

By and for the Residents of Redwood Gardens

Myra holds first monthly meeting for residents



Myra Wallace

By Diane Hira Rose

Myra Wallace, our new Property Manager, held her first monthly meeting with residents in the Community Room, 12:30-1:00, Wednesday, November 16. She will be holding them the third Wednesday of each month, after the Food Bank. Here are the highlights of the meeting:

- Two new staff were introduced: Cesar Vallecillo, head of Maintenance and Janitorial (page 2), and Fred Altamera, our new Emergency Response person and member of the Maintenance staff. Fred will live here at Redwood Gardens and be on call for any emergencies. For emergencies call the regular number: (510) 549-2210, and the front desk or operator will transfer you to Fred. Myra also introduced a new resident, James Wyngarden.

- Myra announced we will have a Christmas tree trimming party, December 9, Friday, at 2:30, which will be a pot luck. Bring something to share such as a dish, a dessert or non-alcoholic beverage.

- Staff coverage during holidays will be fully maintained by CSI staff and temps.

- Andrea Brown, Service Coordinator, announced that UC students from the Optometry department will hold a

meeting to discuss eye exams and free glasses in the Community Room, November 29, 6-7pm (page 5).

- Any questions from residents are welcomed by Myra regarding apartment concerns, such as curtains or closet doors that don't work. She suggested making a work order and if not completed within 72 hours, make a second request work order and state: "Second request, 72 hours ago." She hopes to get work orders done in a timely manner.

- Suggestion Box: She will try to respond in a timely manner to suggestions.

- There are now Resident Monitors on every floor for emergencies.

- Packages: If the staff is out to lunch (12 to 2pm) come back and request your packages at another time. After 5pm, staff will be available to get your packages at the front desk.

- Community Room: Check with the front desk for the schedule. Only residents, not staff, can reserve space for events.

- Compost Green Cans: They are to be washed out every week using a non-chemical, hypo-allergenic cleanser. The compost cans are picked up every Monday. The location of the compost cans cannot be moved near the other recycle bins, as small wild animals get into the bins. A larger can will be obtained for plastic bags. Do not put plastic bags in compost cans, use only bio-degradable bags.

- Free small compost pails for under the sink of apartments will be available soon.

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Council leaders meet HUD — in the doorway



In the hallway at the door to the Community Room, Darla Huttinger, California Regional Manager of CSI, accepts letter of resident concerns from Miriam Berg and Eleanor Walden. Right: Gary Hicks explains that consulting with residents is a recognized part of HUD policy.

Letter from Council Co-chair demands resident participation in HUD Review

By King Collins

On October 19, members of the Residents Council gathered in the front office hallway of Redwood Gardens. The occasion was the HUD Management and Occupancy Review (MOR) inspection, to which residents had not been invited.

Our little gathering was a protest to make it clear that we residents want to be part of these discussions or any other such discussions that affect our lives here. Gary Hicks, former Council President, said that HUD regulations support tenant participation in the review process.

Angela Morrison, a HUD Account executive, and Darla Huttinger of CSI came to the doorway and spoke to our impromptu delegation. It was a friendly exchange, but neither Morrison nor Huttinger made

any commitment to confer with residents or their representatives on the Council.

Meanwhile, Eleanor Walden, organized a meeting of tenants, under the banner of NAHT, the National Alliance of HUD Tenants. Morrison at first said she would attend the big tenants meeting, but later declined because, she said, HUD regulations prevented her from attending any "political" events. (See "A gathering of HUD tenants," page 3.)

This sounds suspiciously like "prior restraint" of free speech. Regardless of what the tenants had to say, why can't HUD be present and why can't they say, if they must, "I cannot speak on that issue?"

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We have a new *Head Of Maintenance*



Cesar Vallecillo

By Diane Hira Rose

Cesar Vallecillo is the new head of the Maintenance and Janitorial Department. He replaces Jerry Allison, former Maintenance Supervisor. His staff will be: Vernon Wallace, Fred Altamera, Deon Banks, and David Branco, Grounds-keeper.

Diane: Tell me about your background?

