



April Monthly Newsletter
Santa Rita Reader

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Easter Day Celebration

READER

Residents, their families and staff are invited to attend our Easter Celebration. We will be having a Continental breakfast out on the front patio at 7am. At 10:30am there will be an Easter hunt. Bring your baskets and join the fun, you never know what you may find!

The events starts at 7:00am goes until 11:00 am.

Please RSVP with Activities by 17th of April.

Volunteers are needed so if you can spare an hour or more please speak with someone in activities.



Happy
Easter
Everyone

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Happy Birthday!

- 04- Mary Lou G
- 07- Marguerite D
- 11- Dolly S
- 14- Gloria B
- 17- Agnes S
- 17- Chicho E
- 18- Norma W



April Fools' Day is celebrated in different countries around the world on the April 1 of every year. Sometimes referred to as **All Fools' Day**, April 1 is not a national holiday, but is widely recognized and celebrated as a day where many people play all kinds of jokes and foolishness. The day is marked by the commission of good humored or funny jokes, hoaxes, and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, teachers, neighbors, work associates, etc.

The earliest recorded association between April 1 and foolishness can be found in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (1392). Many writers suggest that the restoration of January 1 as New Year's Day in the 16th century was responsible for the creation of the holiday, but this theory does not explain earlier references.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_Fools'_Day

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- 21- Midge W
- 23- Martin L
- 25- Consuelo C
- 25- Ira B
- 28- Don L
- 29- Hue E



Carol's Biography Corner

Biography for Paul Edward Austin

Written by Carol Kolb

Our resident, Mr. Austin, aka Tex, has been with us only a short time. He has, like many of you, lived a very interesting life. Mr. Austin thinks it was just a simple life. He was born October 1st, 1914 on a small ranch in Nebraska. He was born at home and is the third of five children. He added that he is the only one still living. He lived on this ranch with his siblings and parents until the Great Depression forced them off. The family then moved to Omaha to live in the city. There, he began a career in construction that spanned his entire life. He claims he did nothing great, but I see it differently. Mr. Austin married a young woman who already had a small son. The boy's father had died. Mr. Austin raised the child as his own. They are still close today, his step son visits and calls as well as his grandchildren. Sadly, Mr. Austin's wife has passed on. He said he has longevity on his side, his Grandfather lived to be 100. When asked what the secret to a good life is, Mr. Austin responded, "Just live a normal life and be honest with your fellow man." He also stated it is nice when people are cheery, it helps to wake him up. He finds comfort each morning when he wakes up and sees the sun shining in a window, and hears the noise around him.

Thank you Tex for reminding us how precious a simple, normal life can be.



"First Fridays" Lecture Series

During the summer we began a lecture series, inviting speakers to do presentations in our facility that were educational & free to residents, staff & the public.

The series was a success & because of the great turn out, we have continued with a First Friday lecture series.



Every first Friday of the month there will be a speaker from Evercare Hospice & Palliative Care presenting a lecture series that is geared towards current senior topics.

This month's lecture is still to be announced. Information will be posted.

Words From Activity Department

Greetings from the Activity Department! The program has been busy and the schedule of events seems to be flowing smoothly. Springtime is here and it brings much needed warmth to our days after a short spell of cold weather. Let's enjoy it while we can before the summer heat is upon us. We have several music entertainers including bluegrass guitar player Lanny Klein. We have the resident birthday party with the Jewels doing karaoke and on the 15th there's a frog party. Ever been to one? Not sure what it is? Come down and join the fun, don't be bashful.



As always Ricardo, Robin or Maria will be around to invite you to programs. Do you know of a program we could try? Have any suggestions for the activity department? Please let us know or leave your comments in the suggestion box that is in the garden room. We work hard to provide a variety of programs for *all* of our long-term and short-term residents. We welcome you to the garden room where there are DVD's, books, magazines, arts & crafts supplies and a computer with internet access. We are here to help you find something to do to pass the time and help your stay be a pleasant one.

What's happening?

.. **this month:**

3rd Green Valley Community Church

5th Piano with Mark Willis

8th Jewels Karaoke & Resident Birthday Party

10th Desert Stream Chaplains

12th Piano with Sandy Sanford

14th Therapy Dogs, Inc

21st Karaoke Night

24th Easter Celebration

25th Animal League Pet Visits

29th Baby Shower



Frog Party

This party is all about frogs! Wear green to match the theme. Decorations, tableware and food will be green. Ever have frog legs? Come share your experience with us! There will be frog trivia, reminiscing and of course frog food! ? Come see what all the green is about!

Friday, April 15th at 2PM



Hairstylist Appreciation

There are very special ladies that all of our residents, staff & family members know so well. They are Samira and Shanay. They always offer up supplies, money, time, advice, friendship & make us look a bit prettier or more handsome. So please help join us in telling them how much we appreciate them.



April 30th Hairstylist Appreciation

SANTA RITA TEAM



Medical Director-----Dr. Scott Bolhack
Administrator-----Carl Zimmerman
Director of Facility Operations-----Amy Malkin
Director of Nursing-----Robyn Eaglen
Assistant Director of Nursing-----Deborah Dunlap
Admissions/Marketing-----Katie Barans
Social Service Director-----Carol Kolb
Director of Therapy Services-----Jose Avendano
Business Office Manager-----Leah Jones
Medical Records-----Maritza Martinez
Dietary Manager-----Jennifer Hernandez
Maintenance Director-----Roger Hampton
Activities Director-----Maria Blanco

Activity Outings

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06 — Shopping @ WalMart
15 — Bowling @ GV Lanes
22 — Lunch @ Manuel's
28— Lunch @ Lindy's @ Sideline



Garden Grove Snack Shop



Goodies for sale: chips, Starbucks
coffee, Gatorades, candy & gum

Support the Santa Rita Slammers

In an effort to be healthy and more active, the staff at Santa Rita have signed on for a sand volleyball league at Anamax Park. Games will be on Tuesday nights.

Cheer us on as we dive into action!



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