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## *Aloha from our General Manager*



Last month, it was surreal to see how the LA wildfires tragically devastated some well populated cities that were the livelihoods and homes for many. To some, it was eerily reminiscent of what occurred on our island of Maui over a year and a half ago; that also impacted families, going back generations, to experience such an unimaginable loss and the arduous road to recovery.

My husband and I were born and raised in California and we immediately checked in with our family and friends in Los Angeles. We are very grateful that they were safe and we continue to pray for everyone affected by the wildfires.

I read an inspiring story about how Pasadena bus drivers became heroes for driving into danger to evacuate more than 500 seniors from a facility. Another story of when sheriffs found a 100 year old resident in an already evacuated facility. They led her and another resident to safety. These heroes were just doing their job in the face of adversity, helping their fellow citizens.

These stories of courage had me think about the first time I worked at an assisted living facility that help embarked my career. From 2005 to 2007, I was the Assisted Living Director for the Garden of Palms in West Hollywood, a Jewish Senior Community in the heart of Los Angeles. I had gained so much knowledge and experience from working there. And it was after I left, that I realized my career needed to start there for a reason.

Not only was I able to learn more about the Jewish culture and faith, I had the opportunity to work and care for the residents there whom some of were Holocaust survivors.

I'll never forget the special residents of this Community of whom had forever touched my heart. I listened to one resident's story a survivor of the Holocaust. Having lost his mother and sister, L.L. survived the unimaginable. Although he became successful in his career, he missed his family tremendously having live his entire life without them.

I learned what empathy was that day and I'll never forget the emotion in his eyes when he showed me a photo of his mother and sister that hung in the wall of his room. And the number tattooed on his forearm as a constant reminder. I was meant to learn his story and I cherish this memory of L.L. that has humbled me forever.

L.L. also shared a lesson with me that I feel is much needed now. He said we are all one in the human race. In each of our lives we will personally experience our own journey of strength and forgiveness. But during our journey we must learn to come together during the most challenging of times and attain compassion.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Faith Gianan  
General Manager



## *February Birthdays at Roselani*

**February 05**

**Ben Araneta**

**February 14**

**Don Gerbig**

**February 25**

**Jeanette Saito**

*\*Complimentary Birthday Lunch\**  
*Please see Kalei in Activities for*  
*more info*



**For Our Residents**

*Valentine's Day Luncheon*

**February 14, 2025**

**11:30 am - 1 pm**



**Menu**

**Soup and Salad**

**Mushroom Rice Pilaf**

**Sauteed Garlic and Bacon Brussel Sprouts**

**Chicken Cordon Bleu**

**Red Velvet Cake**



***Musicians in all 3 dining rooms***

Vaughn Razo in Aloha Gardens

Mike Fitzsimmons in Maluhia Terrace

Bobbie Jo Curly in the Main Dining Room

## ***COVID News from the General Manager***

Dear Residents and Families of Roselani Place,

Thankfully there is no COVID activity to report at this time. We have the ability to test those who may have been exposed and/or experiencing any symptom(s). **Please inform a Nurse, Resident Assistant or the Receptionist if you don't feel well.**

Residents, staff, visitors and guests are not required to wear face masks while in our Community. However, should we have an active staff or resident case, we encourage you to wear a face mask for your protection And for others. I also ask should one present any symptom(s) that is not COVID related, then to please wear a face mask.

Wash your hands often and please utilize the hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. When serial testing is being conducted, we encourage you to wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth upon leaving your room and when assisted by any one of our staff members. If you are in need of a free face mask, please ask us and are made available at the Front Desk. Wearing a face mask becomes optional again when serial testing is complete and no COVID activity is present.

***If someone is exposed or is experiencing COVID or flu symptoms, we strongly urge our guests to refrain from visiting and to re-schedule their visit.***

Visits can be conducted daily and for any out of the facility visits, please inform us of the date, time, and approximate length of when you will be out of the facility; **at least 24-48 hours in advance of leaving**, to our Receptionist. Before leaving the facility, please sign out at the Front Desk.

Roselani Place stays committed to the well-being of our residents. Our Health Services Team also wants to remind you to wash your hands often. Please inform our team in the Med Room when you have a medical appointment. When you feel sick or ill, please press your call pendant and inform any staff member or nurse.

I am available to address any concerns or questions you may have. On behalf of myself and all the staff of Roselani Place, we want to thank our residents and their families for their continued support and understanding to keep our community safe for everyone.

