“The Golden Eight”

Our Villa Siena centenarians.

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The 9th annual Villa Siena Bocce Ball tournament was held at Campo di Bocce on May 6, 2019.
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The Heritage Society & Founders’ Circle Reception, an opportunity to thank our supporters, was held on February 7, 2019
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Save the Date
Villa Siena Foundation Invites you to
“A Night in Monte Carlo”

In the courtyard at Villa Siena Saturday, September 21, 2019 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Consider being a Sponsor
What comes to mind when you hear the word “Golden?” Is it the San Francisco 49ers whose name originates from the California Gold Rush? Or is it a piece of jewelry you happen to be wearing today? In our case, it represents the life of one who is 100 years or older, the century of a lifetime a small group of residents here at Villa Siena. Introducing our “Golden Eight”.

Say hello to our most senior resident, Ruth Schiller. Ruth was born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1913 and is currently 105 years old. She had one sister, has two daughters, three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. It is no surprise that Ruth has a love for fashion as she and her sister operated a retail clothing store in Beverly Hills for many years. She also worked as a travel agent and enjoys the conversation of a beautiful destination. In her later years, she was a super volunteer at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, operating the in-house gift shop. Now living at the Villa, she enjoys getting her hair done, a stroll through the courtyard, and listening to some live music.

Hailing from Minnesota, say hello to Frances Grimstad! Frances was born in 1914 and turned 105 this year. She was one of four siblings. She has four children, six grand children, and nine great-grandchildren. She travelled the country with her girlfriends before settling in San Francisco. She loved to crochet and passed her love of the hobby to some of her children. She worked as a sales clerk at the Macy’s Department Store in Union Square. Having lived at the Villa for nearly seven years, she enjoys attending mass, praying the rosary, and attending resident socials. She even dabbles in the game of bingo from time to time. She was asked, “What is the meaning of life,” in which she responded, “Even though life can be difficult, the meaning of life is to be happy.”

Let it be known that if Esther Roscelli hears good music, she just might shake a tail feather or two. Esther was born in 1914 in the city of San Francisco, and is now 104 years old. Esther is one of two sisters. Her older sister Erma also lived at Villa Siena until she passed away at the age of 105. Esther has one son, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She spent some time as a millinery worker for Simon Brother’s, the same place her mother worked. After getting married, she spent the majority of her life as a housewife, tending to the needs of her family. She enjoys puzzles and can often be found working on the group puzzle in the Villa Siena parlor. She also enjoys playing word games, resident outings, and winning bingo!

Say Hello to Ada Morando! Ada was born in 1916 and recently celebrated her 103rd birthday! She is the only girl among two brothers. Ada had one son, has two grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In her lifetime, her hobbies included sewing and helping her parents around the house. She was a full-time mother and housewife. Here at the Villa, Ada spends her time in bingo, live music programs, resident socials, special events, and mass. Having been asked, “What is the secret to longevity,” Ada stated, “Don’t worry about the time or your age. I don’t look old. I don’t look young. I look like me.”
“You are my sunshine” is a tune that you will always hear from Jane Gross. Born in 1917, she is now 102 years old. She has four children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She worked as the Secretary to the President of the University of Wisconsin, where she later met her future husband Dick. After their marriage, she became a full-time mother and a typist for all of her husband’s written works. In her later years, she helped organize dining room volunteers for Villa Siena’s skilled nursing facility, and is a lifetime volunteer member of the Villa Siena Auxiliary. She currently enjoys attending mass, listening to live music, and having fun at the resident parties. When asked about the meaning of life, she simply stated it is “to be happy and be grateful.”

Nella was born in 1918 and turned 101 earlier this year. She was one of seven children. She is the mother of three boys, has seven grandchildren, four adopted grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Throughout her life, she helped her father on the ranch, worked as a bookkeeper, and was a homemaker. Her sister owned a flower shop, which she often stepped in to create floral arrangements for large events. She also served as a community volunteer making monkey toys for the Stanford Children’s Hospital. Now living at the Villa, she enjoys praying the rosary, taking a nice stroll through the courtyard, and conversing with family and friends.

Pearl was born on a ranch in Nevada in 1918 and is currently 100 years old. She was one of six sisters, has four children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker and worked in their family business as a bookkeeper until the age of 92. At the age of 65, Pearl took up backpacking and hiked through the Trinity Alps of California. Now living at the Villa, she enjoys her family visits, conversing with others in the community, and an occasional game of Rummikub. When asked “What is the meaning of life,” she simply stated it is “to be able to do everything that I can.”

Say hello to the newest member of the group, Anita Ruppel! At age 100, Anita was born in 1919 and joined “The Golden Eight” earlier this year. Being one of four children, Anita had four children, and is currently blessed with four grandchildren. She worked as a secretary for a short time and as a sample model for a junior dress house. After marriage, she settled as a homemaker for over seventy-five years. She was a fervent bridge player and enjoyed meeting with the bridge club weekly. She currently enjoys watching mass on the television, praying the rosary, going to the beauty shop, and soaking up the California sun. When asked about the meaning of life and the secret to longevity, she stated, “Do the best that you can, enjoy what you have, and thank God for all your blessings.”

As you learn about our “Golden Eight,” think about these things: These few were born during World War I; lived through the Great Depression and World War II; saw the wvars of Korea and Vietnam; witnessed the race to the moon; and saw the birth of an information technology industry. Today, we have the privilege of working with these people, getting to know them more and more every day, and honored that they call Villa Siena home.
We are grateful to our terrific sponsors and supporters who provided much appreciated financial support for the event:

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Thank you!

BOCCE BALL SUCCESS

9TH ANNUAL BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the winning team, Team AHA. First place team members included: Cana Sonuk, Mick Speciale, Mark Nardini, and Clyde Kennedy.

