# **Rose Villa Resident Forum**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

#### **Employee Anniversaries**

Celebrating **ONE YEAR** with Rose Villa:

- Leticia Canales, Housekeeper, Environmental Services
- Josh Fox, Building Operations Tech II, Facilities
- Jason Veile, EVS Tech Lead, Environmental Services
- Elodi Attwilde, Front of House Supervisor, Food & Beverage

# Celebrating **FIVE YEARS** with Rose Villa:

• Kristina DeLisle, Accounting Manager, Finance Department

# Celebrating **TWENTY YEARS** with Rose Villa:

• Amy Buffaloe, CNA, Madrona Grove

# Welcome New Employees

- Alice Montgomery, Groundskeeper, Grounds
- Leaf Leau, Service, Food & Beverage
- Nicole Freeland, Receptionist, Courtesy Services

#### **Staffing Change**

- Brian Wilson has been promoted to Building Operations Tech II
- Andi Tjan has been promoted to Lead Groundskeeper
- Dwain Nelson is now our WorxHub Administrator
- Kenzie Williams has been promoted to Sales & Marketing Project Manager

Please congratulate these staff when you see them!

#### **Announcements**

#### Introducing the Food & Beverage Team!

Please welcome members of the **Green Team Third Act** with a presentation. (Click here to watch their presentation.)

Accompany your guests! If you are hosting family in the Pool, René would like to remind you that residents must be with their guests at all times. Please welcome Jim Williford to provide a project update.

**The Green Team** would also like to announce that they would like to hear from all new residents. Two major follow-up surveys are coming your way soon. First to arrive: the Green Team Climate Survey. In April 2022, Rose Villa residents participated in a brief survey, partly based on the Yale University Climate Project.\* **We would like to add your voices to this data**. Your responses will be collected, merged with the original data, and shared with the entire community during an Earth Month presentation. We plan to use this data as Rose Villa continues to work for a more resilient campus. Your survey will arrive via email this week. If you need a paper copy, please ask Courtesy Services staff. \*https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/

Second to arrive: you are probably eager to participate in the resident satisfaction survey regarding your move-in experience. Stay tuned; it is in process and should be out shortly.

Education Spotlight: **CCRC Entrance Fee** purpose and accounting. (Watch the Forum recording to see this presentation.)

**What's New Around Touchtown?** Every month, we will feature a new icon or refresh information about Touchtown. This month, we'd like to share that there's a new icon for the Resident Portal. Click on it to access the portal, where you can see your monthly statements, recent charges, and other fun information. Questions? Contact Kristina DeLisle at ext. 3281.

And in honor of Women's History Month, **Judy Francis** is here to read a poem created with the names of all the women at Rose Villa. (Poem is at the end of these Notes.)

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# Q & A

Q1. When I look at the roof on my building (NN) I see that over Apartment 314 there are vents. Is this because the roofing was not replaced over that apartment?

A. We found out from the contractor that there are no roof penetrations for 315 and 316 since they have not been updated in a long time. 314 was updated with a full

gut so they were able to put in new roof penetrations. For 315 and 316, the vents are at the back below the eave.

Q2. Plywood underlayment was replaced over part of my apartment and has not been painted in the overhang. Will this be painted soon?

A. Kofi looked at the plywood at the roof overhang across the whole building. Parts are new plywood and others are old, so the roof overhang for the whole building will need painting. That work will be scheduled with the paint contractor and will include other paint jobs that need to be done.

Q3. Zig Zag landscaping is looking weedy and needs bark dust. Any plans for spring freshening up?

A. Yes! The Grounds team will be around to that area for its spring maintenance.

# **Q&A** from the floor

# **Finance Department Questions**

Q1. The entrance fees and monthly occupancy fees include a chunk to deduct from our taxes for medical expenses. The monthly occupancy portion is reducing. Can you please explain that?

"Thank you" to the IRS.

- A. "Thank you" to the IRS. IRS regulations treat all resident income (both independent living occupancy fees and Madrona Grove resident fees) as contributing to all expenses of Rose Villa. As such, the portion of those expenses that are determined to be related to health services are potentially deductible as a medical expense on individual tax returns.
- Q2. How are the reserves invested?
  - A. They are invested in accordance with the investment policy designed by the RVI Board of Directors, with input from the Finance Committee. It is approximately 60% equity and 40% bonds. The investments are managed by our advisor, Becker Capital.

#### Q3. Can you please explain the two different ways the medical portion can be deducted?

- A. Clarification: Rose Villa is not a tax advisor and does not make any recommendations about whether to take the deduction or not. We do provide the calculation two different ways:
  - A percentage that is dependent on % of overall expenses that are determined to be related to healthcare costs
  - A dollar amount this calculates the average resident portion of total independent living fees collected and then uses the determined % of healthcare expense to come up with the dollar amount.

