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Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir Party

by Kevin McGlynn

"O, Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant" rang out from the Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir as the Granada "faithful" sipped Egg Nog and Brandy. A little light shown that evening as the Christmas tree shimmered and the fellowship appeared around the grand piano to celebrate. Christoph Tietze and his band of citizen song givers have come to the Granada for several Christmas concerts; "thanks Chris."



"Echoing their joyous strain" in the Granada lounge.

Midnight Roman Catholic Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral, eight blocks away, on Saturday night December 24th is a tradition with several Granada residents.

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Rachael with Gertie and Natalie having some fun. I wonder why this guy is smiling so much, oh that's Jesus. Look at the three chums with the beautiful smiles of Carmen, Hilaria and Erlinda. It was a special night that seemed to really kick off the Christmas season. The drinks were served at 6:15 PM, your choice Egg Nog or Ginger Ale with or without Brandy and about 6:45 PM the choir arrived to bringing Christmas cheer.



Kevin B. McGlynn, editor



Ding, Dong Merrily on High, Silent Night, O Come all Ye Faithful, Joy to the World, all the favorites that we all like were sung and a group sing-a-long too. Anita, Maisie and Andy look very relaxed as does Robert and Doris, who is always full of cheer and ready to give a song, I may add. The choir performed for forty-five minutes and then retired to the Cathedral for more singing leaving us all with a new song in our hearts. Sing we joyous all together, Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.



Photos by Lester Gomez

A Granada Welcome to

Shirley Brown
Mary Mepzper-Lig
Jessie Braddock
Alan MacDougall
John Blunt
Andrew Lehman
Monserrat Sinol
Jennifer Freaney
Stern Herman

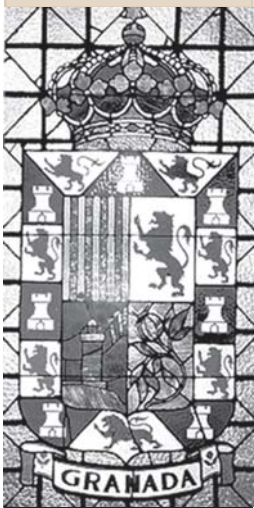
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Christmas Play



"A Tenderloin Christmas" musical at St. Boniface, directed by Patrick J. Flanagan, a Granada staff member, attracted thirty of our Granada voyagers. Off to Saint Boniface and front row seats awaiting us so we set out in taxis to spend an afternoon at St. Boniface, Catholic Church, on Golden Gate.



Shirley, Dorothy, Natalie and Bob, Hilaria, Doris, Les and Donna with front row seats ready for 40 minutes of Christmas Delight.

Donna Schuck and Kevin Campbell talk it up with two performers: Leah Delmarter, who played Mary the virgin mother and is a Granada staff member, and a Venezuelan



Vivian Tennenbaum was also touched by an archangel at a post production party where everyone met all the cast and enjoyed a festive dinner together. A real spiritual Christmas party.

Many beautiful children were in the production, some showed real promise in acting and singing.



Employee of the Month



Jeff Moore

Jeff Moore was raised in Massachusetts and attended Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, graduating in 1996.

Jeff moved to San Francisco in 1998 and spent five years running software for a dot.com

company until the "crash" left him searching for new opportunities as he travelled and experienced several paths of life... finally landing here at the Granada in March of 2004.

A star breakfast waiter, I always look for him in the dining room, Jeff likes spending his spare time playing classical piano. There is a club called the "EndUp," where hip-hop dancing rules, yes, you can see Jeff there also. The Granada Ice Cream Socials every other Sunday afternoon are done extra specially, when Jeff is there. Always ready to volunteer for extra duties Jeff says he feels "honored to be part of the Granada., family home is where the heart is." There isn't a person in the Granada that *doesn't* like Jeff because he is so accommodating to everyone and you can tell that from the happy look on their faces, all this is why we declare you, Jeff Moore, the Granada Employee of the Month

Letter to Tony

Dear Tony

I must thank you for keeping me on your mailing list. I haven't been in the Granada since my mother joined you all in 1988/89. (She loved it!)

If and when it is time for me to leave Alaska, you will find me on your doorstep.

Now to whom must I apologize?

Your November Gazette contained a lovely little prayer on page 3. I have sent it to the "Senior Center" for it to circulate some way among them. I hope you don't mind.

Many thanks - Janet Meehan

Note: You have ideas, comments? Write to us. Ed.

Christmas Tree Party

"O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
 Much pleasure thou can'st give me;
 O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
 Much pleasure thou can'st give me;
 How often has the Christmas tree
 Afforded me the greatest glee!
 O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
 Much pleasure thou can'st give me."



Tony, our manager, with Gertrude Morrow, Katie O'Sullivan and Doris Benatar.



