

UPDATE

PEPPERMINT RIDGE

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

ASPEN HOME 2

C-HOME 2

CYPRESS POINT 2

CONNER
RESIDENCE 3

DUDLEY HOME 4

ROGER
RESIDENCE 5

HOME FUNDS 6

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Training topics covered in
recent months.

- Planning For Your Retirement by Mark Wagner, The Security Group
 - Transportation Policies and Driver Safety by Mimi Gallegos, Transportation Manager
 - Reporting Incidents by Kim Smalley and Annette Vigil, QMRP/Administrator
- Kim Smalley
Staff Development Coordinator

I hope you know how important you are as a family member or friend of Peppermint Ridge. We can't and don't thank you enough for just being there, with the best interest of a Ridge resident, and the whole Ridge, at heart. There is a spiritual strength that comes to us from your passion for what we do. When we call you our "supporters" we don't just mean financial support, as important as that is. We also mean your hopes and prayers your faith in our cause.

You may or may not realize that many of our residents are supported by Medi-Cal funding, which has been reduced by

10%. While we will cut as many costs as we can, our need for added donations is clear.

Many of our families have been impacted this year by our technology challenges. We are working diligently to resolve these issues. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Rev. Audrey Turner, Executive Director

Thank you again for all the ways you support us, tangible and intangible!

Blessings,
Audrey Turner
Executive Director

NEWLY FORMED SAFETY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Tim Isaac, Chair
- Jackie Currie, Secretary
- Jennifer Cloutier
- Annie Eddington
- Raquel Krueger
- Anthony Martinez
- Domiano Mussau
- Menchie Poole
- Maureen Staib
- Kim Smalley
- Mimi Turner

Peppermint Ridge has formed a Safety Committee composed of Direct Care Staff and Department Managers. The purpose of the Safety Committee is to bring workers and management together in a non-adversarial, cooperative effort to promote safety and health in each work place.

A Ridge Safety Tips Hotline and a Ridge Safety E-mail Account have been created by the Committee as multiple avenues for employees to share their concerns and safety tips.

The Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Angel Hall. Everyone is welcomed to attend!

Safety First!

E-mail: RidgeSafety@PeppermintRidge.org

Ridge Safety Tips Hotline: (951) 273-7320 Ext. 498

ASPEN HOME

Aspen Home is always on the go! Whether going out to the movies, shopping, participating in Ridge activities, or just out for a snack.

The last few months, Aspen residents attended a Valentine's dinner and dance at Crossroads Church. They had a good time with all their peers. They also attended a Valentine's dance held in Angel Hall for all Ridge residents.

Our residents participated in the ARC Bowling Tournament. Everyone

has a great time!

Dawn and Eric went to a Lakers basketball game at Staples Center. They sure enjoyed it!

In March, our residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day by attending a party at The Ridge. They danced and had an awesome time with their peers. They also had the opportunity to see the On-

tario Reign Hockey game at the Citizen's Bank Arena located in the city of Ontario. They had such a great time, that they would definitely like to go again!

Everyone always enjoys all the activities provided by The Ridge and Crossroads Church. They keep us busy!!!

Until next time,
Aspen Home



C-HOME

We hope that everyone had a good New Year celebration! C-Home has been busy these last couple of months. We've attended the activities held in Angel Hall such as; Monday Night Fitness, Stress Management, New Year's Eve Party and arts and crafts. We also enjoy the therapy dogs, Valentine's dinner and dance party and St. Patrick's Day party.

Sharon D. Celebrated her birthday in January. Jody R. has been enjoying horseback riding on Saturdays. We've also gone to Party Partners, bowling and Crossroads Church. We also attended the Bowling Tourna-

ment in the city of Fontana; Michael J. And Michael O. were selected to go to the State Bowling Tournament in Fresno; we sure have some great bowlers!!! Sharon D., Terry J., Greg K., Missy S. and Jody R., along with staff members went to the Pirates Dinner Adventure; they all had a great time! Greg K. toured two workshops as he wanted a change. He selected Cole Vocational and began on March 1st. He's very Happy!

