

# DOMINICAN OAKS

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2025

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

Spring is just around the corner, bringing fresh energy and new opportunities to connect and enjoy our community. After a challenging start to the year, we're grateful to be back on track and looking forward to a month filled with engaging activities, exciting outings, and time spent together.

This March, we have a wonderful lineup of events, from musical performances to art and exercise classes, as well as special trips and social gatherings. Be sure to check your calendar and join in the fun! Your participation and suggestions help shape our community, so don't hesitate to share your ideas. If you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to say hello, my door is always open.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and vibrant March!

*Amy Saulnier*

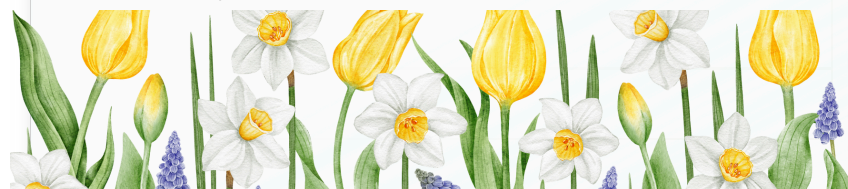
### NEW BUS SHOPPING TRIPS & OUTINGS

In addition to our regular bus trips to Whole Foods, CVS, Safeway, Trader Joe's, Michael's, Nob Hill, and Dollar Tree, please look for these exciting new shopping locations & bus outings in March based on resident requests:

	3/5 Santa Cruz Library 10am
	3/6 Canepa Car Museum 10am
	3/6 Power Plant Cafe 2pm
	3/13 Moss Landing Sea Harvest Cafe Lunch 10:30am
	3/14 New Leaf & Palace Arts 10am
	3/19 Capitola Library 10am
	3/20 Seascape Village Shops & Lunch at Dos Pescados 10:30am
	3/21 The Farm Gifts & Bakery 10am
	3/26 Bookshop Santa Cruz 10am
	3/27 Horsnyders Pharmacy 10am

As always, please sign up for bus trips at the Activity Desk in the Lobby. Please be in the lobby at least 5-10 minutes before departure.

Questions? Please see Activity Manager Annette in the Activity office (across from the Oaks Room).





# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

## BUS OUTING TO THE GLEN MILLER SHOW - AT THE RIO THEATER IN SANTA CRUZ

**Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 PM**

Join us for an evening concert with the most popular and sought after big band in the world today. With its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest bands of all time. All seats General Admission - Gold Circle \$59 plus fees, GA \$45 plus fees. Plenty of space to accommodate wheelchair and companion seats in all price zones. Please purchase ticket in whichever general admission zone you prefer. Ushers will be available to assist.

Please note:

- Dominican Oaks will be providing TRANSPORTATION ONLY to this event. You must buy your tickets directly from the Rio Theater Box office.
- Bus will depart the lobby area at 6pm.
- Please sign up at the Activity desk in the lobby and indicate if you have purchased your ticket.

- 2 Jim Burgard
- 5 Florence Giacinto
- 8 Dixie Rees
- 12 Robert Nelson
- 14 Barbara Gilbeau
- 14 Michael Ensign
- 15 Mary Coneway
- 18 Donald Hansen
- 20 Glen Beckstrom
- 27 Gordon Decker
- 31 Claire Weber



## Other Noteworthy Events: *Mark your calendars!*

### SCAMMING PREVENTION PRESENTATION

**Tuesday, March 11th at 1pm - Oaks Room**

We will review advice and suggestions from the Santa Cruz District Attorney's Office teaching us about current scams, and strategies for how to protect ourselves from these insidious and dangerous crimes.

### CHARLIE LINDNER RETURNS!

**Friday, March 28th at 2pm - Oaks Room**

Our beloved pianist Charlie, the Pickle Mafia leader, will charm us again with his extraordinary talents and abundant enthusiasm.

### NEW! POETRY READINGS IN GARDEN LEVEL

**Every Sunday, at 1pm - Garden Level Activity Room**

Seventeen year old Maddy Rutherford from Scotts Valley High, will be volunteering her time with us by reading poems and leading discussions about the poems. All most welcome!

