

# **Rose Villa Resident Forum**

## **Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

### **Employee Anniversaries**

Celebrating **ONE YEAR** with Rose Villa:

- Jackie Andrade-Matheny, Housekeeper, EVS
- Kenneth Jones, LPN, Madrona Grove

Celebrating **FIVE YEARS** with Rose Villa:

- Autumn Belezos, PCA, Avencia In-Home Care

### **Welcome New Employees**

- Oi Wood, Housekeeper, EVS
- Dave Callentine, Building Operations Tech, Facilities
- John Wade, Courtesy Services Supervisor

### **Staffing Changes**

- Brian Wilson has moved from EVS to become a Building Operations Tech
- Jason Viele has moved into the EVS Lead position
- Annie Newberg, HR & Finance Assistant, is now responsible for all resident billing. Contact her for any billing questions!
- Kristina DeLisle has been promoted into the position of Accounting Manager

Please congratulate these staff when you see them!

### **Welcome New Residents**

**Charles and Nancy Richard** moved into Classic Cottage #100 on November 29.

**Hobbies & Interests:** Charles: Chess, gardening, politics, history, food and wine, the arts. Nancy: Family and friends, peace and social justice, writing, poetry, photography, gardening, water exercise, walking, reading, playing the ukulele.

**Former Occupation:** Charles: Grape Owner & Wine Maker.

Nancy: Vineyard & Winery Co-owner and Business Manager.

**Moving From:** Portland, OR.

**Their phone number is** (503) 652-3100.

## **Announcements**

### **Introducing the Senior Management Team!**

At Forums throughout the year, we highlight departments and introduce staff who work in each department. This month, we are capping the year by introducing the Senior Management Team.

You can find information about all departments and staff on Touchtown under the “Staff Directory” icon. Once there, you will find:

- List of frequently called numbers
- A guide for whom to call if you have department specific questions
- Organizational chart
- A list of departments along with all of the staff who work in them

If you need the information in print format, please ask for it at the Resident Services Counter.

### **Resident Ideas Roundtable follow-up**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the roundtable! And a huge thank you goes out to the residents who volunteered to facilitate the small group discussions. We came away with a ton of information to sort through and organize, which is happening right now. The product of this work will be a list of ideas that is prioritized according to the resident opinions that were in the room the day of the meeting. Once it is completed, the list will be available for all residents to review in January.

**Please welcome Cheryl Franceschi to talk about upcoming Foundation events.**

**Please welcome Jean Lofy to talk about Recycling.**

Please remember to follow your recycle guide or recycle magnet for what to put in the mixed recycling bin. Things like plastic lids may feel like they should be recycled, but they go in the trash. A number of Phase 3 residents have asked some excellent questions. Thank you. Please keep the questions coming! You can email Jean at [jeanlofy@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlofy@gmail.com) or put a note in cubby #7105. Also, a Recycling Fair is being scheduled for some time in February. Here is a brief 2-minute video from Clackamas County that is a nice review:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TXb0CxbwbdA&ab\\_channel=%23ClackCoTV](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TXb0CxbwbdA&ab_channel=%23ClackCoTV)

Please welcome **Judy Francis** to read a poem crafted from words of gratitude submitted by residents and staff.

The next Resident Forum is on Tuesday, January 17 at 2:30pm in the PAC and on Zoom.

## Q & A

**Q1.** Phase 3 is complete. Marketing did a great job of filling the units in the Loft and Trillium. With most units filled and no new construction planned, how much are you planning to reduce the staff in Marketing and how soon?

**A.** There is no plan to reduce the size of the core Sales & Marketing team. “Core” meaning permanent, full-time staff. Jennifer Stangle served as the *temporary* Phase 3 resident Selections and Move-In Coordinator, so that position in addition to the hours Sadie Bach has worked on the Phase 3 project going away is a reduction of temporary staff. We proactively made the decision to not hire an additional *temporary* Sales Counselor to help sell the Phase 3 homes. Instead, Jen Werdel stepped up and accepted that additional workload. The size of the marketing team now is the same as it was pre-Phase 3 and is the smallest marketing department we have had since 2012, while having the most homes we have ever had.

To learn more about the department, what they do, and how you can be a part of it all, please consider attending a “Mixer with Marketing” event or join the “Marketing Advisory Group”. Contact Jennifer Werdel at [jwerdel@rosevilla.org](mailto:jwerdel@rosevilla.org) or 503-652-3076.

**Q2.** I have just returned from a trip to the new clinic for a toenail trim and want to know why there is not a ramp going directly to the clinic front door? Sure, there is a ramp going up to the Treasure House, but even that is way off from their front door as well. And where is the electronic outside door opener?!

