



## Award-Winning Patio Home Living at Wesley Palms is Retirement Living at its Best!

***Patio homes available for  
immediate move-in!***

With the idyllic San Diego weather hovering around the mid-70s most of the year, Wesley Palms' new patio homes are perfect for indoor-outdoor living.

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## Meet the Neighbors

Wesley Palms residents love their patio homes.  
Read what they have to say ...



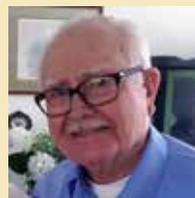
"I really like the peace, quiet and privacy my patio home gives me. I love it!"

– Steve Wolfe



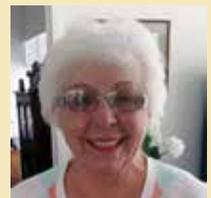
"I like having my own little home. It's lovely and so is the view."

– Joan Boland



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"We like the indoor-outdoor feeling of living in a patio home.

There's so much open space outside surrounding us, it's like living in a park."

– Rosemarie Clayton



Dan Chang, age 4, rides on Ronald Reagan's back.



Dan Chang with some publicity shots of him, Rhonda Fleming and Ronald Reagan.

## Former Child Actor Dan Chang is Still Stealing Scenes at Wesley Palms

### 'The talk of Hollywood' appeared with Reagan, Gable, Wayne and Bogart in 1950s Hollywood Films

In the early 1950s, a Hollywood trade publication called Wesley Palms resident Dan Chang, a "four-year-old scene stealer" while another called him "the talk of Hollywood."

"I guess a lot of people thought I was cute back then," Dan says with a laugh. "The studio gave me some good publicity, that's for sure."

Between the ages of four and 11, Dan appeared in a little over a dozen movies and TV shows. His first role was that of a young Chinese refugee in the 1952 movie *Hong Kong*, a comedy-adventure-drama about a stolen golden idol, starring Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming.

"There was a casting call for the movie and my father took me to the studio," Dan said. "I got the part. I was only four years old and just remember following directions. I got to drive a car in the studio parking lot and remember learning to use chop sticks for one scene. I remember learning a lot of odd things on movie sets. In one film I was taught how to peel potatoes."

He appeared with the likes of Clark Gable, Roy Rogers, Rhonda Fleming, John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart and June Allison, just to name a few of Hollywood's biggest stars at the time.

"Many of my roles were small so I didn't really get to know the actors except for Ronald Reagan," Dan remembers. "Reagan was really nice both on and off the set. He treated me well. We took a lot of publicity shots for *Hong Kong*. The studio really played up our relationship. I also remember getting to sit on

Roy Rogers' horse Trigger."

Although his acting career had been successful for almost a decade, just before his teen years his father asked Dan an important question.

"When I was about 11, my dad asked me if I wanted to continue acting or just go to school," Dan said. "I'm not sure why he asked me but I said I just want to go to school. While making movies there is a lot of sitting around waiting and I would have rather been playing with my friends. I don't regret quitting. It was fun while it lasted."

Although he no longer acts, Dan jokes that his life and Ronald Reagan's life will always be connected.

"I was an engineering professor at UC Davis, a California public university, when Ronald Reagan was governor and I was in the Air Force when he was president and commander and chief, so technically he was my boss a few times since working with him on *Hong Kong*," Dan said with a big grin.

Wesley Palms recently screened *Hong Kong* for residents. "Cute was the word everyone used when they saw me," Dan said. "I got some good-natured ribbing."

When Dan is not reminiscing about his acting career, he enjoys exercising and using the cycling equipment at the Wesley Palms fitness center. He and his wife enjoy their beautiful new patio home overlooking the Pacific. 🌊

## Let's Have a Grilling Party!

### Outdoor barbeque and pizza party are resident favorites

Nothing beats the aroma of a grill smoking on an outdoor patio. You can smell it in the air like fresh cut grass on a summer's day. With the San Diego sunshine creating ideal weather at Wesley Palms almost 365 days a year, it's almost always the perfect climate for outdoor grilling.

"Our barbeque and pizza party is one of our most popular events here," said Sean O'Leary, dining services director. "Every seat on our patio is full. There's nothing like outdoor dining particularly when the dining patio overlooks the Pacific Ocean."

Each Thursday, Sean, Chef Todd White and their team fire up the grill with hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza. A variety of fixings, fresh salads and delicious side dishes complement the main course each week.



"I've always been an outdoors man and with weather like this, why not," said resident John Roodhuyzen. "Wesley Palms knows how to do it right. Everything is well done!"

The Thursday luncheon alternates biweekly between barbeque and pizza. Pizzas are cooked to order in a kettle-style barbeque with a pizza stone on top for maximum flavor and crispness. Chef Todd makes the pizza sauce from scratch.

"You bet I love it," said resident Jack Parks. "Both the barbeque and pizza are superb. With our weather, our patio is the perfect place for some grilling – great food and great people."

360° LIVING readers, if you would like to attend one of our Thursday barbeques or pizza parties or tour our community, please call 858-274-4110 today and make plans. 🌊

### SPECIAL OFFER!

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#### A refreshing new view on retirement living.

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## New Patio Homes *(Continued from page 1)*

Most of the revitalization plan is complete with brand new patio homes ready for move in. Three additional phases remain. The new single-story patio homes range from 753 to 1,317 square feet and feature the sleek style and function of an open floor plan with mid-century modern design. The patio homes celebrate nature with large floor-to-ceiling windows to let the outdoors in.

“The patio home gives me a sense of independence” said resident Dan Chang. “It’s a nice transition from my large home. I knew I did not want to live in an apartment when I retired so this is perfect. I have neighbors but I also have my privacy.”

Highlights of our new patio homes include ...

- An indoor-outdoor life style with airy, barrier-free designs to take advantage of parkland or ocean views
- Generous windows and high ceilings to welcome natural light and beauty of the natural landscape and large patios for soaking up the Southern California sunshine.



- Touches like sleek mosaic glass backsplashes, cathedral ceilings and clerestory windows.
- Full designer kitchens so residents have the option of dining in or enjoying the community’s restaurant-style dining room.

“The Wesley Palms campus itself is so beautiful with its courtyards and the mature landscape,” said architect Mark W. Steele during a recent presentation at Wesley Palms on the history of mid-century architecture and how it inspired his design of the community’s new patio homes. “But the original cottages, built in 1962, were a bit dated. When we designed the new patio homes we designed them with open floor plans, high ceilings, large windows and paid attention to the to the relationship to the outdoors. These

elements were not only what Wesley Palms wanted but what our research showed current and future residents wanted.”

Join us each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for a group tour of our patio homes and Wesley Palms. No appointment necessary. Or, call us at **858-274-4110** to schedule a personal tour. 🏡

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