

## **JULY 2020**

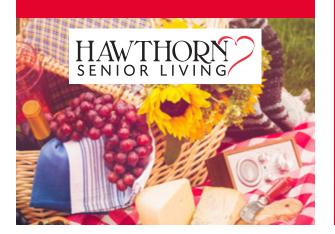
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## **TRANSPORTATION**

Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Shopping and Errands
Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.:
Medical Appointments

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Outing Day Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Outings and Errands



## Class of 2020

We'd like to take a moment to congratulate our wonderful high school graduates. Our Servers do a fantastic job and we all enjoy them so! This year has been filled with uncertainty and some dashed dreams as our students have had to forgo many of the traditional celebrations (including prom and senior trip to Disney) and plans that come with being a senior. Our students have taken it in stride, continued to have a great attitude and positive outlook. We couldn't be prouder!

Congratulations to: Kale Almeida, Katie Kenny, Abigail Lentzner, Jasmine Perry, Lilly Risley, Joey Ward and Eden Wright! We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!



Several of our seniors: Kale, Jasmine, Katie and Jasmine



## Get to Know Marcia Waples

Introducing Marcia Lyden Waples, a recent addition to our resident family at El Dorado Estates. Marcia, born November 28, 1930, is a transplant from Carmel and is of Irish and German descent, be it the Monterey Peninsula or California's gold country, both a far cry from Davenport, lowa, where she spent her childhood. Marcia is an only child, was raised Catholic and educated at Sacred Heart.

Before we jump into her stories, here are several fun facts about Marcia. French food will motivate her to be on time for dinner. Her favorite book is "Gone With the Wind" and the song which stirs moving emotion is "Beyond the Blue Horizon." She claims to have no athletic abilities but has enjoyed tennis and skiing. She has traveled extensively from coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada via train. She and her family have also traveled to the Mediterranean, Caribbean and sailed to Europe several times on a large, seaworthy vessel. With her love of salty water, you may have guessed that her favorite color is blue. Marcia enjoys reading and currently is exploring memoir writing. Her passion is live theater, especially musical theater, opera, and movies.

When I sat down with Marcia, she was candid about sharing stories from her youth. Sadly, her mother passed away when Marcia was only 4 years old. Her father, who Marcia remembers as loving, attentive, kind and doting worked full time and brought in a nanny/housekeeper to help raise his little girl, Mrs. Murray. The Irish nanny had always insisted that Marcia come right home after school. One day, her good friend Jane extended an invite to accompany her to her house after school to see her new red bicycle. Marcia jumped at the opportunity. Marcia desperately wanted a bicycle but Mrs. Murray had put her foot down — bikes were too dangerous! Having never ridden a bicycle, Marcia fell several times in her first attempts. And fall she had, right onto cinders the city had laid out to protect cars from adverse weather conditions. When she arrived home hours later, Mrs. Murray sent her promptly to her room. The wound on her knee became infected to which the stern au pair replied, "God punished you for not coming home right away." Marcia revealed that it took a long while to forgive God for that.

Being a teenager, she spent her teen years reading a lot of magazines and romantic, historical novels like "Forever Amber."

Being a teenage today seems very different.

Cut to her college years, Marcia revealed a grand story from her career at Purdue University. Marcia admitted that Purdue was not the right school for her field of study, as the university reflected the spirit of the times in that fields of study focused on engineering for men and home economics for women, but her friends had been accepted so she chose to attend. The choice worked out for her as she met her first husband and the father of her three children at Purdue, but we will get back to that.

One chilly, winter weekend, she and a girlfriend hitched a ride with a fellow student to Chicago from Lafayette, Indiana to see Katharine Hepburn on the stage in "As You Like It."

Her friend, Jim and two additional fraternity brothers arrived to pick up the girls and he was not impressed. For a quick weekend trip, Marcia had clearly over-packed, including a large suitcase, several coats and her portable typewriter in its little red case. After rearranging the trunk, the girls squeezed into the back seat and they were off for the Windy City.

She recalled the show as 'marvelous' and after the performance, they found themselves at the stage door of the venue awaiting Ms. Hepburn's departure. They braved the frigid weather for 30 minutes awaiting Ms. Hepburn's departure. They passed the time by chatting up the star's chauffeur who was standing by at the ready with a private car to deliver her back to her hotel. Weighing her options to follow her love of live performance and pursue a career in film, Marcia's current career aspirations at Purdue were to become a foreign correspondent



for a popular publication. Suddenly, the stage door flew open and out raced Ms. Hepburn beelining toward the waiting car. Marcia jumped into action, following Ms. Hepburn's trajectory, explaining how much they enjoyed her performance and would it be possible to have an interview for the school newspaper? The world renown actress thanked and graciously declined the gushing college students, then quickly disappeared into the waiting car.

