

December 2025

A newsletter
of activities,
travel and
tours, events,
and valuable
information
for Peninsula
Seniors



PENINSULA SENIORS Connections

make life fun!

Holiday Open House at Peninsula Seniors

*In the heart
of holiday's glow,
at Peninsula Seniors
joy does flow.*

*Warm laughter dances
and spirits are bright,
as we gather near
for holiday delights.*

*Cookies are shared
and stories are told
amid friendships
wrapped in love, pure gold!*

*Together we'll wish
seasonal cheer,
"Happy Holidays to all,
We'll see you next year!"*

Cheers to the Holidays and a New Year Together

Here's wishing all our Peninsula Seniors members, their families, and loved ones a very special, healthy, fulfilling, joyous holiday season.

As we say farewell to 2025, let's reflect on all the good times we've shared, the new acquaintances we've met, the new things we've learned, and the life we've enjoyed.

We are so grateful our membership has continued to grow. We've been able to expand our programs, trips, and events to provide even more opportunities for social interaction. We thank our dedicated volunteers and

generous donors who make Peninsula Seniors possible.

An exciting 2026 is approaching, offering more opportunities than ever for our seniors. Join us and become a more active part of the community. There's no limit to what we can accomplish together as we welcome 2026. *Happy Holidays to all!*

See page 10 for a list of all our holiday events. Join us!

Pictured above: Horace Higgins, seated center front, celebrated his 103rd birthday with his Peninsula Seniors' friends.

PENINSULA SENIORS MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to provide a wide range of activities and services to seniors of all ages living on the Palos Verdes Peninsula and surrounding areas. Peninsula Seniors fosters a sense of community and belonging and encourages continuing engagements that promote physical and mental well-being while combating loneliness and isolation.

Our vision is to sustainably expand opportunities for Peninsula Seniors to enhance its ability to improve the overall quality of life and sense of purpose for local seniors while promoting independence and social connection to a growing member base.

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Minute With Margie

What a year this has been—full of love, family, friends, and crazy days that constantly remind me that Peninsula Seniors is the greatest thing since sliced bread. If you don't know that, you haven't spent enough time at the beautiful Scriba Family Center.

Thank you for being part of the Peninsula Seniors family this year. Thanks to your support and dedication, we continue to be an essential resource for seniors of all ages in our community. Our work here, however, is not finished.

Our Year-End Appeal is in full swing until December 31. Thanks to two anonymous donors, your gift (up to \$2,500) will be matched dollar for dollar—doubling your impact. This is an exciting time to be a generous donor!

**"No one has ever
become poor by
giving."
—Anne Frank**

While we're at it, consider giving the gift of Peninsula Seniors for the holidays: Any time is a great time to give a gift membership! A one-year single membership is still just \$100. Consider sharing the Peninsula Seniors' love with a friend.

Wishing you peace, joy, and happiness this holiday season and throughout the new year.

With Gratitude,

Margie Beierschmitt, Executive Director

Membership News

for Peninsula Seniors



**Scan the QR code to discover
six compelling reasons** to join or renew
your Peninsula Seniors' membership.

Current Membership: 1,145

New and Returning Members

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS who joined us in October.

John Addleman	Grace Chen	Thomas Sayers
Lynn Attig	Josephine Daddario	Erika Schneider
Henry & Carolyn Bazak	Codi Hall	& Carl Winalski
Irene Berlin	Gloria Johnson	Richard Schott
Jacqueline Brassier	Patricia Mori	Mark Steckler
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	Gerald Richman	

THANK YOU to those who renewed their membership in October.

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lhde	Cheng Leong	Clay White
Clara Duran Reed	Marion Levander	Darryl & Susan Williams

Above & Beyond

Thanks to those who made gifts
to Peninsula Seniors' operations
in October.

\$100–\$499

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Barbara Hertler
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Membership Honor Roll

GOLD (\$400/yr)

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SILVER (\$250/yr)

Tom Booth
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Holiday HOT DEALS

for Peninsula Seniors



Show your personalized Peninsula Seniors membership card to receive a Hot Deal. For offer details, pick up a flyer at the Scriba Family Center, visit pvseniors.org/hot-deals/, scan the adjacent QR code that will take you to our Hot Deals web page, or call the merchants. (As of 11/11/25. Offers subject to change without notice. More Hot Deals coming soon!)

Alltech of Lomita, Inc.

