

FRIENDSHIP MANOR NEWSLETTER

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Fiesta at the Manor

Fiesta got the best kick off ever with the appearance of the same dance groups from last year, in what appears to becoming an annual event. And a happy, colorful time it was, with photos below, inside and on the back page.

Also in this edition, three newish staff members are highlighted, including our new cook and the two Larrys who are literally manning the front desk and also patrolling the grounds as security guards. Photos also inside.

Below is one of the photos of the children dance groups that performed at the Manor the last week before Old Spanish Days officially starts. For those who didn't attend, you missed a great event, so don't miss it next year!



August Highlights

August – Thursdays and Saturdays

Book Mobile outside the office

August 1

Ice Cream Social – Dining Room

August 8 – Fiesta Party with Daisy Leon Mariachis

August 12

Karaoke – B Lounge

August 15

Hot Dog BBQ

August 27

RSC Meeting – B Lounge

August 29

Pizza Party

REMINDER: The Corner Store is now open Mon-Wed-Fri 1-2:30 and Saturday 11-12:30

Bingo Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm in the B Lounge – only 25 cents per card – come have fun and snacks with Larry

Local Walks & Joy Rides and Shopping & Medical Van Trips with Chris – Sign up on the slant boards in the Lobby (rides) and at Reception (medical)

STAFF PROFILES

The Two Larrys – Front Desk & Security

Larry Cook (standing) and Larry Smith (seated), are the two newest members of the office and security staff.

Standing Larry, in earlier lives, had extensive training in security in both the US Navy – in the South Pacific on board ship and in port for four years, and for the SB School District for six years – in halls on campus, and for fire and lockdown drills. Larry is now applying his skills as night-time Security, securing the Manor hallways, grounds and garage.

Sitting Larry, among other things, was a taxi driver for 30 years and knows Santa Barbara County like the back of his hand. This makes him perfectly suited to drive the front desk, as the newest face behind the counter to help residents in so many ways. In addition, he also is on duty at night in Security. **Fun fact:** both of the Larrys were in the same class at Santa Barbara High School, graduating the same year – along with Larry Stekete, who is the Manor's long-time Security. ... So if you see a guy patrolling the grounds at night, calling out "Hey, Larry," gives you better than even odds of being right. Both are great additions to staff, and two of the nicest people you'll ever meet.



Cook Estuardo Turcios

Estuardo is 26 years old and first started working at the Manor in 2024 as a dishwasher and quickly moved to the serving line, before showing great aptitude for preparing food. He's been serving as a cook for four months and is doing a great job, hoping to continue for many more years.

Originally from Guatemala, Estuardo and his beautiful three year old daughter, Monsserath, came to the states looking for a better life. He certainly seems to have found a home here at the Manor, and his cooking has been first rate. Welcome, Estuardo!



FIESTA DANCERS PERFORM AT THE MANOR

The stage in Jamison Hall came alive with swirling skirts and agile feet, as several groups of young dancers performed their hearts out for residents. It was a thrilling night, incredibly entertaining, and was delightful for everyone who attended – an exciting preview of Fiesta.



MORE DANCERS ...**B LOUNGE CORNER STORE**

**The Corner Store is now open
Saturdays from 11am-12:30pm,
so stop by and say hi to Buffy and
shop our wide array of products.**

**Weekdays the Corner Store is
open M-W-F from 1-2:30p. Ice
cream and sodas are waiting!**

**August Birthdays**

- 8/3** Peter Ransohoff
- 8/4** Douglas Giordani
- 8/4** Michael Mikos
- 8/6** Terry Hufft
- 8/7** Jocelyn Martinez
- 8/10** Javier Rocha
- 8/12** Thomas Redmond
- 8/12** Catherine Sandoval
- 8/12** Terra Paley
- 8/13** Smokey Quiroga
- 8/14** Tom Burton
- 8/14** Arlene Grossman
- 8/19** Joseph Natale
- 8/21** Jane Kohler
- 8/23** Ann McEvan
- 8/26** Diane Ireland
- 8/26** Jesus Cornejo
- 8/27** Ronald Atilano
- 8/27** Maureen Null
- 8/29** Dione Didier