



# Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

July 2025

## Resident of the Month



### Resident of the Month Dorothy "Dot" Bailey Rhoades

Our July resident of the month is Dorothy "Dot" Bailey Rhoades. She was born in Olympia, Washington, on July 17th, 1929.

Her father was a dam and bridge builder for the Work Projects Administration (W.P.A.), an American New Deal agency that helped connect the unemployed with public works jobs. At that time, the family lived in Montana, moving all over the state. Dot was a shantytown girl in Wheeler, Montana, the location featured in Life Magazine's first cover story (Building the Fort Peck Dam, November 23, 1936). Dot remembers shantytowns as wide open places where people congregated to work. She lived in a tar paper shack with no running water and no electricity. "We were poor as church mice," she said. People would cook over kerosene stoves that could be dangerous. Using the restroom involved a trek to the outhouse, even in the snow. Her mother used to say, "We can't help that we're poor, but we can be clean." The saddest day she can recall was December 7, 1941. It was a hard life in Wheeler. Later, the family moved to Fort Missoula, an army base, which Dot described as idyllic. "We had everything, it was fantastic!" she said. While there, her father discovered gold and the Dorothy mine in Malta, Montana, was established.

When the army base closed, Dot's father was transferred to Camp Haan in Southern California near Riverside. After getting her AA degree at Riverside City College, Dot spent 2 fantastic, wonderful years working at Yosemite National Park in the accounting office, the Ahwahnee hotel, and Camp Curry. At age 36, she went back to school and went on to get a BA, MA, and post-graduate degrees. Dot worked in education as a reading specialist for primary grades and as a master teacher for student teachers. She loved working with the kids.

*(Continued on pg. 2)*



# Happy Birthday

- Gerda Cyprych - July 1
- Nicholas Burgeson - July 4
- Jim Moore - July 5
- Vilma Stahl - July 10
- Marsali Caldwell - July 12
- Richard Ravizza - July 15
- Joann McMills - July 16
- Dorothy "Dot" Rhoades - July 17
- Marcia Janes - July 24
- Mike Prall - July 27
- Bill Berriman - July 30



## Resident of the Month

(Continued from pg. 1)

She once partnered with California School for the Deaf to help deaf children learn to dance. She paired the deaf children with hearing children and had them remove their shoes so they could feel the vibrations of the music through the floor. Dot taught for 30 years, receiving her last check at age 80!

While living in Riverside, Dot was very active in the community. She was PTA president and had a Cub Scout pack and a Brownie troop.

(Continued next column)

She volunteered as a hostess at the hospital for the Red Cross. They would give parties, write letters, and visit with wounded veterans. Dot was awarded a Red Cross pin for her service.

Dot has a son, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She has lived at Ponté Palmero for almost 6 years. She met her dear friend Jim here at Ponté. Dot and Jim discovered they both have 1 son and 2 daughters. They enjoy watching movies and working on puzzles together. They both have daughters who live nearby and they spend time with each other's families. Susan and Lori are so helpful and caring.

Dot is a widow and she has some advice for the recently widowed: "If your husband dies, you don't just stop living. Just reach out. God still has plans for you!"



## It's a Grand Old Flag!

Here are some fun facts about our country's symbol:

- Robert Peary is the only American honored for cutting the flag into pieces. He did so when he reached the North Pole and scattered the pieces.
- The only time it's appropriate to fly the flag upside down is in an emergency.
- Flags are used until they are worn out and then destroyed, preferably by burning.
- Francis Scott Key wrote the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" on the back of an envelope.
- The American flag first flew over a foreign fort in Libya, over Fort Derne, on the shores of Tripoli.
- A vexillologist is an expert in the history of flags.
- "Shipwreck Kelly" (1885-1952) was famous for sitting on flagpoles and setting many records (he once sat for 49 days).
- Flagpole sitting was a craze started in Baltimore in 1929.





## Arts & Crafts With Nic



## Water Aerobics

Splash into fitness fun with water aerobics! This is a gentle, low-impact exercise with lots of health benefits. Join us at the pool Fridays at 10:30 AM. Must have a doctor's note on file with Assisted Living prior to swimming.

## Water Aerobics Class



## Brain Bender: A Puzzling Parade

Jeff, Andrea, Ron, Brandon and Lila each marched in their town's Independence Day parade as a member of one of the following groups: U.S. Air Force, town council, antique car owners, clowns, and a marching band. Their last names are Alvarez, Baxter, Chan, Drake and Emerson. Using the clues below, can you determine each person's full name, what group they were in, and the order they marched?

- The clowns marched after the band but before the antique cars.
- Jeff and Lila marched third and fourth.
- Ron and Mr. Drake both wore their uniforms with pride.
- Ms. Chan's Model T was not third in the parade.
- The five participants in this puzzle are Ron, the trumpet player, Councilman Emerson, Ms. Baxter and the last group to march.
- Jeff marched between the band and the clowns.
- The band, the town council and Ms. Baxter did not march first or last.

