



A Monthly Newsletter for the Families and Friends of Vista Gardens

### A Message from Shannon

Happy New Year to all our wonderful residents, family members and friends. I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Season and were able to spend time with your families and loved ones.

Thank you to all the family members, friends and staff that donated to our annual holiday party. The staff and I very much appreciate the giving family that Vista Gardens is.

We have some exciting projects in store for the year as we continue to make Vista Gardens an even more beautiful place to live and work.

All the staff of Vista Gardens wish you a happy and healthy start of the new year. Have a great month and thank you!

Shannon Hundley

**Executive Director** 

January 2020

#### Management Team

Shannon Hundley Executive Director / Administrator Evelyn Delgado Associate Executive Director Rachel McIntyre Memory Care Director Stephanie Morgan Director of Sales & Marketing Mara Carney Activity Director Dee Warner Culinary Director Easter Sialoi Staff Development Manager Peter Ledesma Maintenance Manager Leah Wallis Community Liaison Carmen Gonzales Garden Level Programmer Mara Sialoi Memory Care Assistant Karina Tellez Administrative / HR Assistant

**Favorite Photos** 



#### January Highlights

Wednesday, January 1st New Year's Toast, 2 pm Bingo w/ North Coast 2:30 pm Library

Friday, January 3rd Music with Teah & Jervin 2:00 pm Lobby

Wednesday, January 8th "Our January History" 10:00 am Community Center

Thursday, January 9th Sunset Drive & Picnic Outing 4:00 pm Bus

Friday, January 10th Hot Cocoa Bar 2:00 pm Lobby

Wednesday, January 15th Resident Council Meeting 1:00 pm Library

Thursday, January 16th Piano w Margie 3:00 pm Lobby

Friday, January 17th "Minding Motion" Class 10:00 am Library Music with Celeste Barbier 2:30 pm Lobby

Friday, January 24th Music w/ Peter Seltser 2:30 pm Lobby

Friday, January 31st Music w/ DeAnna Manley 3:00 pm Lobby



## Happy New Year!



Wishing all of our Residents and Families a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

## Family Support Meeting

Caring for a loved one can be isolating and overwhelming, but you are not alone...

# **Alzheimer's San Diego**

Support and Discussion Group Facilitated by Sandy Braff, MFT Thursdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Build relationships Learn from others Develop new coping strategies Find comfort and strength Compassionate safe environment Monthly educational speaker: 3rd Thursday

# Vista Gardens

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#### **Resident Spotlight: January**



**Cheryl Sisario** 

Cheryl is a very proud Canadian who moved from Winnipeg, Canada to Redondo Beach, CA at the age of 15 with her family of 7 brothers and a sister. She met her first husband, Clifford "Mike" at Redondo Beach H.S and together they had 2 girls, Gina and Gaylene. Cheryl spent her time caring for her home and family and shopping!

Following the early loss of her husband, she met a career Naval soldier, Fred, through a friend and they lived in Vista, CA. Together they enjoyed socializing and going to the local Casinos to play penny slots.

At Vista Gardens, Cheryl continues to enjoy socializing, humor, movies and parties! Cheryl, we're happy to know you!

Welcome New Residents!



to our Vista Gardens Family! Joseph "Pat" O. Virginia P. Thomas G.

We are very glad to meet you!

Food for Thought

We cannot give them their memory back, but we can give them an experience that triggers memory. Moyra Jones December 2019 Employee of the Month



Jose Robles Med-Tech

Jose' was born in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico and moved to Fallbrook with his parents and 3 brothers at the age of 15. He has remained in Fallbrook and enjoys time there with his partner and 2 Corgis.

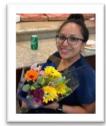
Jose' began working in Senior Care communities as a server, then a caregiver and ultimately a med-tech. He plans to start Nursing School next year with the goal of earning his RN degree in 2 years.

Jose' says he has remained at Vista Gardens for 5 years because our residents have become like family and he has a supportive staff and encouraging Management team.

Way to go, Jose. We're proud of you!

2019 Employee of the Year

Mercedes Bahenas



Mercedes was chosen by our Management team as 2019 Employee of the Year. She is one of our very special caregivers. She is small in stature, but we have learned not to underestimate her abilities!

Mercedes has served her residents and families at Vista Gardens 3 years and has won the respect of her supervisors and co-workers. Our residents love her calm demeanor and her smile. Our team loves her dependability, capability and her positivity.

She is the proud mother of two beautiful Children, Sofia and Antonio Thanks, Mercedes for being part of our Vista Gardens team!

Congratulations from all of us!