Different tax attorneys have different comfort levels with risk. Both methods are supported by precedent and it's up to your advisor to recommend the one that suits you best. References to appropriate tax law are included in the annual letter provided with your summary of fees.

Q4. During the Actuarial Presentation, I noted a shortfall in health care services. What are your strategies to address this?

A. The decrement (how residents move through the community/various stages of living – e.g., independent living, needing in-home care, possible move to Madrona Grove) is fluid and changes. Madrona Grove is "right sized" for our community now. More and more people are choosing to age in place, which means that Avencia in-home services will become more robust. We track the decrement over the course of five years, so we'll see how it changes over the next 2-3 years. Madrona Grove rooms ARE large enough to create shared rooms, and there is interest in possibly doing that in the future.

# **Facilities Questions**

Q1. Regarding events in the PAC. All the doors used to be unlocked and now only the fobbed doors are available. This is cumbersome, especially if someone has forgotten their fob. Can we unlock the doors?

A. This procedure was changed due to security issues that were of concern to the residents who live in North Main. We can certainly work with the host of the event if they request the doors be unlocked for the event. Most of the time, the

doors will remain locked. Revisiting this procedure is possible, and will involve various departments and the residents who live in North Main.

Q2. There are some interior doors that are not working. Is there a plan to fix them?

A. We try to address the door issues as soon as we identify the problem. Many times, we need a contractor to fix them and they are often waiting for a part or a vendor.

Q3. Regarding fob entry to the Schroeder Lofts building. Sometimes our fobs did not work on the entrance near the Treasure House and we had to walk all the way to the other end of the building, where we often found the doors propped open. What's the deal with this?

A. Our new fobs are less sensitive (and therefore more secure) than the old fobs. The new fobs need to be held close to/on the reader panel to unlock the door. The old fobs did not need to be held that close. We hope the issues with your fobs were that they were not close enough to the reader panel. If you need access and cannot enter, you can call Security and they will let you in. We are happy that we have one Rose Villa Security staff member and have just hired a second one who will be trained and available soon.

As for the doors, we should not be propping the doors open! We are asking everyone – staff and residents – to shut the doors if they see them propped open.

# **Upcoming Events**

**Learn to Swim** – Mondays, March 27, April 3, April 10, April 17, in the Riverpoint Pool Join René Swar, Wellness Director, and learn how to swim (or improve your technique!) on Mondays in the Pool. Two classes are available.

**11:00 AM - Beginners:** Focus on becoming comfortable in the water, floating and basic swim strokes.

**11:30 AM - Advanced Beginner:** Focus on learning advance swim stroke, front crawl and breast stroke, and rhythmic breathing.

Contact René at ext. 3284 or at rswar@rosevilla.org to sign up.

Talk With Tina! – Fridays at 12:00 PM in the Rec Room

Join Executive Director Tina Moullet for casual conversations about any topic you have in mind. Bring your own lunch, purchase from the Harvest Grill, or just join for the conversation.

# **Sunday Suppers** – Sunday evenings in the Rec Room

To sign up to volunteer and/or dine, use the link listed on RVillagers.org: <u>https://rvillagers.org/community-wide/sunday-suppers/</u> or call Susan Hyne at x3057. Sign up by the Friday before each Sunday.

#### Symphony Meeting and Bus Trip Brainstorm – Thursday, March 23,

from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Club Room

Grey Davis will be available to chat about your preferences for which Symphony Series will be provided transportation to. They will also be looking for suggestions and feedback about bus trips, but you can also just stop by to chat!

**Wellness Listening Session** – Friday, March 24, at 1:30 PM in the PAC and on Zoom Rene' Swar will give a brief update on the wellness department and then focus the remainder of the meeting on hearing your feedback and ideas. She appreciates the positive comments about the wellness program, and would like to hear how the wellness department can further meet the community's needs.

**Rose Villa Spring Remembrance Ceremony**– Friday, March 24, at 3:00 PM in the PAC and on Zoom

Join us for a Remembrance Ceremony where we honor our friends and neighbors who have passed over the past few months: Dorothy Zook, Bill Weihofen, Chuck Kerr, Liz Rishel, Joern Eriksen, John Coolidge, Marvel Gillespie, Bill Summers, Evelyn Bumgarner, Elaine Bloomquist, Marion Meyer, Bev Bain, and Catherine Scott

**Meet the Staff: Rick Hamell** – Monday, March 27, at 1:00 PM in the PAC You may know Rick is our IT Director, but did you know that he's a Pacific Northwest history buff? He's a great photographer, as well. Ask him about his collections! Oh, and if you drop the name "Coraline," you might learn something interesting...