*(Answer: Ron Alvarez is in the Air Force and marched first. Brandon Drake is in the band and marched second. Jeff Emerson is on the town council and marched third. Lila Baxter is a clown and marched fourth. Andrea Chan owns an antique car and was fifth.)*



## Laugh Lines: 'Seas' the Moment

Soak in some fun with these water witticisms:

Two men rented a canoe and went fishing in a remote part of a lake. Admiring their day's big catch, one of the men said, "We need to mark this spot!" The other man took out his pocketknife and began carving a big X in the bottom of the canoe. "What are you doing?" yelled the first man. His buddy explained, "I'm marking our spot, like you said!" "That doesn't make any sense! How do you know we'll get the same canoe next time?"

A geology professor's former student returned to campus one day with a gift for her teacher, a unique soil sample she'd collected from a faraway river. Upon receiving the gift, the professor replied, "I appreciate the sediment."

Q: Why did the teacher dive into the lake?

A: She wanted to test the water.

Q: What did the tide pool say to the other tide pool?

A: Show me your mussels.

Q: What keeps a dock floating above water?

A: Pier pressure.

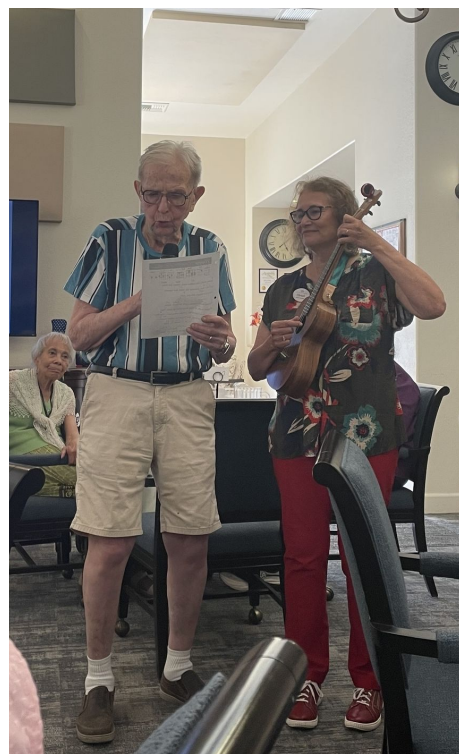
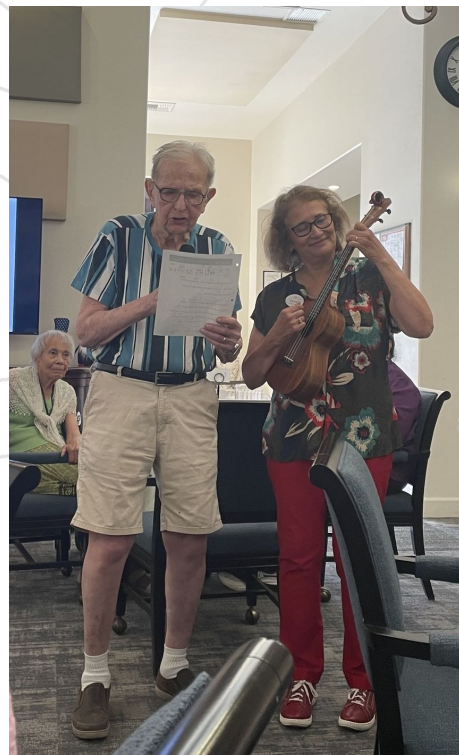
Q: Why is the ocean always on time?

A: It likes to stay current.

## Saying Goodbye to a Beloved Activities Friend



## Jim Bidding Amanda Farewell With "Happy Trails to You"





## Memorial Day With Gold Rush Chorus



## There's Always a Beautiful Bouquet at Ponté



### Brain Bender: Summertime Treats

Unscramble each of the following words to reveal a refreshing treat on a hot summer day. Then rearrange the letters in bold for some seasonal advice.

EIC ECMRA  
OLEADMEN  
OSWN OCEN  
EMNRWELTOA  
RYEHRC MAEELID  
IAKKESMLH  
LEEMSICRCA  
DCIE ATE

(Answers: Ice cream, lemonade, snow cone, watermelon, cherry limeade, milkshake, Creamsicle, iced tea. The summery advice is "Stay cool.")

## Wit & Wisdom

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear."  
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

"It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else."  
—Erma Bombeck

"Courage isn't having the strength to go on—it is going on when you don't have strength."  
—Napoleon Bonaparte

"But effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."  
—John F. Kennedy

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."  
—Mary Anne Radmacher

"Courage is grace under pressure."  
—Ernest Hemingway

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."  
—E.E. Cummings

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently."  
—Maya Angelou



## Ukulele Club Rehearsal



## Casey's Countdown

For decades, music fans tuned in each week to hear Casey Kasem count down to "the biggest hit in the land" on "American Top 40." The syndicated radio show premiered July 4, 1970.

