# *In Loving Memory*

*Sam Perricone, 1920-2011*

A giant in the citrus industry, a great leader and a founding member of the Board of Advisors of Villa Scalabrini, Sam Perricone died on July 8, 2011. He was 91.

An extremely generous man, Perricone gave his time and money to many charitable endeavors, Villa Scalabrini being one of them.

Born in Pueblo, Colorado on January 8, 1920, Perricone lost his father by age 13 and had to leave school to go to work and help the family. They moved to Los Angeles in 1935. By age 16, Perricone was picking, packing and transporting lemons to the Los Angeles Grand Central Market.

The citrus business became his life. A successful businessman, Perricone helped many people get started and he could be seen every morning walking the Los Angeles Wholesale Produce Market, before reaching his office at 6 am. And there he was until being hospitalized one week before his death. He passed 15 years to the day after his wife, Mary.

Perricone is survived by three children, Lucy, Joe and Sam, 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Villa Scalabrini thanks the Perricone family for the many generous donations received in Sam Perricone's memory and honor.

*Our sincere appreciation goes also to the many families of departed residents for selecting Villa Scalabrini as the beneficiary of donations in memory of their loved ones.*


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## Retirement Center & Special Care Unit


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## *The Angels of the Villa*

I am sitting in the lobby of the Villa with Lina, who celebrated her 101st birthday three months ago. She is waiting for her daughter's regular visit. The lobby's spacious windows look into a garden decorated with angels, gifts of friends of the Villa, in memory of their family members. Recently two of them have been called to their Eternal Reward: Sam Perricone and Virgen González. On the occasion of their funeral, their families named Villa Scalabrini as their charity of choice, and gifts in their memory have since been coming to the Villa, accompanied by notes like this: "Dear Fr. Louis, enclosed please find our donation in loving memory of our dear friend Sam Perricone. We will miss him and always remember his generosity."

Indeed I encourage our residents: "If you want to see something different, start it!" You have no idea how many great things get started by ordinary people. The staff is with us to help, not to take over your life. Ricardo, our activities director, has a special gift to help translate dreams into reality. He'll be happy to help anybody with new ideas and suggestions.

There are also other "angels" who zoom daily about the Villa. They each have a name and a name tag, and you will find them in residents rooms, in the kitchen, in housekeeping and maintenance, in the rehabilitation rooms, behind reception desks or in offices where they respond with loving attention to what makes our residents feel comfortable and secure. These angels have no halos or wings, but they're easily recognizable by everyone. Look for a warm smile, a giving heart, an understanding ear and a hand to hold. With their presence we feel secure and loved.

Yes, there are angels at the Villa: our residents and their families have told us so! Some of them have shown their appreciation for the special care and compassion their loved ones are receiving, others have asked us how they could do so. With this Christmas issue we have included an envelope for those who wish to join the benefactors of the Villa. As friends, you all like to see the Villa improve its service and appearance. For example, we are now planning to resurface our parking lot and add more covered spaces for the vans and cars of the Villa. Could you help with this project as your Christmas gift? Thank you!

Finally I would like to introduce Fr. Antonio De Angelis, the new Administrator's Assistant, recently arrived at the Villa from Vancouver, Canada. He was born in Brazil of Italian parents and ministered as Pastor in various parishes in the United States and Canada. We welcome him warmly as part of the Advisory Board and of the staff.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all friends and benefactors!**

***Father Louis Piran, c.s.***
**Executive Director**
**Administrator**

# ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

In the month of August our residents enjoyed the annual "Hawaiian Luau Day" as well as all the other many events such as our weekly shopping trips to local stores and the very popular monthly Birthday celebration. During the last few months the residents joined our Arts and Crafts "gang" meeting three times a week.

This class is conducted and organized by one of our residents' family member, Cathy Gillick, who takes time to visit her mother and other residents traveling from San Diego each time.

Our trips to local restaurants are the choice of a selective group of residents who enjoy eating out for breakfast or dinner once a month.

September activities were full of surprises and entertainment. Then, on Sunday, October 2nd we joined families and friends during our annual Family Outdoor Picnic held in the Bocce Court. During the second week of October we took a trip to the J. Paul Getty Center Museum where we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the park. A week later we took 14 residents to the San Manuel Casino in San Bernardino. October was completed with a fantastic Halloween celebration, an event that never misses to provide a great deal of fun, surprises, candies and music. Our living room was transformed into a welcoming place for ghosts, goblins, witches and monsters; residents and visitors alike enjoyed the entertainment.

More excursions were planned for November, including trips to the Outlet Stores in Oxnard and the Morongo Casino. Also in the calendar, the Thanksgiving Candlelight Dinner scheduled for November 22.

Well, we'll see you soon with more exciting news and remember our "Casino Hour" is on the last Friday of every month. We encourage family members and friends to be a part of it!

