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A Tradition Goes On

by Kevin McGlynn

I'm often asked about the Granada and my answer is usually the same, ending with a song, and it goes like this.

Built solidly of concrete and steel in **1907**, (just after the great earthquake) the Granada has been described as "*Ten Stories of Solid Comfort.*" Situated on the northwest corner of Sutter and Hyde Streets, the Granada is convenient both to the business, shopping district and the residential areas. The San Francisco Municipal Transit stops at the front door making all points of The City easily accessible. The building contains two hundred and thirty-two rooms with five hundred windows. Two passenger elevators assure the guest of rapid access to and from their room. 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 and assures 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. Situated on the first floor are a reception room and a mirrored parlor with a grand piano, a large screen television room with surround-sound, library/card room and dining room which seats 150.

The Granada offers local surroundings to independent adults making it their permanent home as well to the temporary guests who wish an exclusive hotel at moderate rates. To live at the Granada is to have every convenience and luxury. A tradition since 1907, *99 years of service.*

As the song goes:

Granada, I'm falling under your spell

And if you could speak

What a fascinating tale you would tell

A vantage, the world has long forgotten

A vantage that weaves a silent magic in

Granada, today ...



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Resident of the Month



Vivian Tennenbaum

Vivian Tennenbaum was born in Mississippi and lived in the south until she joined the Navy when she was 18. After the Navy, Vivian was married and eventually ended up in San Francisco, already with one child. She went on to have five more children, giving her 3 boys and 3 girls. She also has 4 grandchildren whom she loves dearly along with her 5 surviving children. In 1975, Vivian divorced and moved back to New Orleans, her true love. There

*"I'm here to be close to my children
and grand children"*

she started a second career and worked for the Hilton Hotel as Front Desk Night Manager. After retiring from the Hilton, Vivian moved back to the bay area to be close to her children. She is pleased to be at the Granada, her new home! I asked Vivian the similarities between the Granada front desk and the Hilton's? "Oh, a lot different, Kevin; what the Granada has is the personal touch, knowing the first and last names of all the residents and the simple courtesies that are extended to everyone, that makes all the difference. Well we can see the differences also in how you get about with everyone and enjoy yourself, always ready to share a smile. So hats off to you #1 resident of the month 2006!

A New Year's Toast

It's amazing how 20 bottles of Champagne, some hats, a few horns and small hor d'ourves set the Granada alive with cheer. Linking hands, singing Old Lang Syne -with the help of Leonard Alpert playing the piano. These are the acquaintances not to be forgot, spirits easily cheered. Proving again that the Granada is a party always looking for a reason.



Shirley Brown and Robert Camp enjoying the festivities together.



Tom Volk, Gertie Morrow and Katie O'Sullivan toasting in the New Year.



Bob Klimes and Natalie Jernakoff always ready to celebrate. Happy New Year 2006! ■



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Employees of the Month



Gonzalo & Claudia

Claudia Munoz, the 9th child of 11, was born and raised in Jalisco, Mexico where she remembers a home full of cheerful people who always smiled and worked hard. Claudia studied until the 9th grade when she started working in a clothing store to help out her family. She immigrated to the United States in August 2003 and in December of that same year, started working at the Granada. Currently in the housekeeping department, Claudia also studies English in the afternoons.

Gonzalo Gomez from Mexico City and is the 6th child of 6. A graduate of the I.P.N. Institute in Mexico City in the field of information analysis & programming, Gonzalo worked in numerous companies in Mexico City. At the ripe old age of 21 years, Gonzalo came to San Francisco working as a cook in several restaurants until finally coming to the Granada in March of 2002.

Claudia and Gonzalo started dating while performing their duties and guess what? January 2004 turned into wedding bells for the couple that had a civil ceremony at the Holiday Inn, another Granada successful love story.

Presently, Gonzalo is the assistant heavy maintenance person and Claudia enjoys housekeeping. Together they are planning for 3 children and going back to Mexico to start their own business.

A beautiful couple as you see from the picture above and with 16 siblings between them a very busy couple that we wish continued success to and declare Claudia and Gonzalo as the Granada Employees of the Month.

Birthdays

RESIDENTS

February

- 1 Hiroko Hidekura
- 8 Stephen Prouty
- 10 Gerald Dunning
- 14 Ed Szczurek
- 16 Natalie Jernakoff
- 17 Patricia Ottens
- 21 Dorothy Richardson
- 26 Marilyn Helmers
- 26 Lorraine Moder
- 26 Kevin Zimmer
- 27 Mary Sullivan
- 27 Stephen Furney
- 28 Paula Troshin
- 28 Rachel Pallett
- 28 Roy Patterson

EMPLOYEES

February

- 13 Jose Anyarin
- 25 Joseph Lawson
- 28 William Wells



Manicures and Pedicures

for Men and Women

Manicures \$10

Pedicures \$20

sign-up front desk



Kim Dang will come to

The Granada Salon

Every Tuesday 10 - 11 am



Tony's Newsletter Column

Valentine Day Party 2006 will be hosted by Senoria Delia with her famous ice cream punch.

My wife will be going to southern California to see her parents and my mother returns to Arizona after having spent the Christmas season with us.

Reno overnight tour at the Sands Regency and The Nugget was a success again, thanks to coordination between hotels and the Granada "gamers." River Rock Casion in Sonoma's Alexander Valley will be coming up for a tour this spring.

Kim Dang from the "New Look Beauty Center" on Powell Street will be coming to the Granada giving manicures and pedicures every Tuesday between 10 and 11. Give her a try.

Great progress in the kitchen, the next step will be to remove the old ovens and stoves and prepare to receive the new kitchen equipment. This transitional period will interrupt your usual dining experience. Back on track shortly with a new kitchen complete. Thanks

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 ABC-TV 1 pm SUPER BOWL XI 7:00 pm, 80 MINUTES 6:00 pm. MOVIE 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE	6 7:30 pm. GRANADA ASIAN ART MUSEUM TOUR 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE	7 8 9:15 a.m. MASS 10:00 Library on Wheels 1:00 pm. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 pm. MOVIE * Stephen Prouty Score 2nd?	8 9 10:00 a.m. MASS 10:00 Library on Wheels 1:00 pm. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 pm. MOVIE * Natalie Jennakoff Score 2nd?	9 10 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 pm. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 pm. MOVIE * Gerald Dunning	10 11 1:30 pm. BINGO 6:00 pm. MOVIE	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 * Birthday Person

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