Once safely back on campus and completely unsatisfied with the brief encounter, Marcia composed a fan letter to the star complimenting her stage performance and singing her praises. Several weeks later, to her astonishment, she received a gracious reply signed by Ms. Hepburn. Marcia kindly included a copy of the signed note for this article.

Altogether it was a fine weekend because when Jim picked the girls up to drive them back to school, he asked her to sit in the front seat next to him. A year later they were married.

Marcia married Jim in 1951 and they had three children together. In 1963, they sold their house in Menlo Park and rented a Swiss



chalet in Blonay, a small village that overlooked Lake Geneva. By this time the children were 7, 10, and 11 - old enough to enjoy and explore. Marcia admitted that the young family "winged a lot" as they enrolled their children in the local, entirely French speaking primary school. That year they put 25,000 miles on the red Volkswagen camper van retrieved in Cologne, Germany for their Swiss adventure. They drove it all over Europe including Greece and Scandinavia. Marcia disclosed, "Our time in Europe was probably the happiest year of my life. We were close as a family, always together with no intrusions or distractions. Our travels were a great education in history, culture, art and people."

As we spoke together, I realized Marcia had many experiences and a lot to share. She is engaging and a wonderful storyteller.

Below, her training in memoir writing will speak for itself. In her own words:

"Most of my adult life I was married and a homemaker but in my 40's, I was divorced. My daughter was attending the American College in Paris where I joined her. I found a job with a couple from India who ran an import/export firm. Their office was near Gare St. Lazarre, near two big department stores on Rue de Budapest. It had a sprinkling of prostitutes loitering along the sidewalk chatting with the shopkeepers and passers by. They especially admired my car, a blue Audi I had purchased in Germany. My employer sent me to their Hamburg office where I remained only a few months. Hamburg in winter proved gray and grim. Through friends, I found a job when I returned from Europe working for Rod Diridon in San Jose, at a research organization. Rod went on to become Supervisor and Mayor of San Jose. Next, I was the secretary to the President of Menlo School and College for 5 years. Later, I worked at an educational television center at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, which broadcast programs to Catholic Schools in the San Francisco Bay area. It was fun although there were malfunctions regularly and I would tell callers we were experiencing technical difficulties. Sometimes it was hard not to giggle. My late husband, Robert Waples was a wonderful man. We were married almost 25 years. I met him in 1979. He was retired and a few years older than me. We shared many interests, including travel. I miss him very much and envy the couples here who are enjoying old age together. What is better than a long marriage life with a loving companion?"

## **JULY 2020**

# **Birthdays**

Joan Ferrero, 3rd John Pedlar, 4th Carolyn Pierce-Ewing, 5th Nancy Du Ponte, 5th Shirley Huckabay, 6th George Mannion, 10th Jan Birkhead, 12th Loretta Lima, 14th Paula Baldi, 14th Betty Gallego, 16th Dot Rhoades, 17th Dave Horvath, 25th Joan Flowers, 26th Shirley Salter, 27th Jane Hoyt, 28th Al Johnson, 28th Bobby York-Norderhaug, 29th Retha Dawson, 31st

## Locations

Activity Room, AR **Activity Room** Kitchen, ARK Atrium. AT Billiard Room, BR Bistro. B Bus Transportation, BUS Chapel, CH Courtyard, CY Dining Room, DR Fitness Center, FC Library, LIB Lobby, L Movie Theater, MT TV Room, TV Van. VAN