Gene C. had a pizza party for C-Home; everyone loves pizza! Herbert started First Step Art Gallery in March, he is very happy doing his art there.

Leigh, Jessica and Maria recently celebrated their birthdays as well. Happy Birthday!

We are extremely pleased to announce that C-Home had its annual audits and did great! Thanks to our staff for all that they do. C-Home is also preparing for a make-over; thank you to all who have made this possible. We also want to thank the Maintenance Dept. for their hard work and for always helping out C-Home with whatever needs to be fixed. You are Great! And thanks to the parents for their continued support!

Until next time, C-Home



CYPRESS POINT

Greetings from Cypress Point,

We have been very busy these past few months. The clients have been enjoying regular activities such as Party Partners, singing with Rejoicers, Venturing Crew, bingo, arts and crafts. Also our clients enjoyed a day at Long Beach at the Aquarium of The Pacific.

We would like to congratulate Debbie, Peter and Tim for participating in the

Annual Bowling Tournament, they did great!

We would like to welcome our newest client, Shayna. Shayna is adjusting well to Cypress.

We are so excited to see the sun shining bright for Spring. Great time for outdoor activities.

Thank you to all the parents who con-

tinue to donate and support our home.

Until next time,
Cypress Point



CONNER RESIDENCE

January started off the new year great! We went to many fun filled activities; Stress Management and a concert at Riverside Plaza; everyone really loved listening to the music. We had breakfast at Apple Bees and had a great time as well! We went to the Venturing Crew meeting and the Saddleback Church Birthday Celebrations in Angel Hall. We also

went to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Everyone enjoyed looking at the exhibits and different colored fish and sea life.

Steven M. celebrated his birthday in February, Happy Birthday!

We attended the Valentines

dinner and dance at Crossroads Church, everyone had a wonderful time. Our horseback riders really enjoy the horseback riding activity.

March went well also. William C. celebrated his birthday. We went to Stress Management and Party Parners. Venturing Crew continues to be a favorite; they learned how to tie knots. We also enjoyed the St. Patrick's party and the 100 Mile Club.

Looking forward to April and more fun exciting activities.

Conner Residence



DEL PARK MANOR

Our residents are fine except for Steve he has had some ups and downs with his health. We're praying he'll get back to his old self soon. As our men get old they are more delicate and a little more difficult for our residents to communicate what they are feeling. However with the teamwork & the extra love and care our residents receive here, they are back on their feet in no time.

Spring has sprung up on us leaving behind our first quarter. January seemed to have flown by so quickly. We celebrated Michael's birthday on the 30th. Then came February with all the love Valentine's Day brings. Our residents had a fun time at the Valentine's Party, which the Venturing Crew hosted. Thank you guys!

Visiting with Seymour every Thursday afternoon is a wonderful activity for our clients. It lights up the faces of our clients when they pet "Seymour" the dog and Seymour is so friendly he just sits and let's each one of our guy's have their turn. If you don't know Seymour he's our volunteer dog, Thank you for your visits!

On February 15th we celebrated Raymond's birthday at "Straw Hat Pizza". Everyone had a great time there! The month of March was filled with parties. The first & the 4th Friday of each month we attend Party Parners. On the 18th a party was held in Angel Hall. Our friends from Saddleback Church host the Birthday Celebration each 3rd Friday of the month. They do an excellent job! Staff members have stated that they are well organized and celebrate each resident's birthday. Beside the goodies, each resident receives a gift especially for them. Thank you Saddleback Church for making our resident's birthday so special!!

Our residents also attend our regular scheduled activities like Horseback riding, Stress management, Fitness class and Venturing Crew weekly. Glenn, Andrew, Douglas and David went with Nimfa to the Hockey Region Game on March 12th. They all had a fun time! Glenn stated he would like to go back again!

