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Austin Garland
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Troy Pearson

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If Life Threatening or
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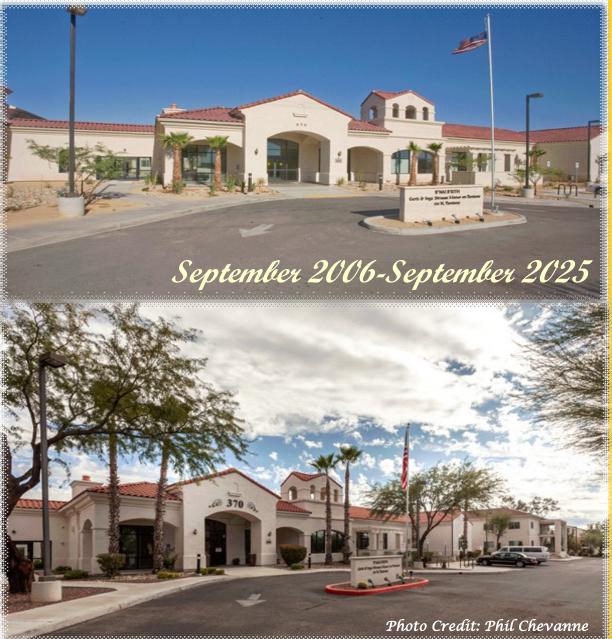
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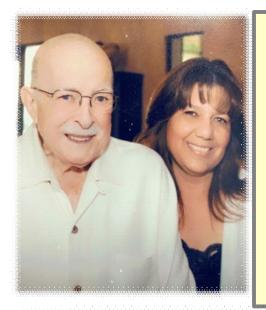
# Strauss Manor 19 years! Monthly Newsletter September 2025



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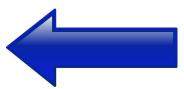
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Our September newsletter is dedicated to the
Strauss Family in memory of
Mr. & Mrs Strauss
for the 19<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of
B'nai B'rith Gerd & Inge Strauss Manor.
We will be celebrating the anniversary with a luncheon.
We will also be celebrating resident's birthdays
and September holidays on
Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am.
This will be a Black Tie event!



B'nai B'rith Strauss Manor Opening day September 2006







GERD & INGE STRAUSS MANOR ON PANTANO

#### Gerd Strauss February 23<sup>rd,</sup> 1918-December 30<sup>th,</sup> 2008

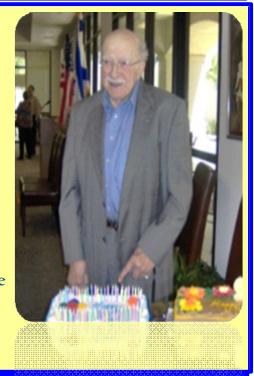
Mr. Strauss's last visit to Strauss Manor was on November 21st, 2008

Mr. Strauss strived to bring happiness to others. He was generous, loving, outreaching, strong willed, persistent, determined to get his mission accomplished to provide low income housing for seniors. He will be remembered for the difference he made in so many lives and the deeds he accomplished.

An active member of the Holocaust survivors group in Tucson, he taught thousands of students about the Holocaust.

Son of Moritz and Emma Strauss, Nee Schaumberg, both victims of the Holocaust. Married his child hood sweetheart, Inge (Liebman) who passed away in 2003.

Mr. Gerd Strauss (of blessed memory) passed away December 30<sup>th,</sup> 2008





Nineteen years ago, September 2006, B'nai B'rith Gerd and Inge Strauss Manor opened their doors to the public. A not-for-profit HUD federal program that expressly addresses the need for affordable elderly housing for low-income seniors.

Founded by Gerd & Inge Strauss on the promise of compassion and devotion for every person they encountered.

Since then, we have been blessed to meet and care for many seniors and their families who have become part of our community.

We cherish every person and family member we've had the pleasure of serving.

Over the past 18 years, our community has continue to grow with the help of many outside volunteers and community based contacts.

We've added programs, events and classes to better meet the changing needs of our senior residents. Strauss Manor- a name that reflects our commitment to live our promise every day for the next years and beyond.



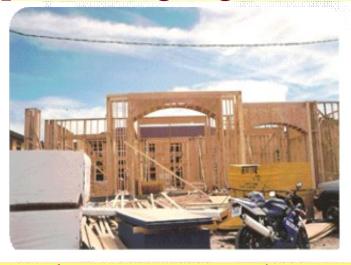
### Meeting the need/A great idea is born



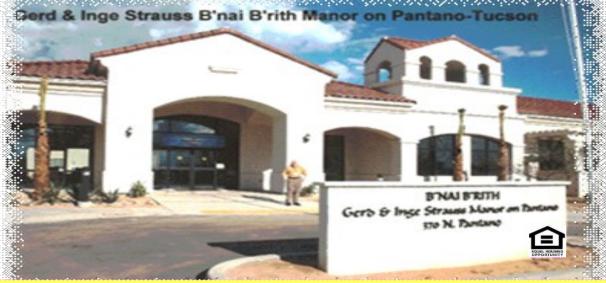


Introducing the concept/Planning begins





Breaking new ground/Original construction begins



Welcoming new residents/Comforts of home

# BLAST PAST



# 1<sup>st</sup> Strauss Manor Staff







Maintenance Marco Quevedo

Carol
Trombino &
Petina
(Petina passed away
12/15/2021)