**Sincerely,**
**Ricardo Alas, Programs Director/Social Services**

*Visiting the Getty Center*

*Hawaiian Luau Day*

*Bingo Time*

*A day at San Manuel Casino*

## Honoring our Veterans

# SCU NEWS

*Dear family & friends,*

The Special Care Unit is looking forward to a busy holiday season with plenty of activities planned for our residents. Maria Bedoya and Sister Joy have been working hard to make sure this year's festivities are uplifting and entertaining. We make every effort to keep our residents informed regarding current events but to also keep the atmosphere cheerful and hopeful.

The Department of Health Services completed their annual survey on August 26th, 2011. After a five day stay, inspecting nursing documents, medication passes and expirations, infection control, dietary functions, and activity and social services, the results were very satisfactory (available next to the bulletin board and posted at the Center for Medicare Services website). If there are any questions please do not hesitate to call or see me in my office.

I plan to re-establish family council meetings, as they can be an integral part of the facility. They provide an opportunity for us to inform families and friends concerning any changes or programs the facility is presently focused on, as well providing a forum to hear suggestions from you. I firmly believe that with the cooperation from staff, residents, families, friends, and volunteers, Villa continues to maintain a happy home-like environment for our residents.

During July through October 2011, we have had 18 admissions in our Residential Unit and 18 admissions in our Skilled Nursing Unit. We welcome all of you. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all the families who have lost their loved ones. They are always in our prayers.

We also proudly welcome our new staff members:
Rosalyn Kapusta, Dietary Server
Jazmin Herrera, Nurse Assistant
Tony Mogno, Cook for La Piazza
Rafael Aguilar, Maintenance

**Blessings to you all,**
**Ardy Afshar**
**SCU Administrator/CFO**

*A welcome visit by the Sisters of Mary Health of the Sick of Newbery Park*

# SCU NEWS

Time runs so swiftly that it is almost Christmas. Here is the update for the last three months in the Special Care Unit.

## "Luau Party and Entertainment"

On this occasion, the residents put on their colorful garlands and nice Hawaiian outfits. It was really wonderful for them to experience such a celebration, where everybody was having great fun.

**"CERAMICS CLASS"**

One of the newest implemented programs for activities is the work of ceramics. A teacher comes at least twice a month and the residents are given the chance to select a plain molded ceramic to be developed. The outcome of their work is wonderful, after they paint it.

We are happy to welcome our new residents:

George Cimmarusti, Carmen Bilbao, Olga Furginson, Daniel Boylan, Peggy Whitaker
Dorothy Schwalm, Richard Mention, Marie Muller.

Villa Scalabrini family welcomes you with all our hearts...God will take care of us all!

**"THE HOLY ROSARY"**

October is regarded as golden month, for this month is one of the Marian months and a precious time to give vigor to Marian devotion, the Rosary. On October 25 we had the culmination of the Holy Rosary; our residents from the Retirement and Safe Care Unit joined us here at the Special Care Unit. What a beautiful offering we had! Raylen Heath said, "It was so beautiful throwing some flower petals at our Lady's feet! What a joy."

"Mother Mary pray for us"!

**"104th BIRTHDAY of ROSE RAINERO"**

We are grateful to God for having here with us our dear Rose Rainero whose 104th birthday we celebrated with much love and joy! More blessings to you Rose. God bless you...

**"HALLOWEEN"**

On this Halloween our Staff in their colorful costumes really delighted our dear residents. Lots of fun and even a costume contest was held in our dining area where everybody happily congregated. We are grateful for your wonderful participation and we appreciated you all! God bless...

May the blessing of our dear Lord and the intercession of our Holy Mother guide us in everything we do for the glory of God. God bless us all. Thank you!

***Maria Bedoya, SSD and***
***Sr. Mavieve Joy G. Bernaldez, AR***

# RCFE NEWS

## Another Successful Event at the Villa

### *The Annual Family Outdoor Picnic*

It is a much loved tradition at Villa Scalabrini and one that our Residents , their families and friends look forward to attending every year.

The annual Family Outdoor Picnic went underway on a sunny Sunday morning, October 2nd, beginning with Mass celebrated by Fr. Antonio in the beautiful Chapel.

By noon time a crowd of approximately 350 people filled the courtyard that was decorated according to this year's theme, Country Western, with an abundance of bandanas, cowboy hats, sheriff's stars and more. Western attire was only optional, but many guests embraced the opportunity and the Villa's courtyard for this day resembled a small corner of Texas!

As for the food, chef Guy Masciotra and his staff provided an abundance of delicacies and a variety of choices to delight every palate. Suffice to say that wine and beer contributed to enliven the happy atmosphere!

The program included children games, raffles and a Family Bingo. The participation was enthusiastic and certainly encouraged by the opportunity of winning many beautiful prizes.