Thank you,  
Faith Gianan  
General Manager

### ***February 2025 Important Dates***

<b>February 2</b>	<b>Ground Hog Day</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Super Bowl LIX</b>
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Valentine's Day</b>
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Presidents' Day</b>





**In Loving Memory  
of our  
Roselani Place  
Residents**



Mildred Okuda  
May 1, 1929 - January 1, 2025

Wayne Miyasaki  
April 14, 1947 - January 13, 2025

**Roselani Place hosts the monthly  
Caregiver Support Group**

Offering care and support to Maui residents living with dementia and their caregivers.



Come join us on  
**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
**4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

Roselani Place Activity Room

**Open to the public**

*Refreshments provided*

Please RSVP to Cindy Fowler at [cfowler@alz.org](mailto:cfowler@alz.org)  
or call Debbie Priest at 808-871-7720  
for more details.

# National Caregivers Day

Friday, February 21, 2025



National Caregivers Day, also known as “Thank a Caregiver Day,” is celebrated each February and is a time to recognize and honor caregivers across the country.

Please join us in celebrating our Health Services Dept Team who care for our kupuna every day and night. They are Adela, Amy, Angeline, Anne, Brittany, Charlene, Deann, Desiree, Dianne Ivy, Freya, Jasmin C., Jasmine M., Jennifer, Jesabel, Kitana Mae, Klent, Krysten T., Leilanie, Lorna, Marietta, Mary Jane, Minchie, Nayleen, Patty, Randy, Roselihna, Shantel, Sherraine, Tiare Lani, Venesha, Wendy and Yesenia.

## *How can you show appreciation for caregivers?*

Say “thank you”

Offer to help

Write a note

Ask about their life

Share how they’ve positively impacted someone's life

Encourage self-care

## *Valentine’s Day Facts That Will Probably Surprise You*

- In the 1300s, it officially became a holiday associated with love. At the end of the 5th century, Roman Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." It wasn't until the Middle Ages, though, that the holiday became associated with love and romance, a tradition that first started from the common belief in France and England that birds started their mating season on February 14.
- Cupid has its roots in Greek mythology. He's the charming cherub that appears on Valentine's Day cards, often depicted with a bow and arrow — but how did Cupid become a common symbol of Valentine's Day? According to *Time*, the figure can actually be traced all the way back to 700 B.C., to the Greek god of love named Eros, who was actually a handsome, immortal man with the intimidating power to make people fall in love. It wasn't until the 4th century BCE that the Romans adopted Eros into the image of a cute little boy with a bow and arrow, naming him "Cupid.." By the turn of the 19th century, Cupid had become linked to Valentine's Day due to his love-matching powers.
- Not until the 1840s did we get the first mass-produced valentines. People started exchanging cards and handwritten letters to both lovers and friends during the 17th century, but it was in the 1840s that the first Valentine's Day cards were mass-produced in the U.S., sold by Esther A. Howland. Known as the "Mother of the American Valentine," Howland is credited with commercializing Valentine's Day cards in America, and she is remembered for her elaborate, crafty cards made with lace and ribbons.
- The Valentine's Day gift that people spend the most on is jewelry. Candy and flowers might be some of the most common gifts for Valentine's Day, but according to the National Retail Federation, the category that we typically spend the most on for February 14 is jewelry, at a whopping \$6.4 billion in 2024! Consumers are expected spend a record \$27.5 billion on Valentine's Day this year.
- Nearly 6 million couples get engaged on Valentine's Day. I mean, what better day is there for a marriage proposal than a day literally dedicated to love and romance? Valentine's Day is one of the popular days to pop the question, with as many as 6 million couples getting engaged on February 14.



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**Roselani Place**  
Friends and Family Rewards Program

*Up to \$1,500.00 off your rent!*

Please contact  
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for more information  
808-871-7720

**Roselani Place**  
**February**  
**Employee of the Month**  
**Laurie Aveado**

Congratulations to Laurie Aveado for being selected as our February Employee of the Month. Laurie is one of our dedicated Utility Aides and has been working with us for 5 and 1/2 years.



Laurie was selected as she was recognized for her continued dedication to our residents and Roselani Place. She always goes out of her way to help other departments too. She diligently assists our Activities Dept with our Community Events and our 2pm daily snack hour.

Laurie is also very helpful with our staff appreciation lunches, annual Employee Holiday Party, Residents Holiday luncheons and our marketing events. She always helps the Team in her Dept in the kitchen and the Main Dining Room. Tusi and Dianne are very grateful for Laurie's help and she is reliable and willing to work extra shifts to cover when needed.

Laurie always has a positive and friendly attitude. She works very hard and cares so much about our residents. She has a caring spirit and we feel very lucky to have her be part of our Ohana all these years. Congratulations Laurie and mahalo for all that you do!