



Marty is thankful that she no longer has to worry about being closeted: “The days of changing my partner’s pronouns are long gone, and I’m thankful for the love of a wonderful woman.”

Liz is thankful for every day: “In 2017, I went through a physical ailment, and I wasn’t sure I was going to make it through. After a 17-hour operation, I made it through. I’m forever grateful to my medical team, wife, and family.”

Judy and Diane are thankful for choosing SCA as their retirement community: “We’ve met wonderful, amazing, and supportive people who have become close friends — almost family.”

Teri is thankful for: “the SCA community and for getting to meet some wonderful people through the LGBTQ+ club.”

Christopher is thankful for good health: “The lifestyle changes I made when I turned 50 are keeping me centered and well.”

Dena said she is “thankful for the life that I have received, to my mother for being my mom, and for the laughter.” She added, “I’m thankful to my partner in life, Nancy, who’s always been supportive, and for us getting through the good and bad times. I’m thankful for the love and support I receive from a few great friends.”

Nancy said, “I’m thankful for my son. As a single mother, there were years of struggle; I worked hard to provide for him. I thank God that I raised a kind, humble and funny young man. I’m also thankful for my life partner. We celebrated 18 years together and can’t wait for another 18 years. She is funny, affectionate, impulsive and a football lover like me.”

Sheri is “grateful for every sunset — however spectacular or ordinary — that I get to revel in from my perch in SCA.”

Michael said, “Through the years, the challenges, and setbacks, I’m thankful to have persevered and for where the journey took me. I’m thankful for the life I have today.”

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In the LGBTQ+ community, gratitude often carries an extra layer of meaning. This year, members of our club shared what they are thankful for — in their own words.

Cindy is thankful for living in a community of support, caring, and inclusiveness.

Erin is thankful for “my loving wife, who has been by my side and my champion. It is the relationships of family and friends of 40-plus years that I cherish, and that I’m most grateful and thankful for.”

Sometimes it’s the simple things in life that we’re thankful for. Yung is thankful for: “stretch pants and slip-on shoes, microwaveable dinners, DoorDash, and Uber.”

The LGBTQ+ Club leadership team is thankful for the fellowship that is developing at our events, including our first potluck on September 10.

Gratitude shows up in many forms — in health, love, friendship, community, and even potlucks. But for us in the LGBTQ+ community, it also shines through in the freedom to live openly, the safety of supportive spaces, and the joy of chosen family.

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