

A Monthly Newsletter for the Families and Friends of



A Message from Executive Director Alex Valle, November 2019

Dear families, Thanksgiving Day is almost here, this annual national holiday where we celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year! Irvine Cottages staff and I thank you for the support you have given us in taking care of your love ones, we are so grateful!

Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful and appreciate who you have and what you have, it is a time to meet, socialize and enjoy each other's company, sometimes the only opportunity in a year. Please join your loved ones at the cottage for lunch and enjoy a delicious turkey meal with all the trimmings and of course some delightful desserts. Please feel free to bring something to share with our residents and please let your house manager know if you plan to attend.

We have some exciting news to share, we have hired 5 new caregivers this past month, they are currently going through the training and will be ready to work in the next week. We have also hired a General Manager/Safety and Quality Assurance Officer.

Her name is Rachel Dupont, she will be introducing herself to family members, please welcome our new team members as you see them at the cottages!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

Alex

Cottage Reminders

Please bring in all needed incontinency and personal hygiene supplies for your loved ones. Please label.

Please remember to bring in some warmer clothing for your loved ones, sweaters, pats, socks etc.

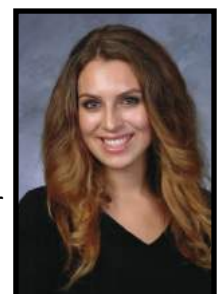
Training

Training is ongoing at Irvine Cottages and during the month of November, all staff will continue to receive training on the following topics: residents rights and dignity, when to call 911, the correct use of wheelchairs & gait belts. We will also be encouraging warm washcloth therapy.

Welcome Rachel Dupont

We are happy to announce that Rachel Dupont will be joining the management team at Irvine Cottages as the General Manager/Safety and Quality Assurance Officer.

Rachel graduated in 2017 from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts. She has been working for the past two years as a safety and Quality Assurance manager in the foster care field in Miami, Florida. We can greatly benefit from her leadership and expertise especially regarding Quality and Assurance.





Thank you to all the families and employees who voted on our "Respect Older Adults" Poster contest.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Contest Winners:

1st Place

Poster #2

Created by Elinore Lagman of Irvine Cottage 3

2nd Place

Poster #3

Created by Michelle Nesbitt

3rd Place

Poster #1

Created by Marie Regala of Irvine Cottage 2

We are so thankful for every employee who participated in this event.
Every employee who made a poster will get a day off with pay!

Thank you all again for supporting our employees in this contest. The management team voted on the topic of "RESPECTING OLDER ADULTS" as their first character trait taken from our Irvine Cottages Mission and Values.

Our next character trait is "Accountability and what does that mean to you at work, what does it mean for our residents and our co workers?"
This next contest is a power point contest.

First Place Prize: \$500

Second Prize \$250

Third Place Prize: \$100

Thank you for supporting Irvine Cottages!
If you would like more family members to be added to our group email mailing list, please add them by emailing Michelle at supernez@aol.com

When your outings are unfortunately cancelled, a bit of spooky improvisation comes into play! Some of our residents got into the Halloween spirit and enjoyed a fun “Pop Up” Photo Booth!



It was a BOOtiful night
to trick or treat!

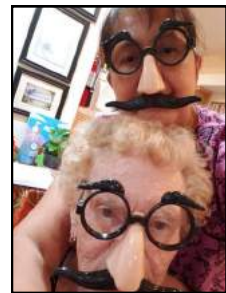
"Fangs" very much to all of our staff & residents who participated in the Annual Best Decorated Cottage Contest at Irvine Cottages!

Please check your email and/or go to IrvineCottages.com and vote for your favorite winning cottages.

Great prizes are up for grabs for all who participated in these Spooky shenanigans at the cottages!



Residents enjoyed dressing up on Halloween and meeting new friends to hand out candy!



We hope everyone had a fun & safe Halloween!

Halloween Cupcakes



Residents enjoyed the month of October participating in many Halloween and Spooky themed activities.

Making and decorating ghost cupcakes is just as much fun as eating them!



Happy Thanksgiving
To all our
Residents and their Families!