Please welcome Maddy to our community!



## DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

Administrator:  
Amy Saulnier

Activities:  
Annette Rau

Administrative Services:  
Brenda Barber

Assisted Living:  
Stacy Smith-Paynter

Dining Services:  
Gerardo Piduca

Facilities & Housekeeping:  
Eric Botkin

Food Service:  
Chef Matt Mettalia

Marketing & Community  
Relations:  
Cheir Harty & Michelle  
Lackey

## Monthly Connection Forums:

### Opportunities for your voices to be heard!

At Dominican Oaks, we highly value your opinions, thoughts, ideas, and suggestions for making our community the best place possible to live and thrive. Here you have several opportunities each month to share and learn:

**1. The Managers Forum** - All residents are welcome and highly encouraged to attend this event taking place the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30PM in the Oaks Room. Our administrator and managers from all departments are on hand to share updates and answer any of your questions.

**2. The Activity Forum** - This is your opportunity to meet directly with Annette, the Activities & Transportation Manager, to learn about upcoming events, and share your ideas and desires for future activities, destinations to visit on bus trips, art/exercise classes, musical events and more. Your recommendations help inform future calendars. Our existing schedule of exercise & art classes, musical performances, and bus outings are largely based upon your prior suggestions and requests. This forum takes place the third Wednesday of each month, at 2pm, either in the Garden Courtyard or the Oaks Room. Be sure to check your calendar for the exact location each month.

**3. Conversations in Garden Level** - This monthly forum is for Garden Level residents regarding Garden Level-specific issues, including Assisted Living care, dining and meals, activities, and more. Amy and Annette are here for you every first Tuesday of the month at 9:30AM in the Garden Level Activity Room.



Dominican Oaks served up over 30 gallons of clam chowder during the 44th Annual Clam Chowder Cook Off and came home with the 2nd Place prize in "Most Tasted". The same award winning chowder is served at the Oaks on Fridays!

# MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

## RONALD EMERY

Ron has lived his entire life in the San Francisco Bay area. He was born in San Francisco, grew up in San Jose. Ron graduated from Stanford where he met his wife of 66 years. When he retired from Lockheed they moved to their expanded weekend home in Bonny Doon. They have two sons: Jeff who is the proprietor of Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyards in Santa Cruz and Brett a retired hydrologist who lives in Bridgeport, California.

## BILL FLETCHER

Bill was born in El Paso TX in 1942, the youngest of 3 sons. His father passed away when he was very young and his mother raised 4 children on her own. He had a happy and joyful childhood racing balsa wood cars, fishing, reading, building club houses, tree forts and using his imagination.

Bill graduated Austin High School in May 1960, finished his degree at Texas Western College in 1963. Bill worked a swing shift at Lockheed while working on his MA at SJSU until he joined the Navy in 1965 after receiving a friendly reminder from the draft board. He met Linda in 1968 and married in the winter of 1972. She is the love of his life. They have one son and two grandsons. Bill taught school in Campbell for 31 years, his favorite was teaching 6th grade. Bill directed the after school Rocket Club for 28 years. In retirement, Bill and Linda traveled, ocean and river cruises, trips to Great Britain, Ireland and Alaska. Bill has developed a love for water colors and most recently Mahjongg. Their travels have brought them to Dominican Oaks. They look forward to their new life here, meeting new friends and learning new interests.

## LINDA FLETCHER

Linda was born in San Jose, CA to immigrant parents. Her mother was from Italy and father was from Germany. She has 3 other siblings. Growing up she enjoyed vacations at Lake Almanor. She and her sisters loved reading the Nancy Drew and Dana Sisters series. Linda was a Girl Scout in Sunnyvale, attended Sunnyvale High School, followed by a semester at Foothill College. Following her school years she worked as an Administrative Assistant for General Electric Company, then a defense contractor at Lockheed in Sunnyvale for 25 years. She and Bill married in 1972 and later had a son, Bill. For years Linda participated in Ikebana classes (the Japanese art of flower arranging). Linda looks forward to her future here with her husband.

