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An artist's rendering of the new Kingsley Manor lobby shows a nod to vintage Hollywood with a modern flair.

Lobby and Life Enrichment Center Remodels on Tap for Kingsley Manor

New design will be warm and whimsy

Vintage Hollywood with a modern flair! That's what residents and visitors can expect when Kingsley Manor undertakes an ambitious lobby remodel this winter.

The new lobby will boast a warm, contemporary design blended with a bit of whimsy, drawing inspiration from Hollywood's bygone era. Decorative elements include

pendent and recessed lighting; a mix of carpet, wood and tile flooring; new window treatments; classically designed accent furniture and bold artwork with a hint of nostalgia. The unique and charming circular seating around the lobby columns will remain but with updated fabrics.

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Celebrate the Season at Kingsley Manor

We would love for you to join us this holiday season for a tour of Kingsley Manor. While here, you will enjoy our festive decorations while we show you around our beautiful community, featuring rose gardens, a charming gazebo and ivy-covered brick buildings that harken back to the golden age of Hollywood. You will instantly experience the warmth and historic charm of a bygone era but with modern amenities and a culture where you can be yourself, pursue lifelong interests and develop new ones among friends. We have studio and one-bedroom accommodations available and offer three levels of care with NO entrance fee. Call **323-661-1128** or email us at **KMsales@frontporch.net** to schedule your tour today.



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The lobby color palette and style is a nod to the Beverly Hills Hotel – complete with palm motifs and bright cheerful colors to feel fresh year around. Artwork that reflects the Southern California lifestyle will be framed and displayed on the walls throughout the space.

“Our goal is to make the lobby a more comfortable space where residents can hang out and socialize with friends and family,” said Kingsley Manor’s Executive Director Ms. Liyon O’Quinn. “It will be brighter and bolder but stay true to the community’s Hollywood roots.”

The resident library will move from nearby Holly Cottage to the lobby. The Cottage will transform into a multipurpose Life Enrichment Center. Although plans for the Life Enrichment Center are still underway, preliminary designs show adding outdoor seating on an

expanded patio that will also accommodate visiting entertainment. Additional large windows will allow in more natural light. An art studio and expanded fitness center are also being considered.

“We want the Center to be the hub of the community,” Liyon said. “Residents can enjoy events, attend classes, play some cards, exercise or just relax with a good book.”

These projects reflect Kingsley Manor’s commitment to improving resident experience by investing in capital projects that include the latest amenities. Renovations are scheduled to be completed in the spring. Kingsley Manor has been a Hollywood icon for more than a century. It is the only senior living community in the area that offers multiple levels of care for a monthly fee.



The lobby’s unique, classic circular seating will remain but with updated fabrics (artist’s rendering).

At Kingsley Manor, residents find new ways to shine, grow and flourish every day with a host of educational, recreational and well-being opportunities. And there’s even more to explore because we are just minutes away from the Lemon Grove Recreation Center, Franklyn Avenue Village, Santa Monica Boulevard and Los Angeles LGBTQ Center. Schedule your tour today by calling **323-661-1128** or by emailing **KMsales@frontporch.net**.

Resident Jaycee Kim is Happy to be Your Guide at Kingsley Manor

For resident Jaycee Kim, his journey from South Korea to the United States had many stops along the way. Now living at Kingsley Manor, the retired electrical engineer relishes his unofficial role as community ambassador.

“Jaycee loves to attend marketing events and talk to prospective residents about why he enjoys living here,” said Sales and Marketing Director Jeannie Weber. “I think our guests appreciate hearing from an actual resident with such an authentic voice and can see themselves becoming his friend and neighbor.”

Jaycee was born on a small island near Incheon on the west coast of South Korea. He spent his youth living with his parents and eight siblings in Japanese-occupied Seoul during World War II. He served as an officer in the South Korean Airforce in the 1950s but then decided to emigrate to the United States to study engineering and earn a master’s degree. During his 60 years in the United States he has lived in Oregon, Colorado, LA’s San Fernando Valley, the LA neighborhood of Hancock Park and now at Kingsley Manor.



Jaycee loves a good game of Baduk.