Anne Hessel hangs a good one - Donna Schuck always eager to join the fun.



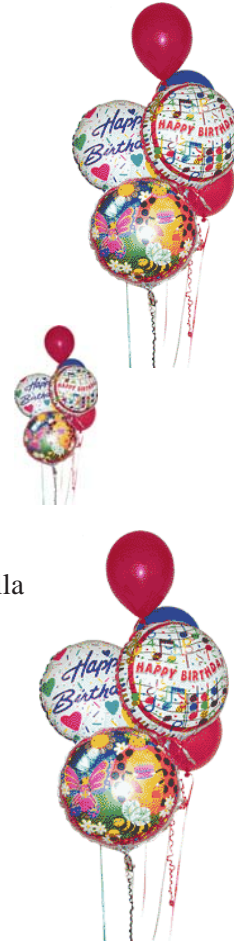
Fun giving staff served cookies, ice cream and punch. Gonzalo, Claudia, Bleitek Velasquez, Delia Sadun, Tony Davidauskis and Requilme

Birthdays

RESIDENTS

January

- 1 Narcis Sarkissian
- 5 Harry Martin
- 9 Johnny Joe
- 9 Charles Miller
- 11 John Fleckenstein
- 11 Bama Patrick
- 14 Lillian Young
- 15 Raymond Tovar
- 18 Jeanne Bennett
- 18 Sarah Howe
- 19 James Pinkham
- 21 Judith Viar
- 26 Bruce Bain
- 27 Andrew Massarella
- 29 Frances Raab
- 31 Karina Schmidt
- 31 Sirri Lee



EMPLOYEES

January

- 1 Alfred Rurangwa
- 7 Rita Ang
- 11 Carmen Tung
- 12 John Bengston
- 15 Victor Jose Dieguez

Photos by Kevin McGlynn



Union Square's 2005 Christmas



Tony's Newsletter Column

Christmas was a great time with tree decoration, choir parties, carolers and the Christmas dinner. Hanukkah was also celebrated in the lounge with a wonderful group of children. We are now planning the New Year's Eve Champagne Toast Party and our SuperBowl Party; 49er's and Raiders make no marks this year.

My mother will be joining us for Christmas, we have been considering having her move to San Francisco to be closer to us. 2006 marks my twentieth year as manager of the Granada and I'm looking forward to the best one. Union Square is bustling with seasonal shoppers so much so that Mary Angel, my wife, is doing some part-time work.


In Febuary there is a possibility we will start afternoon tea dances in the Granada, should be fun, tell Kevin what you think of it; I believe he is still working it out the particulars.

I hope everyone had a good holiday season, Happy New Year!

Thanks



January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2:15 p.m. ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES * Narcis Sarkissian	2 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Football	3 1:30 p.m. GRANADA DeYoung MUSEUM TOUR 7:00 p.m. BINGO	4 12 p.m. Noontime Concert at Saint Pat's 6:30 p.m. MOVE	5 2:00 p.m. Pets Unlimited 7:00 p.m. BINGO * Harry Martin	6 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m. MOVE	7 1:30 p.m. BINGO 6:00 p.m. HBO Movie
8 10:00 a.m. SF/SPCA Pets 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES	9 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Football * Johnny Joe * Charlie Miller	10 7:00 p.m. BINGO	11 12 p.m. Noontime Concert at Saint Pat's 6:30 p.m. MOVE * Bama Patrick * John Fleckenstein	12 9:15 a.m. MASS Library on Wheels 7:00 p.m. BINGO	13 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m. MOVE	14 1:30 p.m. BINGO 6:00 p.m. HBO Movie * Lillian Young
15 2:15 p.m. ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES * Raymond Tevar	16 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Football * Lou Kettman	17 Birthday Party Dinner 7:00 p.m. BINGO	18 12 p.m. Noontime Concert at Saint Pat's 6:30 p.m. MOVE * Jeanne Bennett * Sarah Howe	19 2:00 p.m. Pets Unlimited 7:00 p.m. BINGO * Jim Pinkham	20 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m. MOVE	21 1:30 p.m. BINGO 6:00 p.m. HBO Movie * Judith Vior
22 10:00 a.m. SF/SPCA Pets 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES	23 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Football	24 7:00 p.m. BINGO	25 11:30 NOONTIME CONCERT TOUR 6:30 p.m. MOVE	26 9:30 a.m. MASS 7:00 p.m. BINGO * Bruce Bain	27 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m. MOVE * Andrew Massarella	28 1:30 p.m. BINGO 6:00 p.m. HBO Movie
29 2:15 p.m. ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES * Frances Raab	30 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 6:00 p.m. Monday Night Football	31 7:00 p.m. BINGO * Sirri Lee * Karina Schmidt		 YEAR OF THE DOG		* Birthday Person

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