

The Gift of Liberty

On October 28, 1886, France gave the United States a gift to commemorate the nation's first 100 years as a democracy and the alliance between France and the United States that had won America its independence during the Revolutionary War. That gift was a massive statue entitled *Liberty Enlightening the World*, but it is better known worldwide as the *Statue of Liberty*.



Such a gift was the idea of Edouard de Laboulaye, a French intellectual and political theorist. It was 1865, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln had just been assassinated, and France itself was politically divided between

those who supported the monarchy and those who craved liberty. Laboulaye hoped that such a gift would not only honor the late President Lincoln, but also spark a desire for freedom and democracy in France. Laboulaye sought the help of the French artist and sculptor Frederic Bartholdi, who shared the same political visions.

Inspiration for *Lady Liberty* first struck Bartholdi while traveling in Egypt to see the construction of the Suez Canal. At the canal's entrance, he envisioned an enormous lighthouse in the shape of a robed peasant carrying a torch. He even suggested this idea to Egypt's leaders, but they did not have the money for such a statue. Bartholdi re-envisioned such a beacon of light and hope for the United States. On the day of its commemoration, a million people lined the streets of New York City for a parade, where traders first threw ticker tape from the windows of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Statue of Liberty originally acted as a lighthouse for New York Harbor until 1902, and it even housed a lighthouse keeper. But it is best known as a beacon of freedom for the millions of immigrants entering America after their trans-Atlantic crossing. Her inscription boasts a monumental welcome: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free."

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Natasha's Marketing Minutes

The Renaissance Society returns on October 10th with Anne Rewell who will present Suffrage Around the World. This focus is not a look at the 19th Amendment, but a journey around the world to see how and when other countries granted women (and sometimes men) the vote, while peeking at women from Argentina to Zimbabwe with their struggle for voting rights. Have you ever wondered, while sitting in class, if your history professor may have left a few things out? Jerry Glasser will return on the 24th to present The Cold War Part II: 1962 to today, (what your teacher never mentioned).

We'll announce the total raised for our 7th Annual Bingo Bonanza Extravaganza benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children at a later date. Thank you to all who participated with your generous gifts.

**"And all at once, summer
 collapsed into fall..."**

-Oscar Wilde

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Christine's Comments

As we enter the fall season, keep in mind that the weather will fluctuate from day to day the first few weeks from cooler mornings to warmer days then cool nights. Between now and the end of the month, we recommend that you check your heater to make sure it is running correctly. Remember, Chris leaves at 4pm. We ask that you place any work orders by 3pm so he has time to address any of your concerns.

It's worth reminding, again, that our dining room is unassigned seating. Meaning: if someone sits down at a table before you, you do not have the right to ask them to move because you think that's "your" table. Instead, join them and be polite or find another table.

If you are having more than two guests for lunch or dinner, please let the dining room know ahead of time and what time you would like to dine. This will make everyone's dining experience more enjoyable.

We are thrilled to welcome Janette Munoz as our new bus driver for our Wednesday outings. Janette comes to us from San Jose and is new to the area – thank goodness for GPS!

Since we are having our Halloween and Costume Party on Thursday, October 31st, we will NOT be having happy hour on Friday, November 1st.

I'm sure you are all aware by now that the City of Sacramento is installing 4 speed bumps along Cadillac Drive from Feature Drive to Fair Oaks Blvd. I don't know exactly where those speed bumps will be located on Cadillac Drive, but my hope is that it will slow drivers down! Construction will start in October and should be completed by the end of November. They are actually installing 27 speed bumps on 7 different streets within the city limits, but we don't know when they will start on Cadillac. As with everything, word will get out. Even though speed bumps are going in, please pay attention, be aware and be careful while crossing the street and use the crosswalk.

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Tonya's Activities Corner

If you haven't had a chance to meet our new bus driver, Janette Munoz, you'll have plenty of chances this month with our scheduled outings. Join us as we head over to Season's 52 Restaurant at Arden Fair Mall for lunch then shopping on the 2nd. Some of you have been craving authentic Mexican food. El Palmar Mexican Restaurant was suggested from two reliable sources, so it must be good. We'll then make a stop at the Goodwill Store to pick out Halloween costumes on the 9th. Two trips this month to Westminster Church for Music at Noon. On the 16th, Cathedral Organist Rex Rallanka & Friends, then a performance by Sambandha! Catherine Mandella & Friends on the 30th. Get ready to pick a pumpkin and ride the train at Bishop's Pumpkin Patch in Wheatland on the 23rd. We'll have fun and plenty of food to choose from, plus enjoy a nice fall drive on the bus.

