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# James' Note



# **Pumpkin-Spiced Letter**

Hi, everyone! October is here, and with it are all the great events and activities dressed with fall colors! Last month we held the Veterans' Photo Shoot Ceremony that commemorated the veterans in our very own building who have served our country. Appreciation and gratitude were sentiments that were expressed sincerely during that event and well after. From the soloist Francesca Sola singing the National Anthem, while being joined in by residents, to the Beverly Belles performing while food was being served, it was a well-deserved event in order to honor our residents. Next in the order of events that will definitely light up our night is the exceptional "Dancing Under the Stars" event. This event is going to be filled with great music, good food and of course the

quintessential dance floor! While under the stars, we hope that inviting everyone to test out only their best moves on the dance floor will guarantee a great night full of enjoyment and good memories. I know that you can all have a great time at this event.

There is nothing more enjoyable than sharing good memories with the people who you know and love, and that is exactly what we want to keep on doing. Stay tuned and look out for the Dancing Under the Stars event on Oct. 1! We'll see you all there!

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that the Club Room has new tables and chairs for card games, and that all residents are welcomed to play. We hope you enjoy! See you soon! ~ James



# **Survey Time!**

This month you will be receiving the Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey in the mail. Please let us know how we are doing by filling out the survey and mailing it back.



# October Resident Birthdays

Delores Levitan 4th Beverly Baum 7th **Ernest Aarons 8th** Hope Casser 8th Estekke Reich 8th Hilda Glass 12th Ida Rodich 12th Anita Simon 12th Lilli Diamond 16th Harriet Keast 18th Katy Kolodziejsky 18th Jeanette Butler 23rd Marci Stillerman 26th Pearl Handler 27th David Wilkes 27th Edith Azoff 30th Mili Wild 31st

# **October Staff Birthdays**

Keisha Lino 3rd Beatrice Williams 8th Rachel Moore 8th Aida Lineses 11th Olga Lopez Deleon 11th Avegail Sipin 13th Lisa Genera 14th Jacqueline Gonzalez 15th Riza Wdowczak 15th Adey Kidane 15th Maria Cortes 18th Daisy Ceballos Meraz 18th Asha Mitchell 19th LaPierre Williams 20th Leilani Cajulis 24th Jessika Nickerson 25th Corazon Javier 27th Shawnega Fountain 28th Everardo Rivas Artero 28th Brenda Godina 31st

# **Rehab Care: Arthritis**

Arthritis is inflammation of the joints in one or more areas of the body. There are more than 100 different types of arthritis, all of which have different causes and treatment methods. Arthritis comes and goes and can also affect the muscles. Even though it may hurt to move, the best thing you can do for arthritis is to exercise. The main goal of treatment is to reduce the amount of pain you're experiencing and prevent any additional damage to the joints.

RehabCare Therapy Group has Physical and Occupational therapists available if you feel you need help with your daily functioning. If you are functioning well but need some motivation to move, contact your Wellness Coordinator, Tere Filer, for group and personal training suggestions.

### **Extra Mile Award**



# **Jacqueline Gonzalez**

Congratulations, Jacqueline, for receiving the Extra Mile Award! Jacqueline has been working at Belmont Village for two years, and what she enjoys the most is befriending the residents and building relationships. She spends her time outside of Belmont with her two boys, watching movies, eating out and going to the beach. Thank you for all your efforts this month and every month, Jackie!

# DRCS Health Hints by Zara Khatchatrian



#### Did You Know ...

Over 30% of cancer could be prevented by avoiding tobacco, alcohol, maintaining a healthy diet and physical activity.

October is breast cancer month, but cancer is a disease of aging. As we age, the risk of getting certain types of cancer such as breast, prostate, pancreatic, lung, bladder and stomach cancer increases. Due to the increase in life expectancy, cancer in older adults is becoming increasingly common. According to the American Cancer Society, 77% of all cancers are diagnosed in persons age 55 and older. Some of the challenges in older adults for treatment of cancer are as follows:

- Less tolerance for certain cancer treatments, including capacity to respond
- Other medical diagnoses in addition to the cancer
- Cognition
- Functionality, such as the ability to perform basic activities of daily living

- Nutrition
- Social environment (access to transportation, family, caregivers, home safety finances, etc.).

Older adults with cancer have special needs and require expert care. Geriatric Oncologists provide comprehensive cancer care to patients over 70. To determine the most appropriate treatment plan for patients, Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA) has been developed in order to ensure a detailed view of an older adult's overall condition, focusing on functional status and quality of life. Using the CGA allows physicians to create an individual treatment plan tailoring care to each patient. In addition, CGA can help your physician emphasize that advanced age alone should not prevent the use of effective cancer treatment that may improve quality of life.

# **Smoking and Cancer**

Decades of research have consistently established the strong association between tobacco use and cancers of many sites. Many extensive bodies of evidence have led to the estimation that cigarette smoking causes 30% of all cancer deaths in the United States

# Transportation Schedule

**Sunday**: Scenic drive **Monday**: Doctor appointments, local trips

Tuesday: Doctor appointments, Circle of Friends outing

Wednesday: Doctor appointments, activity outing

Thursday: Doctor appointments, neighborhood outing

Friday: Local trips
Saturday: Local trips
Please sign up for activity
outings. Schedule your doctor
appointments and other
transportation needs at the
Concierge Desk.

# Resident Committees

MBA and Activity Meeting— Meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Screening Room to discuss upcoming outings and new activities.

Chef Chat—Meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Screening Room.

Resident Council—Meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Screening Room.

Movie Committee—Please join our committee and help pick the flicks we play every evening! This Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the CFL at 1:30 p.m.

