

## One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish . . .



Bus Driver  
Tim Barben  
showing off his fine  
fishing skills!

At Right: Resident Marie Kox  
patiently waits for the big catch!

The early bird catches the worm, as our Kensington residents discovered one sunny, summer-y morning as they headed out for the Aurora Lake! Tim Barben (our pleasant bus driver) was kind enough to supply the poles, worms, and assist with casting. Residents enjoyed the slow pace of the morning, as they fished, watched a paddle of ducks float along, and observed a family boating on the calm, serene water.

At one point, the ducks attempted to eat Marie Knox's bobber! Luckily, they did not succeed! All in all, it was a relaxing and enjoyable day, definitely one worth repeating!

## HAPPY 105<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY . . .

A very special early birthday party was held on Thursday, August 25th in honor of Westwood resident Frank Large, who turned 105 years young on the 27th! Staff, residents, and family gathered round the centenarian to help celebrate this very special occasion. All enjoyed cake and ice cream as Aurora Mayor Lynn McGill presented Frank with a proclamation, and Administrator Aaron Baker presented proclamations from Ohio Congressman Steve La Tourette and Governor John Kasich. Happy Birthday Frank!



Aurora Mayor Lynn McGill, Betty Schaffer,  
Frank Large, and Administrator Aaron Baker

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### Anna Maria Birthdays:

Agnes Burgwin 10/2  
Margaret Voracek 10/2  
Irene Soos 10/3  
Elizabeth Wilson 10/7  
John Kenny 10/12  
Elaine Cron 10/13  
Margaret Carroll 10/17  
Margaret Steele 10/20  
Jean Hannes 10/20  
Robert Sweeney 10/24  
Ruth Thomas 10/29

### Norwood Birthdays:

Cyril Long 10/14  
Russell Hennicke 10/14  
Marion Bockmuller 10/16  
Eleanor Hart 10/23

### Kensington Birthdays:

Rose Lavano 10/11  
Ed Hornyak 10/17  
Shirley Wright 10/19  
Margaret Blogna 10/22  
Lois Vasinko 10/23  
Joseph Jacobs 10/24  
Virginia Duspiva 10/25  
Sonja Hare 10/28

## family matters October 2011

### Anna Maria Events:

- October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Memory Walk for Alzheimer's at the Blossom Music Center. Please be there at 9:00 a.m.
- October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Oktoberfest Party, music by Jim Kelley in the Wellness Center at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Family Council meets in Norwood A at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>** – Accordion music by Eric Nolkamper in the Wellness Center at 2:00 p.m.
- October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Parkside Church Gospel sing in the Wellness Center at 7:00 p.m.
- October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Norwood birthday party with Roy Taylor at the keyboard, in Norwood B at 2:00 p.m.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Ilya Shteynder at the piano in the Wellness Center at 2:00 p.m.
- October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Chili Cook-off in Norwood A, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Enter your best chili recipe! Contact Bridget Sassa at 330-562-6171 for more information. This event is open to the public.
- October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Trick of Treat throughout the building at 2:00 p.m.

### Kensington Events:

- October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Dan Elish will perform in the Main Dining Room at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.
- October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Family Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. in The Fireplace Room.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>** – The Polka Punks are back and perform at 2:30 p.m. in the Main Dining Room.
- October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Trick or Treat at 2:00 p.m. All Goblins and Ghosts invited!!!!!! More details to follow.

# family matters

## Who Let the Dogs Out? . . . .

If you happened to visit Kensington on the morning of August 23rd, you may have thought you stepped into a dog kennel instead of a nursing home! Our facility was overrun with an abundance of "man's best friend" for our 1st Annual "Parade of Dogs." About 14 dogs, ranging from a toy Chihuahua to shepherds and boxers, paraded around the facility, causing many a smile and laugh from our residents. Earlier in the week, in preparation for the "pooch parade," residents baked homemade yummy dog biscuits and filled treat bags with goodies for our furry friends. The Activity staff served a delicious dip with "dog bones" for our residents, staff, and guests. A great big "Thank You" to all those who brought their dogs in, and we look forward to the 2nd annual.



STNA Amber Owens shows  
off her dog, Cash



Dorothy and Jim Fugatt and dog Maggie

## One Red Hat, Two Red Hats . . .

The Norwood Red Hatters travel once a month to a neighboring restaurant for lunch. Last month, the ladies chose Cipriano's in Ravenna, a beautiful converted 19th century home featuring authentic Italian with traditional American cuisine. Though the service was a little slow, it allowed an opportunity to chit chat and visit with one another. The food, however, was delicious! Quite possibly a repeat visit in the future? We'll see!!



Front: Dot, Coletta, Ruth, Grace, Ronnie  
Back: Rosemary, Jean, Dottie, Doris

## A Beautiful, Fragrant Afternoon . . .



Front: Laura, Ronnie, Paula, Grace  
Back: Ernie, Ruth, Rosemary, Norm, Dottie

Norwood Driver Ernie Quesenberry cordially invited all Norwood residents to his house recently for an afternoon stroll through his lovely gardens. As many of you know, Ernie has a spectacular flower garden in his backyard. After a picnic lunch, residents had time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the beauty of the flowers. A big 'THANK YOU' to Ernie for your hospitality. We all had a lovely afternoon!



The residents of Norwood hosted the annual Red Hat Roundup on a lovely August afternoon. The "party room" was decked out in purple and red with colorful balloons adorning each table. Entertainment was provided by our own Kristen Johnson, Activities Assistant, who played a variety of oldies but goodies on her guitar. Six lucky ladies (Betty Schwim, Yvetty Paskey, Helen Churilla, Ellen Pickard, Hilda Barber, and Mary Maurer) were the lucky door prize winners, however, no one went home empty-handed, as each Red Hatter took home a goodie bag filled with candy and a small red hat tote. A good time was had by all!

