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Eighteen months into the program, we are celebrating its growth and success. The committee members, tutors, and students are all learning as the program evolves in this journey together: what works, what doesn't, what details needed to be tweaked or simply discarded. As the tutors become more confident, they, too, are enriching the curriculum with their unique plans to more effectively meet the needs of individual students. As in any volunteer program, our tutors and students deal with personal issues and situations that result in absences or "retirement," so Paulette, the committee chair, is often recruiting and training new volunteers along with creating updated spreadsheets, calendar schedules, and a creative way to post lesson plans on the Portal. We are grateful to our UVTO administration for its support and commitment in offering release time for weekly one-hour sessions for employees dedicated to this learning opportunity.

As cameras captured special moments that meaningful morning, we all experienced the excitement of a dream come true as each student was handed a beautiful certificate honoring his or her achievement. Enjoying Mexican pastries, donuts, and coffee after the ceremony, we savored many "testimonials" from several employees. As one beamed a smile, she exclaimed, "For me it's amazing! It's an opportunity to speak better English and more steps in my job!" Another employee added, "I'm expressing myself differently." The entire event was the greatest reward for all of us involved in making a dream come true!

A final note: We begin the next eight-week session in mid-January. If you are interested in finding out how YOU can support the program, contact Paulette M. or any committee member.





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As we enter a New Year, we think, hope, and even dream about new possibilities. As C.S. Lewis wrote, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." The Connect4Success Program, the ESL program for employees, is a testimony of a dream becoming a meaningful reality at University Village. The certificate ceremony held in Catalina Hall Monday, December 19, was a celebrative culmination of the persistent work and commitment of the Connect4Success Committee, our administrator Dmitry E. and Espy G., Environmental Services Director, the volunteer resident tutors, and most of all, the employees who courageously and enthusiastically participated in the weekly tutorial sessions. Behind the launching of every successful program is a dream, a back-story that is worth sharing.

Connect4Success began as an idea in July 2021 offering the opportunity to the Environmental Service employees to improve their English verbal and writing skills. To launch the dream into a plan, a committee was formed under the leadership of Paulette M., a business, marketing specialist, former ESL teacher Ida O., the creator of many helpful lesson plans, Sue S., retired special education teacher, and Don C., former university administrator to oversee administrative details. Later, Denna H., a retired secondary English teacher, joined the team to help create an enrichment curriculum. The committee, however, soon realized it needed a partner from the community to help launch the program; that is where the Conejo Adult Education program in Thousand Oaks shared their expertise with us. The director of the adult literacy program provided us not only leadership in recommending a text book for tutors and a workbook for our students, but also in the initial training for our twenty-five resident volunteer

tutors. Next, the employees interested in the program were assessed in their English skills and assigned to Basic, Beginner, and Intermediate instructional levels. After the students were assigned to a compatible tutor, they were ready to begin their weekly sessions of opportunity to better use and comprehend the English language in their work, their social interactions, and possible pursuit of other job opportunities.