**A.** Building a ramp directly to the Clinic front door was not possible. The ramps were built in locations that worked with the grade of the site. The metal push button for the automatic door opener to the Clinic is located to the right of the front door.

**Q3.** Now that the Schroeder Lofts building is finished, when will the very large Mt. Hood oil painting be moved to the community room, as it was displayed in the building that was torn down? It currently resides at the bottom of the south emergency exit stairwell of South Main.

**A.** Soon! The very large paintings that were hung in the old Recreation Hall were temporarily relocated to walls in South Main, while the new Rec Room was being built. We will focus on this project in January.

**Q4.** Now that the mailboxes have been moved out of the Club Room, and before painting repair can occur, could we please have a discussion between staff and residents to find ways to re-decorate the Club Room to be warmer and more welcoming? I suggest a residents committee.

**A.** Yes! This is a perfect project for the Interiors Advisory Group. This is an ad hoc group of residents and staff that work on interiors projects as needed. It sounds like we need to schedule a meeting and will plan for that to happen in late January/early February. If you are interested in being a member of the group, please contact Tina Moullet [tmoullet@rosevilla.org](mailto:tmoullet@rosevilla.org) or 503-652-3140.

### **Question from the Forum floor**

**Q1.** How many people live in Madrona Grove, and can we visit? If so, how do we do that?

**A.** We currently have 31 residents and have one more room we are hoping to fill soon. As for visiting, please come on over! The main entrance at the circle drive is unlocked during business hours, but you can access the door with your fob between 7:00pm – 7:00am. Each household (Fernwood on the first floor and Larkspur on the second floor) has a doorbell outside the mudroom door. Please ring the doorbell and one of the staff will assist you.

Reminder that Madrona Grove is a healthcare setting, so please wear a mask. There are signs outside each household with instructions. And please stay home if you are not feeling well. Thank you for thinking of our Madrona Grove residents!

**Q2.** When will the Madrona Café open?

**A.** We are all eager for the café to open and are working to make that happen early 2023.

## Message and poem from Judy Francis

In November - remember November? - I put some of resident James Carthel's baskets around and asked residents and staff members to reflect on the word *Gratitude* and to put the word(s) that came to mind in the baskets. These are your words. (And by the way, these are not your WOTY - Words of The Year - words. That's next year.)

We are in a time when words are swirling everywhere. Words that tell us where to go, what to buy, what to not buy, what to watch, what to read, what to think, what to do now, what to do next.

This poem is about none of those things. This poem - in our words - is about being grateful. On a personal note, when I read the words "[Grateful to who is reading this](#)", I really understood how being grateful *feels*, so this poem is heartfelt.

Your words are in [blue](#).

Judy Francis

## **GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE!**

It's about **being aware of blessings**  
Of noticing and **acknowledging**  
What we often taken for granted.

The **beauty of nature**  
The **trees** in all their different forms and colors  
The **river** that ripples and rushes by us  
The **sunshine**, the **rain**, the **rainbows**.

The **water** we drink  
The **food** we eat  
The **gardens** we tend  
The **clothes** we wear  
And **our ability to care and to share**.

We are grateful to have **choices**  
To see **honesty and generosity in ourselves and in others**  
To know we are **considerate** of each other  
And to experience the **joy, beauty and harmony** that it  
brings.

Gratitude is being **open to life**  
Thankful for **lives that are filled with love and joy**  
The miracles of **birth and creation**, of just **being alive**  
And for **good health**, when we are blessed to have it!

Gratitude is about **savoring the moment**.  
**The election is over (almost!)**  
**Sunday Night Vesper Services**  
**Indoor plumbing!**

**Being warm!**  
**Swimming and playing in the pool!**  
**Smiles!**  
**Playing games – even when you lose!**  
**Being welcomed at Rose Villa!**  
**Belly laughs!**

**We are grateful for our wives, our husbands, our partners**  
**Our friends and numerous helpful neighbors**  
**Our considerate and friendly staff**  
**Artists and the art they create**  
**Musicians and the music they make**  
**Writers and the books and poems they write**  
**All the interesting people - and their furry companions**  
**Who share their lives with us in this Rose Villa Community.**

**Gracias!**

**Family, Community**  
**Community, Family**

**All of us – you and you and you and you**  
**Who make up this Rose VillaGE - the place we call home**  
**Are GRATEFUL.**

**WOOT!**

## Upcoming Events

### **Lake Oswego Millennium Clarinet Quartet** – Tonight at 6:30 PM in the PAC

Members of the Lake Oswego Millennium Concert Band have prepared holiday tunes for you to enjoy!