### Kristen Johnson, STNA



Congratulations to our Anna Maria Employee of the Month, Kristen Johnson. Kristen is quite the unique employee for she wears many hats! She began her career here two years ago as an STNA. Her musical talents were noticed, and she was given the opportunity to join the Activities department. Since then, she has made great strides and a conscious effort to improve the activities for the Assisted Living residents. She's an awesome team player, and

Anna Maria Employee of the Month Kristen Johnson, STNA

steps in wherever and whenever help is needed. Kristen, keep up the good work! We are proud you're part of our team!

### Carlissa Cannon, STNA



Congratulations to our Kensington Care Center Employee of the Month, Carlissa Cannon, STNA. Carlissa was nominated by a fellow STNA who states, "...she is one of the most pleasant, patient, caring, helpful, and knowledgeable STNA's I have worked with..." She provides the best of care of our residents, and is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. She recently celebrated five years of service, and we look forward to many more years of

KCC Employee of the Month Kathleen Wood, STNA

excellence! Carlissa, thanks for all that you do, and keep up the good work!

### Congratulations on 64 Years . . .



Congratulations to Russell and Janet Henicke on their 64th Anniversary. Married Sept. 13, 1947.

### Furry Friends . . .

Resident Susanne Kaman strikes a pose with a chinchilla from the Akron Zoo at a birthday party provided in her honor (courtesy of Crossroads Hospice)



### Elvis is in the Building . . .



Would you believe that Elvis is alive and well and paid a visit to the residents at Kensington? Well, he's alive in our hearts anyway, as Mary Lou Schwartz (at left) has fun with Elvis during "Elvis week." Resident Jack Schmidt (at right above) is just about the same height as "The King".



### We Love Our Ice Cream . . .



Frances Cortwright and her husband, Earl, enjoy a relaxing ride on the bus one sunny afternoon.



The heat of the summer is no match for the air-conditioned Anna Maria bus and a delicious, cool ice cream cone! Our Assisted Living residents love to cruise around town in the bus, and a stop at the Two Coneheads ice cream shop in Newbury is always a must!

Jean Andrews greeted the world on August 14, 1918, and was joyfully welcomed by her six brothers and sisters. Three more siblings would eventually join the happy family! She was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and loved spending her time playing games with her many brothers and sisters. The group was always fashionably dressed, for mom sewed all of their clothing. Jean was not, however, a fan of school, and would beg to leave early, wanting to go home and play! With a lot of hard work and effort, Jean, along with 500 students, proudly graduated from John Adams High School.

After high school, Jean worked as a book binder in a library for several years. One day a week, after work, she would walk down to the YWCA to swim laps in the pool. She must have looked pretty good in her swimsuit, for this is where Jean met and fell in love with her future husband. The two married, moved to a quaint house in Chagrin Falls, and had three children (one son and two daughters). Jean resided in the same house in Chagrin Falls up until three years ago, when she turned 90 years young and moved into Westwood, our assisted living facility.

Here at Anna Maria, Jean is actively involved in our exercise programs, bingo, crafts, and baking activities. If not involved in an activity, you'll find Jean in her room working on a puzzle or watching television. She loves talking about her family with the staff; she is extremely proud of her children and grandchildren! When asked about anything Jean would have changed about her life, she states, "I am very satisfied with my life. I would not have changed a thing!" Jean admits, however, that she has never flown in an airplane, for she traveled by car anywhere she went. Jean, we are happy to have you here with us! May God continue to bless you!



### Labor Day Picnics, Not Spoiled by Rain . . .



Domenica Stenger, Julie Buonpane, and Marian Carll

**At Left:** The cool, misty Labor Day weather did not dampen the spirits of the Westwood Assisted Living residents as they celebrated the end-of-the summer with, what else?? A cookout! The residents, all bundled up in sweaters and jackets, enjoyed burgers, prepared with love by our own Julie Krozser, along with all the fixin's. Hoping for better weather next year!



**Above:** The show must go on, and a little rain won't stop it. Because of the dreary weather, our Arborview residents enjoyed their Labor Day picnic indoors. Tables and chairs were set up in the living room, and Melanie Christopher assisted the residents with finding the perfect seat! Our mighty leader, Activities Director Bridget Sassa, cooked the burgers outside on the grill (she didn't get too wet, thank goodness) so the residents could enjoy the aroma of old fashioned, grilled burgers! The picnic was a winning combination of good food and good friends!

**Center:** Though Labor Day marks the unofficial end-of-summer, our Norwood residents were in high spirits as they celebrated with a delicious cookout out on the Grande Courtyard. Randy Hartman, husband of our own Brenda Hartman, wore many hats as he set up, cleaned up, and grilled the mouth-watering burgers under a hot, sunny sky! After lunch, Rhonda Kramer, from the Coleman Adult Daycare, joined the group for a sing-a-long. It truly was a great way to bid farewell to the lazy days of summer.



**At Right:** Our North and South nursing home residents enjoyed their Labor Day picnic not in the rain, but in the heat! The sun shone hot and bright as our residents ventured outside to the courtyard. Luckily, a few trees offered some much-needed shade! Traditional picnic fare was enjoyed by all: Made-to-order burgers, macaroni salad, baked beans, watermelon, apple pie, and refreshing lemonade. A good time was had by all!

