

Foundation Corner

Mission & Vision

The Casa Foundation is a non-profit corporation, sanctioned by the State of California, committed to developing, accepting, overseeing, administering and disbursing philanthropic resources for the benefit of the Casa de las Campanas Continuing Care Community and its residents.

The Casa Foundation strives to encourage the ethical and professional growth of philanthropy for the purpose of enhancing the lives of Casa residents and continuing a legacy of service excellence in the Casa de las Campanas community.

The Casa Foundation is a public nonprofit 501(c)(3).

Your gifts to the Casa Foundation qualify for income and estate tax deductions.

Consult your tax advisor for appropriate procedures on the tax deductibility of your gifts.

Celebrate

Stretch IRAs No Longer Allowed for Non-Spousal Heirs

In case you haven't heard, the SECURE Act was finally approved on December 20th as part of an appropriations bill that was rushed through both houses to prevent a government shutdown.

Although there are many positive aspects of this legislation to encourage retirement savings, it did change the rules for stretch IRAs left to non-spousal heirs. The new rules now require that beneficiaries withdraw the entire amount within 10 years instead of taking required minimum distributions over a lifetime. This means a lot more taxes for your beneficiaries in a shorter period of time.

Taxpayers that have large IRAs will be looking at strategies that can help

to alleviate this tax burden for their heirs, especially if the IRA is a major part of the estate. Several planning strategies include the following:

- Moving money from your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.
- Establishing a life insurance trust that will provide your heirs with money to cover the taxes.
- Leaving your IRA to a testamentary charitable remainder trust that pays income to your heirs over their life expectancy.



Read more about these strategies in this and future newsletters or contact the Foundation office at 858-592-1898 for assistance.



Hope is a waking dream.

Aristotle



Thanks for Making a Difference

Employee Appreciation Campaign a Success

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Employee Appreciation Campaign, which was conducted through the Foundation as a tax-deductible effort.

There is no doubt that residents appreciate our employees and everything they do to help make Casa the best that it can be. This annual appeal is a great way to show gratitude.

This year's campaign resulted in \$273,784 for the Fund, of which \$268,260 was used to issue holiday bonuses to Casa's hourly employees. The increase in funds allowed Casa to issue an amount to help employees cover the taxes withheld from bonus checks, now issued as part of payroll to conform to IRS requirements.

296 donations were received for this program, thanks to Chair Judy Myerson and her committee, including Marj Aldern, Bill Barry, Pilly Haight, Bill Norris, Jackie Reasoner, and Janet Williams.

Don't forget to include your Employee Appreciation donation as one of your tax-deductible contributions on your 2019 tax return. If you have misplaced your receipt, call the Foundation office for a copy.

Don't Forget

CRE Membership Drive



Happening now is the Casa Residents for Education (CRE) Membership Drive, which is conducted

during the month of January.

Dues are \$15 per year and help to support the CRE outreach efforts to local schools.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift in addition to your dues, please make a separate check payable to the Casa Foundation and write CRE on the memo line.

The CRE also coordinates the annual scholarship drive and provides monthly programs.

Take Note

Beware - New Version of Social Security Scam

The Inspector General of Social Security is warning the public that telephone scammers may send faked documents by email to convince victims to comply with their demands. These attachments may appear to use official letterhead and government "jargon" to appear legitimate.



This is the latest variation on Social Security phone scams, which continue to be widespread. Fraudsters pretend to be government employees and claim there is identity theft or problems with your Social Security number, account, or benefits. They may threaten arrest or other legal action, or may offer to increase benefits, protect assets, or resolve identity theft.

Social Security will never:

- *Threaten you with arrest or other legal action unless you immediately pay a fine or fee*
- *Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment*
- *Require payment by retail gift card, cash, wire transfer, internet currency, or prepaid debit card*
- *Send official letters or reports containing personally identifiable information via email*

If there is ever a problem with your Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail you a letter. If you do need to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. You should never pay a government fee or fine using retail gift cards, cash, internet currency, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards. The scammers ask for payment this way because it is very difficult to trace and recover.

If you receive a call or email (that you believe to be suspicious) about a problem with your Social Security number or account, hang up or do not respond. You can report Social Security phone scams using a dedicated online form at <https://oig.ssa.gov>. Please share this information with your friends and family to help spread awareness about phone scams. For more information, visit <https://oig.ssa.gov/scam>.

