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Our 55th Anniversary Gala



EVENTS

SUN OCT 21 MOVIE – 1:30 – MH

The Odd Couple In this film, compulsive neatnik Felix Unger is thrown out of his house by his wife. He gravitates to the apartment of his best friend, incorrigibly-sloppy sportswriter Oscar Madison. Oscar invites Felix to move in with him, but within days the mismatched pair is on the verge of mutual murder.

TUE OCT 23 iPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY – 9:30-11:30 – CR

Will Furman and Ken Rich will teach us how to: take pictures, videos, slow motion, and time lapse...review and select pictures to send by email...edit pictures (chop, brighten, darken, change color.) Sign up on BB.

WED OCT 24 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH

Leave No Trace A father and daughter live a perfect but mysterious existence in Forest Park, a beautiful nature reserve near Portland, Oregon, rarely making contact with the world. But when a small mistake tips them off to authorities, they are sent on an increasingly erratic journey in search of a place to call their own.

THU OCT 25 HALF-FAST WALKERS PLAN TO WALK – 9

Walkers will head for **Palo Corona**. Sign up on BB and order your brown bag lunch the previous day. Steve Brooks will lead.

THU OCT 25 “INTO THE HILLS” – MH - 4:30

Tory Raggett will present a slideshow, entitled *Into The Hills*, which will include examples of her work over the past 25 years and include paintings done at the Manor during 2018, specifically for her Hall Gallery show.

FRI OCT 26 EDUCATION COMM. CLASS – 1:30 – CR

Third of 5 successive Friday sessions on Toni Morrison's *Sula* and *Song of Solomon* presented by Renee Curry. Sign up and order books on BB.

SUN OCT 28 MOVIE – 1:30 – MH

Charade After Regina (Audrey Hepburn) falls for the dashing Peter (Cary Grant) on a skiing holiday in the French Alps, she discovers upon her return to Paris that her husband has been murdered. Soon, she and Peter are giving chase to three of her late husband's World War II cronies, Tex (James Coburn), Scobie (George Kennedy) and Gideon (Ned Glass), who are after a quarter of a million dollars the quartet stole while behind enemy lines.

MON OCT 29 MONDAY MORNING FORUM – 10:30 – MH

Michael Carns, a retired four-star general with a distinguished career, will speak on “American Foreign Policy.” General Carns has served as Aide to the Air Force Chief of Staff; Commander of Clark Air Base, Philippines; Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command; and Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Earlier, he completed 200 combat missions in Vietnam. General Carns will share with us his unique perspective on U.S. foreign policy and defense readiness.

WED OCT 31 MOVIE – 7:15 – MH

Vertigo An ex-police officer who suffers from an intense fear of heights is hired to prevent an old friend's wife from committing suicide, but all is not as it seems. Hitchcock's haunting, compelling masterpiece is uniquely revelatory about the director's own predilections and hang-ups and is widely considered to be one of his masterworks.

THU NOV 1 HALF-FAST WALKERS PLAN TO WALK – 9

Walkers will head for **Glen Devon**. Sign up on BB and order your brown bag lunch the previous day. Marty Rosen will lead.

THU NOV 1, 8, 15 BASIC BRIDGE WITH LYDE – 4 – GR

Learn the basics with 3 90-minute lessons on successive Thursdays, taught by our local “Queen of Bridge.” Sign up on BB.

SUN NOV 4 MOVIE – 1:30 – MH

Breaker Morant In South Africa during the Second Boer War, Australian Army Lieutenants Harry "Breaker" Morant, Peter Handcock, and George Witton stand accused of the murders of six Boer prisoners and the assassination of a German missionary. British Commander-in-Chief Lord Kitchener is determined to see the men found guilty, which he can use as a bargaining chip in an impending peace conference with the Boers.