I worked in maintenance and held similar positions for

more than thirty years in the Bay Area. My experience includes working for various companies at HUD apartments as well as large expensive apartment complexes in the private sector. I worked in affordable housing in Hayward, San Leandro and San Francisco, handling units of 100 to 150 apartments under HUD housing.

What were your primary duties?

As Head of Maintenance I handled daily work orders, delegated work, dealt with the turnover—getting apartments ready for the new tenants when people moved out. I was also in charge of the various vendors and setting up for parties and events. Often I worked as a night manager, handling emer-

gency situations with police and fire departments. In addition, I did the inspections for HUD as well as for investors in the private sector apartments.

Are you a native of the Bay Area?

Yes I was raised in San Francisco and went to Mission and Poly High Schools. I still live in the city and have been married for thirty-five years. We have no children, but I do have a beloved tan horse named “Mick.”

Do you still ride?

No, Mick, a tan Norwegian Fiord, is retired at a local stable. We used to have a great time doing horse and buggy events when I belonged to a carriage club. I enjoy flying in a private plane with a friend,

and have been active in community gardens. Now I take care of my mom and sister who have health challenges.

Well, I welcome you on behalf of the residents and hope you enjoy working here.

I enjoy working with seniors and disabled people, and am delighted to be here. I’ve heard a lot of good stories about their lives and experiences. For instance, I met a 96 year old man at one of the apartments in Hayward who translated the first dictionary from Chinese to English. He was so interesting to talk to.

I feel blessed to be here and want to help people feel comfortable and happy in their apartments.

Courtyard Furniture Report



The new cushions in the Courtyard have become a complicated issue.

By Diane Hira Rose

We have now received all the cushions we ordered for our chairs, benches and chaise lounges in the Courtyard. Thanks to CSI for spending almost \$4000.00 on the cushions and Gravity Chairs

We are seeking one or two volunteers, to take Diane’s

position. Diane has resigned as Courtyard Cushion and Furniture Representative. Presumably the Liaison Committee will take over temporarily.

Transparent plastic bags have been purchased, at CSI expense, for the cushions when it rains. A new hanger with clothes pins has also been pur-

chased and hung on the back of the garden shed to dry the plastic covers for the cushions. The bags, when dry, can be folded and put under each cushion until they are needed again. The problem is that condensation builds up inside the bags and may ruin the cushions. This problem is being addressed.

A separate storage shed is suggested to protect the cushions during the rainy season, as well as carts to help move the cushions.

Residents are urged to protect the cushions and not take them to their apartments.

A Gathering of HUD tenants



HUD housing tenants gathered at North Berkeley Senior Center to discuss their rights and responsibilities with HUD Account Executive Angela Morrison who declined to come at the last minute because she heard it would be a political discussion.

By Vi McFall

A large number of folks who live in HUD housing facilities gathered at the North Berkeley Senior Center on Friday, November 18, to talk about their concerns with HUD Account Executive Angela Morrison who is responsible for about 85 HUD subsidized rental properties. To everyone's disappointment, especially Eleanor Walden who had organized the meeting, Angela, pulled out at the last minute because an unauthorized press release had gone out implying an agenda having to do with possible budget cuts and political positions of the Trump administration. HUD representatives are prohibited by law from lobbying on political issues.

Eleanor carried on with the meeting, strongly encourag-

ing the HUD tenants who were present to form tenant organizations and join the National Association of HUD Tenants (NAHT) of which she is a Board Member.

A lively discussion ensued, during which HUD tenants from Helios Corner, Strawberry Creek Lodge, Harriet Tubman Terrace, Lawrence Moore Manor, Shattuck Senior Homes, and Redwood Gardens shared their problems.

Berkeley Counsel Member Kriss Worthington showed up and shared that affordable housing is his top priority. People were also encouraged that new Mayor Jesse Arreguin has authored measures to fund affordable housing and prevent tenant displacement.

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Eleanor Walden, who organized the gathering, listens as Lotus Yee Fong, S.F. Western Edition, Freedom West, speaks.

From the Outreach Committee:

12 HUD Multifamily Housing Units in Berkeley

By Eleanor Walden <eleanorewalden3@gmail.com>

Do you know any people who live in any of these facilities? We need to organize the Berkeley HUD multifamily housing units to join NAHT the National Alliance of HUD Tenants. The Gray Panthers can supply the \$25 a year registration fee.