Kathleen with Paparazzi Jewelry will be here twice this month on the 10th and 24th. She will put those who purchase her beautiful merchandise into raffle drawings. Good luck! Dr. Hague, the podiatrist will be here Monday the 28th. Please make sure you bring your proper insurance card or \$40.00 cash for the cost of his services.

I'm so happy to get in the swing of things with The Happy Trails Duo. Tom Woodall and his lovely wife Sharon will perform on the 4th and on the 31st for our Thursday Horror Hour of Halloween fun. Make sure to wear a costume to win prizes. We will have a blast with great music that you will be able to dance to. We're sure to have a Hollowing time! We have music with Sacramento Take Seven on the 11th and Carl Finnigan on the 18th. This will be Carl's first time performing with us, so enjoy and dance to his fun style of music. On the 25th we will have Tom Carpenter with Moon Glow back. This is a fun-festive month for October. Enjoy and get involved in our activities at the same time. Happy Halloween!

October Birthdays

In astrology, those born between October 1–22 balance the scales of Libra. Libras epitomize fairness and balance, often striving to minimize conflict and seek compromise. They achieve this with their charming, sincere, and lovable personalities. Those born between October 23–31 are Scorpions of Scorpio. Scorpions are passionate and assertive yet are known to keep cool and calm. This composure makes them good, steadfast leaders and loyal and honest friends.

Shirley Moore, October 1st
 Tim Neff, October 2nd
 Claire Quinlan, October 3rd
 Mel Holland, October 4th
 Leila Gardner, October 5th
 Elsie Kazarian, October 8th
 Adele Davis, October 11th
 Anna Correa, October 14th
 Margaret Kozlowski, October 22nd
 Nancy Millin, October 25th
 EB Long, October 27th
 Nina Lyon, October 30th

Campus Anniversaries

Lucille Roberts – 10 years
 Edna Morgan – 8 years
 Barbara Wunderli – 7 years
 Mary Strand – 6 years
 Sue Erlich – 5 years
 Shirley Price – 5 years
 Leila Gardner – 4 years
 George Tygret – 4 years
 Arlie Veis – 3 years
 Joann Charamuga – 2 years
 Fran Messenger – 2 years



October's Featured Resident

As a seven-year-old student in the Wilber Wright Elementary School in Dayton, Ohio in 1929, Campus Commons resident Russell Ellis, has one curious memory. He recalls children in his school going door-to-door selling – of all things – bags of salt! Yet he cannot remember what purpose that financial venture served for the students or the school. The school's namesake, Wilber Wright, with his brother Orville, are credited with developing the first successful airplane, an accomplishment about which students at the school were kept well informed.



Russell does remember, however, that just a few years later, during the Depression, classes were limited to half-day sessions because times were so hard that there wasn't enough money available to pay the teachers for full-time work.

Many years later, through a conversation with a former teacher at the Boys' High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Russell recalls his former teacher reporting that there would have been no way that he could have afforded to hold only that one teaching job during those hard years, without holding another job simultaneously.

Russell remembers his father as a parent who seemed always eager for his two children to "have a good life." His aim, it appeared, was to make sure that his children had the fun in their youth that he had never had. For example – his father would drive the family to stay for a week at some far-off vacation spot during the summer. On that same day he would return home – alone. Then, a week later he would show up to drive the family back home. Also, Russell recalls, when he

was twelve years old, his father bought him a little motorized "racing car," not for any special occasion, but just because he wanted his young son "to have fun."

Following his graduation from high school in Atlanta in 1940, Russell joined Georgia Tech's Navy ROTC. In that same year, his family moved to Sacramento where his father bought a store named "The Boys' Store," next to Weinstock's department store on K Street.

One Sunday morning, as Russell, his brother, and his father were meeting at their Sacramento store to compile upcoming merchandise purchases, a sudden, disturbing radio report interrupted their meeting. The date was December 7, 1941. The grim and shocking report: Japan had just attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor!

It so happened that on that very afternoon, December 7, 1941, a musical performance was to take place at the Sacramento Junior College. The school's orchestra, in which Russell played clarinet, was to play in concert. After much uncertainty and heavy discussion among college leaders, it was decided that the event should go on as planned. Ironically the musical theme of that program was "Madame Butterfly," known for its Japanese theme, and the star of the performance was a student soprano – who held Japanese heritage. That event, of December 7, 1941, did go on as scheduled in Sacramento, and it earned vigorous, long-lasting applause.

Russell enlisted in the Navy in 1942. His path included study at UCLA, Norfolk Navy Yards, and later at the Midshipman's School (the slang for which was the "Ninety-Day Wonder School").

His Navy career was fulfilled by V-J Day in 1945, following the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that year. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Russell returned to Sacramento, to carry on with a career in business services, until his retirement.

Russell and his wife Birgitta arrived at Campus Commons in 2017.