On Thanksgiving Day At 12:00 noon
We will be serving all homes
A Scrumptious Thanksgiving
Turkey Dinner

Happy Thanksgiving

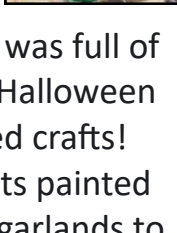
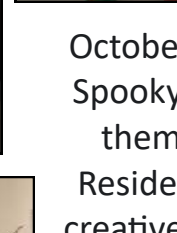
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house manager
know if you
would like to join
your loved one
for dinner or
dessert.

Please bring their
favorite side dish,
and/or dessert to
share with
everyone!

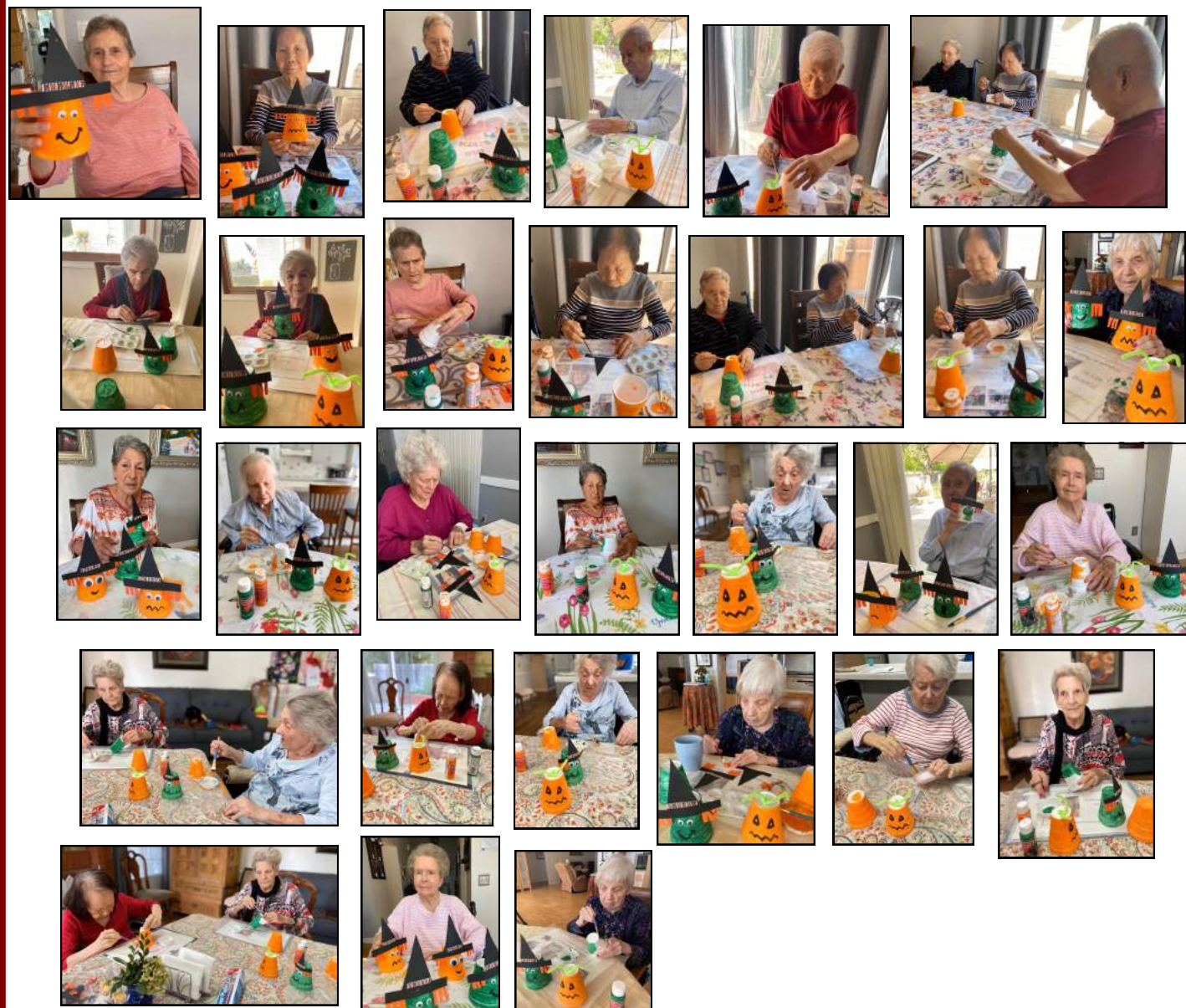
Featuring the Holiday's Bountiful Offerings:



