In Praise of Compliments

January 24 may be the most positive day of the year-it's Compliment Day!



Compliments are not just friendly small talk; they are powerful tools to build and strengthen relationships. After all, when you pay a compliment, you are focused entirely on the other person. A happy by-product is that they also make the person paying

the compliment feel good.

Giving good and honest compliments is hard work. You must truly get to know the other person by listening to their words, observing their actions, and learning from their experiences. And if you've ever received a heartfelt compliment, you know how good one can make you feel. As Mark Twain once quipped, "I can live for two months on a good compliment."

Have you ever paid a compliment that seemed to go unnoticed? Not all compliments are created equal. If you want your compliment to be heard loud and clear, follow these steps:

- 1. **Be sincere.** Don't give a compliment if you don't mean it.
- 2. Be specific. Don't say something vague; say something that shows you're paying close attention to the person.
- 3. Go beyond the compliment. Don't just compliment another person; go further by commenting on the positive outcome of that person's action or choice.
- 4. Follow up with a question. Show genuine interest by asking a question and turning your compliment into a conversation.
- 5. Avoid comparisons. Don't tell someone that they are better than something else; value the person in their own right.
- 6. Expect nothing in return. Never offer a compliment and then ask for a favor at the same time.
- 7. Setting matters. There is a right time and place for every compliment.

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By Any Measure

Maybe you've forgotten because they've been covered in wool socks all winter, but January 23 is Measure Your Feet Day. Why would someone do such a thing? Perhaps to buy a



new pair of snow boots, ice skates, or ski boots. Or perhaps you should measure your feet on this day because 88 percent of women routinely wear shoes that are too small. and

70 percent of men wear shoes that are the wrong size.

Furthermore, not only does the size

of your foot change over time, but your two feet are likely not the same size. It is no wonder that so many people wear uncomfortable shoes.

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Happy New Year everyone! I want to wish you all great health and happiness for the New Year! To start the new year, I would love to find a small team of writers to interview and write articles about our residents in the newsletter. We would feature one resident each month and tell a little about their background. We have so many interesting people in our community, and it would be great to share their stories. If you would be interested, please let us know in the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Campus Commons volunteers that have helped us throughout the year. Paige Small, Christa Henkelmann and Joann Charamuga, thank you for your dedication to our Bingo games every Wednesday and Saturday. Victoria Dalkey, thank you for leading the Encore game that so many enjoy. Mary Kelly, thank you for leading our wonderful Spanish classes every month. Dorothy Wooldridge, thank you for keeping our Bookworms book club interesting and taking on the library with Jean Drotts. This is another team that could use more volunteers if you are interested in helping.

Thank you to the gardening club and volunteers who keep the flowers beautiful on the back patio and third floor terrace. Nancy Millin, Judy Schuchmann, Margaret Kozlowski, Jean Drotts and Mary Kelly are the ones who keep these areas nice for us. Ginny Johnson, thank you for all of your card making classes and leading the Knit Pickers that raised a lot of money for the Children's Shriners hospital. Thank you to Sue Erlich for bringing joy by leading our monthly Sing-alongs. Joan Charamuga and Shirley Thornton have been our fabulous Welcoming Committee for new residents. In 2024, we will look for additional members for this team. Wes Busby, thank you for bartending in a pinch when we have been short staffed.

Thank you to everyone that helped on the Food and Dining Committee in 2023: Paige Small, Dorothy Wooldridge, Carol Doring, Ken Beik, Dorothy Pasley, Barbara Cross, Claudia Trnka and Ed Briles. Lastly, I would like to give a special thanks to Pat Edmonds for managing our library for so many years. She did an amazing job!

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Deanna's Download

I sincerely hope that I didn't miss anyone. Without help from this team of volunteers, we wouldn't be the great community that we

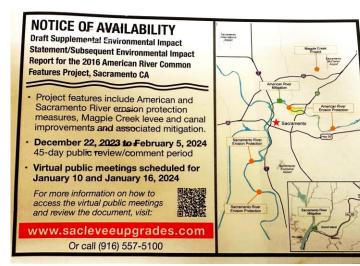
Marketing Minutes

Welcome December and Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones! It's our favorite time of the year. A friendly reminder, you are always welcome to invite your friends to our festive Happy Hour each Friday and to our special presentations each month.

If you know someone who is thinking about moving to a community like ours, we would love to offer them a complimentary lunch with a tour. Plus, when you refer someone who moves in, you will get \$1,000 off your rent! See the office for details.



Sacramento Levee Information



January Birthdays

Those born from January 1–19 are Capricorns, the Goat. As sure-footed goats climb mountains, Capricorns pursue worthwhile, nonfrivolous goals by taking practical steps. If you were born between January 20–31, you are an Aquarius, the Water Bearer. Aquarians are loyal and smart humanitarians who want to make a difference in the world. These energetic people have inquisitive minds and come up with creative solutions to problems.

Mark Beik- January 1st Virginia Sawyer- January 12th Wes Busby– January 13th George Tygret– January 14th Linda Karp– January 22nd Lena Kato– January 25th Birgitta Ellis– January 25th

Anniversaries:

Michael Halfant- 9 years Nat Linenberger- 8 years Eleanor Witter- 7 years Shirley Marks- 4 years Dorothy Wooldridge- 4 years Carol Doring- 4 years Doris Hyman- 2 years Mary Kelly- 2 years Amelia Lolli- 2 years Marion McKone- 1 year

Move Ins:

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Tonya's Activity Corner

Goodbye 2023 and welcome 2024!! What a year it's been. Glad we made it through all of the ups and downs. Cheers to the new year. May it be filled with happiness, joy, love, good health, and new adventures. December was month full of holiday cheer and bliss.

Santa came to visit Campus; we were on the nice list this year. Thank you all for coming to the Resident Holiday Party and inviting your friends and family. We enjoyed celebrating wi you!

Dr. Hague, a Podiatrist, will be here on Monday, January 8th in the beauty salon. Please sign up at the credenza as soon as possible. The new charge for his services is \$45. Please bring your insurance or cash at your appointment time. We'll be starting the new year with a new game called "Chronology." It will be played in the Game Room on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Grab a friend and come on down. Che Mike will be preparing a food demo on Tuesday, January 9th at 2:30pm in the Cabare Lounge. Come down and enjoy a delicious treat. The Activity Talk with Tonya will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 1:00pm in the Cabaret Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join Please bring your ideas, suggestions, and feedback to the meeting. Mark Eddy with Campus Commons Physical Therapy will be here on Thursday, January 18th at 2:30pm in the Cabaret Lounge. Come down and listen to his seminar on shoulder problems. Ceramics with Claudie will be here on January 18th at 10:30am in the Activity Center. Paint & Sip wi Teresa will be on the Tuesday, January 23rd a 2:30pm in the Activity Center. Grab a friend and a glass of wine and paint a lovely winter painting. Prize Bingo with Deanna will be on Tuesday, January 30th at 2:00pm in the Cabre Lounge. Just a friendly reminder, this bingo is free, keep your quarters for Wednesday and Saturday bingo.

	Our January resident outings will be as follows:
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	 Friday Happy Hours: January 5th: Moon Glow January 12th: Alincia Vela January 19th: Incorrigible. (A new duo that will be playing here at Campus for the first time.) January 26th: Jerry Lopes
ef et	Let's have an amazing new year! I look forward to new activities, outings, and events. Happy January!
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