**Recycling Presentation** – Tuesday, March 28, at 2:00 PM in the PAC and on Zoom Sort out your recycling facts with Clackamas County Sustainability Analyst, Tenille Beseda Fillwock! Recycling compliance has decreased dramatically ever since COVID set in. This presentation is designed to inform of you which things are recyclable at Rose Villa - we could all use a reminder! The presentation will be recorded and there will be a Q&A afterward. Thanks for doing your part to promote sustainability in our community.

# **Americana Music with Larry Wilder - RESCHEDULED** – Tuesday, March 28, at 3:30 PM in the PAC

*You Are My Sunshine, I've Been Everywhere, Duelin' Banjos* and much, much more... Clap, sing, and cheer along to energetic guitar, banjo, and vocals!

**Oaks Bottom Birding** – Wednesday, March 29, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM After her seasonal hiatus... JOIN PATTY NEWLAND FOR ANOTHER EXCITING BIRDING TRIP! Hawks, quail, pintails, mallards, coots, woodpeckers, kestrels, and widgeons are just the start of the list of birds that one might encounter in Oaks Bottom. Scores of great blue heron are found in the area because of its proximity to one of the rookeries on Ross Island. Bus capacity is limited. Sign up on Touchtown or by calling ext. 3289. The bus will depart at 8:00 AM for an 8:30 AM tour and return by 11:00 AM. Transportation will cost \$10.

#### Monday Night Movies - Mondays at 6:30 PM in the PAC

The films for April will center around the DEIA theme of Religious Holidays and Wellness them of National Humor Month. Popcorn will be provided. Please BRING YOUR OWN BOWL. See flyer for details.

# Clown Graduation Ceremony - Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 PM

The Clown Prince of the Rose Festival, Angel Ocasio, is leading a Clown Workshop at Rose Villa all weekend, and you are invited to the clowns' graduation! Flyer with details to come.

**Welcoming Poems: Reading and Writing Poetry for Your Life** – Wednesdays, April 5 and 12, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the Training Room

Whether you are a poetry beginner or a devoted fan, join us as we read small poems with large hearts as well as poems that expand to encompass wide places of the mind. We'll read wise and kind poems for inspiration and try our hand writing our own in a supportive environment, discovering our strengths and voices as we go. Poet Pablo Neruda once said, "Poetry is an act of peace. Peace goes into the making of a poet as flour goes into the making of bread." Neruda also said that writing is like breathing. Together we'll take a deep breath and welcome poems into our lives.

# **Drumming Circle with Steven Skolnik** – Wednesdays, April 5 and 19, at 12:00 PM in the PAC North

Steven will provide rhythm instruction twice a month—on the first and third Wednesdays. Bring an instrument or play one of his.

**Classical Club** – Thursdays, April 6 and 20, at 1:00 PM in the Tranquility Room Join classical radio host, Terry Ross, for an hour of expertly curated classical music!

**Ukulele Jam and Class** – Friday, April 7, at 2:00 PM in the Training Room Future Resident Marianne Brogan is offering two ukulele sessions:

<u>Beginner Session</u>: This is for those who may have some sort of musical background and are interested in learning to play the ukulele but have no experience. Marianne has a few loaner instruments and there are other loaners in the community. If you haven't played for a while, you may want to join this portion for a refresher. Come see if this experience is for you!

<u>Play and Sing-along</u>: This is for experienced players. Marianne will make PDF documents available and project the songs and chords on a screen in the classroom. The songs will be seven chords or fewer and Marianne will provide coaching with arrangements, and technical aspects of playing. The offerings are an experiment, and we will make adjustments as we go along and gauge the level of interest.

**Dr. Page Presentation on White Supremacy** – Monday, April 10, at 2:00 PM in the Training Room

Minister Rodney Page will help people understand the rise of white nationalism and the white power movements in the United States and in particular Oregon, as well as the aims of the white supremacy movement and what do they believe. Then to consider actions we might take to counteract the aims of white nationalism and Christian Nationalism.

# Green Team Meeting – Friday, April 14, at 4:00 PM in the PAC

Come to the Green Team's quarterly LIVE meeting and catch up on what is going on in sustainability efforts at Rose Villa.

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# Resident Forum, March 21, 2023 The Women of Rose Villa by Judy Francis

#### Introduction

March is Women's History Month. To honor the women of Rose Villa (Independent Living residents, Madrona Grove residents, Staff and the Board of Directors), I decided to write a poem using their first names. Well!

Numbers fluctuate, but there are approximately:

- 241 women of the 343 Independent Living residents
- 19 women of the 28 Madrona Grove residents
- 122 women of the 174 staff members
- 2 women of the 4 Board of Directors

That's 384 women! Every one has a story and every one has a name. From A to Z, here are the *Women of Rose Villa*.

