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## Memorial Day



### General Jimmy Doolittle, December 14, 1896-September 27, 1993

Doolittle is the four-star general who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for leading the 1942 bombing mission over Tokyo. His 90th birthday was celebrated on television with the two-hour "All-Star Tribute to General Jimmy Doolittle." This special, produced by Hope Enterprises, was taped before a large uniformed audience to approximate the look of a Bob Hope USO Show.

Doolittle became one of the top air commanders of World War II, at various times heading the 12th, 15th, and 8th Air Forces. In a tribute on the show President Reagan praised Doolittle's "curiosity, courage, tenacity,

dedication, perseverance and not least of all, bravery-beyond the comprehension of those who remain on the ground." Reagan called Doolittle "a modern legend and my personal hero."

His responsibility was heavy and sometimes bore down heavily on Doolittle. In 1944 he wrote his wife: "I sometimes think that when this is all over I'd like to run a peanut stand. Would want it on a quiet street where there wouldn't be too many customers to interfere with my meditations. Actually, after a week's rest I imagine I'd be restless and looking for work and responsibility again."

General Doolittle and his wife, Josephine, lived at Carmel Valley Manor from 1978 to 1990. She died at the Manor in 1988, and he died at his son John's home in Pebble Beach in 1993.



### ABOUT FACE BY JEAN BRENNER

Having taken advantage of the Covid slowdown, Jean Brenner compiled a collection of photos taken over the past 27 years of her travels and has just published them in a book entitled "About Face."

This enchanting book is now available in the Manor library in the "OUR OWN" collection and will soon be available in local libraries throughout Monterey County.

Jean has traveled extensively throughout the world, and her photographic strategy is to get down to the level of working people to capture who they are, not what



they are doing. Jean says that it is in the *faces* where she has learned about culture, tradition, hardship and happiness around the world.

Jean's book has no text, only some hundreds of photos with a line or two that explains what about each individual caught her eye. This is a book of humanity, not landscapes, not ancient historic buildings, not works of art.

Each individual photographed is itself a work of art. CONGRATULATIONS, JEAN, FOR A WORK WELL DONE!



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 8, 2021**  
 at 9:30 am  
**in the Meeting House**

## EVENTS

### **THU JUN 3 SPECTACULAR WALK 9:00AM (AT CHAPEL)**

Walkers will depart for **ELKHORN SLOUGH**. Tom Neel will lead. See Details and sign up on Bulletin Board.

### **THU JUN 10 OUTSTANDING WALK 9:00 AM (AT CHAPEL)**

TO BE DETERMINED. WATCH BULLETIN BOARD



**Nicene Marks redwood forest walk. 22 walkers.**  
**A world record for the HFWS.**

### **NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS**

Victor & Marilyn Wykoff      James & Betty Kasson  
 Beverly Hamilton              Roberta Bialek-Elliott

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

5/28	Madeleine W.	6/3	Sally V.
5/30	Tom H.	6/5	Jeff R.
5/31	Hersh L.	6/8	Karen W.



Anyone for  
 Blackjack, Poker,  
 Texas Hold Em or  
 other fun card games?  
 We know there are  
 enthusiasts among us,  
 and we know that the

Marina Club in Marina offers all of this. What we don't know is if that is something the Day Trippers would like to do? So: our esteemed Day Tripper committee chairman, Laura Pasten, will put up on the bulletin board a question sheet to see how many would like to go there on a Day Tripper excursion. SO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CHECK THE BOARD AND SIGN YOUR NAME. If there is enough interest she will plan it for a day excursion.

**DAYTRIPPERS:**  
**Revival Ice**  
**Cream Shop**  
**Sunday, June 13, 2021**



**Bus departs promptly:**  
**3:45PM**  
**Returns: 5:30PM**  
**\$25**  
**TO LAURA PASTEN**  
**BY JUNE 8**



**They are cute and seem harmless. But, they are loud, incredibly expensive to keep, and absolutely untrainable. The other is a Kangaroo. I don't really know much about Kangaroos.**

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

See also Master Schedule of Ongoing Activities  
(C 10,11 Residents' Handbook)

<b>MON</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Balance with Matt Video MH	8:45-9:00AM
	Monday Morning Forum (4th) MH	10:30AM
	Water Aerobics SP	9:30-10:30AM
	Advanced Group Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM
	Duplicate Bridge GR	1:00PM
<b>TUES</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Balance with Matt Video MH	8:45-9:00AM
	Morning Group Exercise PG	9:00-9:20AM
	Council Meeting (2nd) CR	9:30AM
	Water Aerobics SP	9:30-10:30AM
	Chair Yoga MH	11:00-11:30AM
	Sing For Fun WP	1:00PM
	Lawn Bowling PG	1:15-3:15PM
	Mah Jongg GR	1:30-3:30PM
	Traditional Yoga MH	3:15PM
<b>WED</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Balance with Matt Video MH	8:45-9:00AM
	Morning Group Exercise PG	9:00-9:20AM
	Water Aerobics SP	9:30-10:30AM
	Advanced Group Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM
	Wheelchair & Walker Wash Dock	12:30-1:30PM
	Sing for Fun MH (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	1:30-2:30PM
	Dominoes GR	7:15-8:30PM

