

—|Dream Weekend|—

SHARON MATEJA

Riverside's Sharon Mateja keeps a busy schedule, and not just at the office. In addition to her private dental practice in Rancho Cucamonga, she is a part-time assistant clinical professor at Loma Linda School of Dentistry and serves on the Riverside County Philharmonic board of directors. A Riverside resident, she co-founded and chairs the Residents for Responsible Representation, which was recently awarded the Neighborhood Spirit Award by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership. She also co-founded the La Sierra/Arlanza Neighborhood Alliance (LANA). Here's what her dream weekend would include:

"I would begin on Thursday night when freedom from my schedule begins. I would get the 'Ritz Carlton' treatment at Derma Care Day Spa in Riverside, a manicure and pedicure that includes the fabulous hand-waxing, hot wraps, and massage. Relaxed and ready for a special treat, I would indulge with a cup of unrivaled French pressed coffee with Bailey's Irish Cream at The Salted Pig in downtown Riverside.

"On Friday morning I drive to Pete Carlson's Golf & Tennis in Palm Desert, the hottest place around to buy Jamie Sadock and DKNY golf apparel. With a new outfit and positive attitude, I would head to Rancho Mirage and join a friend for a day of golf at Mission Hills CC. At the 19th Hole (Arnold Palmer's restaurant), the famous 'KINGtini' and Crispy Coastal Calamari would feed the body and live music in the bar with a good friend would fill the soul.

"Saturday morning I would head to the Downtown Farmer's Market in Riverside for fresh fruit, produce, bread and exotic and unusual succulents. Wanting special olive oil, I would head to the fabulous shops in Old Town Temecula. At the Olive Oil Company I would taste their olive oils and balsamic vinegars. After selecting my oil/vinegar combination, I would stroll through the antique stores and boutiques and stop at the tasting room of the Tesoro Winery. After a light lunch at the Public House, I would enjoy the private tastings in the Cellar Room of Wiens Family Cellars, known for big reds.

"Sunday begins with breakfast at the Victoria Club in Riverside where Chef Luke prepares the meals with the same care that he puts into his special buffets (and they always give me a big bowl of fresh whipped cream for my coffee). After breakfast I don my golf shoes and hat in the ladies locker room and head down to the first tee. The weekend would end with take-out from P.F. Chang's— lettuce wraps and scallop fried rice. Cinderella's slippers (in this case, Ed Hardy tennies) get kicked off when I get home, the 'take out' is 'laid out' and the weekend comes to a close."

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