#### The Women of Rose Villa

Alice and Alice and Alice, Amber and Amber, Amy and Amy, Angela, Angle and Andrea. Ann, Ann and Ann, Anne with an E, Annie and Anna, Abril, Alisha, Alexa, Amanda, Ashley, Autumn and Azucena. Barbara and Barbara and Barbara and Barbara and Barbara - and - Barb. Betty and Betty, Bonny and Brenda Beata, Bianca, Bitsy, Becky, Berta and Beth. Carol and Carol and Carol and Carol and Carol, and Carole with an E and Carol with a Jean. Carolyn, Carolyn and Carolyn with Ys and Caroline with an E. Catherine and Catherine, Cathy and Cathy with Cs Katherine and Katherine, Kathy and Kathy with Ks. Charlotte, Charlene, Christa and Cheryl Cindy, Connie, Corinne and Corinna, Carrie, Carmela and Cora Lee. Donna, Donna, Donna and Donna Darlene, Darlene and Darlene. Diane and Diana and Dianna with 2Ns Dayle, Darby, Dottie, Dorothy, Dori, Doris, Dee Debbie, Dessie, Dolores, Dakota, Daveen and Dahlia. Elizabeth, Eleanore, Elexis, Elodi, Emily, Erica, Erin, Edna and Evey. Florence, Felicia and Fran.

Gail and Gail, Gloria, Glaydis and Gretchen. Helen and Helen and Helen, Hailey and Hailey, Horizon, Heide and Holly Inge and Ilene. And then there are the J's -Jackie and Jackie, Jacki with an I and Jackalyn. Jan, Jan, Jan and Jan Jane, Jane, Jane, and Janet, Janet and Janet. Jean, Jean, Jean, Jean Jean, Jean, Jean and Jeanne with 2Ns and an E. Jennifer, Jennifer and Jenny, Jessica and Jessi, Julia and Julia and Julie. Joan, Joan, Joan, Joan and Joan, Joanne and Joanne, Joyce and Joyce, Jo and Jo. Judith and Jude, Judie with an IE and Judy and Judy and Judy and Judy with Ys. Jaime, Janice, Janiece and Janyce, Joncile, Jill, Josy and Joy! Karen, Karen, Karen, Karen and Karen, Kathleen, Kathleen and Kat, Kate and Kate and Katie. Kay and Kay, Kelly and Kelly, Kirstin, Kristine and Kristina. Kayla, Kenzie, Kimberly, Kyle, Kari, Kirsty, Karon, Kikue.

Lois and Lois, Louise and Louise

Lou and LouAnn, Lisa and Liz

Lana, Lani, and Lara

Lott and Lottie.

Leanne, Loraine, Leticia

Lydia, Lynn, Linda and Lilly.

Margaret and Margaret, Margi with a G and Marjie with a JIE.

Marilyn, Marilee, Marilee, Michelle and Michelle.

Mary and Mary and Mary and Mary and Mary and Mary - and -

Mary Ann, Mary Claire, Mary Deane and MaryHelen.

Molly and Molly

Madeine, Marina, Malinda and Marcia

Marie, Marietta, Marty and Mayo

Melanie, Meiling, Melissa and Mimi

Miranda and Myri.

Nancy, Nancy, Nancy, Nancy and Nancy,

Nancy, Nancy, Nancy, Nancy and Nancy,

Norma, Nat, Nicole, Nadine and Norine.

Pat, Pat, Pat, Pat, Pat, Pat, Pat, Pat and Pat,

Patt with 2Ts, Patti with an I, and Patsy.

Pam and Pam, Penny and Penny, Phyllis, Phyllis and Phyllis.

Paula, Pearl Joy, Peggy, Perry, Penelope, Priscilla and PK.

Roxanne, Roxanne, Ruth and Ruth,

Rachael and Rachelle, Rosalind and Rose,

Richie, Ricky, Robyn and Rene.

Sarah and Sarah, Sharon and Sharon

Sheri with an I and Sherry with an RRY.

Sally, Sallyanne, Shirley and Sheila

Stephanie and Stephanie. Sachie, Savannah, Samlee, Sunny - *and* -Sue and Sue and Sue and Sue and Sue Susan and Susan and Susan and Susan and Susan, Susie and Susie and Suzanne!

Teresa and Teresa, Terri with an I and Terry with a Y. Tammie with an IE and Tammy with a Y, Traci with an I and Tracy with a Y. Tamara, Thuy, Toni, Tina, Trinity and Tricia. Ulia and Uva Virginia and Virginia Val, Verna, Vikki, Vassar - *and* -

Zoe!

These are the courageous, outrageous and spectacular

Women of Rose Villa!