<b>THUR</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Balance with Matt Video MH	8:45-9:00AM
	Morning Group Exercise PG	9:00-9:20AM
	Half-Fast Walkers Chapel	9:00AM
	Water Aerobics SP	9:30-10:30AM
	Rummikub GR	12:45PM
	Low Stakes Poker GR	2:00PM
	Traditional Yoga MH	3:15PM
<b>FRI</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Balance with Matt Video MH	8:45-9:00AM
	Morning Group Exercise PG	9:00-9:20AM
	Advanced Group Exercise MH	11:00-11:45AM
	Lawn Bowling PG	1:15-3:15PM
	Mah Jongg GR	1:30-3:30PM
<b>SAT</b>	Chair Exercise MH	8:30-8:45AM
	Balance with Matt Video MH	8:45-9:00AM
	Morning Group Exercise PG	9:00-9:20AM
	Water Aerobics SP	9:30-10:30AM
	Putting (2nd) PG	10:00-11:30AM
<b>SUN</b>	Movie MH	1:30PM

### 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		

### *Staff Spot - A brief profile of our staff*



#### MEETING DANTE RUIZ OF THE DINING ROOM STAFF AT THE MANOR

Dante's hope is to be a police officer on the Monterey Police Force. To work toward getting his degree in Administrative Justice our Dante will take courses on line. It usually is a two-year process.

It was a peaceful, quiet day in Monterey, 1998 when twins were born at CHOMP. Dante Ruiz arrived first, and fifteen minutes later his fraternal twin, Jaret, came forth. So, of course, Dante is the older brother.

Jaret works here at the Manor, too, as did their older brother, Bryan, who now lives with his little family in San Bernardino and works at The Cheese Factory. Their father died at the age of 33, so Dante and Jaret don't remember him at all. Their mother, Elvira Miranda, a busy domestic, is the matriarch and much loved by her sons. Besides their mutual love, Dante says, "And she is the best cook!"

Dante and Jaret are now close but they fought, as brothers sometimes do, until they reached 16. Dante says he feels he matured at 16 and started noticing every little thing and realized that 'everything happens for a reason.' At that time they lived in Salinas and went to

North Salinas High. But when they moved to Monterey, he and Jaret had to get up at 5:30 each morning to catch the 6:15 a.m. bus to Salinas and then walk a long way to school. They did this for the two years before they graduated.

After graduating Bryan talked Dante into applying to the Manor where Bryan had worked. So four years ago Dante brought us the smile that lights up our days and joined the dining staff. We asked him if he remembers Jose Salazar who used to work here. He said he learned a lot from Jose. Dante's cousin, Andrew, also worked here until last year when he joined the Navy. Andrew is now stationed in Japan.

"When I get up in the morning, I don't moan about going to work. I like working for the residents here and I like the fast pace and the good employees. I also like the parties." This is evident to us as Dante always has that happy face. He looks forward to having a family someday which, he hopes, would include two children. As for his leisure time, of which there is not a lot, he likes drawing and watching movies. Speaking of movies, he was thinking about the rest of his Sunday time off and an upcoming date with a lovely girl named Angelica. What were Dante's plans? Well, a movie was in the offing or a picnic on the beach in Monterey, and Dante would bring all the fixings; blankets to cover the sand and goodies to eat. Wherever they chose to go, one knows that that happy smile will always be there on Dante's face.

Ah, (sigh) youth.

Jane Upp

# WASTE SOLUTIONS

"Houston, we've had a problem here." So spoke Apollo 13 astronaut Jack Swigert when one of their oxygen tanks exploded during their mission to the moon, damaging the power supply.

Through quick thinking and excellent knowledge of the systems involved on the part of Glynn Lunney, a flight director at Mission Control, the crew was moved to the moon landing module with its own battery power.

The main capsule was shut down until reentry could be initiated and the now useless module was then ejected. Thus, three lives were saved through thorough knowledge and quick action.

It seems, however, that when the serious situation is not instantaneous but spread over a long period of time, the solution may also be delayed over a longer period of time... until the solution is urgently needed. The delay can be fatal. Such is likely the case with our glut of waste materials from our everyday living. Since China is no longer purchasing our waste materials to recycle due to producing enough of their own to supply their needs, we have no alternative that is currently cost effective for numbers five through seven of the numbered recyclables. Almost everything you purchase these days is wrapped in some form of plastic, and once you buy it, the disposal is up to you. The manufacturer takes no responsibility for the disposal of their product or the

wrappings in which it came.

At the Manor, we use an inordinate number of plastic bags to line our waste baskets, garbage containers, sandwiches, cookies and bed linens which are one time use items. If compostable items are disposed of in plastic bags, are they compostable? Are there alternatives to non reusable plastic bags? The "Green Industries" have some solutions. Some plastic bags are

available which are made exclusively from plant material, but they are more expensive than those that are made from oil. The upside is that they are compostable.

The time has come to stop the years of discussions on this subject and implement the reasonable solutions that are currently doable.

The more plastic that goes into our oceans, landfills, rivers, and groundwater, the greater the level of plastic material

that will go into the environment and gradually, as microplastics, into our own bodies.

Two videos with pertinent information.

[https://youtu.be/Q\\_Va-AiliDw](https://youtu.be/Q_Va-AiliDw)

<https://youtu.be/iBGZtNJAt-M>

Also reference Monterey Herald of May 5th Opinion section: "Break Free From Plastic Pollution".

*Lee Chambers*

GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH



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