

Resident to Resident

Eight Children All at One Time Became A Happy Mother's Day for Ida O'Donoghue

By Carol Keochekian

On Mother's Day, May 9, mothers across the country will be honored by family and friends. Here at University Village, there is a very special mom who became the mother of eight children simply by saying "yes."

It all began at an October 1974 Back to School Night when Ida Quatro was teaching Spanish at Nobel Middle School in Northridge. John O'Donoghue visited her class in which one of his sons was enrolled. There was an instant attraction and on Jan. 10, 1975, John and Ida had their first date. One date led to another. On Sundays, John, Ida, and four of the children met with Ida's parents at a local bowling alley to have a meal together and bowl a few games. Her father and stepmother gave the couple their blessing.

John and Ida were married on August 30, 1975, with about 150 guests at the wedding. Some of the older four children had a lot of resistance to the marriage, Ida remembers. The younger four, on the other hand, warmed up to her immediately. Their mother had been ill for three years prior to her death, so all the children had been assigned chores helping around the house.

Ida was an only child; her mother died when Ida was only 18 months old. Ida loved her new family and wanted to give them the best she could. She doesn't know now if she was fully aware back then of the depth of commitment a family required. Two of the children had already left home: David was away at college and Mary, who was married, had a baby, making Ida a grandmother at 27 years old. The children who remained at home after the wedding were John, Jr., Theresa, Robert, Michael, Thomas, and Regina.

With her new family there was never a dull moment. Ida remembers going to the supermarket two times a week in her VW Bug and buying 14 half-gallons of milk. Even with her



new family responsibilities, Ida continued teaching. It took a great deal of organizational skills and coordinating of schedules to manage such a large family. When they went to Mass on Sundays, the family took up a whole pew. "John was a hands-on dad. He did a lot with and for the kids," she said.

After teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language for 23 years at Nobel Middle School, Ida transferred to Granada Hills Charter High School for 12 years. During her last three years of working, Ida and John moved to University Village in 2007. John is now working on his autobiography.

Ida has started or supported many programs at University Village. Eight years ago, she started Communications Café, a program for international master's students at California Lutheran University, took part in Village Singers, was a founder of LEO's dinner once a month and participated in Tertulia, a group of women who speak Spanish.

After 45 years of marriage and motherhood, Ida has a close relationship with all of the children. "It was such an experience," she recalls. "You just never know how much your heart will hold. I feel that I'm so blessed. I'm so lucky John loves me. He's so smart, kind and tireless."



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A Grandmother by Any Other Name

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Both my paternal and maternal grandparents were quite formal (and maybe not so creative?). No cutesy pet names for them! We were to refer to them as Grandmother and Grandfather Jameson and Grandmother and Grandfather Nagle. I really didn't mind calling them what they wanted to be called, it just felt a little chilly compared to the pet names my friends had for their grandparents, plus it was a mouthful for a little girl to say. As it so happens, my Grandmother Nagle's mother was blessed with a long life so, you guessed it, I had to spit out "Great-grandmother McCumber" as a toddler. Not easy, even as an adult! As I got older and learned to write, I'll admit that I was a bit bothered by these cumbersome names because I couldn't fit "Dear Grandmother _____ and Grandfather _____," in one neat line at the top of my notecards. A two-line salutation just didn't look right to me. I remember testing out the benign "Grandma" on my Grandmother Nagle when I was six or seven years old. That did not go over well, and led me to write a note of apology to Grandmother Nagle. Luckily, that salutation did fit neatly on one line, as I didn't have to apologize to Grandfather Nagle as well.