Amistad House
2050 Delaware Street
510-548-5189

Margaret Breland Apartments
2577 San Pablo Avenue
510-665-5659

Harriet Tubman Terrace
2870 Adeline Street
510-843-0134

Sacramento Senior Homes
1501 Blake Street
510-649-1547

Oregon Park
1425 Oregon Street.
510-848-8554

Helios Corner
1531 University Avenue
510-981-9802

Redwood Gardens
2951 Derby Street
510-549-2210

Lawrence Moore Manor
1909 Cedar Street
510-704-8557

Strawberry Creek Lodge
1320 Addison Street
510-841-8330

Stuart Pratt Manor
2020 Durant Avenue
510-704-9886

Mabel Howard Apts.
1499 Alcatraz Ave.
510-658-7492

Shattuck Senior Homes
2425 Shattuck Avenue
No phone number as yet

Finance Committee

By Julia Bazar

The first meeting of the recently formed Finance Committee took place on Wednesday, September 21. The members of the committee are Judith Gilbert, Philomena Burkhardt and King Collins. Treasurer Julia Bazar and Co-chair Miriam Berg are ex-officio members.

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to watch over the financial health of the Council and to make fiscal policy recommendations to the Council.

The committee discussed several fiscal issues, including an interim policy on disbursements/reimbursements to be in effect until the Council approves an annual budget to be presented in November/December for adoption in January (page 7).

As to funding *The Review*, we will follow the previously approved \$50 a month payment until a budget is approved.

We need a Fundraising Committee!

By King Collins

Thanks to Marilyn Robinson, Cynthia Johnson, Louise Forey and a few other residents, we have had successful Rumage Sales which at times have brought in significant money. But other than those few events, there has not been much going on. And unfortunately there hasn't been much discussion either.

We need to form a Fundraising Committee to plan and coordinate our efforts to make money to pay for the hundreds of ways we intend to improve our lives. In some ways, we have advantages as elders and disabled. We should demand more from management. but *we* must find our own ways to make money. We can apply for grants, or there may be businesses we can run on our own. We have heard of co-op stores and other small businesses run by resident councils. We need a serious review of our options for making money.

At any rate, if you are willing to use your imagination, your intelligence and elbow grease to help plan and coordinate fundraising for the residents of Redwood Gardens, please come to a Fundraising meeting when it is announced or email king@greenmac.com



Intrigues of the Liaison Committee

By King Collins

The Liaison Committee is made up of the Council Co-chairs, Miriam Berg and Cynthia Johnson, and five members elected from among the residents: Barbara Haber, Gail Penso, Stefen, Jock Taft and King Collins. The Liaison Committee plans to meet monthly with management to facilitate communication and problem-solving with the overall aim of improving the quality of life for residents and staff at Redwood Gardens.

The Liaison Committee met on November 7th. Miriam brought copies of the drafts of letters to Alex Kakavas, the proposed agenda for the regular November Residents' Council meeting, and the minutes of the October meeting of the Council.

- We discussed dates for the next meeting. There was a consensus that we need to meet weekly, at least until house affairs are in better order. Monday afternoon seemed the best time

- Letters to management were proposed to explain that the Liaison Committee is authorized to speak with management about residents' concerns, and that the Liaison Committee wants to meet monthly with Myra Wallace and Alex Kakavas.

Three letters will be sent of behalf of the Liaison Committee:

- 1) Miriam will send a letter to Alex Kakavas, introducing the Liaison Committee as the authorized representative to management.

- 2) Stefen will edit and send the letter asking for a monthly meeting with both Alex and Myra.

- 3) Barbara and Miriam will send a letter as suggested by Judith Gilbert, to correct the lack of staff coverage during the holidays.

AC TRANSIT And other ways of getting around

By Tralee McGill

For anyone who is not familiar with AC Transit, the 49B Bus stops in front of Redwood Gardens and goes downtown, whereas the 49A bus stops across the street from Redwood Gardens and goes to the Rockridge area, which includes Bart and Trader Joe's. Both the 49A and 49B end up at Rockridge Bart. A map on page 8-9 of the Summer 2016 issue of *The Review* shows the complete route of the 49 Bus.