We all went out to dinner at "Coco's" on St. Patrick's Day. We're sending an extra "Thank you" to Mr. Hocker for his thoughtfulness and kindness!! Everyone enjoyed their dinner. And beside just parties, some of our men attend church every Sunday as well. We are so looking forward to our up coming trip to San Diego with the Rejoices on April 17th! Hope your calendar is filled with fun things to do and filled with new experiences like our monthly calendar.

Thank you to everyone who makes all this possible!

Love,

Del Park



DUDLEY HOME

Hello again from Peppermint Ridge's Dudley Home!

The past nine months have been an incredible experience for the staff and residents here at Dudley Home. Our residents continue to enjoy the many activities at The Ridge and in the community. They always look forward to Stress Management, Rejoicers practice and going to church on Sundays. Wal-Mart, Dos Lagos and the mall are still some of their favorite getaways. They

enjoyed going to the movies and one of their most exciting outings was going to West Coast Stables to see the horses.

On February 22, Dudley Home welcomed the newest resident, Kathryn W. Kathy has brought a special joy to staff and residents here at Dudley. She is very friendly and loves to smile and blow kisses. We welcome Kathy and we know she will enjoy living at Dudley Home.

Could you believe that it is already April? Almost ten

months since Dudley Home was opened. The colder days of the winter months have passed. The warmer days of spring are upon us and our residents are now able to fully enjoy and appreciate our beautiful backyard where the roses are blooming and the bunnies are happily hopping. We cannot wait to spring into summer. We are eagerly anticipating a wonderful summer.

Until next time, and remember, "We exercise integrity not to get what we want but to be who we are".

Dudley Home



EVERGREEN ESTATES

Hello friends and family! I am saddened to announce the recent passing of our beloved Nancy on March 28, 2011. She will truly be missed in the physical form but her spirit lives forever here at Evergreen. On behalf of the staff and residents of the home we appreciate everyone's condolences and support during our time of grief.

The residents participated in a number of outings this last quarter from the Valentines Day Dance at Crossroads Church, Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Dana Point sailing, Bowling and picnics at the local park. With spring here and summer around the corner we are projecting to go on more fun outdoor activities.

Until next time thank you,
Evergreen Estates



GARRISON HOUSE

As the winter fades, we sit and admire the springtime flowers bloom. We started the month celebrating David S. Birthday on the 4th and Sonia P. on the 7th. We had a wonderful time with family and friends.

We participated in Bingo at Angel Hall and the Crossroads Church Valentine's Day party. All the residents were hit by cupid's arrow and danced the night away! The Love Bug at Angel Hall's Valentine's Day party also hit us.

We rested our voices so we could sing loud and clear for Rejoicers at Saddleback Church. We ended the month celebrating Fred K's Birthday on the 29th.

We began the month of March celebrating Doug M's birthday with family, friends and plenty of gifts. We then had a blast at the St. Patrick's party held at Party Parners. We all wore our lucky charms hoping to find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. We ended up in

Angel Hall instead...for the Saddleback Church Birthday Celebrations.

Lori L. also celebrated her birthday on the 21st. She received many presents as well as her favorite chocolate cake!

Lastly, we like to thank Kim Smalley for stabilizing, organizing and keeping our home above water. All the work she has done is greatly appreciated!



Signing off,
Garrison Gang

ROGER RESIDENCE

Greetings from Roger Residence!

It is hard to believe, but we are already at the end of the first quarter of the year 2011. Our residents have been busy and have really been enjoying the many activities of the last few months.

The clients went to the Corona Library for breakfast, Tyler Mall, Cajalco Plaza, Edwards Cinema, Dos Lagos Shops, Wal-Mart, Corona Baptist and Crossroads Church. Also they continued to participate in The Ridge activities, such as; Stress

Management every Wednesday night, Monday Night Fitness, Scouts, Peppermint Queens, and Birthdays Celebrations the third Friday of each month. Every other Friday night our clients continue to go to Party Partners, were they can dance and have fun. During the months of January and February we celebrated three birthdays at Roger Residence; Vastie, Max, and John.