Manorites and Friends at Alzheimer's Walk



NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS

Bill Schueler and Susan Nycum	Bruce and Harriet Newell
Claude “Skip” & Joan Keyzers	John and Ann Mahoney
Diane Greenlee	Alicon Jones
Charles and Leslie Snorff	Roger Newell
Tom and Sue Masters	Joanne Irmis
Susan DuCoeur	Richard Ruh & Wendy Palmer

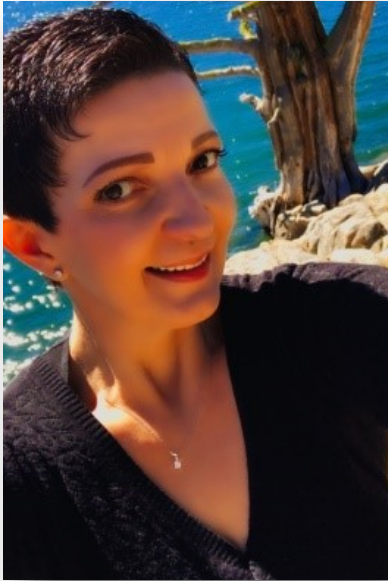
Happy Birthday

10/19	Joyce H.	10/26	Marilyn F.
10/21	Dorothy B.	10/28	Beverly F.
10/23	Armand L.	10/29	Sandra L.
10/25	Nancy R.		

IN MEMORIAM

10/10 Helen Argall

Ilona Corpus, Dining Services Director



It was a very warm afternoon in August, 1976, when a baby girl was born in the town of Kaposvar, near the Austrian border and two and a half hours south of Budapest. The little baby didn't have a proposed name. The Czibere family already had three boys, so a girl's name had not been given any consideration and she was given her mother's name, Ilona (pronounced *Elo-na*). In Hungary, every

day of the year is a name day, so children can celebrate two days of their own; their name day and their birthday. However, for Ilona, both of these happened on the same day; so little Ilona only had one celebration of her very own each year. This was the least of the unfortunate occurrences of her childhood.

Ilona's mother had a restaurant; her father had a trucking company. They were not a touchy-feely family. Money was important to them. Ilona loved her family dearly, but she had to do all the work at home. One brother had died, but she had to do the cooking, cleaning and ironing for her parents and the other two brothers. (She does not own an iron today!) Her father was also a taskmaster. When Ilona came home one day with her sixth grade report card, on which she had one B, her father gave her a merciless beating. She never again got a B.

When she was 13, she got angry about having to do all the housework, while maintaining her perfect work at school, and said she was going to leave. Her father said "If you leave, go as far as you can!" And so, this brave teenager went to a town a few hours away. She was homeless and slept in a park. When she was 14, she worked in a bar at night and went to high school during the day. Two life-changing occurrences happened to her when she was in that town, but I will leave that for your imagination.

Nine months later Lilla Juliana was born. There is a tradition in Hungary that when a child is born the father celebrates with his drinking friends all night. The problem for Ilona was that the father kept drinking and drinking and drinking. He drank himself out of

her life. Lilla Juliana did keep the name of her biological father, but they never saw him again. Ilona returned to her family with her baby but got her own apartment. With the money she had saved and with the help of her parents, she started her own restaurant, Csokonai Etterem. It became very successful.

During this time, Ilona learned to play pool, became a member of a league called *Survivors*, and became a champion. When she was 22, her boyfriend broke up with her. She was crushed. So sad, again, she wanted to leave. She saw an ad in the newspaper from a Hungarian woman living in New York: "Wanted... a housekeeper and baby sitter in New York City." Ilona followed up on the ad. The woman said she would take care of the plane ticket, all arrangements, etc., if Ilona would pay her \$5,000 when she arrived. Lilla was now 2 ½ years old and the thought that she would have to leave her behind was almost unbearable. But Ilona left her child with her mother and said she would return for her in six months.

The 2 ½ hour ride to the airport was the scariest and most silent one of her life. She was saying goodbye to her little girl and to all she knew. She could speak Russian, Italian, and German, but she knew no English. She had never been on a plane or train before. Wouldn't you be scared and apprehensive?

Ilona arrived at Heathrow and immediately got lost. She had a connecting flight which she could not find, because she could not read the signs. She followed directions given to her; went down a long corridor and only saw a number to a train. She didn't understand this, so she walked all the way back, finding nothing. She returned to the long corridor, which happened to be the approach to a train. She boarded it just in time and hoped. It did take her to her flight to JFK. Whew!

