# FAMILY MATTERS

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Anna Maria of Aurora



# We are All Irish on St. Patrick's Day!

Check out page 6 for pictures of our fun St. Patrick's Day festivities!



Kathy Metzger (1) and Helen W.



Marilyn D.

## We are Like Plants –

WE ALL LEAN TOWARD THE LIGHT

Check out the beautiful plants in the hallway connecting Norwood "A" and "B." See **page 10.** "Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died" - Erma Bombeck.



A most beautiful geranium!

### NANCY DAVENPORT





Nancy Gary was the second child and daughter born in Bucyrus (Ohio) to parents Harold and Velma on January 29th, 1938, a cold and snowy day. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to North Robinson, near Mansfield. Nancy and her sister, Patricia, spent the summers at their grandparents' fruit farm in Ashtabula, where peaches, strawberries, and grapes grew on miles and miles of fertile soil. In fact, the grapes grown were sold to Hi-C and made into delicious fruit juice. The farm covered over 70 acres of beautiful land; in the distance the blue waters of Lake Erie could be seen on a clear day. Eventually, her grandparents sold the property to the city; the new Ashtabula High School was constructed on this former fruit farm. No more Hi-C grapes.

Nancy graduated, at the top of her class, from North Robinson High School in 1955. Education was very important in the Gary family as her father, Harold, was superintendent of the North Robinson school district. Nancy attended THE Ohio State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. While in college, Nancy briefly dated a pilot, sparking an interest in flying. She advanced to the solo portion of the lessons, however, she did not care for the navigation piece, as it was not her "cup of tea."

After graduation, Nancy secured a position at Plymouth High School as the new Home Economics teacher. Being cute and single, she caught the eye of the band director, Harold (Hal) Davenport. After one year of friendship and dating, the two made it official, marrying in June of 1961. The newlyweds enjoyed a lovely weekend-long honeymoon in a beach house on Long Island Sound, returning to work just a few days later. Soon after, Hal was offered (and accepted) a music director position for the Coshocton schools, overseeing all music programs from elementary to high school. A middle school math teacher was needed as well, so Nancy became the newest math teacher at Coshocton.

Since their original honeymoon was "short and sweet," Nancy and Hal took a "real" honeymoon to Scotland. Since both are of Scottish descent, they thought Scotland was an appropriate choice. Of course, the trip was amazing and most of all, memorable.

The couple welcomed a bouncing baby boy, Robertson, in 1965. Another son, Scott, was born one year later, but tragically died at six weeks of age from SIDS. In 1967, Nancy suffered a miscarriage. Thankfully, in 1968, the family was blessed with another baby boy they named James. Shortly after his birth, the Davenports relocated to Canton, Ohio.

Music played a very important part in the family. Nancy sang in the church choir, and Hal was the organist. Robertson and James assembled various garage bands throughout their youth, and put together a pretty decent jazz band at one point while in college.

One of Nancy's most favorite hobbies was spinning — taking raw wool and turning it into yarn. She excelled at this craft, and was an avid member of the Canton Spinners and Weaver's Guild. The group would demonstrate their skills at state and county fairs, and hosted the Midwest Weaver's Convention in Canton (which was a pretty big deal). Nancy owned several looms (but no sheep) and became a master weaver.

Sadly, Hall passed away 11 years ago, in 2011. To help ease her loneliness, Nancy found herself longing for a four-legged companion. One day, while watching Fox 8 news in the morning, an adorable Tibetan Terrier was showcased for adoption. Nancy quickly sprang into action, adopting this cute puppy whom she named Piper.

Nancy and Piper moved to Anna Maria of Aurora in June of 2021 to be closer to her family, which now includes three grandsons. We are so thrilled to have this lovely lady (and cute dog) here with us. Stop by anytime and say Hello!



# EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



#### APRIL 2022

# **Shakyla Bratton**

**STNA** 



#### Anna Maria

**Position: STNA** 

**Years of Service:** 3 Years

Family: Single with a beautiful six-year old daughter

named Emani and a Pit Bull named Rocko

**Favorite Food/Restaurant** – Shakyla is a "soul food" girl who loves any kind of chicken. Favorite restaurant is The Juicy Seafood on Harvard Road

(across from Ahuja)

Favorite Music/Artist - enjoys R & B and Rap -

favorite artist is Lil'Baby

**Favorite Vacation Destination** – Miami, FL **Hobby:** Enjoys walking Rocko while Emani

rides her bike

Fun Fact: Shakyla is a really good cook

Why Anna Maria?: it's a very welcoming and friendly environment – everyone has each other's back – appreciates the flexible scheduling while she's

in nursing school (graduates in June)

# **Kensington at Anna Maria**

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AS OF PRESSTIME.
STAY TUNED NEXT MONTH!