(310) 539-2260 10% off notebook and computer repair.

Caring Angels Home Care

609 Deep Valley Dr., RHE (310) 801-7370
First 4-hour shift free; 15% off services.

Chado Tea Room (424) 757-5222

1303 El Prado Ave., Torrance 15% off.

CMS Design Portraiture

(310) 373-5450. Free sitting (\$150 value).
10% off orders.

Courtesy Cleaners (310) 541-7081

10% off dry cleaning over \$10.

Crème de la Crêpe (310) 541-0001

One dessert crepe with purchase of entrée.

Daisy Buchanan's Pizza Bar (310)

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Digital Smiles Dentistry NEW!

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Fred Astaire Dance Studios

(310) 316-5800 15% off Beginners Pkg.

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gingi.com 15% off select items w/code
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Giorgio's (310) 541-2600. One tiramisu
dessert per table at lunchtime.

Golden Cove Pharmacy

(310) 750-6082. 10%–15% off.

*Restrictions may apply.

Golden Scoop Gelato (424) 327-2888.

10% off gelato (except quarts) on Tues.

The Grand Emporium

(310) 514-8429 25% off any purchase.

Hillside Auto Repair (310) 373-7676

10% off parts and labor on service up to
\$250. Free car wash with service.

Kabab Curry of India

(310) 539-0171 Free drink or 20% off
lunch buffet. \$5 corkage waived.

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cookie or chips with sandwich purchase.

Kim's BBQ (310) 750-6161

10% off Mon–Thurs.

Joey Komada, Licensed

Acupuncturist & Herbalist

(310) 617-6354 15% off first treatment;
10% off others.

Lunada Market & Deli

(424) 206-2880 10% off on Tuesdays.

Massage Smith LLC (562) 528-0558
20% off products and services.

Mayer's Bakery (310) 377-7846

15% off purchases over \$10.

Melissa's Jewelry & Repair NEW!

(424) 263-5874. 1958 PCH, Lomita. 15%
off repairs & purchases Weds. and Thurs.

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Peace, Medical Exercise Specialist

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HOT DEALS HOT TIP:

Keep your membership card
and Hot Deals list in your car.

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Sepi Lackpour, Ph.D., L.Ac.

Acupuncture & Herbal Holistic

Care (310) 265-9588 15% off first treatment; 10% off subsequent treatments.

South Bay Hearing (310) 375-6161

Clean and check hearing aids: FREE. \$250 off new pair of AGX 5, 7, or 9 devices.

Still Got It Fitness (310) 294-1104

25% off first month any membership; 10% off all subsequent months.

Terranea Resort, Catalina Kitchen

(844) 242-0967 Offer #1: Buy one, get one free. Offer #2: Complimentary entrée on your birthday. Excludes alcohol; includes free valet parking. Valid M–Th., excl. holidays. Offer subject to change.

The Little Oliva (310) 833-1313

10% off Mon, Wed, and Thurs.

The Sports Complex

(310) 377-3226. Golf Simulator: 50% off the first visit; 25% off thereafter.

Truelement Massage

(424) 235-8785. 20% off every visit.

Truxton's (310) 373-8790

15% off 3–5 pm; 10% off other times.

Vee Wesson Design Visions

(310) 213-4055 Free 2 hr initial home design consult. 5% off one room design.

Village Shoe Repair (310) 541-9410

898 Silver Spur, RHE 10% off repairs.

What's Cookin' Cookware

& Gifts (310) 704-6667 15% off.

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Members-only Early Bird \$174

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Annual luncheon theater in Alhambra. Transportation included. Three-course luncheon with wine, plus a musical tribute to the pop and early rock songs of the 1950s. Ring in the New Year (London time) at 4pm with a festive champagne toast.

FOR TRIP DETAILS, call (310) 377-3003. Leave your name, phone, and the trip that interests you.

CANCELLATION

POLICY. If you cancel, we offer your space to those on our waiting list. When your space is sold, your cost will be refunded less a \$15 processing fee. Otherwise, no refund can be made.

MULTI-DAY TRIPS (\$)

HEARST CASTLE AT CHRISTMASTIME

Sun Dec 14–Tues Dec 16

\$799/pp double

\$999 single

\$200/pp deposit



Tour Hearst Castle's marvelous array of Christmas decorations. Visit Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and the Christmas market in Cambria.