Whole Turkey
Traditional Home style stuffing
Turkey gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Dinner Rolls
Cranberry Sauce
and Pumpkin or Apple Pie



October was full of Spooky Halloween themed crafts! Residents painted creative garlands to decorate their cottage!



All of us at Irvine Cottages are grateful for our Irvine Cottages residents and their families. Thank you for this wonderful 5 star review on [Caring.com](https://www.caring.com) of Irvine Cottage 11.

Posted by Irmagaard on 11/01/19

Rating: 5 / 5 Stars



Our beautiful Mom was in Irvine Cottages #11 for about 5 months until she passed recently. We had toured 5 other board & care facilities prior to meeting Kim at Cottage 11. The moment we walked in we knew this was the right home for her. The staff was warm and welcoming, the rooms pristine but felt like home and so inviting. During her last months there she was treated with love, compassion, dignity and like a member of the family. The staff was amazing during this time and we always felt welcome. We loved the smells of the home cooked meals when we would visit. There was always some type of daily activity for everyone to participate in. During her last few weeks she was tenderly treated with the upmost respect and love. It gave us immense comfort to know that she was in the best place possible. You alleviated the stress from those of us who loved her with your tender care. It was indeed a gift.

Irvine Cottages Birthday's

Happy Birthday to all of our residents who will celebrate birthdays in the month of November. All residents receive a card, a gift and a cake on their birthday. Please call Activity Coordinator Dairwil at (714) 618-0523 for details about birthday parties at the cottages or if you want to plan something for your loved one on their special day.

November Birthdays

November 8th ~ Dr. Irene Gleason

November 14th ~ Delvia Logan

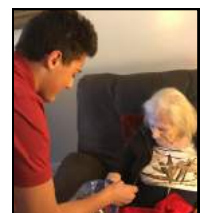
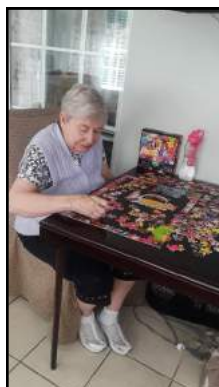
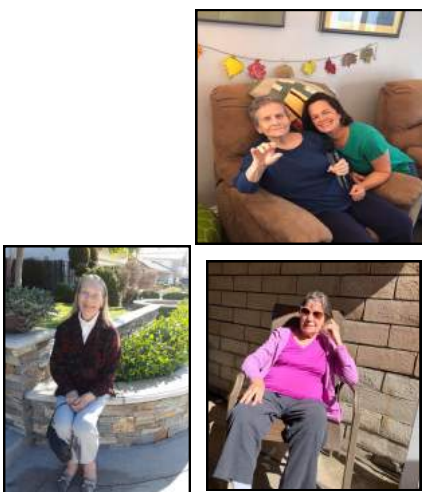
November 29th ~ Anne Humphreys

November 30th ~ Joan Ashworth

November 28th ~ Dr. Kim



Some of our favorite Irvine Cottages October moments



Resident Spotlight

Management Team



PARDON OUR DUST...

IMPROVE WE MUST!

Please ignore our mess as we continue to paint some of our cottages.

During the month of November, for safety, we will be focusing on dryer lint maintenance, cleaning and removing lint in all homes.

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK?

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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM TOO!

@Irvcottages



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Gertrudes Tizon
Staffing Manager

Dairwil Manapsal
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Concerns

If you or a family member ever have any concerns about the care your loved one is receiving, please feel free to call Alex at 949-533-1136



Welcome to the Irvine Cottages family: Lorraine, Lydia, Paul, Donald, Berte, Gino and Betty who have recently moved into Irvine Cottages. We are very happy to meet you all.

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