2006

Residents



Manuela Clarke





Art Knickerbocker



Residents



Maria Hernandez















Strauss Manor's Neighborhood Network Center Inauguration 2007

Kathy McElvain, Michael Strauss, Patty Vallance and Gerd Strauss



 $\begin{array}{c} 2006 \\ 2007 \end{array}$ 











Strauss Manor Resident Luau

August 2022

Resident Christmas sponsored by

**Twilight Wish Foundation 2015** 









August 21, 2025

On behalf of AHMA-PSW Board of Directors and the Industry Awards Committee, we would like to recognize Luz Servin and present the 'Service Coordinator of the Year' award to her.

The Industry Awards represents the highest honor received in the Affordable Housing Industry. It is a special recognition as colleagues and management select individuals that demonstrate professionalism, compassion, and service!

Luz will be recognized on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> during our Industry Awards luncheon where she will receive her award.

Congratulations again!

Jazmin Ceballos

Executive Director, AHMA-PSW

We would like to congratulate Luz Servin for receiving the Service Coordinator of the year Award from AHMA (Affordable Housing Management Association)
Luz is very dedicated to all of our residents.

Luz works hard to provide supportive services and referrals to agencies when residents request assistance. Luz has a very strong community support network who partners with her to benefit all of our residents.

We are all very proud and happy for all the excellent work Luz does.

Management:)



#### National Service Coordinator Day







In 2014, Congress designated September 19<sup>th</sup> as National Service Coordinator Day to "Recognize the value of service coordinators in subsidized and other affordable housing communities for their work to promote and support economic self-sufficiency and independence for low-income families, older Americans, and persons with disabilities."

Older Americans who are assisted by service coordinators experience benefits in their health outcomes and have the ability to age in-place as they become more frail, thereby delaying or preventing the transfer to a more expensive nursing home setting.

Residents in subsidized and affordable housing communities having a service coordinator report higher satisfaction with their living environments and a heightened desire to be productive members of their communities.

The profession of service coordination is dedicated to empowering residents to maximize their independence and self-sufficiency, holds residents' rights to self-determination in the highest regard, and instills trust through maintaining high standards of confidentiality.

I truly love my job and am so glad I can assist my residents with their needs. I am so grateful to all my resident volunteers without whom I could not do as much. Your constant words of gratitude are all I need to keep me going even on the busiest of days.





# Teamwork

Perseverance Cooperation Positivity Motivation Leadership Work Hard Encourage Strength Guidance Strategy **Patience** Support



Communication

Success

Inspire

Family

Assist

Trust

Team

Goal



September 11, 2001 is a day that many will never forget. After the terrorist attacks on our World Trade Center and the Pentagon, many Americans' lives were changed forever. Let's remember that day, fill our hearts with strength and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11.



# Happy Grandparents Day!



In 1978, the first Sunday after Labor Day was proclaimed National Grandparents Day. It is a day to honor those who have helped shape the character of our Nation, and thank these role models for their immeasurable acts of love, care, and understanding.



Fernando Diaz, Senior Med Solutions, is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am-1:00pm (please see calendar) to help you with any questions you may have about your Medicare, Social Security and DES/AHCCCS.

Please call Luz @ 520-722-9963 if you have any questions.





# AUGUST 2025 B'NAI B'RITH GERD & INGE STRAUSS MANOR WELLNESS CENTER



TROY J PEARSON-WELLNESS DIRECTOR



#### WHAT?

STRAUSS MANOR 19TH ANNIVERSARY BLACK TIE EVENT

FUN!!! FOOD!!! LIVE MUSIC!!!



WHERE?

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

WHEN?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 11:30AM

#### WELLNESS CENTER CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2025



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

NOON—SIMPLY SEATED

2:00PM—CARDIO-DRUMMING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

NOON-HANDBELLS

2:00PM BOOMWHACKERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

NOON-NO-FALL BALLOON VOLLEYBALL

2:00PM—CHAIR DANCING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

NOON-SIT & BE FIT

2:00PM—CHAIR TAI-CHI

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

NOON—SHOULDER MOBILITY

2:00PM-HIP MOBILITY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

11:30AM—STRAUSS MANOR 19TH ANNIVERSARY BLACK TIE EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

NOON-UPPER BODY STRETCH

2:00PM-LOWER BODY STRETCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

NOON-BREATH & TAI-CHI

2:00PM-HIGH TEA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

NOON-TAI-CHI

2:00PM—AGELESS YOGA









# **Resident Activities September 2025**



Thursdays

9:00am-5:00pm

Medicare/DES

Information
W/Fernando Diaz

2:00pm