SPRING TRAINING GAMES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mon March 16–Fri March 20

\$2,999/pp double

\$3,999/pp single

\$200/pp deposit

Final payment due Wed, Dec 10

Four nights at the Hampton Inn next to the Tanger Outlets and Westgate Entertainment District.

Attend three spring training baseball games. View Native American art at the Heard Museum and musical instruments from around the world at the Musical Instrument Museum. Visit the spectacular town of Sedona, known for its amazing red rock formations.

LAS VEGAS & DEATH VALLEY

Mon March 23–Th March 26

\$899/pp double

\$1,199/pp single

\$200/pp deposit

Final payment due Fri, Feb 6

Three nights at the Flamingo in Las Vegas. Easy walking to shows, restaurants, and gaming. Day tour to Death Valley. Visit the Hoover Dam, and enjoy a sightseeing cruise on Lake Mead.

MACKINAC ISLAND & NIAGARA FALLS

Wed June 3–Wed June 10

\$4,099pp double, \$4,199 single

\$400pp deposit

Final payment due Fri., Feb 27

Valid U.S. passport required.

Three nights at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Enjoy an elegant dinner at the hotel and a carriage ride tour of the island. Tour the Bavarian-style town of Frankenmuth. Your day at Niagara Falls includes a tour behind the Falls, a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake, the legendary boat tour, and a whitewater walk. Also visit the Ford Factory and Village, plus the Henry Ford Museum.



Peninsula Seniors

Calendar For December 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
1 Mahjong, 10–12 Meet & Greet, 10–12 Conversational French, 12:30–1:30 Rummikub, 1–3 Conversational Spanish, 2–3 Intermediate Modern Line Dance, 3:30 90+ Club, 3–4	2 Ping-Pong, 9–11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 12 Conversational Italian, 1 Conversational Japanese, 1:30–3 Writers' Group, 1:30–3 Holiday Sing-Along Ukulele Concert, 3–4	3 PV Walkers, 8:45, PVLDP Bohannon Lecture: "The Baroque Art Period" 10:15 coffee, 10:30 lecture Mahjong, 1, HP Music Appreciation, 3–4 Widowers' Chat Group, 3–4	4 Ping-Pong, 9–11 Craft & Chat, 1–3:30 Intermediate Modern Line Dance, 3:30	5 Ping-Pong, 9–12 American Mahjong, 10–noon BINGO! 1–2:30 Bridge, 1–3:30
8 Mahjong, 10–12 Meet & Greet, 10–12 Conversational French, 12:30–1:30 Rummikub, 1–3 Conversational Spanish, 2–3 Intermediate Modern Line Dance, 3:30 90+ Club, 3–4	9 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 2–4pm	10 PV Walkers, 8:45, PVLDP Bohannon Lecture: "Siegfried & Roy—Beyond Belief" 10:15 coffee, 10:30 lecture Mahjong, 1, HP Music Appreciation, 3–4 Widowers' Chat Group, 3–4	11 Ping-Pong, 9–11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 12 Craft & Chat, 1–3:30 Intermediate Modern Line Dance, 3:30	12 Ping-Pong, 9–12 American Mahjong, 10–noon Movie: "Last Christmas," 12:30 Bridge, 1–3:30
15 Mahjong, 10–12 Meet & Greet, 10–12 Conversational French, 12:30–1:30 Rummikub, 1–3 Conversational Spanish, 2–3	16 Ping-Pong, 9–11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 11 Holiday Lunch, 11:30–1:30 at the Red Onion Restaurant, RSVP: (310) 377-3003. Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 12 Conversational Italian, 1 Conversational Japanese, 1:30–3 Writers' Group, 1:30–3	17 PV Walkers, 8:45, PVLDP Bohannon Lecture: "Getting Educated About Financial Crimes" 10:15 coffee, 10:30 lecture Mahjong, 1, HP Music Appreciation, 3–4 Widowers' Chat Group, 3–4	18 Ping-Pong, 9–11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 12 Craft & Chat, 1–3:30	19 Ping-Pong, 9–12 American Mahjong, 10–noon Trivia, 1–2:30 Bridge, 1–3:30
22 Mahjong, 10–12 Meet & Greet, 10–12 Conversational French, 12:30–1:30 Rummikub, 1–3 Conversational Spanish, 2–3 90+ Club, 3–4	23 Ping-Pong, 9–11 Fitness Fun w/Beverly (\$), 11 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON	24	25	26
 <p>OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON, DEC. 23 AT NOON THROUGH JAN. 4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5.</p>				
Activities and events are in the Scriba Family Center (SFC) unless otherwise noted.		ABBREVIATIONS \$=Cost to attend an activity HP=Hesse Park PVL=Pen Center Library PVLDP=Pen Center Library top parking deck SFC=Scriba Family Center		