Fast forward to when my husband and I were about to make our parents first-time grandparents. We asked each of our parents what they would like their future grandchildren to call them. My mother-in-law said that she'd like to be called "Nana" (does NOT rhyme with banana). My mother chose "Grammy" (apparently 'mm' is more

youthful than 'nn'). My niece, six months younger than my daughter, learned to speak at about the same time as my daughter; however, my sister-in-law did not care for the pronunciation that her mother-in-law requested, choosing instead to refer to my niece's paternal grandmother as "Nana" (DOES rhyme with banana). This caused the two cousins to have a different pronunciation for the same grandmother. That trend has continued with all the grandchildren; our three with Nana's preferred pronunciation, the other five cousins with the banana-rhyming pronunciation. Can you guess who the favorite daughter-in-law is? We also respected my mother's chosen moniker of "Grammy" which lasted until her little granddaughter began to speak. Those "youthful" double-m's might have been preferred, but Jayne's little mouth couldn't work it out, and so my mother became "Granny." Really, it's Granny Barbar, but that missing 'a' in Barbara is an entirely different story that has nothing to do with grandchildren.



Many of my girlfriends are now becoming grandmothers, either choosing pet names for themselves, or having them chosen by their grandchildren: Kiki, Noni, GG, Mimi, Nanny, KK... the list of cuteness goes on and on. Though not ready yet, I do look forward to being Grandmother Butler someday. It has a certain ring to it that brings me back to my childhood.

To all the mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers out there, whatever your moniker may be, I wish you a very Happy Mother's Day!

