

CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo is observed annually on May 5. It celebrates the defeat of the French army during the Battle of Puebla (Batalla de Puebla) in Mexico on May 5, 1862. This battle was important for at least two reasons. First, although considerably outnumbered, the Mexicans defeated a much-better-equipped French army. Second, since the Battle of Puebla, no country in the Americas has been invaded by any European military force. Cinco de Mayo is sometimes mistaken to be Mexico's Independence Day—the most important national holiday in Mexico—which is celebrated on September 16, commemorating the Cry of Dolores that initiated the war of Mexican independence from Spain. Historian Justo Sierra has written in his *Political Evolution of the Mexican People* that had Mexico not defeated the French in Puebla on May 5, 1862, France would have gone to the aid of the Confederacy in the U.S. Civil War, and the United States' destiny would have been different.

According to a paper published by the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture about the origin of the observance of Cinco de Mayo in the United States, the modern American focus on that day first started in California in the 1860s in response to the resistance to French rule in Mexico.

A 2007 *UCLA Newsroom* article notes that, "the holiday, which has been celebrated in California continuously since 1863, is virtually ignored in Mexico." *Time* magazine reports that "Cinco de Mayo started to come into vogue in 1940s America during the rise of the Chicano

Movement." The holiday crossed over from California into the rest of the United States in the 1950s and 1960s but did not gain popularity until the 1980s, when marketers, especially beer companies, capitalized on the celebratory nature of the day and began to promote it.

In a 1998 study in the *Journal of American Culture* it was reported that there were more than 120 official US celebrations of Cinco de Mayo in 21 different states. An update in 2006 found that the number of official Cinco de Mayo events was 150 or more, according to José Alamillo, a professor of ethnic studies at Washington State University in Pullman, who has studied the cultural impact of Cinco de Mayo north of the border. Los Angeles' Fiesta Broadway has been billed as the largest Cinco de



Mayo celebration in the world, which it most certainly was at its peak in the 1990s, when it attracted crowds of 500,000 or more. In recent years attendance has seen a dramatic decrease.

Large Cinco de Mayo celebrations are also held in cities such as Chicago, Houston, San Jose, San Antonio, Sacramento, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Denver and El Paso, where a large proportion of the population has Mexican origins. Many people hang up banners, and school districts organize lessons and special events to educate their pupils about the culture of Americans of Mexican descent.

EVENTS

SUN MAY 7 CYPRESSAIRES 3:30 – MH

The Monterey Peninsula Cypressaires, directed by Kristen Thompson, is one of over 800 chapters in the United States and Canada comprising the Barbershop Harmony Society. They specialize in the unaccompanied, four-part, close-harmony style of singing known as “Barbershop,” and have delivered hundreds of critically acclaimed performances all over the Monterey Peninsula since they formed in 1956. Come and find out how Manor resident Steve Brooks spends every Tuesday evening.

MON MAY 8, 15, 22 EDUCATION COMMITTEE CLASS – 9:30 – 11 – CR

Dick Wheat will teach us about “The Fun of Memoir Writing.” When you’ve finished taking these classes, you’ll be able to tell your own story in your own way. BB

TUE MAY 9 MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY – 7:15

Wieniawski, *Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Minor*, London Symphony under Lawrence Foster, with Gil Shaham, violin; Waldteufel, *Les Patineurs - Valse*, Philharmonia under Herbert Von Karajan; Pablo de Sarasate, *Zigeunerweisen*, Royal Philharmonic under Andre Litton, with Joshua Bell, violin; Imre Kalman, *Die Csardasfurstin – Tanzen Möcht’ Ich*, Tonkünstler Orchestra under Alfred Eschwé, with Angelika Kirchslager, soprano, and Simon Keenlyside, baritone; and Rimsky-Korsakov, *Capriccio Espagnol*, Royal Philharmonic under Adrian Leaper

WED MAY 10 DAY TRIPPERS ARE HEADED NORTH

Day Trippers will head to Davenport and Pescadero for lunch and scenic views. Manor bus will leave at 10:00 and return between 3:30 and 4:00. Sign up on BB. Questions? Jane Upp, X 4756

WED MAY 10 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH



La La Land Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) and Mia (Emma Stone) are drawn together by their common desire to do what they love. But as success mounts they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the

fragile fabric of their love affair, and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.

THU MAY 11 HALF-FAST WALKERS PLAN TO WALK – 9

Walkers will head for **Jacks Peak**. Sign up on BB. Steve Brooks will lead.