Activities for Peninsula Seniors

(\$) indicates an additional cost to participate

Behind the Scenes at the ***Scriba Family Center!***

Meet Gary and Jan Hearn, pictured above. They're active members who joined because of our ping pong, line-dancing and Mahjong programs.

Soon, they began volunteering to update and maintain the Peninsula Seniors digital events kiosk at the front door with activities and photos, which is no easy task. This kiosk had not been updated for several years and is now up and running again with monthly updates.

This kind of volunteer spirit, pitching in to update things around the Scriba Family Center, is greatly appreciated and helps us all.

AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

BOHANNON LECTURES

Wednesdays at Scriba Family Center

10:15 coffee / 10:30–11:30 lectures

December 3: “The Baroque Art Period (1600–1750).” Members and guest lecturers, Ann and Lee Strong, discuss the characteristics of the Baroque Period that flourished from the early 17th century to the mid-18th century, originating in Rome.

December 10: “Siegfried & Roy—Beyond Belief.” Member, entertainer, and lecturer Paul Stone shares a talk about the lives of Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn, who performed an animal-based magic show with tigers in Las Vegas that ended in tragedy in 2003.

December 17: “Getting Educated About Financial Crimes.” Malaga Bank VP Helen Stoddart and AVP of Security Kryzla Serrano will discuss check fraud, identity theft, cybersecurity, and common scams, highlighting the importance of staying alert to sophisticated scam techniques.

December 24 & 31: No Lectures. Happy Holidays!

Next Lecture: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 10:30am

For details, call Program Coordinator Renée Raymond, at (310) 377-3003.

MEET & GREET, Mon, 10 am–noon, SFC

Have coffee, make friends, chat, exchange ideas.

PV WALKERS, Wed, 8:45 am

688 Deep Valley Drive, RHE, Top parking deck at the main library.

In collaboration with Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center and the Palos Verdes Library District.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

MAHJONG, Mon, 10 am, SFC / Wed, 1 pm, Hesse Park

RUMMIKUB, Mon, 1–3 pm, SFC

A tile-based game for two to four players with simple rules and free-flowing fun for everyone.

THE 90+ CLUB, Mon, 3–4 pm, SFC

Members 90 years old + are welcome.

PING-PONG

Tu & Th, 9–11 am, SFC / Fri, 9–noon, SFC

Come play with us! All skill levels are welcome.

TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

No meeting this month. See you next on January 27. New members are welcome. Call (310) 377-3003.

FITNESS FUN WITH BEVERLY (\$)

Tu & Th, 11 am, SFC / Tu & Th, Noon, SFC

Gently sculpt and strengthen your body. All fitness levels. Taught by Beverly Beatty, certified Advanced Health and Fitness Instructor. \$90 for 3 months.

WRITERS' GROUP, Tu, 1:30–3 pm, SFC

Endless opportunities for self-expression. Join us, and *let's write together!* RSVP to (310) 377-3003.

UKULELE STRUM & SING

No meeting this month. See you next on January 13.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Wed, 3–4 pm, SFC or Zoom

This month, Ann and Lee Strong will sample and discuss the Music of Winter, a collection of non-holiday music from various genres, ranging from classical to pop, all referencing the winter season. There will be no Music Appreciation lectures on December 24 or 31. In the new year, on Wednesday, January 7, we'll start our short series on the movie music of American composer John Williams.

WIDOWERS' CHAT GROUP, Wed, 3 pm, SFC

Join us for uplifting chats and experiences.

CRAFT AND CHAT, Th, 1–3:30 pm, SFC

Work on your craft while socializing with friends.

AMERICAN MAHJONG Fri, 10–12, SFC

Must have the "Official Standard Hands and Rules."

BINGO! (\$) Fri, Dec. 5, 1–2:30 pm, SFC

\$2/card. Cash prizes! Must RSVP to (310) 377-3003.