"Be bold, be brave enough to be your true self." —Queen Latifah

### **SUNDAY TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **FRIDAY SATURDAY MONDAY THURSDAY** 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY 2 10:00 Yoga with 10:00 Saturday Crossword 9:00 Thursday Word Laurie, FC Puzzle, DR 9:45 Strength & Balance, FC Search Puzzle, AR 10:00 Glow in the Dark Weekend Documentary 2:00 Take a Walk Around the Rocks. AR 9:45 Strength & & Review, MT Building with Rosie, L 10:30 Music Appreciation 11:30 Spanish Class with Balance, FC 3:00 Watermelon Party!, CY with Rachelle, DR **Carol Fierro, AR** 2:00 Wizard, FC 3:00 Billiards with Ethan, BR 3:00 Bingo with Katie, DR 2:00 Scenic Drive 3:00 Singalong with 3:00 Patriotic Singalong with 6:45 Evening Jim & Shelly, DR with MJ, BUS Shelly, DR Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 7:00 Sparklers & **Fudgsicles, CY** 7:00 Bingo, DR 8 10 11 9:45 Strength & 10:00 Yoga with 9:00 Thursday Word 10:00 Saturday Crossword 9:45 Strength & Balance, FC Puzzle. DR 10:00 Yoga with Laurie, FC Search Puzzle, AR 10:00 Sunday Church with Balance, FC 2:00 Take a Walk 10:30 Weekend Laurie. FC 11:30 Spanish Class with 9:45 Strength & **Pastor Jerry, CY** 10:30 Coloring with Around the Building **Documentary &** Carol Fierro, AR 2:00 Bridge Club, FC Balance, FC 3:00 Bingo, DR Friends, AR with Rosie, L Review, MT 2:00 Walking Club, L 2:00 Scenic Drive 2:00 Wizard, FC 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 10:30 Music Appreciation 2:00 Golf Putting, AR 3:00 Bingo with Katie, DR with MJ, BUS 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 3:00 Singalong with 7:00 Mexican Train, BR with Rachelle, DR 3:00 Golf Putting, AR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 7:00 Bingo, DR Shelly, DR 3:00 Billiards with Ethan, BR 7:00 Mexican Train, BR 6:45 Evening 7:00 Bingo, DR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT Movie, MT 15 12 13 14 17 18 9:45 Strength & 9:00 Thursday Word 10:00 Yoga with 10:00 Saturday Crossword 9:45 Strength & Balance, FC Search Puzzle, AR Puzzle. DR 10:00 Sunday Church with 10:00 Yoga with Laurie, FC Balance, FC 2:00 Take a Walk 9:45 Strength & 10:30 Weekend Laurie. FC 11:30 Spanish Class with **Pastor Jerry, CY** 10:30 Coloring with Balance, FC Around the Building **Documentary &** Carol Fierro, AR 2:00 Bridge Club, FC 3:00 Bingo, DR with Rosie, L Review, MT Friends, AR 2:00 Wizard, FC 2:00 Scenic Drive 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 2:00 Walking Club, L 10:30 Music Appreciation 2:00 Golf Putting, AR 3:00 Singalong with 3:00 Bingo with Katie, DR with MJ. BUS 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 7:00 Mexican Train, BR with Rachelle, DR Shelly, DR 3:00 Golf Putting, AR 6:45 Evening 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 7:00 Bingo, DR 3:00 Billiards with Ethan, BR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening 7:00 Bingo, DR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT Movie, MT Movie, MT 19 20 21 22 24 10:00 Saturday Crossword 25 10:00 Yoga with 9:00 Thursday Word 9:45 Strength & Puzzle, DR 9:45 Strength & Laurie, FC 10:30 Weekend 10:00 Yoga with Search Puzzle, AR Balance, FC 10:00 Sunday Church with Balance, FC **Documentary &** Laurie, FC 11:30 Spanish Class with 9:45 Strength & 2:00 Take a Walk **Pastor Jerry, CY** 10:30 Coloring with Review. MT 2:00 Bridge Club, FC Carol Fierro, AR Balance, FC Around the Building 3:00 Bingo, DR Friends, AR 10:30 Music Appreciation with Rosie, L 2:00 Walking Club, L 2:00 Scenic Drive 2:00 Wizard, FC with Rachelle, DR 2:00 Golf Putting, AR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT with MJ, BUS 3:00 Singalong with 3:00 Bingo with Katie, DR 3:00 Billiards with 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 7:00 Mexican Train, BR 3:00 Golf Putting, AR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT Shelly, DR 7:00 Bingo, DR Ethan, BR 7:00 Mexican Train, BR 7:00 Bingo, DR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 26 27 29 31 10:00 Yoga with 9:45 Strength & 9:45 Strength & 9:00 Thursday Word Laurie, FC Balance, FC 10:00 Yoga with 10:00 Sunday Church with Balance, FC Search Puzzle, AR 11:30 Spanish Class with 2:00 Take a Walk Laurie, FC 9:45 Strength & **Pastor Jerry, CY** 10:30 Coloring with **Carol Fierro. AR** Around the Building 2:00 Bridge Club, FC Friends, AR Balance, FC 3:00 Bingo, DR 2:00 Scenic Drive with Rosie, L 2:00 Walking Club, L 2:00 Golf Putting, AR 2:00 Wizard, FC 6:45 Evening Movie, MT with MJ, BUS 3:00 Bingo with Katie, DR 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 6:45 Evening Movie, MT 3:00 Singalong with 7:00 Mexican Train, BR 3:00 Golf Putting, AR 6:45 Evening 7:00 Bingo, DR Shelly, DR 7:00 Left Center Movie, MT 6:45 Evening 6:45 Evening Movie, MT Right, AR 7:00 Bingo, DR Movie, MT



# Fourth of July, Independence Day

"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness." "With freedom comes responsibility." "Where liberty dwells, there is my country." "We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it."

