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NEWSLETTER

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Christmas the Nativity of Jesus

Dear Villa Scalabrinini Family,



Christmas is approaching – another year is coming to an end – this is a peaceful and good time to contemplate the Baby Jesus, who was born poor in a manger, who helps us to understand that a human being has value for who he is, not for what he does or possesses.

This is a time to rethink values, to ponder about life and everything it involves. This is a time to allow the Incarnate Word to be reborn once again in our hearts, to fill us with hope and to be thankful for all we have celebrated and lived in our families during this year 2018 and particularly here at Villa Scalabrinini.

Christmas is God's special gift to humanity, it is for us Christians a celebration of joy, hope and peace.

It is a feast to celebrate the greatest moment in history and to tell everyone that the Savior is born, good news is announced and newness is proclaimed. On this special day we exchange messages, emails, WhatsApp's, cards, gifts, sweets. We meet each other and greet each other with the best wishes and share a great meal.

Christmas reminds us that God showed his love for us by sending his own beloved son who will continue to live with us forever. This is the ultimate expression of God's love for us. The savior has entered the world; the creator has become a creature, to give the world a new dignity.

The message of peace was proclaimed by the angels at the birth of Jesus: peace to those of good will. Jesus the God of peace will give his peace for us and this peace will last forever. His birth has transformed the world.

The birth of Jesus is a reminder that God has not forgotten us. It is a reminder of how much God loves us. It is a reminder that God has reached down to us so we in turn may reach up to Him with praises and glory in thanksgiving for our salvation.

By his birth in this world of challenges, conflicts and confusion, the God who became man shows us his will to accept the entire humanity to himself and to raise it up and integrate it into God's loving plan. Let us look at Mary, who kept all things in her heart and contemplated over them and ask from her the confidence to share the Christmas message with all.

On behalf of Villa Scalabrinini, I wish that the Baby Jesus born in the manger be your guiding light during this Blessed Season, and may His presence among us grant you the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope and the promise of Peace throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Feliz Natal! Joyeux Noel! Maligayang Pasko! Shnorhavor Surp Tsenunt!

Happy 2019 to All!

Fr. Adilso Luiz Balen, cs
Executive Director



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VILLA'S NEWS

Villa's Annual Family Outdoors Party

With a crowd of over 300 guests the Annual Family event went underway on Sunday, October 14, beginning with Mass celebrated by Fr. Adilso in the beautiful Villa's Chapel.

Saturday's rain gave some trepidation to the busy organizing committee but come Sunday morning we were all welcomed by the usual California sunny skies, a good omen for a great day to enjoy!

This event is a much loved tradition at Villa Scalabrinii and one that our Residents, their Families and Friends look forward to attending every year.

By noon time the Garden Pavilion, decorated in this year's theme Country Western, was ready: western hats, bandanas, balloons, western boots and the usual abundance of food and drinks to satisfy a large crowd.

The program included live music by a professional country singer, children games, the popular horse races game, a raffle with many great prizes and to the delight of the many children present, two miniature horses were brought in by our kind neighbor Sue. What a wonderful surprise!

A warm thank you goes to our Residents and their Families, to our generous sponsors: Pontrelli & Laricchia, D'Aquino Wine Imports, Montecarlo Deli, Mission Linens, Waxie Sanitary Supply, Abe-Egan Health Network and Supply Works, a Home Depot Co. Last but not least a special thank you to the organizing committee and the young volunteers who contributed to making this year's event a great success.

We all look forward to next year's party and stay tuned for news of Villa Scalabrinii 40th Anniversary! 1979-2019

Laura Mesrobian

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

WAYS TO GIVE

"Teach us to give and not count the cost."

-St. Ignatius de Loyola

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 Scalabrinii.

Make a Donation to Villa Scalabrinii

To make a donation to Villa Scalabrinii you can access our website www.villascalabrinii.com/waystogive and donate using your credit card via Paypal, or you may print a donation form and mail with your check.

Through the philanthropic support of donors, Villa Scalabrinii 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 Scalabrinii.

Fathers of Saint Charles (Villa Scalabrinii) is a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization as described in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.



What if Villa Scalabrinii earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can!

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates ad revenue, about a penny per search, to the charity its users designate. Use it just like any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get the same great results.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter Villa Scalabrinii as the organization you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! Please spread the word!



Welcome New Residents!

