community."

The award was given during a ceremony at Casa Italiana in Los Angeles on June 7, 2013. The event was attended by the Consul General of Italy, Hon. Giuseppe Perrone, many dignitaries and members of the local community.

Welcome New Residents!

Dorothy Bowren
Teresa De Robertis
Fr. Matthew Ewing
Maria Flores
Domiciano Gaerlan
Mabel Oakley
Loretta Parker
Liz Payne
Mafalda Rennie
Anne Romano
Patricia Thomas
Margaret Robson



Mother's Day Dinner



At St. Peter's Church

Thank you!

Nurses and Staff Appreciation Week June 10-14

To the employees of Villa Scalabrin Retirement Center & Special Care Unit

We would like you to know how much we appreciate your care and compassion to our aunt/grandma and others residents of your establishment.

There is nothing more that we wish for our aging love ones, but for them to live in a safe and happy environment. A place where people can give them the same love and care like we do while they are away from us. You have delivered that expectation through your hard work and dedication.

We thank you very much. Truly the success of your establishment lies with the team of sincerely dedicated Nurses and Workers.

More power and God Bless!!

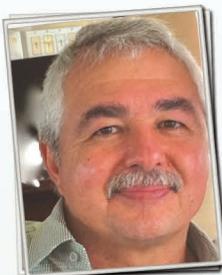
On behalf of the Macaranas clan,
The nephews, nieces, and grandchildren of Petra M. Gray

Fortunato E. Macaranas
Retired Chief Hospital Corpman
United States Navy



SCU NEWS

Dear families & friends,



We started Nursing and Staff Appreciation week on June 10th by blessing the hand of prayer in our chapel with Fr. Antonio Deangelis. Fr. Antonio emphasized his appreciation for the staff of Villa Scalabrin and stated, "Helping residents at Villa Scalabrin is not a job, it's a vocation." Thanks to all family and friends who sent their appreciation messages for our staff through e-mails, letters, and postcards.

The messages meant a great deal for all. We would also like to give a special thanks to the staff members who helped organize and deliver this function, which lasted five days.

Villa Scalabrin started implementing electronic medical records and nursing components since April 2013. I would like to give a special thanks to the Team Leaders for training the licensed nurses and certified nursing assistants. I also would like to congratulate the Business Office for a smooth transition while adapting to a new software implementation for Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and Financial Reports.

On another note a major improvement at Villa Scalabrin since the last newsletter was purchasing new patio furniture for the Safe Care Unit, and purchasing NuStep T5xr, which is one the most accessible, supportive, and versatile exercise machines for our Rehab department.

To conclude, my sincere sympathy goes out to all the families and friends who have lost a loved one.

We welcome the new members of our staff:
Padilla, Alfredo – Housekeeping
Galvan, Maria – CNA
Frugoli, Faith – MDS/RN