Independence Day is always such a festive holiday to enjoy! Each year, we look forward to family barbecues, picnics with friends, and time to reflect and be grateful for our precious freedoms.

We can't wait to have our own celebration here at El Dorado Estates! Here's the lineup:

## Friday, July 3rd:

Watermelon Party, 3 p.m. Courtyard

 Ode to watermelon! Aside from enjoying fresh sliced watermelon together, we will host a watermelon eating contest, a watermelon seedspitting showdown, and we'll do our best to get everyone involved in the Watermelon Wiggle! We'll have other fun games, drawings and more!

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" — 1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Movie Theater

 A 1939 American political comedy-drama film directed by Frank Capra, starring Jean Arthur and James Stewart, and featuring Claude Rains and Edward Arnold. The film is about a newly appointed United States Senator who fights against a corrupt political system, and was written by Sidney Buchman, based on Lewis R. Foster's unpublished story "The Gentleman From Montana." The film was controversial when it was first released, but successful at the box office, and it made Stewart a major star!

### Saturday, July 4th:

Independence Day Lunch! 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dining Room

 Sous Chef Brenden and our Culinary Team will work hard to create a special Fourth of July meal for your enjoyment!

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" - 1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Movie Theater

A 1942 American biographical musical film about George M. Cohan, known as "The Man Who Owned Broadway." It stars James Cagney, Joan Leslie, Walter Huston, and Richard Whorf. The film was a major hit for Warner Brothers. It was nominated for eight Academy Awards and won four. In 1998, the movie was ranked #100 on the 100 Years ... 100 Movies list, by the American Film Institute.

Patriotic Singalong with Jim Bogue and Shelly Rydenbark, 3 p.m

 Let's join our hearts and voices as Jim and Shelly lead us in favorite patriotic songs to bring warmth and unity to the day.

Sparklers and Fudgsicles, 7 p.m., Courtyard

 Light a sparkler and enjoy fudgy chocolate Popsicles with friends and neighbors!

# Tell Us All About It: Wally Currey

Wally Currey shared his stories with a group of listeners in the Dining Room one warm afternoon in June.

The portion of his life on which Wally shared with us was his service in the American Armed Forces.

Wally served a total of 24 years, active duty with the Navy and Army military.

Since childhood, Wally has always dreamt of serving in the Armed Forces. His father was not supportive.

Wally enlisted in the Navy and served in World War II. His father did not want to lose his son to war and was reluctant to sign the consent forms. His father was slow to agree to consent to Wally going through basic training but finally relented for fear of his son being drafted into infantry.

Wally enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1942 as an aviation cadet at the age of 19. In those days, a boy had to be over 21 years to enlist as an aviation cadet. Wally went through the program and excelled with flying colors (pun intended). He qualified to land a torpedo bomber, the largest single engine airplane in the world at the time. Landing a plane on an aircraft carrier was and is a taxing aviation maneuver.

When World War II was over, Wally left the Navy. He had been out of the military for 1.5 years and went back to his job as a junior

accountant. At this time, he and his wife moved back to Oregon to be close to her family. He couldn't find work in Oregon as a junior accountant and they went broke. He chose to enlist in the Army where he kept his reserve commission in the Navy and enrolled in the Army as an enlisted man. In the Army, Wally became a second lieutenant finance officer supervising 200 employees servicing payroll, travel and other miscellaneous expenses for 30,000 enlisted men, officers, etc.

Wally has also served in the Korean War, no active duty. He has many stories to share about his military career, his service as a Finance Officer in Berlin, Accounting Officer, and Artillery Officer.



Animated Wally as he tells us about his life



A bill Wally saved from his time in the military

# Live Music in the Courtyard

The day has come where we could finally get some live music to come and play for us. We contacted Midtown Jazz to come out on a wonderful, cool and sunny Wednesday evening. The popular trio played lovely jazz music in the courtyard which then wafted through the neighborhood. The residents were so excited that we could finally get the music rolling! We had a lot of the residents on their patios and all around the building enjoying the jazz music! Carol Fierro was dancing the evening away with a smile on her face and couldn't stop moving!



Jerry & her dog Macho enjoying the jazz music



Carol Fierro enjoy the music and dancing



Midtown Jazz playing some Jazz for them







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