

With programs at *Bethany Towers Assisted Living, Gay and Lesbian Elder Housing Triangle Square (GLEH), Los Angeles Housing Partnership's (LAHP) Rosewood Gardens and Griffith Park Adult Community Center*



## Sunset Hall

*Supporting social connection, learning and activism throughout the life span*

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Greetings!

The way we grow old is changing and Sunset Hall is on the cutting edge of defining the community, relationships, and organizations that will make that a progressive future we want to live in. Through your membership, you are a part of building that future. **February is the beginning of our annual membership cycle and this is our request for you to renew your membership for 2012, or become a new member.**

Sunset Hall is forging partnerships with a growing number of organizations and, with them, provided a total of 9,537 interactions of class and program participation, political and social justice forums, cultural outings, and supportive resources to older adults in Los Angeles in 2011!

- **GLEH Triangle Square:** In 2011 Sunset Hall established an on-site relationship at GLEH, where we provide the educational, social and cultural programs for their community. Sunset Hall is a conduit to active engagement in the community, supporting personal social and political activism, lifelong learning and connection with the vibrant cultural arts community of Los Angeles. Our partnership has been so successful that in March our collaboration will expand to provide on-site social services. Our collaboration supports GLEH's Comprehensive Housing Care Project, addressing key issues and concerns for low-income LGBT elders, so they may live independently in long-term affordable housing in an environment that promotes healthy aging, increasing function and activity and decreasing isolation.
- **LAHP's Rosewood Gardens:** The programs and resources we offer at Rosewood Gardens help residents maintain their independent lifestyle. We create opportunities for active engagement in the greater community, while promoting health and wellness so these older adults can age in place. We support a thriving multi-ethnic, multi-lingual community, where strong intercultural friendships, respect and celebration of all cultural traditions have flowered. Our partnership with LAHP has also expanded to **7 Maples** and **Tides Senior Housing**, where we also provide health, wellness and ESL classes for very diverse communities. Our collaboration with LAHP will grow, as their communities grow in the future.
- **Bethany Towers Assisted Living:** We support the great interest in this community in issues surrounding social justice, the political scene, theatre arts and music. There are fantastic debates about the politics of the world in our Politics of Progress forum. Our Spanish class fosters the opportunity to learn a new language, while supporting memory fitness for our older senior participants. A favorite for the community is celebrating secular Jewish cultural traditions, including the annual Bethany Towers Secular Passover Seder that we have sponsored since 2005.
- **Griffith Park Adult Community Center:** Our weekly Spanish Class has been going strong since 2009. The curriculum is developed in a way that a new student can join the class at any time. These students have become very adept at conversational Spanish, and are so passionate about learning that many of the students gather before the class to watch Spanish movies, which increases their fluency.
- Sunset Hall has also developed relationships with premier Los Angeles cultural facilities such as **the Geffen Playhouse, the Autry Museum and Theatre, Huntington Gardens, the L.A. Opera, Hollywood Bowl, and the Getty**, just to name a few, and we work with them to create opportunities to provide cultural enrichment and connection to the arts to the very diverse group of seniors we serve.

Thank you for your support. It is critical for our efforts to shape a progressive, humanistic path for aging. With your 2012 membership, you are also eligible participate in any of our events or forums offered at Rosewood Gardens. Give us a call or check out our website to find out about our curriculum and register – and sign up for your membership today!

Warmest regards,

Fred Aronow, Board President

Wendy Caputo, Executive Director

**PS: SAVE THE DATE -- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
for the **ANNUAL SUNSET HALL GARDEN PARTY** at Paramount Studios,  
honoring **DORIS ROBERTS**, Emmy-award winning actress and activist against age discrimination!