



Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

January 2025

Resident of the Month



Nancy Cramer: Resident of the Year 2024

Our Ponte Palmero Resident of the Year for 2024 is Nancy Cramer. She and her husband Gary have lived at Ponte for 6 years this coming February. Nancy is the finance chair for the Ponte Palmero Residents Association (P.P.R.A.). She is in charge of raising funds for the December employee appreciation gift. She is passionate in her fundraising efforts, talking at the monthly resident meetings to help inform residents about the P.P.R.A. fund and answer questions. Nancy explained that Ponte employees aren't permitted to accept tips, so the P.P.R.A. fund provides an opportunity for residents to give back to "our wonderful family of employees."

Nancy was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She attended school at the L.A. Unified School District and began working there as a clerk after graduation. Later in her career, she worked as an office manager for the biggest junior high school in California – over 3,000 students.

Nancy and her husband Gary met at an investment meeting. They had a lot in common. Gary worked for Water and Power, as did Nancy's family. They were married 2 years later and have been married for 43 years. Nancy has 2 stepdaughters and 4 grandsons.

After retirement, Nancy and Gary relocated to Shingle Springs, where they bought a 5-acre property. Gary had fallen in love with the area when on vacation with his kids. Nancy and Gary lived in Shingle Springs for 30 years before moving to Ponte. Within a couple of weeks of moving here, Nancy and Gary knew this was their place. "Everyone who works here or lives here feels like family," Nancy said.

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Happy Birthday



- Cathy Wood - Jan 1
- Gerda Graffunder - Jan 2
- Bernice Rocca - Jan 4
- Stan Brown - Jan 8
- Sharon Brainard - Jan 10
- Patricia Tucker - Jan 12
- Bob Webb - Jan 14
- Sharon Miller - Jan 16
- Berto Berti - Jan 20
- Mary Cook - Jan 25
- Joan Sitnick - Jan 27
- Ruth Howard - Jan 27

Happy Anniversary

- Jim & Marge Lynch - Jan 30



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For 25 years, Nancy has been a volunteer for M.O.R.E., a non-profit organization committed to helping adults with developmental disabilities. She has served as secretary on the board for the past 10 years. Nancy is very involved with their programs, visiting the facility each week to check in and talk to clients.

Nancy is an active member of her church, Foothills United Methodist. She's involved with community outreach, helping the youth, and is part of the finance committee.

Nancy and Gary have also been delivering meals to the senior shut-ins for the El Dorado County Senior Nutrition Program for 30 years.

After all the volunteering, does Nancy have time for hobbies? Yes! She and Gary love to travel. They have been all over Europe and have visited New Zealand and Australia. Now, they like to do 2 trips a year in the U.S. and Canada. They also enjoy jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku.



Ponte's Christmas Village



Pictures With Santa



Choose a Word of the Year

Instead of making a New Year's resolution, many people pick a word of the year, which serves as motivation for daily activities as well as bigger goals. Brainstorm a list of inspirational words, such as "grow," "balance," or "reflect." After you choose a word, write it on a note and place it where you'll see it every day.

Lunch Outing to Diamond Springs Hotel



Methodist Church Singing Christmas Carols



Christmas Wreath Craft



Cameron Park Christmas Craft Fair



Ponte's Christmas Craft Fair



Staff Appreciation Party



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El Dorado Community Concert, Street Corner Renaissance



Arts & Crafts



Ponte's Christmas Tree



Cathy Copeland and Her Beautiful Christmas Piano Music



Christmas Ornament Painting



Memories of Wintertime

There's something about freshly fallen snow that turns many adults into kids again. Cozy up to a discussion about winter memories.

- What were winters like where you grew up? Was snow common or rare?
- Do you remember the first time you saw snow? Where were you? How old were you?
- Describe how you bundled up to go outside on a winter day. What clothing and gear did you wear? Did you have snow boots? Have you ever worn snowshoes?
- Have you ever built a snowman? What did you use to decorate it? Did you make snow forts or have snowball fights?
- Did you go sledding as a kid? Was there a favorite spot where you and your friends went? What kind of sled did you have?
- Have you ever gone ice skating? If so, was it on a pond, lake or rink? Have you played ice hockey? What about other winter sports, such as skiing, snowboarding, curling or ice fishing?
- Did you ever have a snow day from school or work? How did you spend the day?
- Nowadays, what do you like to do on a wintry day?

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Ponté Palmero Resort-Style Living

“This Month In History” JANUARY

1901: The American Bowling Congress organizes the first national bowling tournament, held in Chicago.

1938: Benny Goodman plays a sold-out concert at New York City’s Carnegie Hall. It was the first time jazz was played at the venue, and the first time that white and Black musicians performed together on a U.S. stage.

1943: Headquarters for the U.S. Department of Defense, the Pentagon building officially opens.

1953: Chevrolet debuts its new sports car, the Corvette.

1986: James Brown, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley are among the first artists inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

1994: American speedskater Dan Jansen sets a new world record, skating 500 meters in 35.76 seconds at a race in Canada.

2006: An unmanned NASA probe blasts off to begin a 3 billion-mile journey to Pluto.

2010: Apple introduces its first iPad, a touch-screen tablet computer.

2019: A polar vortex sends frigid air across the upper Midwest and Northeast, causing record-breaking low temperatures.