

Campus Commons

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Natasha's Marketing Minutes

Many of you may be familiar with Atlas Hearing. They are now a proud partner of Hearing Care Solutions. They will be here on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10am to present quality hearing instruments for little or no cost to you.

Renaissance Society will be ending their fall symposia on Thursday, December 5th at 2:00pm. Ed Sherman will be discussing The Future of History; What new discoveries or innovations may we expect in historical scholarship during the lives of our grandchildren?!

Now is the time to start getting some holiday shopping done as Jocelyn from American River Companion Care will be here on Thursday, December 19th at 10am to grace us with her complimentary gift wrapping.

As we end our year, a renowned "world class tenor," Chris Pucci, will perform a classic holiday concert on Saturday, December 21st at 10am in the Cabaret Lounge. Happy holidays from our Campus Commons family to yours!

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Ray Stone Inc. 50th Anniversary Party at the Sutter Club



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 Comcast Cable 1-800-266-2278
 AT&T 1-800-310-2355
 Paratransit 916-429-2744
 Yellow Cab 916-444-2222

Beauty Salon Jane Ma 916-223-9658
 Wednesday-Saturday
 Clean Touch Dry Cleaning 916-366-6666
 Pick-up & drop-off Monday & Thursday

Comcast Outage

When we lost Comcast phone, cable and internet on November 6th, many of you stopped by the office and inquired with us about the service and when it would be up and running. We too lost the same

service in our office. I used my cell phone and called Comcast and was informed there was an outage in our area and technicians were working hard to get the problem fixed.

If you have a cell phone, you may want to add the Comcast phone number to your cell phone so you can call them as well. In fact, all important numbers are listed on the back of the newsletters (above this article). In addition, we have added our after-hours phone number. This is a cell number where you can reach us 24/7 - another number you may want to add to your cell phone.



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Christine's Comments

As the holiday season approaches, children gravitate to toy store windows to stare longingly at the wonders on display. If you've ever had the chance to visit New York City during the holiday season, the storefront windows are something to see! When we took our daughter to NYC for her 21st birthday, it was crazy busy with lots of people, but it was one of the most magical Christmases I've ever had!

Most of you may know that Ray Stone Inc. has been celebrating its 50th year in business this year. The staff attended a celebratory evening with the entire company in November at the infamous Sutter Club, where Ray Stone served as president at one time. We had a wonderful evening with dinner, an awards show and lots of fun (see picture on back page).

We have a special day planned for you on the 20th at our Holiday Open House and Resident Party. Your family and friends are invited to stop by at 2pm for holiday refreshments, drinks and music. They are welcomed to stay for our happy hour party at 3pm with The Rawleigh's.

The staff will be hard at work building gingerbread houses! The employees will have one week to complete their houses. They will return them to work on the 20th, just in time for your party. They will be on display at 11am for you to judge. The best, or favorite house will win a fancy gift card!

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday, your housekeeping services will be altered and possibly skipped. Be sure to check with your housekeeper a week before Christmas for the two-holiday schedules. We thank you in advance for your understanding during this time of year.

From the entire Campus Commons family, we wish you all a very happy holiday season!

Tonya’s Activity Corner

Ho! Ho! Ho, everybody! I can’t believe it’s already the end of the year. We have a fun-filled calendar so get involved, or come and enjoy our holiday performances. **Make a note on your calendar for Picture Days on the 20th at 11:00am and the 31st at 3:45pm in the Card Room.**

Santa’s Workshop is coming to Campus Commons on the 5th with cookie decorating, on the 10th with ornament decorating, and on the 17th, hop into the sleigh to Santa’s cookie exchange & hot cocoa and slide show. The staff will decorate gingerbread houses and they will be on display during your party on the 20th. Vote for your favorite!

Be filled with love and appreciation for those who are gifted with talent to perform for you on the 7th by Lifting Spirits. On the 18th, our very own residents, The Riverview Singers, and on the 21st, a Classic Christmas Concert with Chris Pucci, a world class tenor.

We have three outings this month, so please sign-up and enjoy your time on the 4th at Casa Garden Restaurant & Crafters Corner. On the 11th, Duarte’s Poinsettia Farm and lunch at the Fruit Yard Restaurant in Hughson, and on the 18th be sure to get your last minute shopping done at Arden Fair Mall and enjoy lunch of your choice.

Happy Hours will be filled with holiday cheer on the 6th with Vintage Faire, on the 13th with Sacramento Take Seven, on the 20th our Holiday Open House & Resident Party with Bob & Kathy Rawleigh, and Rick Turnage on the 27th. Put those bells on your shoes and make them jingle all the way to the Cabaret Lounge!