We had an amazing ticket pre-sale for our cash raffle, and also had 8 amazing event night raffle baskets. Thank you to all who helped sponsor and who donated to both raffles. This year we also introduced a new Luigi’s Lucky Number game, which was a huge crowd pleaser. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the Bocce evening a success. Without all of you we could not have had such a successful tournament.

We are already working on next year’s Bocce Ball Tournament scheduled for April 27, 2020 at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. Please mark your calendars. Look for details in our next issue of the Villa Siena News and on our web site at www.villa-siena.org. Don’t miss out on the fun!
DAZZLING PERFORMANCES

4th Annual Villa Siena Talent Show

The 4th Annual Villa Siena Variety Show, sponsored by the Villa Siena Auxiliary, was held on May 14th, 2019. This year we had 13 talented acts perform. Residents, Staff, and Auxiliary members took part in showcasing their many talents to the delight of the audience.

Not only does the Variety Show showcase talent, but it is a great way to involve the crowd as many performances included a sing-a-long where the residents joined in! On behalf of the Villa Siena Auxiliary and staff, we extend our appreciation to all our performers, and we look forward to another successful show next year!

FUN WESTERN DAY AT VILLA SIENA

On Friday May 31st Villa Siena hosted Western Day. It was a fun filled day for all the residents and their families. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous BBQ cooked by our very own dietary staff, which included hamburgers, potato salad, onion rings, and sweet watermelon. Everyone was entertained by the country vocals of Brian Ward who sang country music. The residents also had a nice surprise from the “Little Explorers Petting Zoo” where the residents and their families were able to pet and hold some of the animals. It was a wonderful event for all who came.
On February 7, 2019, Villa Siena hosted the annual Heritage Society and Founders’ Circle Reception. The reception was held to thank members who support Villa Siena either by making planned gifts (wills, trusts, & other estate gifts) or who have contributed $1,000 or more annually to the Villa Siena Foundation.

During the evening our guests mingled and were treated to a beautiful array of hors d’oeuvres and specialty wines.

This year we honored the Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary, for over 50 years of support & service to Villa Siena & Villa Siena Foundation.

Music was provided by steel drum entertainer, Timo. Delicious food, good friends and the steel drum made for a delightful evening.

**Planned Giving – A Lasting Legacy** When planning your estate, you may want to leave a lasting legacy by making a charitable bequest that expresses your support and love for Villa Siena. For more information about planned giving and our Heritage Society or the Founders’ Circle, please contact Scott Johnson, Director of Marketing & Development at (650) 318-5814 or sjohnson@villa-siena.org.
Meet the newest member of Villa Siena
Felix Cortez is our newest staff member at Villa Siena. He is our Director of Housekeeping and Laundry. Felix is currently working on obtaining a Hospitality degree at SJSU. He is an outgoing person, with a very positive attitude. He loves the outdoors and his favorite food is Cuban cuisine. He is very excited to be a part of Villa Siena.

- Cameron Clark (dietary) and his Fiancée Jackie have welcomed their first child Talia as she made her debut on May 4, 2019 at 11:52am and weighed 6lbs. 10oz.
- Hayley Bernard (office staff) graduated from Azusa Pacific with a Bachelors of Science degree in Kinesiology and recently presented her research abstract at the 2019 strength & conditioning association conference in Washington D.C.
- Judith Atanaya (NCU) became a Registered Nurse this past January 2019.
- The Department of Public Health recently conducted their annual survey for Villa Siena’s Nursing Care Unit. The surveyors concluded with a zero-deficiency report, which is an impressive accomplishment achieved by less than 1% of facilities.
- The Department of Social Services conducted their survey for Villa Siena’s Assisted Living Unit and concluded with a zero-deficiency report.

Villa Siena Auxiliary Installation of Officers
Villa Siena Auxiliary Installation of Officers Mass and Luncheon was celebrated on June 11, 2019. Following the Mass, a tasty luncheon was served at Café Vitale, Los Altos. Congratulations to the new Villa Siena Auxiliary President, Nancy Claunch.

Spring Candlelight Dinner
Villa Siena residents and their families enjoyed an elegant candlelight dinner accompanied by great conversation and entertainment.

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Leave a legacy in sponsoring a memorial brick or a bench in honor or in memory of a loved one

* Engraved bricks are beautifully displayed near the fountain next to the St. Louise Chapel. Inscribe it with wording of your choice. $500 per brick

* Benches are located throughout the peaceful grounds and courtyard at Villa Siena. Inscribed bronze plates honor your loved one. Costs vary depending on location of the bench.

Sponsorships are tax-deductible and support the Villa Siena Foundation. For more information, please visit our website at www.villa-siena.org or contact Scott Johnson, Director of Marketing & Development at (650) 318-5814 or Monique Flores Development and Marketing Assistant at (650) 318-5813.
An exciting new game was introduced:
Pajaro Dunes Beach House.

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VILLA SIENA VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Our Vision:
Inspired by the compassionate healing ministry of Jesus Christ and the mission of the Catholic Church to promote dignity and justice for all people of God, Villa Siena is a values-driven residential and skilled nursing care facility whose administration, employees and collaborators strive to advance the Mission through idea, influence and action. As a Daughter of Charity sponsored ministry, we are faithful to the tradition of service established by our founders, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Our Mission is to:
• Make a positive difference in the life and human development of individuals and communities.
• Serve the spiritual, physical, social and emotional needs of seniors in a spirit of humility, simplicity and charity.
• Create an atmosphere of hospitality, involvement and concern for our residents, their families and our employees and volunteers.

Our Core Values: The Charity of Christ urges us to:
• Respect, quality service, simplicity, advocacy for the poor, and inventiveness to infinity.

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