

# FRIENDSHIP MANOR NEWSLETTER

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## A Lighting Extravaganza

*The Manor Comes Alive With Festive Holiday Cheer*

It's that time of year when colorful holiday lights begin appearing all over the Manor, in the courtyards, gazebo, promenade, dining room – everywhere. Nobody knows how, but during the night, more appear every day and soon we'll have the manger scene pictured below and a wonderful tree in the dining room festooned with lights and decorations.

And all thanks to Santa's little (well, big, actually) helper, Larry Stekete, who has even made some of the globe type lighted decorations. So if you see Larry, give him a wink and a nod – he'll know what you mean. And thanks, Larry, for making the Manor literally glow with joy!



## December Highlights

**December 2**

Renee Hamaty – Jamison Hall

**December 3**

Ice Cream Social with Showstoppers  
Christmas Singers – Dining Room

**December 4**

Pastries & Photos with USCB Students

**December 9**

Treble Clefs Christmas Show –  
Jamison Hall

**December 10**

Hot Dog BBQ – B Lounge

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World Dance For Humanity

**December 16**

Father/Daughter Band Christmas  
Show – Jamison Hall

**December 17**

Pizza Party – B Lounge

**December 22**

Employee Appreciation Cookie Party  
– Dining Room

**December 23**

Charles Tetoni – Jamison Hall

**December 24**

Christmas Party – Dining Room

**December 31**

New Year's Eve – Nicole Lvoff Trio

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

### JOYCE UHLER



Joyce is a native Californian, born in Alhambra, and has lived all over the state in such diverse places as Glendora, Visalia, Fountain Valley, Delano and Ventura. She has travelled, however, to Holland, Spain and Portugal.

Joyce is a retired RN who worked nights in three different hospitals, and for the last 17 years worked in a doctor's office. She has two sons and five grandchildren. She likes to read, knit, and do word search puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and she used to play canasta.

Her service to others has included driving patients to chemo and radiation treatments, and she has been active in her church, especially teaching Sunday School.

Joyce reads mystery stories and some best sellers, and she wouldn't turn down ham with scalloped potatoes, followed by ice cream. She enjoys spending time with friends, hopefully many new ones at the Manor!

### MARGARET MORRISON



Margaret was born in the Midwest but has lived all over the world, from New York to the Pacific Northwest, from Tokyo, Japan to Southern California.

Her education and training centered around art (where she got scholarships, has exhibited extensively and has won numerous first place awards), photography and education, and she taught English. In addition to being an English teacher, she worked in administration and also as an estate manager. She also worked about 10 years as an Elections Working in SB county.

Not surprisingly she has travelled extensively to such destinations as Hong Kong, England, France, Canada and Mexico. Her other interests include literature, film, and she loves going to museums and galleries.

When she's not creating art, watching films or reading (sometimes mysteries, especially noir), she likes tennis, hiking and gym workouts.

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## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION FUND RAISING TIME

It's at this time of year that the Residents of Friendship Manor express their appreciation for everything the dedicated staff does all year to make our life so nice.

Yes, it's **Employee Appreciation** time at the Manor, and the RSC is leading the way as usual in this worthwhile effort.

Friendship Manor is a registered non-profit organization, and the people who are attracted to such organizations are those who want to be of service, they don't work here to get rich. Our Staff has for the most part been with the Manor for years, which speaks to their dedication in wanting to assist our retired Residents to have as good a life as possible.

Residents of Friendship Manor are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff working tirelessly all year long to keep the facilities ship-shape, serve umpteen meals a month and keep all the rooms filled to make rent as affordable as possible. We have a full calendar of live entertainment, movies and special events. Plus, the staff in maintenance, administration and security work tirelessly to do their best in keeping over 210 people happy — no small feat.

Once a year, Residents have the opportunity to say "Thank You," by generously opening their wallets and purses.

**How can you participate?** You can put your cash or checks in the decorated box on the slant board in the lobby next to Reception.

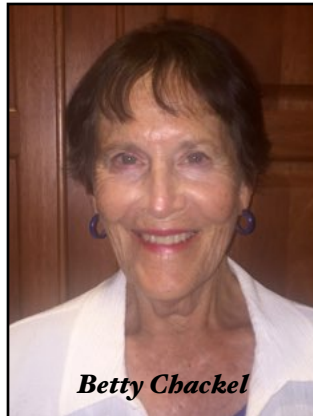
**If you are writing a check, please make it payable to: "VSS/RSC"** as that's the official name for the RSC at the bank.

**Any amount, large or small, helps** make the holiday season that much better for our wonderful staff, so please give generously and with an open heart, and join us in making this **Employee Appreciation Fund** raiser the best ever!

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**RESIDENT RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

The new **Resident Resource Committee** (Betty Chackel, Chair) meets 11:00-11:30 am every Friday in the E Lounge, next to the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend and get involved in making Manor living even better. Any concerns or issues will be discussed. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, and if you can't make the meeting leave a note about your concerns for Betty (B105) at Reception.



*Betty Chackel*

The RRC is looking for someone to teach a class in Conflict Resolution. Let Betty know if you can suggest someone professionally qualified to assist.

Remember to check out the Bulletin Board in the B Lounge for needs, services, and buying or selling requests from Residents. — Anyone interested in playing Bridge, check the B Lounge Board for more information. — And Mildred is still looking for people to do knitting or arts & crafts, call Mildred at 805/845-8606.

Lastly, the RRC would like to reaffirm that a friendly and non-confrontational Dining Room experience is ideal, and encourages an ongoing spirit of harmony and Friendship to prevail during meals.

**December Birthdays**

- 12/2 Norman Jacobsen
- 12/3 Pat Garcia
- 12/5 Robert Washington
- 12/8 Orin Potter
- 12/11 Emily Kadi
- 12/11 Cheryl Johnson
- 12/13 Lorry Mylly
- 12/13 Chandra Drazich
- 12/13 Gary Tholander
- 12/15 Franklin Hazen
- 12/15 Kenneth Harvey
- 12/17 Ross Vallone
- 12/23 James Mahany
- 12/26 Debbie Barber
- 12/26 Joyce Raimer
- 12/26 Jerry Jones
- 12/30 John Bobkoff