Now at JFK, she waited a very long time for the customs/immigration man to find a translator. She kept trying to tell the officer that there was a Hungarian lady waiting for her outside of customs. Finally, after everyone else was gone and finding no translator, he got the idea to go get the Hungarian lady waiting for her. She was there, waiting. They got together, got a taxi and went to the lady's apartment. Upon Ilona's arrival the woman asked for the \$5,000 and her passport. Ilona gave her the money but not the passport. Her father had told her to never give up her passport. The woman showed Ilona to her room, where she immediately, absolutely exhausted, fell sound asleep.

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She woke up in the morning to heavy pounding on the door. Very sleepy, she finally got up to answer it. Walking into the living room, she discovered there was no furniture. Nothing was there that had been there the night before. She opened the door to two big guys that pushed her aside and went to get the furniture in the bedroom. She grabbed her belongings as they threw her out. She could not tell what they were saying in English. But she knew she was homeless again.

This was the year 2000, and homelessness in New York takes bravery. She slept in Central Park for a month. Finally, and fortunately, a very nice Hungarian man, whose mother did charity work for Hungarians, found her living in the park. Ilona stayed with the mother. One day the man, Steve, asked her if she knew how to play pool. He said she could make money that way if she wanted to be a hustler. She didn't know what that meant, so he explained and said she would get a percentage of \$1,000 a night. He also asked her if she could run fast. She said that she could run fast. So, she made money this way for a month, playing pool every other night, and often she did have to run fast. Then, one night she had to run from a knife. That ended her hustling, but now she had enough money to move on. One of her brothers had a Hungarian friend in California. So, California, here she comes! Still speaking no English, but with all the grit and bravery she had, and a one way ticket, Ilona arrived in Valley Springs.

"I saw your ad in the newspaper" was the first English sentence she had full command of. It got her a job at Fountainwood, in Carmichael, as a caregiver, from 10 pm—6 am. This lady was determined to work and make enough money to bring her daughter to California, so she babysat during the day. She had to buy a car for her commute, so she paid \$3500 for a beat-up car. Later, she got a job as a live-in caregiver for a woman with a beautiful home in Stockton. At this point, her English was a little rocky, but they got along fine. It was here that Ilona met the next-door neighbor. It was love at first sight. She worked in this very nice home for four months. Then, missing her daughter so much, she returned home for six weeks, and then returned to Stockton. She and her love, the next door neighbor, were married in January, 2002, and in November of that year her daughter, Lilla, joined them. Now, happily married and having her daughter with her, she was able to go back to school. This was something she always had been determined to do.

She had a BA from Hungary, but California schools would not accept that, so Ilona entered Delta College and took her prerequisite classes with her main classes. She did 55 units in each semester, in order to finish her degree in 1 ½ years. She got her AA at Delta from Culinary Arts; an AS in European Pastry and an AA in Con-

sumer Health Science. With her GPA of 4.0 and graduating with the highest honors, her degree in Business Management from Hungary was transferred and accepted.

What a woman of hard-earned accomplishments! But that wasn't enough for her. Ilona went online to take courses from the University of Las Vegas, as at that time she could not get in for a semester. Her English was still insufficient, so she recorded the classes so that she could listen to them at home and work out what she had to learn in English. She did her work mostly during the night, with soft music in the background. At 5:30 a.m. she would go to her first class...a speech class. She feels that year-and-a-half was her best.

Work, work, work, study, study, study must be her M.O. She has never stopped. She ran a restaurant, and then, in 2006, she worked as the dining manager for Merrill Gardens, in Stockton. She was there for 1 ½ years, when she was recruited at O'Connor Woods, a CCRC. Ilona is a perfectionist and she loves her work. Her diligence was not going well with her husband, who did not want her to work. He told her she had to choose between him and her work. She said to him, "I am going to miss you honey." She chose her work and, after 13 years of marriage, they divorced. Her love for what she does, where there is no middle ground, ended their marriage.

It was at this stage of her life that she entered ours. We thought Helen was indispensable, but her replacement walked into our lives and we smile. Her office is spotless. Where does she hide all her work? Only she knows, but it is there and we profit from her skills, determination and love of her profession. There is a twinkle in her large brown eyes, but there is a mischievous and a determined reserve behind them. The small smile on her pixie-like face shows her confidence for the wonderful job she loves to do.