Last, but equally important is the great job Roger Residence

did at the recent licensing survey. We did very well and we are very proud of our staff and residents. We would like to say a special THANKS to our dedicated QMRP/Administrator, Cyndi Lapina, our committed RN, Julie Trueblood, our hard working staff and our wonderful residents. We also want to thank our parents: Mrs. Ring, Mr. Trenkle, and Mrs. Hernandez for their generosity.



Looking forward to the next quarter!

God Bless,
Roger Residence

VILLA VADNAIS

Greetings from Villa Vadnais!

It looks like we will have another busy year and we welcome it with open arms and hearts. Early January we had a wonderful breakfast at Applebee's. The last Saturday of the month we went to Long Beach to the Aquarium of the Pacific and out to lunch. Thanks for your help, Renee.

In February the dance at Crossroads was so much fun, every body had a great time. We are so excited and looking forward to camp in April. It

was awesome last year and we know we will have a good time this year, too.

In March we went to the "Run for Kids" event and a week later to Old Town for some fun and refreshments. St. Patty's Day Party at The Ridge was great! We are still actively participating in horse back riding, Pardy Partners, TRAP, arts and crafts, Stress Management, Venturing Crew, Birthday Celebrations and Monday Night Fitness.

Tom is still coming for The Men's Group at our house every Tuesday. Thank You Tom, for your commitment.

Now is the time to decorate the house again and get ready for lots of fun and parties to celebrate Easter. We hope that each and every one of you have a great holiday and the Easter Bunny hops in with some goodies.



Until next time!
Villa Vadnais

WYNN HOME

Hello to our friends and family!

We hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful spring weather.

We celebrated Kurt's birthday in March at a local restaurant and a party here at Wynn.

We go bowling every other week followed by lunch. We also go to the movies twice a month. We are also planning some weekend outings in

the coming months such as; Universal Studios, San Diego Zoo and the Wild Animal Park. We are also planning a trip to Big Bear Mountain and of course Disneyland...our clients favorite place! We will keep our family members informed on all the upcoming activities and outings.

Most of our clients will be

spending Easter Sunday with their loved ones. John W. is traveling to Tucson, Arizona to be with his family over Easter weekend. He is very eager to get going!



We hope all of our family and friends have a wonderful Spring and Summer,

Until next time,
Wynn Home

We are on the web!

www.PeppermintRidge.org

A NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE WHO CARE

825 Magnolia Avenue

Corona CA 92879

Phone: 951-273-7320

Fax: 951-737-0726

E-mail: info@PeppermintRidge.org



EMPOWERING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SINCE 1959

**MEETING REMINDER:
THE NEXT
FAMILY & FRIENDS
MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH
AT 11:00 A.M.
ANGEL HALL**

HOME FUNDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2011

ACTIVITIES - for Ridgers	\$660
Activities - Horseback Program	\$2,310
Activities - Camp Fund	\$431

CONNER Home Funds	\$2,535
DEL PARK Home Funds	\$4,802
DUDLEY Home Funds	\$608
EVERGREEN Home Funds	\$779
GARRISON Home Funds	\$1,884
ROGER RESIDENCE Home Funds	\$3,594
VILLA VADNAIS Home Funds	\$248

WYNN Home Funds	\$2,026
WYNN Repair Fund	\$11,736
Wynn Recreation Fund	\$13,453

ASPEN Home Funds	\$178
C-HOME Home Funds	\$2,176
CYPRESS POINT Home Funds	\$1,631
MANDEL MANOR Home Funds	\$1,557
VIP/LIFE Supported Living Svs Pgm	\$1,004

Thank you for all your love and support!