#### A LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON...

# **Spring Has Sprung!**

Or at least we hope so, leaving winter far, far behind. Good riddance. Anna Maria and Kensington residents enjoyed a variety of spring-like crafts, focusing on pretty flowers. Let's hope we'll see some real flowers popping up real soon!





L to R: Grace K., Helen W. – such pretty flowers! Activities Asst. Kelli Mc. (standing) demonstrates how to cut the flowers



(l to r) Helen W. and Barbara W.



(l to r) Grace K. and Helen W.



Grace, Helen and Helen hard at work



The end result! So pretty!



"Did I really make thi?" asks Peggy N.



Kelli McFall adds a few finishing touches

### **Here Comes Peter Cottontail**







Debbie M. decided on a purple bunny



The finished product!





Almost done!

(foreground) painting her jar

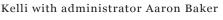
Cathy F. - such concentration

#### HOPPING DOWN THE BUNNY TRAIL...

Easter is right around the corner, and Anna Maria residents "hopped" into action getting ready for this spring holiday, painting a glass jar and filling with pastel-colored M&M's. What a sweet, pretty treat!

### **Congratulations Kelli McFall!**







(l to r) - Aaron Baker, Lisa McFarland, Kelli, Aubrie Rivera



Such a pretty cake!

What an accomplishment. Congratulations to Activities Assistant Kelli McFall on recently celebrating 20 years of service with our campus! Kelli has worn many hats, working as a dietary aide in the kitchen, front desk receptionist, therapy assistant, and now activities. Kelli is a very creative and caring gal, and our residents love her so. Congratulations!

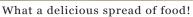
# **Green-Colored Fun, All Month Long!**





The assisted living group with Mary Sand (back row, right)





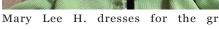


Doris J. with green ice cream



Noah M. with a green drink







ladies!



Mary Lee H. dresses for the green Grace K. and Pat M. - looking good Dolores V. takes a bite of a corned beef



Lunch - Corned beef sandwich on rye with potato salad



Pat A. (foreground) gets ready to enjoy some entertainment



Frances J. gets ready to enjoy a green lunch



Cheers! Gary B. and Eleanor G.









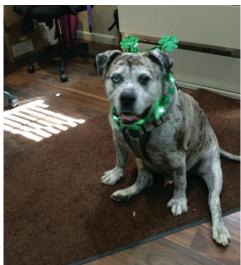
Lorraine T. hopes to enjoy her green Helen W. gets ready to play a green trivia (virgin?) drink game

Debbie G.

Anna Maria, Kensington at Anna Maria, and assisted/independent living residents experienced all sorts of "green" fun during March. We decided that St. Patrick' Day should be celebrated all month long, not just one day. Residents kept busy with a great variety of fun crafts, entertainment, and delicious food (corned beef sandwiches) and green drinks!



Bowie - what a handsome guy!



Moo - another handsome guy!



HR Coordinator Tiffany Bland (left) and Admin Asst. Sue McElroy

### **Taco Tuesday**







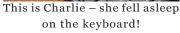
Director of Maintenance Ginger O. is happy to offer Jason Reed – now that's a nice support and buy a taco lunch lunch!

Maintenance Ginger O. is happy to offer (l to r): Pat Williams, Lisa McFarland, Brandi Mace help with v that's a nice support and buy a taco lunch

Tacos anyone? We recently held a "Taco Tuesday" fundraiser to assist a fellow employee who is experiencing intense therapy and recovery following a medical crisis. So proud and pleased to report that we raised \$1,500, which will greatly help with mounting medical bills. Every resident, every family, every day... You bet!

### **Puppy Love**







This is another puppy who fell asleep on Pat M.



This is Millie, a therapy dog, giving some TLC to Mary M.

We all have experienced the joy and happiness of seeing and/or holding an adorable puppy. There's been an abundance of puppy love at Kensington, as the dog of Activities Director Amber Reed recently had a litter of puppies. Talk about cuteness overload. The good thing is that all six puppies were adopted into loving homes. We also have plenty of therapy dogs and puppies that come visit, spreading love and sunshine to all!





She started it all! This is mamma dog Dessi





#### A LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON...

# **Tiny Bubbles**







Marie R.

Eleanor "Marty" G.

Rudy K. thinks his bubble is best

In the Wine, Make me feel happy, Ah, make me feel fine. Blowing bubbles kept a group of residents entertained, happy, and just fine one rainy afternoon. Everyone was attempting to outdo the other.



Eve D. is having a bit too much fun – what it's all about!



AL/Il Nurse Manager Pat Williams



Pat A. - Let's Go!

# What a Breath of Fresh Air!







Have you ever seen a geranium survive past fall? This one did

Tina Miller – show us those green thumbs!

