

# Granada Gazette

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## Where's The Party?



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Welcome to  
Our New  
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Daga Lundgren

Richard Calhoun

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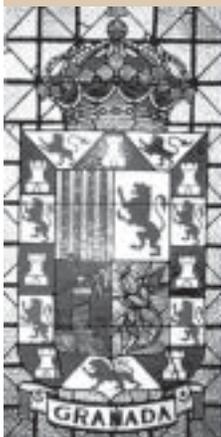
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# 21st Century Home



*Exerts from Alice Phelan Sullivan Library  
at the Society of California Pioneers, plus.*

San Francisco is a city of hotels and hostleries. Built solidly of concrete and steel, in 1907, after the great earthquake, the Granada has been described as *Ten Stories of Solid Comfort*, situated on the northwest corner of Sutter and Hyde convenient both to the business/shopping district and the residential section by means of the municipal transit lines which passes the door, all points of the city are easily accessible.

The building contains two hundred and thirty-two rooms. Two passenger elevators assure the guest of rapid access to and from their room, and by means of a service elevator, meals can be served to the rooms as warm and palatable as in the dining room. The front desk is staffed 24 hours a day that affords our guests absolute safety. What the Granada has to offer may be summed up in one small word, **Service**. Maid, room, kitchen, maintenance, desk and office staff work as a team to assure the most fastidious guest the fulfillment of their most varied desires.

The main entrance on Sutter street leads into a large foyer of marble and paneling making a most harmonious and inviting effect. On the first floor are situated a reception room and parlor with a grand piano, a large screen television room, busy library/card room and dining room which seats 150.

The Granada offers local surroundings to "seasoned seniors" making it their permanent home as well as to the temporary guests who wishes an exclusive hotel at moderate rates.

To live at the Granada is to have every convenience and luxury of 21st century.

# Resident of the Month

Soft words spoken by this month's Granada resident of the month led me through a beautiful and adventuresome life which has found its way here, to the Granada, Laura Aram is that woman.

Laura is from Mexico City where she studied at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, while her father was a Supreme Court Justice of Mexico and later Governor of the State of Sinaloa, where Mazatlan is. Laura says "I have many lawyers in my family" with three brothers, uncles, grand father, attorneys in Mexico City.

In 1950 Laura was married to Alfred Aram, an American, in the American Embassy in Mexico City and came to live in San Jose, where Alfred attended Stanford University attaining a double degree in law and philosophy. World travel includes two times around the sphere to place like Yugoslavia, before the war, India, Egypt, Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, London and many other destinations "We went to Europe every year." Alfred became a famous attorney that has a street was named after him in San Jose and the Arams even made Who's Who. Laura has published five books in Spanish and four in English.

Laura still had time to raise two daughters and a son, who lives in Santa Monica. Her two girls, Alexandra, who has her masters degree in French Literature lives in San Jose and Doctor of Neuropsychology, Patricia works here in S.F. where she is Director of Centro Medico, a medical based organization in the Mission district.

When Tony Davidauskis, our manager, first came to the Granada in September 1986, Laura Aram was his first rental in October 1986. A wonderful woman with a fascinating past is welcomed as the Granada resident of the month.



# Birthdays

## Residents

Terrance Waterman	2/02
Al Ward	2/04
Donald Lane	2/05
Mabel Higgins	2/06
John Tang	2/08
Stephen Prouty	2/08
Stefan Brezovnjacki	2/09
Edward Carroll	2/09
William Harvey	2/18
Sadao Hirota	2/24
Stephen Furney	2/27
Virginia Gabbert	2/27
Paula Troshin	2/28

George Haneberg	3/01
William Smith	3/04
Elizabeth Conte	3/05
Marie Coffey	3/05
Leo Johlic	3/08
Frances Mc Donald	3/19
Daga Lundgren	3/25
William Franklin	3/24
Russell Codd	3/28
Alex Amador	3/29
Baham Ahamadpour	3/30
Carmen Delgado	3/31
James Lambert	3/31
Florence Benjamin	3/31
Bill Reimann	3/31

## Employees

Joseph Lawson	2/25
Thomas Pesoli	3/08
Tatiana Kuzmina	3/11
James Mc Allister	3/14
Jose Mendiola	3/19
Teig Keenan	3/28



*Carmen Tung*

## Employee of the Month

Attention to detail is the norm for our employee of the month, Carmen Tung. Born in Tondon, Manila, Philippines Island in 1941 during the time of occupation by the Japanese in World War II ; Carmen since has travelled the world, but always returns to the Manila every few years.

For 15 years, in Manila, Carmen worked in the plastics industry and no, she never saw "The Graduate", but ask her about injection moulding,- no problem there, she's an expert. From Manila Carmen went to Taiwan to start her hotel career in housekeeping at the Brother Hotel. Carmen also worked in her spare time as an assembler in a shoe factory (hard work, anyone?).

The Granada was fortunate that in 1997 when Carmen landed in the United States, she came to work, here. Six months later Carmen returned to the Philippines and in 2000 when she *came home to San Francisco*, she naturally started back to work at the Granada with some of her old friends. I asked Carmen is she going home again? She has the trip planned already.

Carmen is a very hard worker taking care of 14 rooms supplying linens and towels and making up the rooms daily, always with a good humor and soft voice.

A favorite pastime is watching video feature movies, "Action movies are my favorite type and they are good for my English" says Carmen as she goes down the hall with fresh linens.

It is with pride that we recognize Carmen Tung as the Granada employee of the month.



## Tony's Newsletter Column

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. We have had quite a season to celebrate Thanksgiving from Holloween to Christmas thru New Years Eve into Super Bowl Sunday, people ask me "What do you do in the Granada, party all the time?" Well there is no lack of fellowship here at the Granada and I wish everyone continued good will and peace in the new year. We will continue to create new and exciting programs and look forward to your suggestions.

As you know we have had some changes in the office recently, Jim Purcell our very able Assistant Manager has returned to the Boston area on family business, but hopes to return. All of us will miss Jim's efficiency and dedication to the guests as well as his kindness.

Tatiana Kusmina, she's the best, is now our new Assistant Manager.

Foreign language students have found a gracious and friendly welcome at the Granada and have added to our multi-cultural fabric. The American freedom with which we lead our lives here is seen and admired and it makes for a good message when they return home.



*View from Alamo Square*

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