

**Activities Corner** by Barbara Higley

Come and enjoy the fruits of Apple Hill! Fall will soon be in the air which means our annual visit to the farms is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. With a huge variety of apples, fruit farms, bake shops, wineries, flower gardens, berry farms and Christmas tree farms for your enjoyment. You won't want to miss this fun filled day with homemade fudge, chocolates, jams and jellies and great gift ideas for soon to be holiday shopping. Space is limited so be sure and sign up early to reserve seating on the bus in advance.

Bible Study is starting again following a short vacation. You are invited to join them every Tuesday for just one hour at **1:00pm** beginning **Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Come and get to know the teachers, Bob and Rosalie. They are very personable, lots of fun, and just down to earth people. So, mark your calendar and plan to attend in the **Activity Center** for a discussion of Psalm 23 on this date.

The new restaurant Cracker Barrel is now open! It's just down the street on Howe Avenue. If you want to go out for breakfast, sign up. We're heading there on **September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**.

The game of Encore lead by Pat Edmonds, has become a popular activity which continues to grow with interest from residents. We have added Encore to the monthly calendar every other Sunday at 2:00pm. Please be sure to review your calendar for the added date.

The Water Colors paint class taught by Marie Crockett will now be offered every other month starting in November. This month her class is on **September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. If you have any questions regarding this, please let me know.

We continue to seek new entertainment for the upcoming year. If you or a family member have a suggestion, please feel free to let me know and I will be happy to follow-up on your suggestion.

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**In the Zone**

Without the ozone layer to protect Earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation, we would all be toast, which is why September 16 is the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. In 1985, scientists discovered that the use of harmful chemicals was creating a hole in our ozone layer over Antarctica. Two years later, countries all over the world signed the Montreal Protocol, promising to end using such harmful chemicals. So the good news is that this holiday has



been a success! The harmful chemicals that destroyed the ozone layer were banned, stopping further depletion of the ozone layer. Scientists now expect that the hole in the ozone layer could be entirely healed by the year 2060, as long as countries adhere to the ban—which means we get to keep on celebrating!

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**Christine's Comments**

It's crazy that we are in September and fall is right around the corner, which is just fine by me – my favorite time of year.

Renaissance returns – three times each month now through November. Look on your calendar for the dates and they always start at 2pm. We always have such a great turn out and I can't thank Ed Sherman enough for his dedication to this society and bringing it to our home.

In early July, I sent everyone a letter about being able to pay your rent online through PayLease. Many of you have already signed up, and in August 15% of the community used it. This is such a convenient way of paying your rent – no more writing out checks. Once you have signed up, PayLease will automatically send your rent (and any additional guest meal charges) from your bank to our bank electronically. If you want more information, stop by the office to obtain your account number and any questions you may have.

Please remember the exterior doors and gates are locking behind you. Please **DO NOT** prop gates open. You should all have a key to our sidewalk gates. If you do not, please stop by the office. You need to do your part as well.

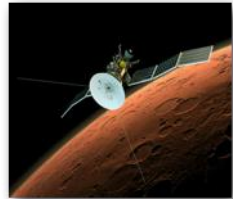
We will be hosting our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Bingo Bonanza Extravaganza to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. Since we started this fundraising event back in 2013, we have raised \$8,001! If you want to learn more about Shriners, please join us on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to hear all the amazing things this foundation does for children.





## Into the Great Beyond

On September 5, 1977, NASA launched the Voyager 1 satellite into space. After 40 years of space travel, Voyager 1 has logged over 13 billion miles and is the first human-made object to leave our solar system.



Voyager 1's initial mission was to explore some of the most distant planets of our galaxy, Jupiter and Saturn. The pictures it sent back of Jupiter and its moons revealed

startling new information. Not only did it find two new moons orbiting Jupiter but it also discovered volcanoes on the moon Io and possibilities of ice and oceans on the moon Europa. Its findings about Saturn were no less exciting, again finding two new moons plus a new ring around Saturn to boot. But Voyager 1's mission is not limited to sending information back to Earth; it also brings information from Earth into the cosmos.

NASA scientists knew that Voyager 1 would leave our solar system and perhaps journey to another distant realm, so they made two gold-plated copper records filled with greetings for aliens. One record contains sounds, including whale songs, music by Chuck Berry, and greetings in 55 different languages. Also included are instructions for how to play the records, as well as a "star map" directing aliens back to our solar system. Voyager 1 could be Earth's messenger to other intelligent life forms in the universe.