To ride the bus, you need to purchase a Senior Bus Pass or Clipper Card at 1600 Franklin Street near 16th and Broadway in downtown Oakland. The Lake Merritt Bart Station also sells Clipper Cards, which may be used on the Oakland Ferry, as well as the bus and Bart.

When you need to add money to the Bus Pass or Clipper Card, you have several options: Walgreen's Drugstore on Shattuck Avenue in downtown Berkeley, or the Walgreen's located on Oregon St. (between Adeline and Shattuck Avenue), across from the Berkeley Bowl. CVS Pharmacy does not provide this service. The Clipper Card can also be loaded at any Bart Station. For additional information, call 1-877-878-8883.

CITICAR SHARE

Until recently, the Citicar was parked near the East Parking Lot of Redwood Gardens; however, this is being renegotiated because not enough residents were using it. In the meantime, the nearest Citicar is located in a parking lot just off Russell Street at the corner of College Avenue right behind the Elmwood Cafe, formerly known as Ozzie's Soda Fountain. The Citicar telephone number is (414) 995-8588.

TAXI VOUCHERS

You must be 70 years old to be eligible for Taxi Vouchers, a service that provides approximately \$160 worth of coupons every six months that can be used to pay taxi fares. To obtain an application, call 510 981-7269.

Project Vision: Do you need glasses?

By Vi McFall

Our Service Coordinator Andrea Brown has arranged an early evening event with UC Berkeley's Project Vision to help residents find ways to get affordable eye care.

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016
6-7pm in the Community Room**

Project Vision does not provide eyeglasses or eye examinations, but they do offer recommendations on finding affordable eye care in your community. If you have Medi-Cal or Medicare, but don't know which eye doctors will take you, Project Vision can help. Just sign up on the sheet at the front office to learn about ways to obtain low cost and often free eye exams and glasses.

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Vic Sadot (middle) sang his heart out on his 69th birthday, July 22, in the Community Room. His repertoire included Cajun songs and songs he wrote himself.



Miriam Berg and her grandson, Rumi Fitz-Rahmani, played two Beethoven sonatas at the Get-Out-The-Vote Concert on Saturday, October 22, in the Community Room. "It was all I could do keep up with him with one finger, let alone with one hand, but we both had fun," said Miriam.

New phone lists — Thanks to residents!

By Vi McFall

Miriam Berg, Shobi Schwekbe, Barbara Haber and Cynthia Johnson have been knocking on every door at Redwood Gardens to obtain residents' newest phone numbers in order to update our telephone lists.

Extra care is being taken to make certain residents actually want their numbers to be on the list. The staff stopped distributing phone lists when a resident complained that he or she did not want his/her number listed.

This phone list is a important tool in our community here at Redwood Gardens, so we are deeply grateful to Miriam, Shobi, Barbara and Cynthia for updating it.

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REDWOOD GARDENS STAFF

Myra Wallace
Manager

Donna Miles
Assistant Manager

Andrea Brown
Service Coordinator

Saane Tuiono
Front Desk

Marcella Logwood
Jason Thomas
Deon Banks
Rebecca
Night & Weekend Desk

Fred Altamera
Emergency Response

Cesar Vallecillo
**Head of Maintenance
and Janitorial**

Vernon Wallace
Assistant Head of Maintenance

Fred Altamera
Jason Thomas
Deon Banks
Maintenance and Janitorial

David Branco
Groundskeeper

Proposed Rules For Use Of The Community Room

Before Redwood Gardens opened thirty years ago, residents met with management to create the following rules for use of the Community Room. CSI now has their own set of rules, which are listed on the Use Agreement, which everyone receives who reserves the room.

Peni Hall, who helped develop the original rules, would like to see them reconsidered because she feels the rules on the Use Agreement don't give a comprehensive enough look at how we should use our valuable resource, the Community Room. Peni would welcome your feedback on the Proposed Rules, which will be given, together with your comments to the Liaison Committee, whose job is to meet and discuss them with management.