Delora Bloomingdale

Jim and Josie Campbell

Betty Canale

Adelio and Vera Di Gregorio

Ruth Houchleutner

Frank Getz

Monique Riela

Daniel Savino

Hortense Tomonelli

Joyce Van Dyke

Charles Ward

Start your Holiday Giving Season with an end-of-year charitable gift to Villa Scalabrinii Retirement Center and Special Care Unit.



Happy Birthday Father Memo!



Happy Birthday Sister Bernie and Laura!

La Piazza AT VILLA SCALABRINI

An exceptional living experience at an affordable price!

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The Best in Retirement Living



Check us out!

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BEING THANKFUL FOR THE GOOD AND BAD TIMES

In a time of thanksgiving, it's normal to feel gratitude for the good in our life. Rarely do we take the opportunity to be thankful for both the good and bad times. Why should I be thankful for the difficulties in my life you might ask? After the tragedy of 9/11, many people took the time to re-evaluate their lives. Some people reassessed their priorities, made career changes or reconnected to family and friends. Many people reviewed their values to see if they were living a life of integrity.

The challenges in life build resilience. We often build character and a greater understanding of our strengths during the bad times. For many, difficulties provide an opportunity to grow stronger spiritually. Sometimes people connect to God for the first time during a traumatic life event. For others, challenges provide an opportunity to evaluate one's relationship to the universe.

Regardless of the economic climate, there are going to be people who are involved in a personal struggle. Occasionally, there is a global or community event which provides an opportunity for people to come together as a collective. Some may need support, while others will open to providing it. A special kinship can develop as people work together to meet challenges. It is in surviving the tough times that we acquire a special appreciation for the bounty of life. A struggle in one area may provide a special sense of gratitude in another. Financial difficulties may promote thanksgiving for friends and family.

During this time of thanksgiving and global transition, let's take a moment to look at all the things to be thankful for. As we feel appreciation for the abundance in our life, it is worth taking a moment to also give thanks for the challenges and opportunities we face.

Happy Holidays!

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

Staff Appreciation Week

Every year an entire week is dedicated to recognizing the Staff of Villa Scalabrini and their commitment to serving our Residents with loving care.

Thank you all for your good work and dedication to our Residents!



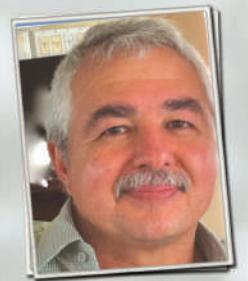
Halloween and Other Fun Activities

A special Thank You to Sister Joy, Maria Bedoya, Ricardo Alas and the volunteers for all the fun activities and entertainment they plan and offer our Residents on a daily basis.



SPECIAL CARE UNIT

Dear families & friends,



As I begin my 30th year of working in long-term care, I thought I would be able to foresee the future of long term care over the next decade. For more than 30 years, nursing home quality assurance has been defined largely by statutory requirements in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA'87) and associated regulations put forward by the center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

With oversight from federal government, states have primary responsibility for certifying facilities' compliance through regular inspections (roughly once a year) and as necessary.

More recently, in June 2017, CMS issued a proposed rule that would explicitly reverse course and changed many regulations. An example of this is the removal of the prohibition on pre-dispute binding arbitration agreement; however, no final rule has been issued. Another is reduced hospitalization time in the 30 days following hospitalization with fines being levied for both hospital and nursing homes that fail to do this and many others.

On a different note, I foresee an inevitable decline of the nursing home industry. The reason being a growing number of alternatives to nursing home care, resulting in countless number of Americans remaining in their homes or home like setting in their final years.

In anticipation of the changes in our industry, Villa Scalabrini is ahead of the game and yields alternative solutions to cover the exceptionally increasing costs of the changing regulations.

During this season, we welcome volunteers to help us with different activities and functions. If you or anyone you know is interested in doing some volunteer work, please contact Maria Bedoya in our Special Care Unit or Ricardo Alas in the Retirement Center.

Lastly, in addition to welcoming new residents, we would also like to welcome new staff members who have recently joined our team.

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| Edith Sanchez | C.N.A. |
| Tanya Cabrera | Dietary |
| Kimberly Rodriguez | La Piazza Dietary |
| Rhosalie Castro | L.V.N. |
| Raquel Jimenez | R.N. |
| Charlemagne Magaling | L.V.N. |
| Monserrat Contreras | Dietary |
| Angel De Jesus Lares | Dietary |
| Marina Santana | Dietary |
| Ana Rosa Martinez | Housekeeping |
| Juana Morales | C.N.A. |

Blessings to you all,
Ardy Afshar
Administrator/CFO