Weekly Activities		MAY 2021 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS						
Sun		Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	Open Art Studio—all day (AC) 2:00 Social Bridge (LR)	KEY Classes Clubs Committees Fitness/Wellness Games Recurring Events Sign-up Required Special Events Spiritual UVTO Community AC Arts and Crafts Room ADP Avalon Dining Patio ADR Avalon Dining Room BBC Bocce Ball Court BBQ Barbeque Area BD Board Room BR Balboa Room BWR Bordeaux Wine Room CH Catalina Hall CI Channel Islands Room (GV 3rd Floor) FC Fitness Center GR Garden Room LR Laguna Room LSL Lakeside Lounge (LV 2nd Floor) MCT Mt. Clef Terrace MDR Montecito Dining Room RD Reception Desk SBL Santa Barbara Lounge (MV 2nd Floor) SHR Sherwood Lounge (LV 3rd Floor) SRL Santa Rosa Lounge (GV 2nd Floor) TC Tennis Courts WDR Westlake Dining Room						1
Monday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening (1390) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pinochle (LR) 1:00 Balance II (CH)							11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) Location Change
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Give Me Liberty (Not Rated) 5:00 Vespers with Chaplain Paul Lenderman (1390/CH)	Chuck Ullman's Wood Crafting Display Begins (MCT) 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 3:00 History Lecture Series (BR)	10:00 Food & Beverage Comm. (LR) Location Change 1:30 Movie Club (AC) 2:00 Geological Wonders Lecture Series (BR) 5:00 Getting to Know You (GR)	No Mobility and Strengthening Today No Bible Study Today 9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Cinco de Mayo Celebration (CH/1390) RSVP: Activities, 3026 12:15 Balance I (BR) Location Change 2:00 University @ UVTO (Zoom) Contact: Ethel Hafner, 4794	9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) 10:00 Point of View (BD) Location Change 1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 2924	10:00 Ladies Poker (MCT) Players Needed, RSVP: 3007 11:00 Activities Comm. (BR) 1:00 Mindful Meditation (Zoom) Meeting ID: 943 7556 7710 Password: 842541 1:45 Friday Afternoon Piano with Mark (MCT) 4:30 Shabbat (CH/1390) Location Change	11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) Location Change
Tuesday	10:00 Needle Crafters (AC) 10:15 Fit-Tastic Fitness (1390) 11:30 Hatha Yoga with Karen (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:30 Chair-based Cardio-Fit (1390) 1:30 Hand and Foot Card Game (LR) 2:00 Beginners French Class (BD) Limit 6 4:00 Advanced French Class (BD) Limit 6							
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Wednesday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:00-12:00 Window Shoppe (AC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening (1390) 12:15 Duplicate Bridge (LR) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pan at the Poker Table (MCT) 1:00 Pinochle (MCT) 1:00 Balance II (CH)	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Zookeeper's Wife (Rated PG-13) Happy Mother's Day	10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 1:30 Resident Council (LR) Location Change 2:00 Film Class (BR) 6:30 Art Trek (AC) RSVP: Activities, 3026	10:00 Village Store Meeting (LR) Date and Location Change 11:00 Great Decisions Group 1 (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 2:00 Budget & Finance Comm. (BR)	9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 2:30 Introduction to Mindful Meditation (CH/1390)	9:00 Men's Current Events (LR) 11:00 Art Club (BR) 2:30 Paul Lenderman "Defense Mechanisms in Loss" (1390/CH)	10:00 Ladies Poker (MCT) Players Needed, RSVP: 3007 11:00 Astronomy Lecture Series (BR) 1:00 Mindful Meditation (Zoom) Meeting ID: 943 7556 7710 Password: 842541 2:00 Town Hall (CH/1390) Time Change	11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) Location Change
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Thursday	8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:15 Meditation/Chair-based Gentle Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:15 Fit-Tastic Fitness (1390) 12:30 Ping Pong (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:30 Chair-based Cardio-Fit (1390) 2:00 Social Bridge (LR) 3:00 Scrabble (MCT)	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Bombshell (Rated PG) 5:00 Vespers with Retired Pastor Dan Stevens (1390/CH)	Bonnie Baas Collage Display Begins (MCT) 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 11:00 Health & Wellness Comm. (Zoom) Meeting ID: 963 3238 7187 Passcode: 144960 3:00 History Lecture Series (BR)	No Women's Board Meeting Today 10:00 Safety & Security Comm. (LR) 10:00 Bereavement Comm. (BR) 2:00 Geological Wonders Lecture Series (BR) 2:00 Excursion Club (AC)	9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 2:00 University @ UVTO (Zoom) Contact: Ethel Hafner, 4794	10:00 Point of View (BD) Location Change 1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 2924 3:30 Jewish Leadership Council (BR) Date Change 5:00 Getting to Know You (GR)	10:00 Ladies Poker (MCT) Players Needed, RSVP: 3007 11:00 Great Decisions Group 2A (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 1:00 Mindful Meditation (Zoom) Meeting ID: 943 7556 7710 Password: 842541 1:00 Hearing Clinic (LR) Appointment Only. Contact: Acoustic Hearing, (805) 482-1104 1:00 Great Decisions Group 2B (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 1:45 Friday Afternoon Piano with Mark (MCT) 2:00 Library Committee (AC) Location Change	11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) Location Change
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Friday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening (1390) 11:15 Bocce Ball (BBC)	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Motherless Brooklyn (Rated PG)	10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 2:00 Film Class (BR) 6:30 Art Trek (AC) RSVP: Activities 3026	10:00 Building Reps. (LR) Location Change 11:00 Getting to Know Us (BBQ)	9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 1:00 Hospitality Committee (BR) Location Change 2:30 Opera Club (BR)	9:00 Men's Current Events (LR) 2:00 Trustee Meeting (CH/1390) 4:00 - 6:00 Resident Council Voting (MCT)	10:00 - 2:00 Resident Council Voting (MCT) 10:00 Ladies Poker (MCT) Players Needed, RSVP: 3007 10:30—12:30 Collage Workshop (AC) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Astronomy Lecture Series (BR) 1:00 Mindful Meditation (Zoom) Meeting ID: 943 7556 7710 Password: 842541 2:00 Birthday Party with Dana Shaw (1390/CH) Time Change	11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) Location Change
Sat	8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening (1390) (Pre-recorded) 10:15 Line Dancing (CH) 11:00-12:30 Window Shoppe Donations (AC) Contact: Donna Keister, 2003	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Knives Out (Rate PG-13)	No Fitness Classes Today No Literary Club Meeting Today 10:00 Memorial Day Program (CH/1390) RSVP: Activities 3026	The monthly calendar is subject to change. Check the Portal or the weekly				