Using data from Billboard magazine's Hot 100 singles chart, Kasem, the show's co-creator and host, led listeners through the week's ranking of the 40 bestselling and most-played songs in the U.S.

The four-hour program also featured artist bios, music trivia, and a rundown of No. 1 songs on other Billboard charts, such as country and rhythm and blues.

In 1978, the show began what would become one of its iconic segments, the long-distance dedication, where fans could write in and request a specific song to be played for a loved one. Other hallmarks of the countdown were the jingles that announced the next song's position and Kasem's trademark signoff: "Keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the stars."

## A Nice Day by the Pool

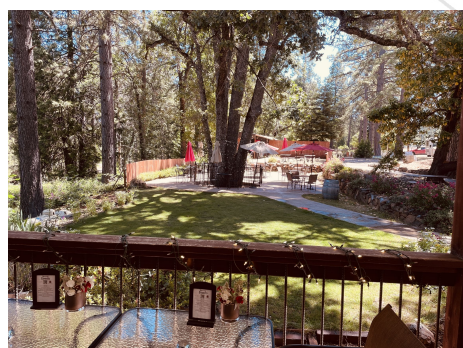
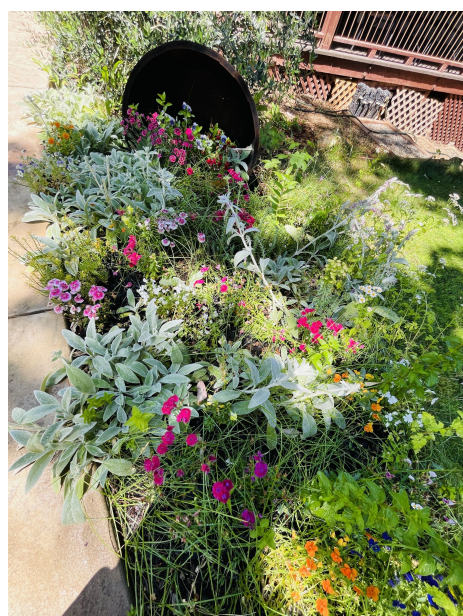


## Barbara and Rachel





## Outing to Myka Estates Winery



## Carolyn and Her Beautiful Dog Liddy



## Enjoying a Puzzle



## Laugh Lines: Hot Diggity Dog

The third Wednesday in July is National Hot Dog Day. Relish these riddles about one of America's favorite foods.

Q: How was the Fourth of July cookout?

A: The hot dogs were good, but the brats were the wurst.

Q: Did you see the new movie about the hot dog?

A: It's an Oscar wiener.

Q: Why did the hot dog turn down a chance to star in a summer blockbuster?

A: The "roll" wasn't good enough.

Q: How does a hot dog travel?

A: In a wiener-bago.

Q: What did the vendor do after running out of hot dogs?

A: He made a concession speech.

Q: What's the first rule of a hot dog race?

A: Wiener takes all.

Q: Did you hear about the lost sausage?

A: There's a missing link in the case.

Q: What did the mother hot dog say to the ornery baby hot dog?

A: "Ketchup! And don't be a brat."

Q: Where did the hot dog escape a close shave?

A: At the barber-cue.

Q: What do you call an outspoken hot dog?

A: A frank-furter.



**Ponté Palmero Directors  
To Contact the Directors,  
Call the Concierge at  
(530) 677-9100**

Administrator.....Landon Pilegaard  
Managing Director.....Terry Howard  
Activities Director.....Nancy Peabody  
Assisted Living Director.....Jennifer Hinch  
Business Office Director.....Kelli Riley  
Maintenance Director.....Kevin Hallmeyer  
Marketing Director.....Rachel Amador  
Marketing Director.....Amy Elias  
Food Services Director.....Alex Winters



Ponté Palmero Resort-Style Living

**“This Month  
In History”  
JULY**

**1799:** French soldiers make a discovery that helps scholars decode Egyptian hieroglyphics. The Rosetta Stone—so named for the town near which it was found—includes the same text in Greek and Egyptian, providing the key necessary to unlock the meaning of the picture-based hieroglyphs.

**1826:** Former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both die on the Fourth of July, half a century after each man signed the Declaration of Independence.

**1847:** The United States Post Office introduces the first postage stamps: a five-cent stamp featuring Benjamin

Franklin and a 10-cent stamp honoring George Washington.

**1903:** The Tour de France hosts its first race outside of Paris.

**1955:** Disneyland welcomes its first guests to “The Happiest Place on Earth” in Anaheim, Calif.

**1969:** Apollo 11, crewed with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, lands on the moon.

**1979:** Sony reveals the first portable cassette player—the Walkman.

**1985:** More than a billion people tune in to watch Live Aid, a concert featuring stars including David Bowie, Bob Dylan, Elton John and Queen. The concert raised more than \$140 million for famine relief in Ethiopia.

**2002:** American businessman Steve Fossett becomes the first solo adventurer to fly around the world in a balloon without stopping.