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Weekly Activities		JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS						
Sun	Open Art Studio - All Day (AC) 2:00 Social Bridge (LR)	Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
n Monday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) TIME CHANGE 10:30 Mobility & Strengthening with Chris (CH) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Balance II (CH)	No Sunday Movie Today No Vespers Today Arts and Crafts Room Closed **New*** **Year***	No Fitness Classes Today No History of European Art Lecture Today No Monday Night Football Today 10:00 Literary Club (AC)	No Food & Beverage Committee Today 1:30 Movie Club (AC) 2:00 American Civil War Lecture Series (BR) 4:45 Getting to Know You Dinner (ADR)	No Window Shoppe Today 9:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 11:30 Origami Memory Gymnastics (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 2:30 Photo Club Presentation (CH)	9:00 Bird Watchers' Walk (See Flyer) 1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 3026 3:00 Point of View (BD) 4:00 Excursion: Lightscape at the Los Angeles Arboretum 7:00 Moorpark Symphony Orchestra Winds Rehearsal (CH)	9:00 Men's Club Board (BD) 11:00 Activities Comm. (BR) 11:00 Grief Support Fellowship (BD) 2:00 Foreign Film Friday (BR) Wadjda 1h 38m Rated PG 2:00 Arts Club (AC) 4:00 Feline Friends (LSL) 4:30 Shabbat (CH)	7 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) 7:00 T.O Philharmonic (CH)
Tuesday	9:15 Hatha Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:00 Needle Crafters Club (AC) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:15 Zumba Gold (CH) STARTS 1/10/23 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:30 Hand and Foot Card Game (LR) 1:30 Mexican Trains (MCT)	8 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Ticket to Paradise 1h 44m (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Rev. Eric Goehner, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	9:00 Men's Club Presentation (CH) 10:00 Literary Club (AC) 1:30 Resident Council (LR) 2:00 Film Class: Suspicion (BR) 1h 39m 6:30 Art Trek (AC)	No Women's Club Board Today Beeyonder Virtual Tour Sign-Up Begins (AW) 10:00 Village Store Meeting (LR) 11:00 Food & Beverage Committee (LR) DATE/TIME CHANGE 11:30 T.O. Library Presentation (BR) 2:00 Budget & Finance Committee (BR)	No Balance Classes Today 9:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 12:45 Thousand Oaks High School Jazz Band (CH) 2:30 Opera Club Part 1 (BR)	Bowls of Hope Painting Party Sign-Up Begins (AW) 9:30 Current Events Club (LR) TIME CHANGE 2:00 Paul Lenderman (BR) "Good Grief Goals" 4:45 M.E.A.T Dinner (ADR)	13 11:00 Astronomy Lecture Series (BR) 12:30 Piano Serenade with Mark (MCT) 2:00 Town Hall (CH) 6:45 Excursion: T.O. Philharmonic - Civic Arts Plaza	14 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) 2:00 Monthly Student Musician Showcase (CH)
Wednesday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) TIME CHANGE 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:00-12:00 Window Shoppe (AC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Dario (CH) 11:15 Intro to Line Dancing (CH) 12:15 Duplicate Bridge (LR) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pan at the Poker Table (MCT) 1:00 Balance II (CH)	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) The Other Guys 1h 56m (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Chap. Paul Lenderman, Assisted Living Hospice Care	10:00 Excursion Sign-Up Begins (AW) 10:00 Literary Club (AC) 11:00 Health & Wellness Committee (LR) 2:00 A History of European Art Lecture Series (BR) Martin Luther	2:30 Care and Support Group (BD) 17 10:00 Safety & Security Committee (LR) 10:00 Bereavement Committee (BR) 2:00 American Civil War Lecture Series (BR) 2:00 Excursion Club (BD) LOCATION CHANGE 4:45 M.E.A.T Dinner (ADR)	7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies (BR) The Fabelmans (PG-13) 2h 31m 18 9:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 11:30 Origami Memory Gymnastics (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 2:30 Professors on Campus (CH) Electoral College-Democracy at Fault? with Herb Gooch	7:00 Moorpark Symphony Orchestra Strings Rehearsal (CH) 9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Excursion: The Lunch Bunch: Fusion Grill 1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 3026 2:00 Movie: The Best We've Got (BR) 3:00 Point of View (BD) 4:45 Getting to Know You Dinner (ADR)	7:00 Fitness Hike (RD) Pre-registration required, 3035 11:00 Grief Support Fellowship (BD) 1:00 Hearing Clinic (AC) 2:00 Library Committee (LR) 3:00 Karaoke (BR)	21 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) 3:00 Moorpark Symphony Orchestra (CH)
Thursday Friday	9:15 Meditation/Gentle Chair Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:15 Ping Pong (CH) TIME CHANGE 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:00 Social Bridge (LR) 3:00 Scrabble (MCT) 7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) TIME CHANGE 9:15 Zumba Gold (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with	22 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) The Photograph 1h 46m (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Deacon Memo Rodrigues, St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church	9:00 Men's Club Presentation (CH) 10:00 Literary Club (AC) 2:00 Film Class: Stage Fright (BR) 1h 50m 6:30 Art Trek (AC)	10:00 Building Representatives (LR) 11:00 Getting to Know Us (BBQ) 12:00 Beeyonder Virtual Tour (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 2:00 Disaster Preparedness (CH) 2:30 Care and Support Group (BD)	9:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 1:00 Hospitality Committee (BR) 2:30 Opera Club Part 2 (BR) 7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies (BR) Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery (Rated PG-13) 2h 19m	7:00 Moorpark Symphony Orchestra Winds Rehearsal (CH) 26 9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 3026 9:30 Current Events Club (LR) TIME CHANGE 10:00 Excursion: Scenic Drive and Bird Watching - Lake Sherwood 2:00 New West Symphony's Meet the Artist (CH) 3:30 Jewish Leadership Council (BR)	27 11:00 Bowls of Hope Painting Party (AC) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Astronomy Lecture Series (BR) 12:30 Piano Serenade with Mark (MCT) 2:00 Birthday Party with Lorrell "Coop" Cooper (CH)	28 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) 2:00 Celebration of Life (CH) 6:30 Excursion: New West Symphony (transportation only)
y Sat M-F	Chris (CH) 11:15 Bocce Ball (BBC) 8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Line Dancing (CH) 11:00 Window Shoppe Donations (AC) 11:00-1:00 Village Store, 3067 UVTO Salon By Appointment, 3033	29 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) The Woman King 2h 13m (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Rev. Dick Thompson, Calvary Community Church	30 10:00 Literary Club (AC) 2:00 A History of European Art Lecture Series (BR) DATE CHANGE 2:30 Straight Talk (CH)	31	Classes Clubs Committees Excursions Fitness/Wellness Games Recurring Ev Sign-up Requ Special Eve Spiritual UVTO Comm	AC Arts and Crafts Room ADR Avalon Dining Room AW Activities Window BBC Bocce Ball Court BBQ Barbeque Area BD Board Room BD Ballson Room	(GV 3rd Floor) MD CR Compass Rose RD GR Garden Room SBL GT Grotto GZ Gazebo SHR LR Laguna Room LSL Lakeside Lounge (LV 2nd Floor)	Mt. Clef Terrace Montecito Dining Reception Desk Santa Barbara Lounge (MV 2nd Floor) Sherwood Lounge (LV 3rd Floor) Santa Rosa Lounge (GV 2nd Floor) Tennis Courts