Mike Stelman Appointed Foundation Board Chair



Mike Stelman was appointed as the Foundation Board Chair at the annual meeting held on December 10, 2019. Mike had been serving in the position of Vice Chair since January of 2017.

Mike previously served as the chairman of the Board of Casa de las Campanas, which he joined in 2011. On the Casa Board, he chairs the Governance Committee and sits on the Finance and Investment Committee, Audit Committee, and the Health and Wellness Committee.

Mr. Stelman is well known in the Rancho Bernardo community, where he worked for over 40 years as a real estate broker specializing in management, marketing and training. He is currently retired and devotes considerable time to Rotary International, serving the needs of the less fortunate. Mike has been

involved with numerous nonprofit organizations over the years and is currently active on the board of the Palomar Pomerado Hospital Foundation.

Our appreciation is extended to Steve DeMatteo, who has served as the Foundation's Chair since January of 2017. Steve will be continuing as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors while he expands his responsibilities on the Casa de las Campanas Board as chair of the Finance Committee.

Jim Roth, whom we were fortunate to have join the Foundation Board in January of 2019, was appointed to the position of Vice Chair. Resident Ethel Neichin will continue in the position of Secretary until the end of 2020. Directors may serve 3 consecutive 2-year terms, and officers, 2 consecutive 2-year terms. Two of our 5-member board must be Casa residents.

Give It Twice Concept

Benefit Your Heirs with an IRA-Funded Testamentary Trust



As mentioned in our front page article about the SECURE Act, one of the possible solutions to passing a large IRA account to non-spousal heirs is the use of a testamentary charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT).

Because stretch IRAs are no longer allowed as of January 1, 2020, non-spousal heirs who will be required to withdraw the entire amount within 10

years, will be subject to increased tax brackets and significantly higher taxes.

One of the solutions is to set up a testamentary charitable remainder unitrust as part of your estate plan and have it receive the proceeds of your IRA, instead of the IRA going directly to heirs. Because this type of trust is tax-exempt, there is no income tax paid on the IRA when it funds into the trust. There is also no tax on future growth. After the CRUT is funded, it would pay income of 5% or more to your heirs, either for a term of years or over their lifetime. This plan not only accomplishes "stretching" income payments to your heirs, but also creates an eventual gift for charity that did not previously exist. Sometimes this approach is called the "Give It Twice" trust. Although the income is taxable to the recipient, a 5% payout over 20 years is approximately equal to the original IRA value going into the trust. At the end of the term, whatever is remaining is distributed to charity. Thus, it transfers the value once to family and then distributes the value a second time to charity.

There are a variety of planning options using a CRUT that can provide significant tax benefits and savings. Call Cynthia Steiger at the Foundation office at 858-592-1898 for a consultation and more information.

Your Generosity at Work



Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. Since the beginning of our fiscal year on August 1, 2019, we have distributed \$456,274. Here are the areas that have benefited:

Employee Appreciation	\$268,260	Resident Hardship	\$97,475
Scholarship	\$75,000	RA Resale Proceeds	\$10,282
Music	\$3,000	RA Committees	\$1,945
Bell Tower Park	\$312		

Since the Foundation's inception, it has provided approximately \$7.7 million in philanthropic funds to support programs and services that benefit Casa residents. As a general measure of benefit, every \$250,000 that the Foundation provides to Casa de las Campanas for expenses saves about 1% in monthly fees for residents. Increasing resources for the Resident Hardship program, which provides support for residents who have outlived or exhausted financial resources, continues to be the Foundation's top priority.

Call today for information on how you can make a difference!

Remembering Legacy Friends

It is with great fondness that we remember the following Legacy members who had a significant impact on the Casa community through their involvement & service:

Art Schauffert: 04/21/1927 - 10/20/2019

Paul Dennies: 07/09/1929 - 12/28/2019

Ken Waters: 11/18/1930 - 01/11/2020



Current Funds

- Activities Fund
- Art Fund
- Chaplain Fund
- Health Center Fund
- Landscaping Fund
- Music Fund
- O'Brien Educ. Fund
- Resident Association Fund
- Resident Hardship Fund
- Rosenmeier Health Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Betts Sur Library Fund
- Betts Sur Rose & Garden Fund
- Transportation Fund