### **Christmas Storytelling with Ken Iverson** - Wednesday, December 21, at 2:00 PM on Zoom.

"Santa, Can You Come Early? Just This ONCE!?" Ken will share a few Letters to Santa that will have you laughing! Remember shaking wrapped packages wondering what was inside?

### **"Cooley Show" Music** - Wednesday, December 21, at 6:00 PM in the PAC

"The Apostle of Croon" returns to entertain you with holiday tunes tailored to you as an audience. Listen to him tickle the ivories and bring the baritone!

**Listen & Learn Happy Hour** provides opportunities to ask Rose Villa Foundation board members questions about how, when, and why services are provided to Rose Villa residents, and how you can get involved. The next happy hour is this Thursday, December 22, at 4:00 pm in the Vista Lounge. Call 503-652-3075 to RSVP. Wine, beer, snacks, and soft drinks are provided.

### **Holiday Drag Show** - Friday, December 23, at 7:00 PM in the PAC

Local Drag celebrity Bolivia Carmichaels returns with a colorful cast of performers to celebrate the holidays in unique fashion! Laugh, cheer, and dance along to outrageous acts by local Drag performers, including Rose Villa's own Dahlia Hearts. The performers will be compensated, so you may choose to offer tips, but that is not expected. Surrey service will be available after the performance.

**New Year's Eve Slideshow** - Friday, December 30, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Club Room  
Grab a complimentary glass of Champagne or sparkling cider and watch a review of the year – photos courtesy of Rick Simpson. Beverages will be available starting at 4:00 PM, with an introduction by Vassar Byrd and Tina Moullet at 4:30 PM to start the slideshow.

### **January Evening Movies** – Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the PAC

January's weekly movies will center around the DEIA and Wellness themes of Chinese Heritage and Recommitment. We will also be showing *Singin' in the Rain* to accompany Lance's December presentation. Feedback is always welcome; email Grey Davis at [gdavis@rosevilla.org](mailto:gdavis@rosevilla.org) with any suggestions or concerns. See flyer for days and details.

### **Lance Rhoades January Presentation** – Monday, January 2, at 3:30 PM on Zoom

Lance is beginning a series on American cities. Join him as he kicks it off with a presentation on New York City!

**Drumming Circle with Steven Skolnik** – Wednesdays, January 4 and 18, at 12:00 PM in the PAC North. Starting in January, Steven will provide rhythm instruction twice a month—on the



first and third Wednesdays. Bring an instrument or play one of his. A flyer with details will come soon.

**Classical Club** – Thursdays, January 5 and 19, at 1:00 PM in the Tranquility Room  
Join classical radio host, Terry Ross, for an hour of expertly curated classical music!

**Advanced Care Planning Overview of Advanced Directives and POLST** –  
Friday, January 6, in the PAC. The Education and Enrichment Committee presents this important series of workshops for Advanced Care Planning. The Introduction will be held on Friday, January 6. Guided Small Group Workshops will be held on Thursdays, January 19, 26, and February 2. The Small Workshops will be at 1:00 PM in the Training Room.

**Resident Billing: *Everything You Need to Know*** – Tuesday, January 10, at 1:00 PM in the Training Room. Do you find the Harvest Grill receipts confusing? Are you unsure how to navigate the Resident Portal? Do you have questions about what makes up your statement balance? Dining Credits? All of the Above? Join Kristina DeLisle in the Training Room on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM, where you will learn how to read your receipts and statements, and other helpful hints. The first class is January 10.

**Oscar Howe Exhibit at the Portland Art Museum** – Friday, January 13, Bus Trip  
*Dakota Modern: The Art of Oscar Howe* introduces new generations to one of the twentieth century's most innovative Native American painters. Howe (1915–1983) committed his artistic career to the preservation, relevance, and ongoing expression of his Yanktonai Dakota culture. A flyer will be sent with more details.

**Recommitment Week** – Monday, January 9 – Saturday, January 14  
It's a new year and the Wellness Ideas Committee wants to know: what will you recommit to? Did you mean to learn a language, but fell off-track? Maybe you want to commit to working out or spending more time with family. The week will have Fitness Testing, an Activity Fair, a Poetry Slam, a Tea Class, and more!

**Ukulele Jam and Class** – Introductory Class Friday, January 20, at 2:00 PM in the Training Room; follow-up classes to begin regularly in March. Future Resident, Marianne Brogan will teach beginners the basics of Ukulele for the first 30 minutes, then lead a play-along jam with provided music for more experienced players. Ukuleles can be borrowed for the class. More information will be given via flyer.

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