MOVIE TIME Fri, Dec. 12, 12:30 pm, SFC

"Last Christmas." Nothing seems to go right for a Londoner working as an elf in a Christmas shop until she meets someone, and their growing attraction turns into a holiday romance. 2019 (1hr 42min) PG-13

TRIVIA! Fri, Dec. 19, 1–2:30 pm, SFC

Do you like to have interesting discussions in a fun, friendly atmosphere, while testing your general knowledge at the same time? Then join our trivia group!

SOCIAL BRIDGE Fri, 1–3:30 pm, SFC

All skill levels are welcome.

CONVERSATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Ramp up your foreign-language skills!

CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH

Mon, 12:30–1:30 pm, SFC

Practice basic French speaking skills in a friendly, social atmosphere.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Mon, 2–3pm, SFC

Practice speaking Spanish in a friendly, social setting.

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

Tu, 1–2 pm, SFC

Speak Italian in a fun, social setting. Talk about Italian food, music, movies, sightseeing, and more.

CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE

Tu, 1:30–3 pm, SFC

Practice basic conversation in a social setting. Occasional discussions about Japanese culture.



Celebrate the holidays at the Scriba Family Center!

Holiday Sing-Along Concert

Tuesday, December 2, 3-4 pm

Our ukulele group invites you to a special Holiday Ukulele Strum & Sing-Along Concert of holiday favorites. Open to all. Sheet music provided. RSVP today at (310) 377-3003.

Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 9, 2-4 pm

Share some holiday cheer with seasonal caroling, cookies and fruit cake, eggnog, and holiday spirit! Reserve your place today: (310) 377-3003.

Holiday Lunch (\$)

Tuesday, December 16, 11:30-1:30

At The Original Red Onion Restaurant

736 Bart Earle Way, Rolling Hills Estates

Join friends for a special holiday fiesta with all your Mexican favorites: tacos, enchiladas, chips and salsa, salad, dessert, and beverage. Members \$48/Guests \$52. Reserve a space today.

Must RSVP and pay in advance. Call (310) 377-3003

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Thank you to our Holiday Open House sponsors!





A Fun and Delicious Craft 'n' Chat Session *made Halloween fun!*



Peninsula Seniors got into the Halloween spirit with crafts and foods focused on the fun event.

- 1 & 4.** The cleverest, cutest, and most delicious spiders by Margaret Benson.
- 2.** From the left, crafters Kathy Brannon, Liz Carfrae, and Rouli Mihalopoulos.
- 3.** Crafters Janet Fattahi, left, and Abi Fattahi.
- 5.** The crafters self-catered their Halloween lunch. Enjoying the food are Sieglinde Hale, left, and Katy Tamer.



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New Member and Volunteer Karen Somers "puts the sparkle in Peninsula Seniors"



Karen Somers

In capturing the essence

of a vibrant
new member
and volunteer,
Peninsula
Seniors' Program
Coordinator

Renée Raymond extolls Karen Somers's cheerful disposition, unwavering problem-solving spirit, and the joy she brings to every corner of the organization. "Whether she's cleaning up after events, moving chairs, or serving food, Karen is always ready to lend a hand. She puts the sparkle in Peninsula Seniors," says Renée.

A California native, Karen and her husband raised two boys in Palos Verdes, where her passions for animals, photography, gardening, and cooking flourished. Her

journey with Peninsula Seniors began when she was searching online for Italian conversation classes. "I'd known about Peninsula Seniors for quite some time, but I wasn't a member. This year, I found it while looking online for Italian classes. Five months ago, I stopped by to check them out, and little did I know that my interest in Italian would lead to volunteering and participating in so many fun activities!"

Now, Karen participates in various classes and activities like Conversational Italian, Mahjong, Let's Do Lunch, and Let's Do Brunch, and is eager to try her hand at Bridge. As a front desk receptionist, she thrives on connecting with people and enjoys her volunteer roles at

events like the PV Street Fair, Ice Cream Social, and even filling in to call Bingo on Fridays.

"Volunteering has always been part of who I am. I do it because I care, because I can, and because it's rewarding," Karen explains. She believes volunteering is the best way to help enrich her community and forge meaningful connections.

Karen invites everyone

to experience the joys of volunteering. With a broad smile and great enthusiasm as she interacts with the sharp minds and fun-loving groups at Peninsula Seniors, she says, "It's a wonderful way to help others while staying connected in our community. And honestly, who wouldn't want to join in the fun?"