SAT MAY 13 SPECIAL EVENT – 6 – DR

“In Honor of Mothers and Motherhood,” a musical tribute by Will Furman and Gerry Williams

SUN MAY 14 MOVIE – 2:30 – MH

Sunset Blvd is a 1950 film noir directed and co-written by Billy Wilder. The film stars William Holden as Joe Gillis, an unsuccessful screenwriter, and Gloria Swanson as Norma Desmond, a faded silent film star who draws him into

her fantasy world where she dreams of making a triumphant return to the screen. Praised by many critics when first released, *Sunset Boulevard* was nominated for eleven Academy Awards and won three. In 1998, it was ranked number twelve on the American Film Institute's list of the 100 best American films of the 20th century,

SUN MAY 14 DAY TRIPPERS HEAD TO THE THEATER

The Last Word is a new play, written and directed by Tom Parks. After forty years of marriage, she reveals a secret she’s been keeping to herself for too long. It is a secret that will change their lives forever. Manor bus leaves at 1 for 2 pm performance. Return by 4. Cost is \$20. Sign up on BB. Questions? Barbara Brooks, X 4736

MON MAY 15 SYMPHONY PREVIEW – 11 - L

Dr. Todd Samra will talk about the upcoming Monterey Symphony program. His presentations are always informative and entertaining. Everyone is welcome.

TUE MAY 16 MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY – 7:15

Maurice Ravel, *Rhapsodie Espagnole*, Budapest Symphony under Gyorgy Lehel; Johann Nepomuk Hummel, *Grand Concerto, W23*, Orchestra of Opera North under Benjamin Wallfish, Karen Geoghegan, bassoon; Alexander Borodin, *Polovetsian Dances*, New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein; José Luis Merlin, *Suite del Recuerdo*, Lisa Schroeder, flute, Michael Anthony Nigro, guitar

WED MAY 17 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH

20th Century Women tells the story of a teenage boy, his mother, and two other women who help raise him among the love and freedom of Southern California of 1979.

THU MAY 18 HALF-FAST WALKERS PLAN TO WALK – 9 Walkers will head for **Palo Corona**. Sign up on BB. Lee Chambers will lead.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN MAY 21 MOVIE – 2:30 – MH

The Philadelphia Story

WED MAY 24 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH

Lean on Me

SUN MAY 28 MOVIE – 2:30 – MH

Touch of Evil

WED MAY 31 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH

Light Between the Oceans

NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS

Zad and Laela Leavy
Charles Bancroft
Ellen Latimer McGrath

William and Julie Obering
Claude “Skip” & Joan Keyzers
Barbara Eisiminger

Happy Birthday

5/5	Louis, R.	5/16	Rosen, L.
5/8	Downey, N.	5/17	Miner, R.
5/14	Holmes, G.		

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

See also *Master Schedule of Ongoing Activities*
(C 8-9 Residents' Handbook)

Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM	THUR	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
Monday Morning Forum (4th) MH	10:30AM		Half-Fast Walkers	9:00AM
Advanced Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM		Adv. Water Exercise SP	9:30-10:15AM
Duplicate Bridge GR	1:00PM		Table Tennis MH	1:15-3:15PM
Dominoes GR	7:15PM		Bingo (2nd & 4th) GR	7:15PM
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Council Meeting (2nd) CR	9:30AM		Balance and Stretch MH	9:15-9:45AM
Adv. Water Exercise SP	9:30-10:15AM		Strength Circuit Training FC	11:00-11:45AM
Worship Services (1st) H	10:30AM		Bookmobile	12:45-1:15PM
Communion Service (3rd) HC	10:30AM		(Every other Friday from May 5)	
Lawn Bowling PG	1:15-3:15PM		Lawn Bowling PG	1:15-3:15PM
Sing For Fun (1st & 3rd) WP	2:30PM		Social Bridge GR	7:15PM
Music In The Library L	7:15PM	SAT	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
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Balance and Stretch MH	9:15-9:45AM		Putting (2nd) PG	10-11:30AM
Java w/ Jane (3rd) (5/17) PL	9:30AM		Wine Dinner Group (2nd) PDR	5:30PM
Advanced Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM		Music on the Menu DR.	6:00-7:00PM
Strength Circuit Training FC	11:00-11:45AM	SUN	Classic Movie MH	2:30PM
Communion Service (3rd) WP	11:15AM			

LOCATION LEGEND

CR Conference Room(s)	DR Dining Room	FC Fitness Center	GR Game Room
H Hillcrest	HC Health Center	HG Hall Gallery	L Library
MH Meeting House	PDR Private Dining Room	PG Putting Green	PL Pavilion Lounge
SP Swimming Pool	WP West Parlor	BB Sign-up and/or Information on Bulletin Board	

SPECIAL EVENTS MUSICAL TRIBUTE – MAY 13

Will Furman and Gerry Williams will present a musical program that traces the joys and difficulties, pleasures and challenges that come along with the job of raising kids and being a “Mom.” A tapestry of specially-selected standards, as well as songs that will be new to you, has been woven together for this special occasion honoring mothers. Don’t miss it!



FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH

His dizzy aunt
The brother who ate prunes
The brother who worked at a convenience store

The grandfather from Yugoslavia
His Mexican cousin
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother
The nephew who drove a stage coach

The constipated uncle
The ballroom-dancing aunt
The bird-lover uncle
An aunt who taught positive thinking

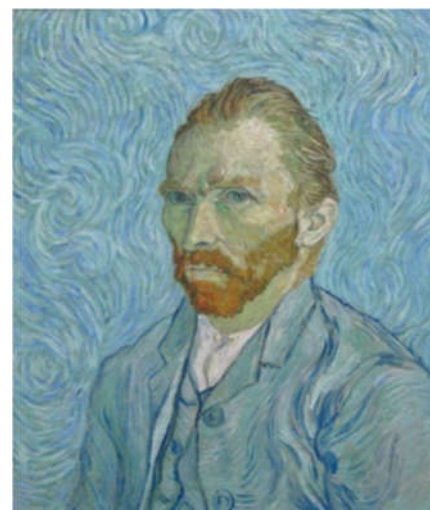
The little bouncy nephew
A sister who loved disco
The brother with low back pain
And his niece who travels the country in an RV
His magician uncle

Verti Gogh
Gotta Gogh
Stop N Gogh

U Gogh
A Mee Gogh
Gring Gogh
Wells-far Gogh

Can't Gogh
Tang Gogh
Flamin Gogh
Way-to-Gogh

Poe Gogh
Go Gogh
Lum Bay Gogh
Winnie Bay Gogh
Where-diddy Gogh



LEST WE FORGET - FRANK BROAD

Sometime in 1981, my wife Dottie and I as their sponsors met the Broads. Maybe it wasn't mutual, but we were more than impressed. And it so happened we readily became friends, a relationship that has all these years continued to grow. Even today, at Hillcrest, we happily eat, drink, play and camp out twenty-four a day.

Now, Frank's wife Dorothy has kept Frank in tow very nicely, what with their seven great kids, all of whom many of us have met. And we could be writing a favorable piece about her and their family. But this time my intent is to focus on the old man and convey to every resident his remarkable leadership role at the Manor.

Born in 1919 in Wilmette, Illinois, Frank went on to graduate from Northwestern as an Industrial Engineer. During the War, as an ROTC Navy he became a Lt. Cmdr., serving on several ships. After separation he married and worked for "The Telephone Company," but later joined Equitable Life Insurance, a happy and successful move that ended him up in San Francisco, responsible for a large district and many folks with life insurance.

He retired at 65 if you might call it, for he became

restless living in the beautiful town of Moraga and became the sole proprietor of *Grampa's Fixit*, exhibiting skills we at the Manor all recognize - his being able to fix anything.

At the age of 81, they both decided to find a continuing care facility and finally settled on the Manor, a move he agrees was his best ever. It so happens it was also a great move for the Manor. Let me give you reasons why, by elaborating his many accomplishments and contributions:

- Six years on the Council and attending most all the Board of Directors Meetings
- Two terms as the Council President
- Chair of the Religious, Sports and Games, and Endowment Committees
- Member of the Disaster Committee, Half Fast Walkers, and Resident Shop
- Best known for his paperback library, bingo calling, chef at annual BBQ, ice cream socials, lousy jokes, pretty fair bowling and bridge skills, obsession with jigsaw puzzles, love of mint chocolate, and willingness to fix anything anytime for anybody.

Yes, it's most doubtful that many a resident can match his many contributions to the Manor's operation and his friendship with so many residents - a prince we should never forget, both during his independent days and now at Hillcrest.

Art Brown

At an out-of-town convention, a man won a large Queen Anne wingback chair. Getting it back to his seventh-floor hotel room proved a challenge. He got it into the elevator, but there wasn't enough room for everyone, so he invited a woman to take a seat. When the elevator stopped on the third floor, a drunk started to enter. He looked at the woman on the chair for a second before suggesting, "If I were you, I'd ask for a bigger room."

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