



# Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

June 2026

## Resident of the Month



**Resident of the Month:  
Gerda Graffunder**

Our resident of the month for June 2026 is Gerda Graffunder. She has lived at Ponté Palmero for 2 years. Gerda was born in Germany. She is second born in a family of 6 children. Her parents were farmers. Everyone in the family worked on the farm, but Gerda's father said she was too small for tough manual labor and told her to stay home. Soon, Gerda had found her purpose: she cooked every day to feed her hard-working family. Later, Gerda worked as a cook in a restaurant and as a personal chef. Her favorite dish to prepare is rouladen, a dish of thinly sliced beef that is stuffed, rolled and braised in gravy.

One night Gerda went dancing and happened to meet a handsome gentleman named Gunther. They danced all night and began dating. Gunther worked as a contractor building homes, and this type of work was hard to come by in Germany after WWII. Gerda and Gunther made plans to leave Germany in search of better opportunities. In April of 1957, Gerda and Gunther were married, and in May they left Germany on a ship bound for Montreal, Canada. The journey took 10 days. Gerda still remembers how seasick she was on that trip. The couple took a train to Alberta, where they lived for 5 years before moving to San Francisco, California. Initially, they lived near Golden Gate Park while Gunther was building their home in Pacifica near the ocean.

Gunther continued working as a contractor and Gerda did the homemaking and helped Gunther with various projects. When a big construction project was completed, Gerda and Gunther would take off on trips in their 5th wheel trailer. They enjoyed traveling to Mexico, the California desert, and Gerda's favorite place to visit: Canada. *(Continued on pg. 2)*

# Happy Birthday



- Lotte Newton - June 2
- Gary Seegar - June 2
- Susan Davis - June 7
- Jack Fitzpatrick - June 7
- Dori Parker - June 8
- Jessi Coleman - June 12
- Pepper Dippel - June 21
- Alice Williams - June 26
- John Riend - June 26
- David Vanecek - June 27
- Anne Friberg - June 30

# Happy Anniversary

- Jack Fitzpatrick & Judy Morton - June 19
- Bob & Laurie LeDuc - June 20



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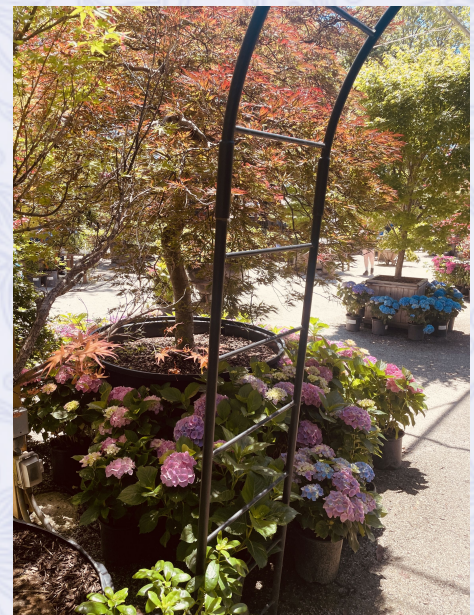
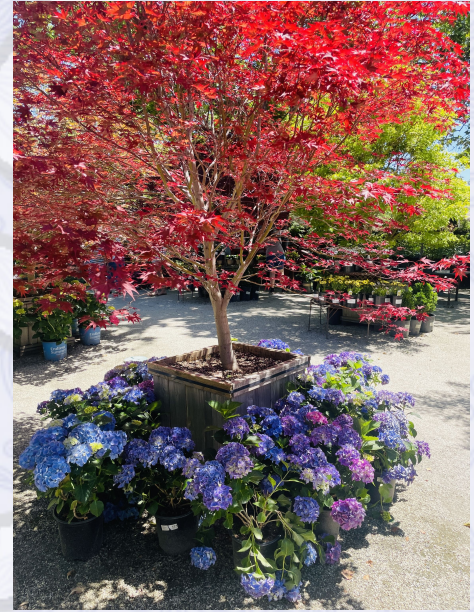
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In 1980, Gerda and Gunther moved to Rescue, California to get away from the traffic and busy city life. They built a home on a 5-acre plot. Gerda and Gunther were avid golfers and members of the Cameron Park Country Club for 20 years.

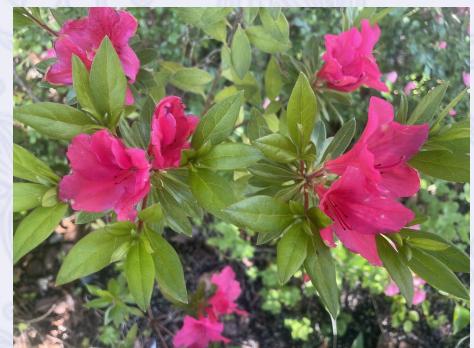
Gerda and Gunther were married for almost 60 years when Gunther passed away. Gerda took care of their home until managing a 5-acre property became too much. Her niece helped her find a new home at Ponté Palmero. Gerda is very happy here at Ponté. She enjoys going to chair exercise and visiting with friends in the Clubhouse. She appreciates all the friendly and helpful people here and says it feels like home.

## Gold Bug Park & Mine Outing





## High-Hand Nursery Lunch Outing & Shopping



### Lava Cap Winery Outing



### Visiting a Longtime Resident, Jo Larsen



### Our Ukulele Club Visiting the Lighthouse



### Dick Taber's 100th Birthday Celebration



### Michelle LaJeunesse-Moughton Singing Her Beautiful Opera Music for Mother's Day



### Our Bus Driver Doug's New Puppy, Benji



### Mother's Day Arts & Crafts



### Paul Anderson's Stunning Photography of Winter in Yellowstone



## Mother's Day Tea: "Alice in Wonderland"



## Tea Party Helpers





# Employee Spotlight



## Philip

**Name:** Philip  
**Department:** Maintenance  
**How long have you worked at Ponte Palmero?** 3.5 years  
**A fun fact others might not know about you:** I was born in Africa & have dual citizenship (Canadian & U.S.).  
**What do you like most about your job?** I like the variety and that I don't have to work evenings, nights or Sundays.  
**Favorite type of music:** Traditional Christian music  
**Favorite color:** Blue  
**Favorite TV show:** Never have had a TV.  
**Coffee or tea?** Not old enough for tea or coffee yet.  
**A life goal or something you would like to accomplish in the future:** Love the Lord Jesus and serve Him with all my heart.

## 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



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# “This Month In History” JUNE

**1917:** U.S. Army troops arrive in France to fight in World War I.

**1937:** Pennsylvania is the first state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. Today, it is the only state to recognize June 14 as a legal holiday.

**1949:** Hank Williams Sr. makes his Grand Ole Opry debut, singing his first No. 1 hit, “Lovesick Blues.” Williams was called back to the stage for six encores.

**1963:** Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman to travel into space. Her solo mission lasted just under three days.

**1973:** A U.S. patent is granted for the automated teller machine, or ATM.

**1990:** Comedian and popular late-night talk show host Arsenio Hall is named “TV Person of the Year” by TV Guide magazine.

**2002:** Brazil sets a soccer record when it wins its fifth World Cup title. The team defeated Germany 2–0 at the tournament finals in Japan.

**2019:** Ali Stroker makes history as the first performer in a wheelchair to win a Tony Award. She earned the best featured actress prize for her role in the musical “Oklahoma!”