Jane Upp



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

See also *Master Schedule of Ongoing Activities*

(C 10,11 Residents' Handbook)

MON	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		Games GR	7:00PM
	Dominoes GR	7:15PM	FRI	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
TUES	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM		Balance and Stretch MH	9:15-9:45AM
	Council Meeting (2nd) CR	9:30AM		Strength Circuit Training FC	11:00-11:45AM
	Adv. Water Exercise SP	9:30-10:15AM		Bookmobile	12:45-1:15PM
	Worship Services (1st) H	10:30AM		(Every other Friday (October 19)	
	Communion Service (3rd) HC	10:30AM		Lawn Bowling PG	1:15-3:15PM
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	Sing For Fun (1st) WP	2:30PM	SAT	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
WED	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM		Putting (2nd) PG	10-11:30AM
	Balance and Stretch MH	9:15-9:45AM		Wine Dinner Group (2nd) PDR *	5:30PM
	Advanced Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM		Music on the Menu DR (Oct 20)	6:00-7:00PM
	Strength Circuit Training FC	11:00-11:45AM	SUN	Classic Movie MH	1:30PM
	Communion Service (2nd) WP	11:15AM	*NEW		
	Mahjong*	2:00-4:00PM		*Oct is different - date is Oct 20	

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	

LIBRARY NOTES

BOOKS SELECTED FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Fiction

FALLEN LAND
THE RECKONING
TRANSCRIPTION
A SPARK OF LIFE**

Taylor Brown
John Grisham
Kate Atkinson
Jodi Picoult

Mystery

PARADOX
THE WOMAN IN THE WATER*

Catherine Coulter
Charles Finch

Biography

THE BROWNS OF CALIFORNIA

Miriam Pawel

WHERE THE PAST BEGINS: A WRITER'S
MEMOIR*

Amy Tan

U. S. History

THE FIGHTERS

C. J. Chivers

*Donation **MacCullough ***Wagner Fund

DVDs CHOSEN FOR NOVEMBER 2018

SHETLAND (Series 4)

GRANTCHESTER (Seasons 2 and 3)

THE FRENCH VILLAGE (Season 7)

LEAVE NO TRACE



A man was telling his neighbor in Port Charlotte, Florida, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me \$4000, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."

"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty."

Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then I wonder what I am here after.

LT. DONALD E. CORZINE, US NAVY



tions for his bravery. He also began writing his experiences in the pilot "ready room." *Decoration or Dishonor* was his first book, based on his military actions and available here at the Manor.



Hellcat Landing on Carrier

Lt. Corzine was a man of many talents. He was an accomplished writer, scholar, athlete, and war hero. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brown University, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, All American Honorable Mention in football, and senior class president. After college he served as a Navy fighter pilot.

Don's wartime experiences were full of action. Based on a carrier in the Pacific, his 6 foot 7 inch frame barely squeezed into his Grumman Hellcat fighter. This did not stop him from shooting down 5 Japanese Zeroes. Unfortunately, during the Okinawa campaign, he was shot down, crashed into the sea, and endured a 14-hour rubber raft boat ride. Miraculously, he was rescued by the submarine USS Bang. He was given a fresh uniform but no one had any shoes that fit. He received many decora-

After the war, he operated his own real estate development firm before joining Paine Webber as vice president. He claimed he was the only surfing Mayor of Malibu. He continued to write several other books based on his financial experiences.

Don had an easy-going attitude and subtle sense of humor. I recently asked him if he was up to flying his Hellcat in battle. Without hesitation, he said, "I am ready if they need me!" Unfortunately, Don passed away last month. The nurses at the Health Center report that he was a patient who never uttered a discouraging word. He will be missed by all.

Gary Nelson

OUR RESIDENTS' WEBSITE

WE HAVE AN ALL NEW WEB PAGE. IT'S CALLED 'THE R.O.S.E.'

It honors and promotes this wonderful organization and its dedicated workers that fund over one half of the Residents' Council's budget.

Go to the Residents' Website; click on 'The R.O.S.E.'

Cv8545.org

Did you hear about the guy whose friends kept nagging him to donate a preposition?

In the end he gave in.

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