Call or e-mail Peni as follows:
(510) 548-1645
heypeni@att.net

ROUGH DRAFT OF COMMUNITY ROOM RULES

The Community Room is meant for the enjoyment of residents and their guests. No outside group is allowed to rent or reserve it.

Residents' events may involve outsiders such as musicians and performers, or be reserved for meetings of public interest to the residents.

At least one resident must be associated with the event and act as or assign responsible supervision of it.

Admission may be charged to outsiders. Residents attend free.

Performing groups are encouraged to

make donations to the Redwood Gardens Residents Council.

Before the Event

- The person who made the reservation takes responsibility for the event and they or their representative must be present and remain responsible for it during its entire duration.
- Parking is forbidden on Sports Lane,

Don't miss the
HOLIDAY ART SHOW!

Saturday, December 3
1-5 pm
in the Community Room

Come see the work
of our talented artists
at Redwood Gardens!

the East Drive or anywhere on RG property. Street parking in the neighborhood is available.

- A design for setup of tables must be handed to RG management a week before the event. Management will arrange for the setup by the morning of the event.
- Musicians must supply their own sound systems. RG has none.
- Put signs on both Community Room doors to tell tenants what is taking place.

This will help with privacy.

During the Event

- The east lawn is available to guests of an event.
- No one is allowed in the driveway outside the kitchen.
- A designated adult must supervise children at all times.
- No tobacco, candles, incense, or pot. Smoking is confined exclusively to the area around the flagpole. Otherwise, no smoking within 50 feet of the building. No alcohol.
- Participants have access in the downstairs hall only so far as the bathrooms.
- All events close down by 10pm. No music or noise after 10pm. After that, cleanup, dish washing, and sweeping may take place.

After the Event

- Doors are locked. Windows shut.
- The event's supervisor sees to it that the kitchen and Community Room are in the condition in which they were found.
- Kitchen and Community Room are cleared of all party regalia, such as napkins, tablecloths, cups, plates, decorations, flowers, and vases.
- All food is removed or discarded in garbage bins.
- All cookware is scrubbed clean and replaced.
- Check with the desk clerk to confirm that all windows and doors are closed and locked.



The Art Show on June, 28, 2015. People enjoyed talking with the artists about their work.



Sandy Barlow's mixed medium human head studies.

Residents Council Meeting

Nov. 11, 2016 Minutes

By Vi McFall

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm. The Agreements for how the meeting should be conducted were then read by the residents. Eleanor Walden declined to read when her turn came because she felt the agreements weren't being adhered to.

In the absence of a Secretary, Co-Chair Miriam Berg read the minutes of the October 14 meeting. Miriam herself had taken the minutes because Bruce Moody had resigned as Secretary. The minutes were unanimously approved.

A call went out for someone to volunteer as Secretary to replace Bruce. Julia Bazar pointed out that the Secretary is an important position because he/she signs certain bank account documents. When no one volunteered for the job, Vi McFall offered to take the minutes for the current meeting only.

TELEPHONE LIST

Miriam passed around a sample copy of the new telephone list, largely compiled by Shobi Schwabke. Miriam agreed to update the list on an ongoing basis, but also planned to talk to the Manager Myra Wallace about whether the staff could resume publication of it. The staff ceased putting out the phone list when one person objected to having his/her phone number listed. Several folks asked if there would be a data base for the telephone list, but nothing was decided.

Marilyn Robinson pointed out that the intercom directory outside the front entrance is also out of date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Julia Bazar reported that the Council currently has \$3,685.87 in its Chase Bank account. A donation of \$250 was received

PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET	
Review/Monthly	\$600/Yr
Office Supplies	125/Yr
Social Activities (Coffee Shop?)	300/Yr
Dues (NAHT)	125/Yr
Sign for Community Rm Rules	50/Yr
TOTAL	\$1200/Yr

from the Strawberry Quaker Meeting who held a weekend retreat at Redwood Gardens; this will bring the bank balance to \$3,913.87. Our net income since 2015 totals \$1099.15.

Note: Any amount over the budgeted amount must come before the Finance Committee and the Residents Council. All requests for reimbursement require receipts.

