



Residents In the Spotlight

Shirley Van Dyke



Written by Barbara Kellar

April showers bring May flowers!

Mother's Day this month will bring lovely flowers to many of our residents from their "children", so it is fitting that this month we feature a lady who takes responsibility of caring for much of the beautiful blooms that grace our courtyards and surroundings of Cornell Estates.

Shirley Van Dyke was the youngest of seven children born to a couple who met in a German settlement in North Dakota. Her grandparents moved to Jordan Valley, Oregon and her parents later came to Newberg, Oregon, where Shirley was born. She attended Newberg schools through high school and then began working for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Portland, living at the Joan of Arc Hotel for Women. She met her husband, Art, a year later, and they married within the year. Boeing asked him to move to Seattle where they lived for about two years, and son David was born in nearby Renton, Washington. However, Art's brother was working in Hay Fork, California (*a town established by an escaped prisoner from Weaverville Prison! The local judge wouldn't jail lawbreakers in*

the rowdy town, but put them to work at useful jobs. Police monitored the town because of its reputation). As Hay Fork was a gold mining and logging community, Art worked as a logger, and their only daughter, Nancy, was born in Redding, California. Then Art's dad wanted him to join him in the construction business in Hillsboro, where the family built their first house. Four more boys had now joined the family: John, Steven, Andrew and Bryan. The business expanded to shipping products as far as the South Pacific, where Art sometimes had to travel. Shirley, was the company bookkeeper and ran the business when Art was gone.

Ever busy, Shirley went to work in business when her youngest child, Bryan was in kindergarten. She then retired in 1996 as she had too much work at home. An example of her duties at home was the huge garden that she maintained where she grew many varieties of produce, and canned 90 quarts each for every type of food she grew! Her large family at home consumed it all. Shirley "of the green thumb" also became a Master Gardener and has the certificates to prove it!

The couple retired in 1996 and bought a motor home in which they enjoyed traveling until 1999.

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Management Team

Jen Gray
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Community Relations Director

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LPN

Julia Solano
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Resident Care Coordinator

Jennifer Meabe
Dining Services Director

Victor Todea
Maintenance Director

Skyler Richards
Housekeeping Supervisor

Peg Bussell
Activities Director

May Employee Birthdays

5/3 Sydney Collard
5/4 Valeria Rodriguez Reyes
5/12 Tashi Lhazom
5/13 Dylan Ferguson
5/21 Alba Melgar
5/29 Ann Vullo
5/31 Kandace Bingham
5/31 Yareli Rosales Duran
5/31 Billie Priddy



Cornell Connections

Dear Cornell Estates Residents,

Happy May!!!

I love spring! We had a great Easter Egg Hunt, I think the residents and staff enjoyed watching as much as the kids enjoyed hunting! I'm so happy to see our staff bring in their children to help make this day even more special.

May marks *National Mental Health Awareness Month* - social connection is the experience of feeling closeness and belonging through supportive relationships with those around us. We feel stronger and nourished after engaging with each other. Research has shown that the risk of dementia is lower in those with good friends and family relationships. Take a few minutes to reach out to your neighbors and brighten someone's day!

Just a quick reminder - please make sure that you are displaying the parking pass at all times!

Jen Gray, Administrator

May Resident Birthdays

5/2 Eleanor Maddy	5/21 Ken Kost
5/4 Jeanie Morgan	5/21 Lexie Richey
5/7 Pat Way	5/26 Anne Cliffe
5/7 Judy Whitney	5/26 Madalene Gay
5/8 Marcia Coward	5/29 Shirley Van Dyke
5/10 Diane Ambrose	5/30 Marsha Dominguez
5/11 Katy Hayne	5/31 Dana Donofrio
5/11 Rich Kinnison	
5/12 Edee Giard	
5/15 Sue Jones	
5/20 William Potter	





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Art passed away in 2013, and they had been married for 60 years.

Shirley’s main hobby, other than gardening is ceramics, though she doesn’t work at it now as often as she’d like. She says that she’s a people person who makes her gardens for others to enjoy, and likes to watch them as they do so. *(We do enjoy the gardens Shirley, and thanks to you and the other volunteers who make our home beautiful!)*

Requests from the Library

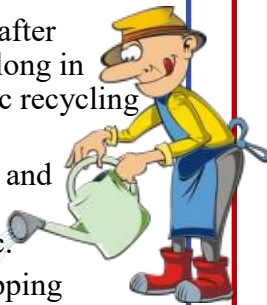


- After taking a book off the shelf to look at it, if you decide not to take it, please place it in the book return bin. Books have been getting put back in wrong locations.

- Also, the library is looking for a volunteer to help with getting books back in their category and alphabetized. Debbie, our librarian would train you. Let the front desk or Debbie know if you are interested in helping.

