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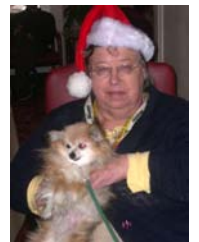
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RESIDENT of the MONTH



Sgt. Bob Shinnick

Bob Shinnick started his young adult life in January 25, 1943 when like many others, he was drafted into the Armed Services during WWII. Flying missions and sorties over France prior to D-day and after the invasion over Germany in the great B-17 "The Flying Fortress." We had 13 guns and 10 men to fire them, says Bob and we would rotate positions to share equally in the danger. 34 sorties and 50 missions later in October 25, 1945 it was over, over there, for Bob. Six battle scar ribbons with six bronze clusters and four Air medals with four bronze clusters were awarded.

A wonderful family life consumed the next 50 years with the comings and goings of five children, three boys and two girls who in their turn produced nine grandchildren, seven boys and two grandladies.

Bob came to the Granada, April 4, 1994 to retire to a San Francisco residence and share a rich retirement with other interesting people. Bob is a "regular voyager" on the Granada tours and was the "winner" in Reno.



Bob Shinnick

Camping, theater, the occasional trip to Chicago, many close family and friends, the day to day life of a Californian and the splendid life of the Granada resident of the month. Thanks, Bob.



The Granada Birthday Quartet (standing from left to right) Kevin McGlynn, Dan Lovett, musician Bob Souza and Tony Davidauskis, manager singing.

Birthdays

RESIDENTS

January

1 Nercis Sarkassian
2 Andrew Massarella
5 Harry Martin
7 Justina Audiffred
9 Johnny Joe
9 Charles Miller
10 Ralph Burris
14 Lillian Young
15 Raymond Tovar
18 Jeanne Benenett
19 Peggy Taylor
19 James Pinkham
21 Judith Viar
26 Bruce Bain
26 Leonard Hodgson
29 Ana Colby
31 Sirri Lee
31 Karina Schmidt



February

8 Marie Brouze
8 Stephen Prouty
9 Edward Carroll
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 Stephen Furney
27 Mary Sullivan
27 Jesse Kinsey
28 Paula Troshin
29 Roy Patterson



EMPLOYEES

January

1 Alfred Rurangwa
12 John Bengston
15 Carlos Mandacaru
30 Kenneth Marshall

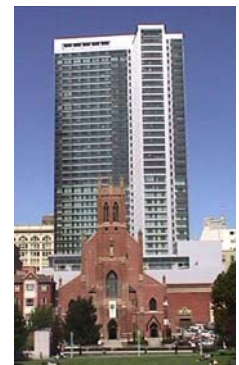
February

7 Mack Willis
13 Jose Anyarin
25 Joseph Lawson



Noontime Concerts are performed every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Saint Patrick's Church

These individual 45 minute classical music concerts have been called "San Francisco's musical lunch break" and are awaiting you, so come hear the music play!



Saint Patrick's Church home of Noontime Concerts

Cache Creek Tour



Due to the new Indian gaming rules, resort/casinos have opened in the Sacramento area, the best, Cache Creek was the choice for our

December Granada Tour.

It took less than 2 hours through beautiful terrain to arrive in Brooks, a town north of



Sacramento. We were greeted by a casino manager with \$12 in cash, match bet and food coupons; then watch out!!

Everyone for themselves slots, blackjack, poker, food, spa? 4 hours of fun then back home, easy does it. Next resort? River Rock, the closest. So stay tuned.



EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

Mack Willis was raised in the heart of the mid-west within a small farming community located in the Mississippi Valley, north of St. Louis. After high school he enlisted in the Air Force and served six years as a computer programmer, living in Europe, Mississippi, Texas and Illinois. After the service Mack went to Oakland University. After college Mack traveled extensively across the US working as a computer consultant for large



Mack Willis

corporations such as GM, Boeing, Enron, EDS and IBM. In 1999 he moved to California to become an IT Director of Kaiser Permanente. Like so many others in the computer industry, Mack became a casualty of the failure of the dot.com and the pursuing economic downturn.

Mack indicated "my financial state weakened as weeks turned into months, I was in desperate need of relief and the beginning of this year I got a part time teaching job at Oxman College but the income wouldn't sustain a roof over my head." Working here in the Granada has been such a blessing, Mack says. "Here I am provided with an opportunity to do an honest day's work for my keep and I do enjoy learning about interesting backgrounds from the people living here"

Mack also gets along very well with management and staff alike and can always be depended on. Thanks Mack for opening up the ranks of Granada exceptional Employee's of the New Year. Ed.



Tony's Newsletter Column

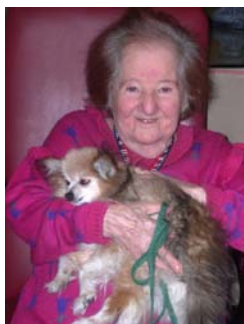
Happy New Year to everyone from the Staff and Management of the Granada. We had a wonderful Christmas, thanks to many like Delila and staff for the decorations et al, Kevin's Irish coffee and carols party and Rick Garcia's versatility with the spirits and champagne.

Nice to go into the New Year with newly fitted gears for our busy elevators, thanks again for your cooperation as always your patience in the midst of improvements is appreciated. Structural changes are almost finished which will allow our newly designed kitchen to be installed. Joseph, Jose and Lorin, our chefs are looking forward to all new equipment, including the kitchen sink.

Freda Van Housen celebrated her 105th birthday delighting everyone in the staff with a wonderful chocolate cake; Freda has been in the Granada since May of 1991, good health! This is my 19th year as manager, it all started in September of 1986 and our "resident of the month," Bob, has lived here for 12 years. Time goes by quickly when you're having fun. Happy New Year!

Pets Unlimited

Unlimited, yes; one pet turned into a host of pets and one visit turned into unlimited visits to the Granada, on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.. Thanks to Kay Wood and Larry Richards of Pets Unlimited offering to bring pets into the Granada. When the first visit took place, two staff from Pets Unlimited came with two dogs and lit up faces everywhere in the Granada lounge. The Granada looks forward to many visits from our new source of pet fun. Pets Unlimited 2343 Fillmore Street 563-6702.



Annie Hessel and Pom-Pom



Elsa Moy and Pom-Pom

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