After much discussion a motion to not reimburse residents for parking or gas was tabled.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Miriam reported the results of an election of five residents to this important committee: Jock Taft, King Collins, Stefen, Barbara Haber, and Gail Penso. In addition to the five elected residents, the two Co-Chairs—Miriam Berg and Cynthia Johnson—are members. The Committee has met twice and discussed introducing themselves to management, together with plans to ask for a meeting once a month with Manager Myra Wallace and CSI Senior Liaison Alex Kakavas, if available. In addition, the Committee will ask management to notify residents

when someone dies. Peni Hall said the office stopped announcing deaths because some families didn't want deaths of relatives made public.

COURTYARD FURNITURE

Diane Hira Rose made a motion to move the bench from the roundabout at the

Southeast exit into the courtyard. Her reason for suggesting the move was because management did not want to leave the cushion for this bench outside the courtyard, because of the risk of theft.

Several folks made the point that residents who have to wait at the Southeast exit need that bench where it is, and therefore objected to moving it. Jock asked whether we needed another bench in the courtyard since the benches already there are seldom used. Finally a motion was made to table the motion which passed with ten in favor, four opposed.

Diane then called for new volunteers to cover the cushions during rainy weather. She had purchased a hanger to dry the translucent plastic bags that are used to cover the cushions. This hanger will be placed beside the garden shed. Those plastic bags with red tops are to be used for chairs cushions, whereas the bags with plain tops fit the bench cushions. Diane pointed out that CSI is paying for the bags.

Miriam recommended making the Furniture Committee a standing committee. She and Diane will post a flyer

asking for much needed volunteers to serve on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Eleanor made a case for allowing residents to park on Sports Lane and moved that the Liaison Committee ask CSI to negotiate with UC and the City of Berkeley for these parking privileges. Stefen seconded Eleanor's motion.

Bruce Moody opposed the motion because "there's plenty of parking on the East side of the building by the bridge." A number of other residents were also concerned about the effectiveness of the motion, so Eleanor agreed to withdraw it.

Peni Hall asked for help with Thayer Jones' Memorial. Her health has made it impossible for her to take charge of this event.

COFFEE BAR

Stefen pointed out that Strawberry Creek Lodge spends \$80 a month on coffee, but in return they get a free pot. Barbara Haber suggested tabling this topic till the following month.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

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Coffee Bar at Strawberry Creek Lodge. Will we get one at Redwood Gardens?

Doris Moore Gives Courageous Autobiographical Performance In San Francisco

By Vi McFall

Resident Doris Moore created a theater piece about her life and bravely performed it at Stage Werx Theater in San Francisco on May 15. Also performing that day were six other men and women, all of whom participated in a fifteen-week course during which they developed their individual performance pieces.

The course consisted of three-hour weekly sessions at the Living Arts Counseling Center in Emeryville. Here participants were coached in groups as well as individually by trained therapists/directors as they shaped their theater pieces from significant events in their lives.

Improvisation enlivened the sessions as students spontaneously played roles in each others' lives, often culminating in meaningful catharsis. Psychodrama and acting techniques were also employed.



Doris Moore incorporates dance throughout her performance piece.

"I came to realize the importance of starting where I am and arriving at an emotional experience about the significant events in my life," said Doris.

All those in the audience who were privileged to attend this performance were personally invited by the actors and actresses.

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Prize for Tree Hunt at Redwood Gardens

By Bruce Moody

Can you find the trees listed on the right? We've got them all right here in our courtyard.

Next month and every subsequent month, we'll do a picture and personality profile of one of the trees. You can cut it out; then, when you approach the tree, the picture will help you to form a proper introduc-

OUR TREES	
Arbutus	Toyon
Liquidamber or Sweet Gum	Tulip
Plane or Sycamore	Jacaranda
Windmill Palm	Flowering Cherry
Flowering Pear	Red Bud
Podocarpus	Apple
	Hollywood Juniper

tion to it. Trees tend to be mute. But if you give a tree your name and speak its own name—respectfully, of course—the tree will bond with you for life.

They're all there – just waiting for you to name them. And here's the prize! If you can identify even one of them, you will be given a free subscription to the Redwood Gardens Monthly delivered right to your door!