Endowment Funds

- Tilburg General Endow
- Barkell Transportation Endow
- Carpenter Activities Endow
- Hegewald Health Endow
- King General Endowment
- Elizabeth Thiele/Margaret Gamble Music Endowment
- Levinson Norte Library Endow
- Maclean General Endowment
- Nauman General Endowment
- Newman Care Endowment
- Special Care Endowment
- Resident Hardship Endow
- **Scholarship Endowments**
 - Carl & Doris Burk
 - Noble & Jenny Chen
 - Forest & Gloria Fouts
 - Mack & Janet Gilkeson
 - Alice Greene
 - Hunt Family
 - Selma Johnson
 - Irv Kelley
 - Jeannine McCullagh
 - James Nauman
 - Freda Palmer
 - Carol & Bob Shogren
 - Fun-Den & Agnes Wang
 - Jung-Chien & Edith Yu

Don't Forget

Mark Your Calendar



Bombarded by scam attempts? You are not alone.

In 2019, 50% of perpetrators resided in California, New York, Florida, Texas, the District of Columbia,

or Washington.

Attend our presentation on Monday, February 3rd, from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Dinner Theater, to hear speaker Alan Turner, who will talk about the latest in technology scams and what you can do to protect yourself.

Mark your calendar today and watch for more information in your in-box before the date.

Legacy Society Members

Legacy Society membership is extended to those individuals who have made cumulative, deferred or outright gifts of \$15,000 or more to the Casa Foundation. For information, contact Cynthia Steiger in the Foundation office at (858) 592-1898.

Living Memberships

Anonymous	Alice Greene	Life Care Services	Dorothy Risheberger
Allyn & Carol Axelton	Nancy Grobe	Richard* & Ann Ryan-Logan	Art* & Patricia Schaufert
Vince & Nancy Bacon	Mary Grosskopf	Neal & Betty Macurda	Pat Schmitt
Ann Bernstein	Lyle Guell	Ed* & Elizabeth Malela	Julius & Virginia Schwartz
Jeanne Bleahu	Julie Guinane	Marilyn Maloney	Bob* & Carol Shogren
Frank & Dolores Bugiel	Peggy Hansen	Jo anne McBrayer	Dave Shoup/Carol Trowbridge
Garry & Mary* Butterfield	Jerry*/Virginia Hargarten	Jeannine McCullagh	William* & Patricia Smith
Sue Cagni	Doris Hargrove	Fred McKnight	Gordon & Eve Spencer
Peggy Casserly	David* & Ellie Harper	Suzanne Moran in memory of	Rob Stalker & Sheri Fisher
Margaret Cauthen	Daniel Hassett	Peg Logan*	Frank & Elena Sun
Noble Chen	Pat Heath	Stanley* & Ethel Neichin	Sandra Suycott
David & Joyce Chong	Luella Bell Hill	Jack & Ruth Nesselroad in	Barbara Tice
Larry & Eleanor Cohen	Walter & Janette Hirsch	honor of Orlene Ashcraft*	Steve* & Nora Tung
Paul* & Sharlee Dennies	Carol Hobock	Barbara Norrbohm	Betty Velarde
Judy Dickey	Ruth Hohberg	Harry Packard	Virginia Vorous
Jim & Virginia Estes	Georgia Hoover	Benita Page	Fun-Den & Agnes Wang
Jules & Perla Fox	Charles* & Laura Ilka	William & Bette Pease	Ken* & Ellen Waters
Sherl*/Joan Freudenberger	Priscilla Sue Johnson	Mary Elizabeth Pinkham	Al* & Virginia Wehe
Cliff * & Ann Frey	Barbara Kahn	Susan Pitt	Bob* & Netta Wells
Syvilla Fry	Margaret Kellogg	Art & Jean* Pounds	Janet Williams
Mack & Janet* Gilkeson	Chin* & Bok Lim Kim	Jane Prichard	Ivon* & Patricia Wilson
Norm & Pat Gillespie	Dorothy Koerner	Polly Ann Redifer in memory	Ernest & Janet* Winkler
Bob & Sonny Googins	Marguerite Lawry	of Chuck Redifer*	George Wynhoff* & Patricia
Don & Charlotte Gragg	Tom & Dorothy Lee	Resident Association	Martin-Wynhoff
Fred & Jody Grawey	Sam* & Joan Levinson	Carol Rhoades	

* Deceased

Deceased Legacy Members (not listed above, since 8/1/13)