“Kingsley Manor is a very pleasant place to live,” said Jaycee from his one-bedroom, fourth floor apartment overlooking the community’s sprawling “white house lawn.” “I remember when I arrived in April a year and a half ago, all of the roses were in bloom. I couldn’t believe

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Familial Roots Drive Chef Chino's Passion for Food

Chef Chino Canapi recalls when he was a small boy, seeing his mother's and grandmother's joy and enthusiasm as they prepared traditional Filipino food for family meals.

"They were my inspiration along with my grandfather who was a cook at a hotel in the Philippines," Chino said. "That's why I'm the executive chef at Kingsley Manor today. Doing this work has a place in my heart."

As soon as he was able, Chino started from the ground up, gaining experience anywhere he could toward his goal of becoming a chef. He was a dishwasher, worked in fast food and studied culinary arts at Mission College in Los Angeles. He moved on to hospital and restaurant kitchens, then got his chance to shine and share his passion for food and cooking in a family environment seven years ago when he joined Kingsley Manor as its sous chef.

"I was working at a restaurant and an old boss from a previous job was the executive chef at Kingsley Manor and he remembered me," Chino said. "Out of the blue, he asked me to come to Kingsley as his sous chef. I didn't know what to expect, but wow, this turned out to be a great opportunity." After several years, Kingsley's executive chef left, but not before recommending that Chino replace him.

"I made it!" Chino said. "And I was, and am grateful for the opportunity. I've worked at many different places but there is something special about Kingsley. I get so much interaction with the residents. The residents are like my family and



Chef Chino says working at Kingsley Manor has a special place in his heart.

there is no better joy than to cook good food for your family. My mom and grandmother taught me that."

Chino enjoys creating a variety of interesting and delicious cuisines. On any given day, the dining room is filled with Italian, Mediterranean, French, Spanish, Mexican, Indian and of course Filipino selections, among others. "Our residents are very adventurous and appreciate diversity so they like the variety along with good old American comfort food. They make it easy for me to experiment with new ideas."

Chino is able to create menus for most diets, including gluten free, low sodium and low-fat, which residents appreciate.

"He's a terrific chef," said resident Virginia Elwood-Akers. "His daily specials are as good, if not better, than anything you will find at a nice restaurant. He goes out of his way to please you. He's a special man."

"He really makes an effort to accommodate everybody," said resident Annabel Brennan, whose favorite dish is Chino's spaghetti bolognese.

Even though he has realized his career goal, Chino remains humble in his work. He reminds himself of that with a computer screensaver that says ... "Stay humble, work hard, be kind."

"My goal is to serve the residents the best food possible," Chino said. "Our residents are a social group who enjoy good food and good conversation during meals. I'm glad I can play a small part in their joy."

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how beautiful everything was. I like talking to people so I'm happy to attend events and participate in discussions about Kingsley Manor. I just tell visitors my story and I think people who are looking to make the move to a retirement community relate to what I say."

Jaycee recently participated on a panel with other Korean-American residents to answer questions about the welcoming environment at Kingsley. When he moved to Kingsley Manor, another resident took him under his wing and "showed him the ropes." "I want to be a person like my friend and make new residents feel welcome," he said.

Following the death of his spouse, Jaycee was faced with maintaining a house, cooking and cleaning. He decided to make a move to a retirement community but did not know where to start.

Jaycee and his family spent many years as residents of Hancock Park, an architecturally distinctive neighborhood of Los Angeles constructed in the early 20th century, similar to his home at Kingsley. "My oldest son, who lives about 10 minutes from here and

my second son who lives 15 minutes away, suggested Kingsley Manor," he said. "I think they knew it would feel like home to me and they were right." Jaycee's sons join their dad for dinner quite often. "They like the food here like me," Jaycee said with a smile "But sometimes we like to go out to dinner too."

Jaycee strolls the campus at least three times a day, receiving waves and well wishes from fellow residents. Looking at the roses never gets old.

When not walking, Jaycee's favorite activity is playing *Baduk*, an ancient strategic game similar to chess that is played in many parts of Asia and believed to be the oldest board game continuously played to the present day.

"My brother-in-law comes by at least twice a week and we play," Jaycee said. "I'm always looking for other players to challenge."

When you visit Kingsley Manor, don't be surprised if you meet Jaycee. He'll be the person with a smile on his face with plenty of stories to tell. Schedule your tour today by calling **323-661-1128** or by emailing **KMsales@frontporch.net**.



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