We have thirteen species of trees in our courtyard.

Farewell To Edie And Toy

EDITH HALLBERG was found peacefully passed away in her chair here at Redwood Gardens on October 30 by her longtime friend and companion, Robert Magerian.

“She was a true social justice warrior and will be greatly missed,” said her friend Hali Hammer, a singer and activist who often performs at Redwood Gardens. Edie served as Chair of the Berkeley-East Bay Gray Panthers, a member of the Labor Chorus, Berkeley Neighborhood Council, the Tax the Rich Rally and many other activist organizations.

She leaves behind two children, Carl and Helen Hallberg, and four grandchildren. The memorial will be at the North Berkeley Senior Center on Sunday, December 11 at 1pm.

We’ve also lost longtime resident, CYNTHIA (TOY) SMITH. Danny Dann who knew Toy and her partner Ken Reed shares this about them:

“Toy and Ken were our wonderful neighbors in apartment #119, probably since Redwood Gardens opened. They were high school sweethearts. Ken worked the front desk after hours and Toy often sat with him, watching television and greeting residents.

Given all her physical challenges, Toy lived life with a great sense of humor. She and Ken both loved their Tuxedo cat named Busy. They also loved decorating their apartment for every holiday.

Ken passed unexpectedly in August of 2015, and Toy passed just over a year later after being confined to her bed during recent years. She was supported by a team of competent and caring personal attendants.

Toy and Ken will both be greatly missed, especially by the longtime residents who knew them.”

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Activist to the end, Edie Hallberg, right, was a forceful presence at the HUD inspection on October 19. She died on October 30. Also pictured: Miriam Berg, center and Darla Huttinger of CSI.



Toy Smith with a crossing flag as she is about to cross Claremont Avenue.

!!! Holiday —Turkey Dinner — Comedy !!!

Hosted by Bruce Moody

Dinner at 6 • Movie at 7

Thursday December 15

Bette Davis

in

The Man Who Came To Dinner

BYO Bev & Potluck

BEFORE THE FALL Scatter Rugs Are Dangerous

By Bruce Moody

Hey, watch it there, that scatter rug's about to scatter you on your fabulous ass right onto the floor.

Yup. The mission of scatter rugs is to fracture your femur, your pelvis, your every virtuous bone.

Those throw rugs long for walkers, wheelchairs, casts, and canes. Our recent falls tutor in the Community Room gave us fair warning about the damage dastardly throw rugs are up to.

So get rid of those scatter rugs. They're worse than cobras. Out the win-

dow with them, down the chute, into the woods. Before you fall, take steps.

But not on scatter rugs. Oh, yes, how dear they are to you! How they feng shui your décor! How splendid of darling, dopey Aunt Tilly to bequeath one you after she met her death one day skidding right out her tenth storey window on it.

Depart, O scatter rug! Hurt not my Redwood Gardeners! If you ain't wearing your rubber undersides, you can't come into the bathroom. Nope. Scatter rugs are a peril. A danger to life and limb. Loose them or limp.

Welcome to New Residents

James Wyngarden

Diane Shavelson and
husband Americ Azevedo

Peter DuMont

Ghana Regzedmaa

Marcia Kimmel

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Upcoming Events in the Community Room

- . November 29, Tuesday, 6-7pm, UC Optometry students discuss ways to obtain free exams and low-cost glasses. (See Page 5.)
- . December 2, Friday, 7pm, La Pena Chorus Benefit. Suggested donation \$10-\$20.
- . December 3, Saturday, 1-5pm, Holiday Art Show
- . December 9, Friday, 2:30pm, Holiday Tree Trimming Party
- . December 13, Tuesday, 2:30pm, Resident Council Meeting (for all tenants)
- . December 15, Thursday, Turkey Dinner at 6; Movie at 7 (See Page 9.)
- . December 17, Saturday, Holiday Food Baskets Delivered
- . December 21, Wednesday, Food Bank
- . December 21, Wednesday, 12pm, Manager Myra Wallace's Monthly Meeting
- . December 24, Happy Hanukkah
- . December 25, Merry Christmas

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