



Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

Resident of the Month



Residents of the Month: Don Lee & Marie Schudlach

September 2026

Our residents of the month for September 2026 are Don Lee & Marie Schudlach, who met at Ponté Palmero and married last year. Don grew up in the Chicago suburbs. His mother was a homemaker and his father was a mechanical draftsman. Don studied civil engineering at Northwestern University, where he met his late wife, Charlene. They married after graduation and moved to California when Don was accepted into a doctorate program at UC Berkeley. Don decided not to pursue his doctorate, but the couple stayed, living in Southern California for 28 years. Don and Charlene have two sons and four grandchildren.

Marie grew up in San Francisco, California. Her mother was a homemaker and her father was a machinist for Southern Pacific Railroad. She studied nursing at College of San Mateo and started the RN program at San José State University, but life had other plans. She met her late husband Deinhard, a young man from Germany, and decided to quit school so she could work full-time to save money for marriage and starting life together. Marie and Deinhard lived on the East Coast for 17 years and returned to California in 1983. Marie taught preschool for the county office of education for over 20 years, and Deinhard realized his dream of opening a music store, The Music Connection, in Rancho Cordova. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Don & Marie: A Ponté Palmero Love Story

On December 24, 2024, Lighthouse volunteer Marie Schudlach and her daughter noticed a man sitting alone in the Ponté Palmero Clubhouse dining room.
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Happy Birthday



Jeanne Heinrich - Sept. 1
Richard Marshall - Sept. 2
Jeanne Petrie - Sept. 2
Bob LeDuc - Sept. 3
Judith Ann Wilkin - Sept. 4
Don Lee - Sept. 7
Gary Cramer - Sept. 8
Garrie Heryford - Sept. 8
Bobbie Borowski - Sept. 9
Marti Wright - Sept. 10
Maggie Cavender - Sept. 14
Judy Morton - Sept. 15
Linda Shaw - Sept. 17
Norton Ziegler - Sept. 20
Web Marcott - Sept. 24
Shirley Schlegel - Sept. 28
Kay Henry - Sept. 28
Bonita Leisher - Sept. 29

Happy Anniversary



Joseph & Barbara Call -
Sept. 16
Ron & Margie Kilburg -
Sept. 28



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(Continued from pg. 1) They were bringing kindness rocks to the residents and offered one to the man. Marie and he had a nice conversation, but she didn't catch his name. Later, on New Year's Eve, Marie spotted the man sitting in the dining room. It turned out the man, Don, had an interest in volunteering at the Lighthouse too, as his late wife Charlene had dementia. Marie and Don began to volunteer together at Ponté, visiting the Lighthouse residents and bringing flowers from Marie's garden to home-bound residents and those who had just returned from the hospital.

One day, Marie and Don went on a walk around Cameron Park Lake. Their friendship was solidified when they shared about their journeys caring for their spouses. Coincidentally, both had been happily married to wonderful partners for exactly 56 years. Neither Marie nor Don was looking to marry again. As time went on and they spent more time together, they realized they were falling in love. "It fell together naturally somehow," Marie said. They felt like their heavenly father had brought them together. Marie and Don were married on October 25, 2025 at Foothills United

Methodist. It was a special location for their wedding as it was Don's church and Marie had previously been a member (yet another coincidence). Both of their families attended the wedding. Marie remarked that all of their children support their union, which is not always the case for parents who choose to remarry, especially later in life. Don and Marie continue to volunteer together at Ponté, and if you happen to see a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the front desk, it's likely a gift from Marie's garden.

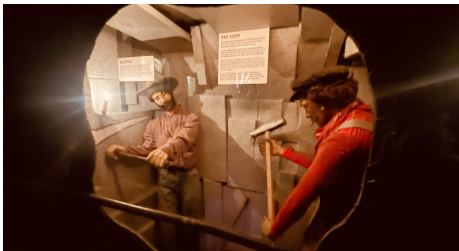


Marie & Don on their wedding day.



Lovely bouquets from Marie's garden.

Gold Rush Museum
Outing



Lunch at Awful Annie's



The Audities



Starfield Winery Outing



Water Aerobics



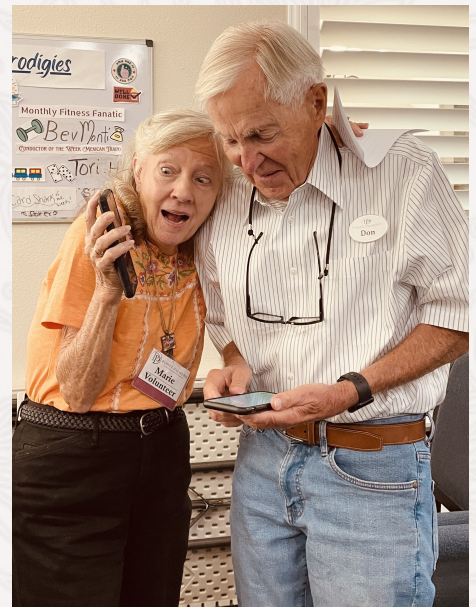
Fall Prevention Class



Arts & Crafts



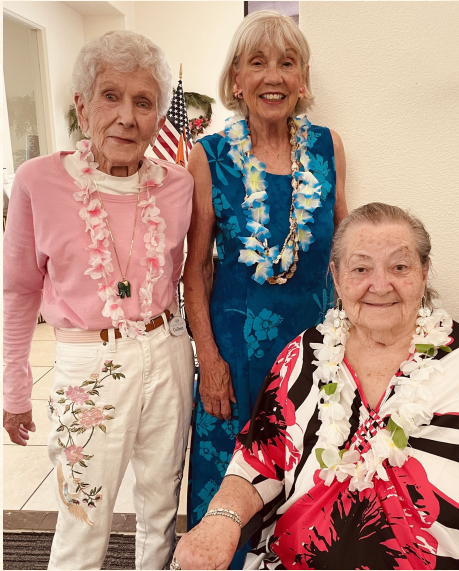
Smartphone Basics Class



Scenic Drive



Aloha Luau





Employee Spotlight



Silvina

Name: Silvina

Department: Kitchen: Server

How long have you worked at Ponté Palmero? 5 months

A fun fact others might not know about you: I love going on trains and reading books. I love my coffee.

What do you like most about your job? The residents

Favorite type of music: Everything

Favorite color: pink

Favorite TV show: Anything crime.

Coffee or tea? Coffee

What is one of your life goals or something you'd like to accomplish in the future? Finish school.

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**“This Month
In History”
SEPTEMBER**

1846: German astronomer Johann Galle first observes the planet Neptune.

1957: The Little Rock Nine face mobs and rioting in their attempts to attend previously segregated Little Rock Central High School. President Eisenhower eventually sends the 101st Army Airborne to escort the children safely to school.

1965: Satchel Paige becomes the oldest player in Major League Baseball history at 59 years old when he pitches three innings against the Boston Red Sox. Paige

was the first Negro Leagues veteran to be inducted to the National Baseball Hall of Fame six years later.

1966: The sci-fi TV series “Star Trek” premieres, inviting audiences “to boldly go where no man has gone before.”

1972: Bobby Fischer defeats Boris Spassky in “the match of the century” to become the world chess champion. Fischer was only 29 years old.

1984: Joe Kittinger completes the first solo balloon crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. He launched from Maine and crash landed on the Italian coast 86 hours later, breaking his ankle and a record for distance in a solo balloon flight.

1986: “The Oprah Winfrey Show” debuts nationwide, running until May 25, 2011.

1998: Google is founded in Menlo Park, Calif., and receives 10,000 queries in its initial beta phase.