

# Our Community Newsletter

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

10/5 — Oktoberfest

10/31 — Halloween Party

11/11 — Veterans Day

11/24 — Early Thanksgiving  
Celebration

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

### *November Birthdays*

11/4 — Nina R.



## VETERANS DAY

**Monday, November 11th at  
11:30 AM**

We will hold a very special lunch in honor of Veterans Day. Families and friends are all welcome to attend.



## OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION



**On Saturday, October 5th at  
2:30 PM**

we will be celebrating the traditional German beer festival. We will have our own version of Oktoberfest with fun games, German inspired snacks, and what kind of Oktoberfest celebration would we have without a beer tasting contest? Come join us that day to have some fall fun.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

### *Halloween Spooktacular!*

**Thursday, October 31st at 2:30 PM**

We will be having a Halloween party here at Villa Monticello. Wear your costumes and don't forget to bring one for your loved ones. We will also have candy for kids!



## EARLY THANKSGIVING



**Sunday, November 24th at  
2:30 PM**

We know how important it is to spend Thanksgiving with your loved ones so we are putting together a traditional Thanksgiving celebration. Dinner will be served at 4 PM.

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

### *Summer Luau*

Our Summer Luau was such a blast! Our staff did a lovely hula dance, but our guest dancer, Mia, stole the show! There was hula dancing and lots of delicious food prepared by our very own chef Maggie. We also had a fun photobooth for families and their loved ones to make memories together. Thank you to all of the family members who came out to make this afternoon so special.



### *Grandparents Day Tea Party*

We had a lovely time during our Grandparents Day Tea Party. We had grandkids and guests come in to make our residents smile. We also had a special performance by our favorite volunteer. It was a nice afternoon of tea, snacks, and singing.





## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Irene Victoria Cyr was born on February 6th, 1930 in Plains, Montana. Her parents were Frank and Flossie Helterline. She grew up on a farm and her stories about being chased by a bull and bucked off by a horse are true! As a child she loved to lay in the pasture and watch the clouds. She also collected rocks and still talks about the Rocky Mountains that she lived by.

When Irene was in high school she was rather shy, but was talked into becoming a cheerleader. It was in high school where she met the love of her life, Theodore Cyr. Irene's bedroom was upstairs and at night Ted would sit outside the window and play his guitar and sing to her! Ted joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego. One year later, Irene jumped on a bus and headed to San Diego to marry Ted before he was sent overseas. On October 3rd, 1950 they went to Arizona with their best friends, Harold and Donna Shafer, for a quick wedding and were later married in the Catholic Church.



Irene lived by Mount Baldy, which was a volcano, and she was fascinated by it. In the 1970's Ted owned an airplane and they flew to Montana several times. He even flew Irene over the volcano so she could see inside it, and boy did it make her happy!

Ted and Irene have three children; Larry, Yvonne, and Gary. Larry passed away on August 17, 1994.

Irene has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Ted and Irene were married for 58 years when Ted passed away on December 8th, 2008.

Irene was a stay at home mom and was devoted to her husband and children. Irene loved to work in the yard. She had a third of an acre and it was beautiful! She also loved to bake. At Christmas time she would bake hundreds of cookies, many different varieties, and give them out to everyone! Some of her recipes are still family favorites such as her gingerbread boys and frosted sugar cookies. Irene was a devout Catholic, and her children went to Saint Mary's School.

Irene is really funny and she has so many funny sayings that we'll always remember like, "as the crow flies", "only the shadow knows", "let there be light", "there's more than one way to skin a cat", "age before beauty", "better safe than sorry", etc. She is the most kindhearted woman. Her love for her family and her unselfishness is truly an inspiration for us all! She is such an amazing example of how to be a kind and loving mother and grandmother.

## STAFF APPRECIATION



Iezza is one of the incredible caregivers and med techs of our Villa Monticello family. She started interning here in June 2015 at the young age of 16. She is one of the pioneers of our existing activities program that our residents now enjoy. She grew up in the Philippines and is an adventurous eater! Over the years she has really grown to love working in senior healthcare and aspires to become a licensed vocational nurse one day. Her favorite part of working at Villa Monticello is when she has a moment to sit down with the residents and listen to them tell memorable stories throughout their lifetime. It makes her happy seeing their eyes light up.

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