Let’s ring in the New Year with dinner from 4:30pm-6:30pm with our New Year’s Eve Party with Mike Ely from 7:00pm-9:00pm. We will toast the New Year east coast time. Happy holidays and Happy New Year everyone! Cheers!

December Birthdays

In astrology, those born between December 1–21 are centaur archers of Sagittarius. Archers are curious, energetic, and enjoy change, the restless travelers of the zodiac. They are funny and enthusiastic, cherishing freedom as their greatest treasure. Those born between December 22–31 are the horned goats of Capricorn. As goats climb to great heights, Capricorns strive to get to the top, using discipline and common sense to find fame, prestige, and money.

- Christa Henkelmann, December 1st
- Barbara Holland, December 2nd
- Joan McGee, December 2nd
- Lucille Roberts, December 2nd
- Voneta DeBon, December 3rd
- Marguerite Spencer, December 5th
- Al Barber, December 10th
- Annabeth Terry, December 11th
- Bill (335) Becker, December 13th
- Betty Cable, December 18th
- Claudia Trnka, December 20th
- Pat Edmonds, December 22nd
- Caroline Brown, December 23rd
- Marianne Riley, December 27th
- Gay Skarpaas, December 27th
- Bob Laukat, December 29th
- Edna Morgan, December 31st

Campus Anniversaries

- Ginger Gunnersen, 8 years
- Peggy Smith, 5 years
- Bob Laukat, 4 years
- Adele Davis, 2 years
- DD Despard, 2 years
- Notch Parino, 2 years
- Esther Franklin, 1 year
- Senova Lamothe, 1 year



Welcome New Residents

- K. Bernard #303
- S. Cosca #336
- C. Doring #143
- J. Teare #227

December’s Featured Resident
by Shirley Riemer

Although Dick Baker grew up on a chicken farm in Wisconsin, he never considered that raising and slaughtering chickens, then packing them up for sale, would become his life work. Yet, he was good at it. This young boy, handling 500 chickens per week – some 7,000 chickens per year – became the root of responsibility for the chicken farm – from the hatchings, the stages of growth, right on up – all in one day – to slaughtering 100 chickens, getting the feathers picked, submerging the chickens in ice-cold water, packing them in wax boxes, and then shipping them all off to the restaurant owned by his two sisters.

Yet, what that farm boy really yearned for was to become a carpenter! Just two years out of high school, and with the Korean War having erupted, the decision for his future was made for him. At just a right age to be eligible for the draft, Dick's decision was clear. Rather than facing the draft, he signed up for a four-year stint in the Navy.

Following completion of Navy boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, he went on to spend a year and a half at Kodiak Island, Alaska – a place hard to forget, especially for that island's famous “Barometer Mountain,” also known for its famous weather prediction: “If you can't see the mountain, it's raining. If you can see the mountain, it's going to rain.”

The Navy put him in a “boat shop” at Kodiak Island – to learn how to repair boats, as well as how to operate and repair machines. Looking back, however, Dick concludes that one of the best skills he gained on that island was learning to fish, because so much of his assigned work took place while he fished. In fact, he became such a practiced fisherman that it was said by his buddies, “Put Dick in the middle of Los Angeles, and in an hour, he'll have a great place to fish.” Just before he made it to Navy's Second Class, he was sent to Treasure Island, California, to learn “Damage Control” for 16 weeks, even though he had by then already mastered that material. By 1955, he completed his Navy service, as First-Class Petty Officer

A civilian again, Dick began his lifetime of building experiences – practicing his carpentry skills in many categories, starting as a carpenter's apprentice in 1951, hanging sheet rock, at \$1.37 per hour.

Other building projects included:

- A motel in Sacramento, at 16th and Capitol, where Dick began work with the same contractor he would serve for the following 25 years (and where he married – followed by the addition to his family of four daughters to his family)
- Ski lodges in Truckee
- Microwave towers: concrete buildings on mountain-tops, for AT&T
- Two telephone buildings in Chico
- PG&E service centers in Grass Valley and Placerville
- A Highway Patrol building in Mt. Shasta

In recent years, having built himself a full-service cabinet shop at the back of his house, Dick put his carpentry talents to work during Christmas seasons by creating wooden toys for distribution through the Salvation Army's Christmas program, supported by 30 or 40 other donating groups. With help, he tried to make 50 doll cradles and children's stepstools each year. He and other members of the Sacramento Area Woodworkers Club began work during the week after Christmas on the toys to be donated the following year, through the Salvation Army's distribution to needy children during the holiday season.