For now, Voyager 1 is zipping through interstellar space at over 38,000 mph. Its next big mission won't happen for 40,000 years when it will pass a nearby star. Voyager 1 will run out of power by 2025, though, so it won't be able to send us any data. For now, NASA scientists are content to study Voyager 1's latest information about what life is like in outer space beyond our solar system. And who knows? Maybe it will find another satellite sent from a distant galaxy carrying a record or two for us to listen to back on Earth.

## September Birthdays

In astrology, Virgo's Virgins are those born between September 1–22. Virgos are one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. They pay attention to detail, analyze problems, and plan so as to leave nothing to chance. These amazing listeners give excellent advice. Those born from September 23–30 balance the scales of Libra. Libras strive for balance, avoid conflict, and desire fairness for everyone. To achieve this, they are sociable, strategic, charming, and diplomatic.

Mel Bisgay, September 4th  
Renee Davis, September 5th  
Doris Forward, September 9th  
Beryl Chinco, September 15th  
Brian Spell, September 15th  
Joe Sheehan, September 16th  
Arlie Veis, September 16th  
Nancy Leafe, September 26th

## Marketing Minutes by Natasha McCrimmon

Thank you so much for your heartfelt congratulations in my promotion to Marketing Director. It's been a pleasure working this past year in the role of Resident Relations and I look forward to the challenge of Marketing Director.

Bingo Bonanza Extravaganza is this month! We've been planning this for the last two months and I'm so looking forward to it. The cost for residents is \$15 and \$25 for guests. The fun night will include 15 bingo games, a spaghetti dinner, wine and some pretty amazing raffle prizes. Please sign up at the front desk soon, as space is limited. Make your checks payable to Shriners Hospital. If Bingo isn't your thing, but you would still like to donate, please bring your contribution to the office. Doors open at 1:30pm on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will all look forward to seeing all you bingo enthusiasts there!

## This Month's Featured Resident by Shirley Riemer

Years ago, when elementary school teacher **Diane Pitter** met a new class of elementary school students, it was actually fun to introduce herself with that "Pitter" surname. Those inventive kindergarten-to-third-grade children had a great time playing with the word "Pitter" – coming up with variations like "Mrs. Pitter-Patter," Mrs. Pitter-Power," and even "Mrs. Armpit" – nicknames that former students can recall even to this day.



It's likely that you already recognize Diane, living here at Campus Commons. But in case you don't know her, be aware that she's the resident you see tagging along in the halls beside that little white-haired Abbie-girl – you know, the pooch who's always up for a scratch behind her ears.

Diane and Keith Pitter moved here in early 2017, but sadly, Keith had a stroke and died a year later on Memorial Day. Diane and Keith were married for 56 years.

Still residing here at Campus Commons, Diane will tell you, "I love it here!"

In her younger years in the Central Valley and during her Brentwood High School years, Diane kept busy riding horses and became experienced as a seamstress, following in the footsteps of her seamstress mother.

It was at Chico State that Diane Cox met Keith Pitter. Diane was studying elementary education, and Keith was enrolled in agricultural education. After their marriage, Keith finished his graduate work at U.C. Davis, and they both taught in Dixon for two years, in their respective fields. Then both took teaching positions at the Williams School District, in Colusa County –

Diane teaching at the elementary school level and Keith teaching agriculture at the high school.

It was Keith's involvement in agricultural education and the related activities of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter that strongly defined and influenced the family's lives from that point forward, including the upbringing of their two children.

Son Doug raised a hog each year and sold it at the agricultural fair. Daughter Jacqueline cared for a steer and a lamb, selling both at auction. In short, family life in the Pitters' home focused on the children's learning to take care of animals, with both parents deeply involved in preparing high school "ag students" for leadership roles, and in teaching patience with farm animals. Even though Diane was busy teaching at the elementary level, she soon became deeply involved in assisting with Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs, Keith's major focus.

The love of Keith's life in later years were the couples' two grandchildren, who loved being around him as much as he adored them.

Diane's assistance with the FFA program included making time for serious work with students in their leadership roles, including assisting students to prepare and deliver speeches for FFA speech-making contests.

Diane's participation in her husband's career also included chaperoning several trips to Washington, D.C. to attend FFA conferences.

For many years, Diane and Keith owned a cabin in LaPorte, where many of the FFA leadership conferences were held. Diane retired from teaching in 1996.

Now, Diane, with her loyal side-kick Abbie (right), are settled and content with life here at Campus Commons.