Pauline Anderson, Cliff & Ethel Barkell, Geraldine Barrington, Kurt Bohnsack, Virgil Calhoon, Barbara Chase, Fran Cleeton, Norm Crocker, Lyn Dougherty, Bob Dunlap, Robert Dye, Morey Feldman, Don & Chris Findley, Gloria Fouts, Erika Fry, Mary Jo Fulkerson, Eleanor Gafney, Blossom Gasper, Dottie Gifford, Eugenia Glow, Dr. Barry Gordon, Ralph Grahl, Evelyn Gregoire, Pat Harper, James & Sourya Henderson, Pauline Hoover, Joe & Lyn Howland, Jean Hunt, Dr. John Ingle, Catherine James, Selma Johnson, Donna Jones, Janine Kammert, Irving Kelley, Betty Kollisch, Bob Kroger, Jack & Sesuko Kuramoto, Dorothy Leslie, Darrell Lundberg, Wini McCluskey, Elaine McDaniel, Bob & Alice McKahan, Jean Miller, James Nauman, Laverne Oemcke, Barbara Oyler, Whitney Pearson, Betsy Peterson, Donna Peterson, Colleen Phelan, Betty Pitt, Vern & Jane Remer, Pauline Rogers, Mary Rountree, Barbara Rugger, Ruth Sandburg, Noreen Sandel, George & Margaret Scharnberg, Barbara Siniscalchi, Bill & Claire Spaulding, Mable Sullivan, Phyllis Tabak, Klaas Terpstra, Hilda Teutsch, Evan Vande Walle, Margaret West, Eleanor Wetherill, De Winston, Janet Woodworth, Jung-Chien & Edith Yu.

Welcome new members: Larry & Eleanor Cohen, Tom & Dorothy Lee, Dave Shoup & Carol Trowbridge, Frank & Elena Sun, and Virginia Vorous

**“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”
- Confucius**

Current Rules on Estate Tax & Exemptions

For 2020, the estate and gift tax exemption amount has increased from \$11.4 million to \$11,580,000 per person. For a married couple this is \$23.16 million that can be passed on to heirs with no federal estate tax consequences. However, the \$23.16 million number is not automatic. To use your spouse's unused exemption (called “portability”), you must elect to do this on the estate tax return of the first spouse to die, even if there is no tax due. Transfers above the exemption amount are taxed at 40%. Each year through 2025, the estate and gift tax exemption amount will be adjusted for inflation. In 2026, the amount will revert to \$5 million per person, unless Congress takes action.

In addition to the above lifetime exemption, which can be gifted during life or at death (or a combination of both), the annual \$15,000 exemption, remains in place. This allows each of us to give \$15,000 per year to as many individuals as we want, without having to subtract it from our lifetime exemption of \$11,580,000. Also exempt from estate and gift tax liability are all gifts to spouses who are U.S. citizens and direct payments of tuition and medical expenses paid directly to providers on someone else's behalf.

In 1997, the estate and gift tax exemption was \$600,000. This amount grew steadily over the years to \$5 million. In 2017, The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law by President Trump doubled the federal estate tax exemption to a base amount of \$10 million, subject to inflation, which will revert to prior law on January 1, 2026.

With the 2020 Presidential election looming, people are worried about the exemption going down. Republicans hope to make the exemption permanent, but democratic hopefuls are saying they'll bring the exemption back to its 2009 level of \$3.5 million, with a graduated tax rate up to 77%, instead of a flat 40% rate. What we will end up with remains to be seen.

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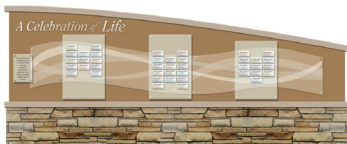
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- Jim Roth, Vice Chair
- Ethel Neichin, Secretary
- David Johnson, CFO
- Steve DeMatteo
- Ken Waters

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Celebration of Life Memorial Wall



The Casa Foundation Celebration of Life memorial wall remembers Casa de las Campanas residents who touched our lives and played a vital role in our community.

This beautiful tribute is located in the lovely and tranquil setting of the Bell Tower Park, which is frequented by residents as well as visitors. It incorporates dedications to those remembered and features four back-painted, shaped glass panels simulating soft waves as background for engraved 3” x 6” glass tiles. Each tile includes the name of the person remembered, the dates of birth and death and up to two lines of copy for a special message.

The cost is \$500 per tile. If you want to remember a loved one, special friend, or reserve a tile, contact the Foundation office at (858) 592-1898.