All along The Trio musical ensemble performed happy tunes, adding the right touch to an event that went well beyond everyone's expectations: great attendance, good food, a lot of fun and many happy faces.

A warm thank you goes to all the residents and their families, to the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event, as well as to the many generous donors: Pontrelli and Laricchia for the sausages, San Antonio Winery and D'Aquino Imports for the wine, Profitime for the water, Mission Linens for the tablecloths, Savina Crosetti for the gorgeous gift baskets, and Ellen Tonin for the beautiful centerpieces and raffle items. Once again our residents, their families and all the "Friends of the Villa" showed us what we have long known: They are the best!

We all look forward to next year's Family Picnic!

***Laura Mesrobian***
**Admissions Coordinator**

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center and Special Care Unit and La Piazza at Villa Scalabrini, Active Seniors Community, are open for tours daily. For information or appointments please contact Laura Mesrobian, Admissions Coordinator, at (818)768-6500 ext. 228 or laura@villascalabrini.com

## Welcome New Residents!

Ann Cramer
Dorothy Murphy
Ines Stevens
Margot Konzen
Robert Konzen
Rose Pernice
Carmen Bilbao
Elizabeth Luther
Clement Kane
Carlos Tappan
Laura Starrantino
Agnes Mathias
Nina Coleman
Francis Coleman
Judy Kimura
Adam Baranik
Irma Bussino
Patricia Glassick

## *Honoring our Veterans*

# La Piazza
## AT VILLA SCALABRINI

### Meet our new *La Piazza* Residents

**Mary K. Hall**
A former teacher, Mary K. has been living at La Piazza since July of this year, after moving here from Arizona. An exceptional volunteer, she dedicates several hours a week to the residents of Villa Scalabrini Safe Care Unit, reading, conversing, planning musical programs and offering stimulating interaction, so important to our memory challenged residents. Sister Dori and the Safe Care residents simply love her! She is also the promoter of an upcoming Fashion Show...stay tuned!

**Angela Narici**
A former seamstress for a Hollywood design studio, Angela also moved to La Piazza in July of this year. She enjoys the serenity of the place, its Italian "flavor" and above all the chance to live near her sister Libby, a resident of Villa Scalabrini Special Care Unit, with whom Angela gets to spend most afternoons. The importance of family bonds!

**Gregory Dumas**
A former industrial chemicals specialist, Gregory moved into La Piazza in August. He tells us that he would have moved here much sooner had he known La Piazza existed....He says it is "the best kept secret" in town! One of the features of La Piazza that Gregory especially appreciates is the closeness to Villa Scalabrini's beautiful Chapel, where he can attend Catholic services. Full of energy and great ideas, Gregory might start soon the first Men's Club at the Villa.

**Phyllis Losie**
A former Executive Assistant at Disney Studios Animation in Burbank, Phyllis moved to La Piazza at the end of August, from her previous residence in San Jose, Califonia. Amber, her granddaughter, discovered La Piazza while browsing Villa Scalabrini's website. After a first visit she thought that her grandmother would surely love the place just as much as she did. A brochure and a few photographs later....Phyllis is now happily living at La Piazza!

**Joanne Brookfield**
Having lived for a long time in the neighborhood of Villa Scalabrini, Joanne literally watched La Piazza being built and did not hesitate to come and take a tour, once the construction was completed. Even though she was not ready yet to leave her house, Joanne was highly impressed by the beauty and serenity of La Piazza. A few months later she decided it was the right time to move to La Piazza and we are delighted to have her here now, along with our first pet, Wolfgang, her very cute Yorkshire Terrier!

**Joseph and Shirley Finnigan**
Formerly living in the beautiful Santa Barbara area, Mr. and Mrs. Finnigan were introduced to the La Piazza by their daughter Mary who came to us for a tour of the facility and found it perfect for her parents. Another tour was arranged for Shirley and Joe when they came to Sun Valley and that was all they needed to decide that La Piazza was the place for them! With the help of their six children, who made all the necessary arrangements, moving into their new home at La Piazza was just a cinch!

## La Piazza Active Seniors Community - The Best Value for Your Senior Dollar!

**La Piazza, in its serene setting, is a great place to consider for the next phase of your life.**

*Special things that make La Piazza different from all the rest:*

- 1200 sq. ft. individual homes
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath with a full gourmet kitchen
- Private patio & covered carport
- Complete maintenance, including housekeeping and linen service once a week
- 2 gourmet meals prepared daily by our chef
- 24 hour security
- Great activities - including putting green and a fitness center
- Catholic community - Daily Mass in the beautiful Chapel

**Join us! Tours are available any day of the week.**

**For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact Laura Mesrobian, Admissions Coordinator, at 818-768-6500 or 818-767-7714 or laura@villascalabrini.com**
**Visit us online at www.villascalabrini.com**