Some Friendly Reminders to Our Courtyard Gardeners

- Please be sure to clean up after yourselves. Empty pots belong in either the garbage or plastic recycling locations.
- Keep the greenhouse floor and counters neat and free of garbage, unwanted pots etc.
- Make sure there are no tripping hazards left where people walk, such as hoses, pots etc.
- Please keep park benches clear so people can enjoy sitting on them.



Thank You

Mother’s Day Tea

with Linda Smith on Keyboard

May 10th at 2pm

in the Dining Room (IDR)

Enjoy tea, mimosas, delightful finger sandwiches, scones & treats.

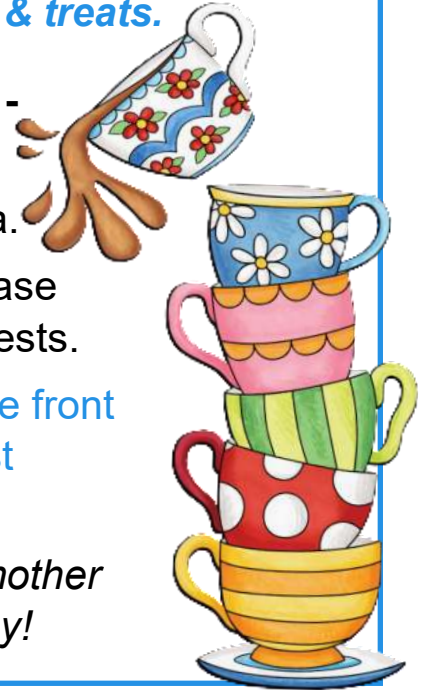
Cornell Estates Ladies -

Invite a guest to join you for Mother’s Day Tea.

Due to limited space please invite only one to two guests.

Reserve your seats at the front desk with the receptionist from May 1st - May 8th.

You don’t have to be a mother to Celebrate Mothers Day!



Cornell Estates

Rose Festival Dates to Remember

May 7th - 14th

Drop off your votes for the Cornell Estates Rose Queens & Ambassadors at the front desk

May 15th at 2:30pm

Rose Queens & Ambassadors will be Announced During Ava Wynne Happy Hour

May 28th at 2:30pm

The Royal Rosarians will Crown the Cornell Estates Queens & Ambassadors with a symbolic rose planting



May Shopping Trips

- 5/6 1:30pm **Fred Meyer***
- 5/13 1:30pm **Dollar Tree***
- 5/20 1:30pm **Walmart***
- 5/27 1:30pm **Bi-Mart***

**Remember your money for these outings!*



May Outings

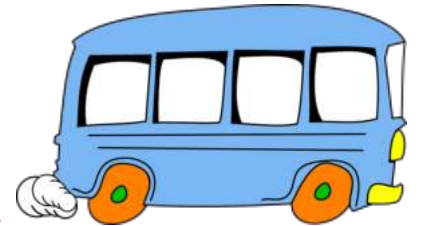


- 5/1 10:45am **The Meating Place* ML**
- 5/1 2:00pm **Brookwood Library ML**
- 5/8 1:15pm **Craft Warehouse* ML**
- 5/15 10:00am **Scenic Drive**
- 5/22 10:30am **Black Bear Diner* ML**
- 5/29 10:00am **Scenic Drive**
- 5/29 1:15pm **Trip to Goodwill* ML**

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About Shopping Trips and Outings

- Sign up for shopping trips & outings at the front desk.
- Cancel if you are not able to attend.
- Please arrive 10-15 minutes before bus departure time.
- Please **empty your walker** so it can be folded up on bus trips.



Welcome to Cornell Estates Our New Residents

Rivka Hehn
Carol Davis
Ralph Justice
Bess Carlson
Harriet Lembke



Thank you!

Resident Council Members:

Lois Ashe, Jeanette Weverka, Roger Ensrud,
John Van De Graaf & Marcia Harrington

Playing the Piano: Patti Hart

Taking Care of Cornell Estates' Gardens:

Arden Sheets, Shirley Osborne, Shirley Van Dyke,
David Cliffe, Sharyl MacDonald,
Roger Ensrud & Lazaro Pichardo

Reading to the Residents: Anne Cliffe

Sunday Worship Service: David & Anne Cliffe

Spanish Through the Arts: Cyndi Turtledove

Taking Care of Cornell Estates Library:

Debbie Pentkowski

Taking Care of Cornell Estates Sewing Room:

Mary White

Writing the Residents Spotlight: Barbara Kellar

Birthday Bell Ringer: Carol Digman

For Being so Helpful: Jeanette Weverka,
Janice Sticka, Irene Mathern, Lexie Richey,
Nancy Allison & Laurie Van De Graaf

April's Employee of the Month

Eloy Andrade, Bus Driver

Thank you Eloy for being such a good bus driver. You are kind, caring, dependable, safe, and hard working. We appreciate all you do as a driver and to help around Cornell Estates!



Peg Bussell,
Activity Director