# **Employee of the Month**



Ermerita McSwain

With the kindest of demeanors and the most outgoing of personalities, Ermerita has been awarded as the employee of the month for October. She has been working at Belmont for almost 2 years and has committed her time and energy to going above and beyond with resident care. Her enjoyment comes from working with elders because of the knowledge and experience from their lives that they offer. Ermerita's drive and inspiration comes from her five children, whom she loves and thinks about often.



# October 2015

LB Lobby GR Great Room CR Club Room JK Josephine's Kitchen ★ Special Event PP Pool Patio BP Bistro Patio TH Town Hall

CL Center for Learning

◆ MBA

SR Screening Room PL Pool

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					11:00 SR "Who Am I?" Resident	10:00 TH Boot Camp 11:00 GR Card Games 11:00 CL Mental Fitness 11:00 GR Rummikub 1:30 GR Rummikub 1:00 CL Jewish Text: Ethics of Our Fathers with Rabbi Janet 7:15 SR At the Movies 7:30 TH Shabbat with Rabbi Jerry Cutler	9:15 B Local Errands  10:30 SR Song Appreciation  11:00 PL Water Aerobics  1:00 B Trader Joe's/CVS/Rite Aid  1:00 TH Silk Scarf  1:30 SR Sit & Be Fit  1:30 GR Card Games 2:15 B Whole Foods 2:30 SR Afternoon Movie 7:15 SR At the Movies	
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# **Resident Services**

Maintenance Services
Please see the receptionist or concierge for a work order.

Concierge Services
For assistance with local

reservations and transportation, please see the concierge.

#### Salon

Located on the 2nd floor. We are a full-service salon and look forward to servicing all of your needs. (310) 234-3039

#### Marketplace

Toiletries, snacks, etc., for purchase. Please see the receptionist.

#### **Dry Cleaning**

Please see the receptionist to arrange for pickup and delivery from an outside vendor.

#### **Podiatrist**

Available monthly. The next service date is in August. Please see the concierge to arrange an appointment.

PT/OT/Speech Therapy
Available in the CFLE (gym) on
the first floor. Please see a
RehabCare therapist for an
appointment.

# **Circle of Friends October Outings**

Oct. 6: Check out the 50 for 50 special exhibit at LACMA. Departs at 1:15 p.m.

Oct. 13: Off to the Pumpkin patch! Departs at 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 20: Out to the Movies. TBA.

Oct. 27: Enjoy Dinner at BJ's in the Westwood Village. Departs at 4:30 p.m.

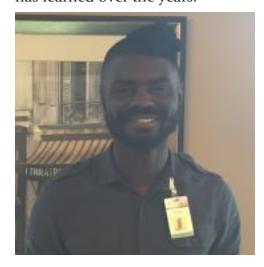
# **Neighborhood News**

This month we are excited to introduce a new Activity Assistant for the Neighborhood! Chris is a hardworking UCLA student studying political science. When Chris isn't hitting the books, he enjoys making people laugh by doing on-stage improv comedy. Make sure you get to meet Chris and say "hi" when you see him around Belmont!



# Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends is welcoming its newest member, Joshua. Joshua is an Activity Assistant who is very excited about his new role! He comes all the way from Wisconsin and has worked alongside children with various development concerns. Joshua is excited to get into something different where he can apply aspects of the skills set he has learned over the years.





# Transportation Reminder

#### **General Information**

In continuing our best ability to make sure that our transportation schedule is accurate and as accommodating as possible for residents and drivers, we are reminding everyone to schedule appointments at least 48 hours prior to the date needed. This is just a friendly reminder of our transportation guidelines and nothing is changing. We are fortunate to have such great drivers like Jim, Shawn and Fermin who do their absolute best in accommodating all scheduled appointments for residents. We want to make sure that we are helping them maintain a good transportation schedule for the ease of our residents and staff. As always, if an appointment does need to happen at the last minute (less than 48 hours), we will try to accommodate you if we have driver availability. If there is not a driver available, we will help arrange alternative transportation (taxi or Access, etc.) but this will be at the cost of the resident. As always, thank you all for being the best residents we could ask for!



# Let's Table Alzheimer's!

Thank you to everyone for all your support toward Belmont Village's fundraiser to help the efforts to cure Alzheimer's Disease, titled "Let's Table Alzheimer's." Both residents and families alike contributed to the raffle and this year's winner went to Anne Sweeney! Thank you, Anne, and thank you to all the residents who participated in any way or amount. The more awareness that we create and the more efforts that we take will all help in contributing to a cure and help countless individuals with this disease. Thank you all for your help!



# **IMAX Outing**

"Humpback Whales," an IMAX movie special, is scheduled to be on Oct. 28. Sign up with the concierge!

# Resident Spotlight



Marilyn grew up in Detroit, Michigan, with her parents and sister. Her father was a tailor and she soon learned how to sew under his instruction and guidance. At one point, she made a patchwork quilt by hand because she did not have a sewing machine. It took her quite some time, but she appreciated her efforts. At 18, she moved to Los Angeles and lived in Sherman Oaks for 57 years. At one point, she was the bookkeeper for her husband's doctor's office. Marilyn really loves movies, especially the classics, and football. She watches Tom Brady and the New England Patriots every chance she gets. Marilyn recently moved to Belmont Village, and her honest and enjoyable personality make her an addition!

# Village Scene















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# Belmont Village Communities

CALIFORNIA: Burbank, Encino, Hollywood, Rancho Palos Verdes, Westwood, Thousand Oaks, San Jose, Sunnyvale, San Diego, Cardiff by the Sea

ARIZONA: Scottsdale

CHICAGOLAND: Buffalo Grove, Geneva Road, Oak Park, Glenview

SOUTHERN US: Memphis, Nashville,

Louisville, Atlanta—Buckhead and Johns Creek, Dallas, Austin, Houston—West University and

Hunters Creek