The hallway connecting Norwood "A" and "B" is a typical hallway, nothing too exciting. Well, that has changed! What was once a boring, barren hallway (a few chairs here and there) is now a bright, beautiful, and GREEN delight! Tina Miller, AL Housekeeping, has not one but two green thumbs; she has nurtured a great variety of plants and flowers (including a gorgeous geranium) that have blossomed and bloomed due to her TLC as well as the abundance of natural light. Take a stroll and get ready to be amazed.





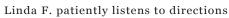






# **Orange Senior Center**







Still being cautious - 6 feet apart

#### MAKING HOMEMADE CARDS

We received a lovely invitation to craft one fine afternoon at the Orange Senior Center. What a fun time creating lovely greeting cards. Each resident went home with several homemade cards. Nothing better than a hand-crafted card, made with love from the heart.







(l to r): Mary S., Ann W. and Lorraine T. had such fun creating these greeting cards

### Yoga is a Light which once Lit, Will Never Dim!



Residents continue to enjoy yoga under the tutelage of Activities Director Lisa McFarland. Check out that Warrior One pose. Looking good ladies!

## **A Nice Family Gathering**



We were the lucky recipients of a few tickets for "A Nice Family Gathering" at the Aurora Community Theatre. Consensus? Everyone enjoyed it. Next show is Spring Awakening, June 24 through July 16. This was the winner of eight Tony Awards; tickets will sell quickly. Stay tuned....

### **Lunch at Papous**



(l to r): We all enjoyed good company and great food

We are slowly but surely enjoying more activities including one of our favorites: dining out. Residents recently dined at Papous, a family-owned restaurant in Aurora, offering a great variety of really delicious food. Everyone gave Papous a "thumbs up!" We'll be back!

#### **APRIL IS**

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word aperio, meaning "to open [bud]," because plants and flowers really begin to grow and blossom now.

April is National Grilled Cheese Month, and we can't think of a comfort food more deserving of its own month-long celebration!

April is National Humor Month! Did you know that laughter is good for you as it enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs, and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain. Wow, no wonder they say laughter is the best medicine!

### Calendar

**April 1** – April Fool's Day! Who will you fool today?

**April** 7 – Play Ball! Opening day of the 2022 season. Your Cleveland Ind... er, Guardians play a series against the Kansas City Royals. Home opener? Friday, April 15 against San Francisco Giants! Let's go Guardians!

**April** 7-10 – Golf's best players tee off in August, GA, at the 86th edition of the Masters Tournament, the first of four major golf championships. Tiger Woods is expected to play, but not confirmed. The 2021 winner, Hideki Matsuyama, the first Japanese player to win the Master's, will be back to defend his title.

**April 15** – Passover begins at Sundown

April 16 - the first full moon of the spring season, the Pink Moon, will rise and reach peak illumination at 2:57pm, EST.

**April 16** – NBA playoffs begin. Our Cleveland Cavaliers are (as of press time) playoff contenders. Stay tuned....

April 17 - Easter Sunday. Ham or lamb at your dinner table? Yes or no to deviled eggs?

April 22 – Earth Day. Do something good for the planet. For more information, visit earthday.org.

**April 28** – Day One of the NFL Draft in Paradise, NV. Last year's draft was held right here in Cleveland! Our Cleveland Browns do not have any first-round picks, after trading three to Houston for Deshaun Watson.

OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS!									
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17	18 Catherine Fabyan Joseph Fanara	19 Ron Staggers	20 Barbara Hunt	21 Marie Piller	22	23			
24	25	26	27	28 Jerry Kozlik	29	30			

#### On This Date...

#### APRIL 3, 1934

Legendary conservationist Jane Goodall is born. What animal did Jane study?



APRIL 14, 1828

The first dictionary of American English (Webster's) is published

#### APRIL 4, 1968

Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN



APRIL 24, 1967

The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton, is published, becoming an instant bestseller – "Stay gold Ponyboy, stay gold..."

#### APRIL 6, 1896

The first modern Olympic Games begin in Athens, Greece



APRIL 25, 1901

New York is the first state to use automobile license plates

#### APRIL 11, 1900

First time purchase of a submarine by the U.S. government



APRIL 30, 1975

Last U.S. helicopter leaves U.S. embassy grounds in Vietnam – Saigon surrenders

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Will certainly take a bit of time getting used to the new name: The Cleveland Guardians! You know spring is here when baseball season begins. Let's play ball and here's to a great season! \*\*\* Did you know that Major League Baseball has always had some of the best nicknames in professional sports? Here are a few of baseball's best! Identify the nickname to the player's name for a chance to win a gift card!

- The Sandman
- The Bambino, Sultan of Swat
- Hammerin' Hank
- The Splendid Splinter

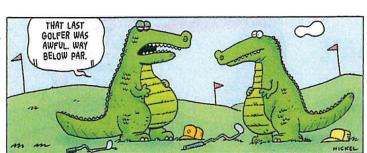
- The Ryan Express
- Mr. October
- The Big Hurt

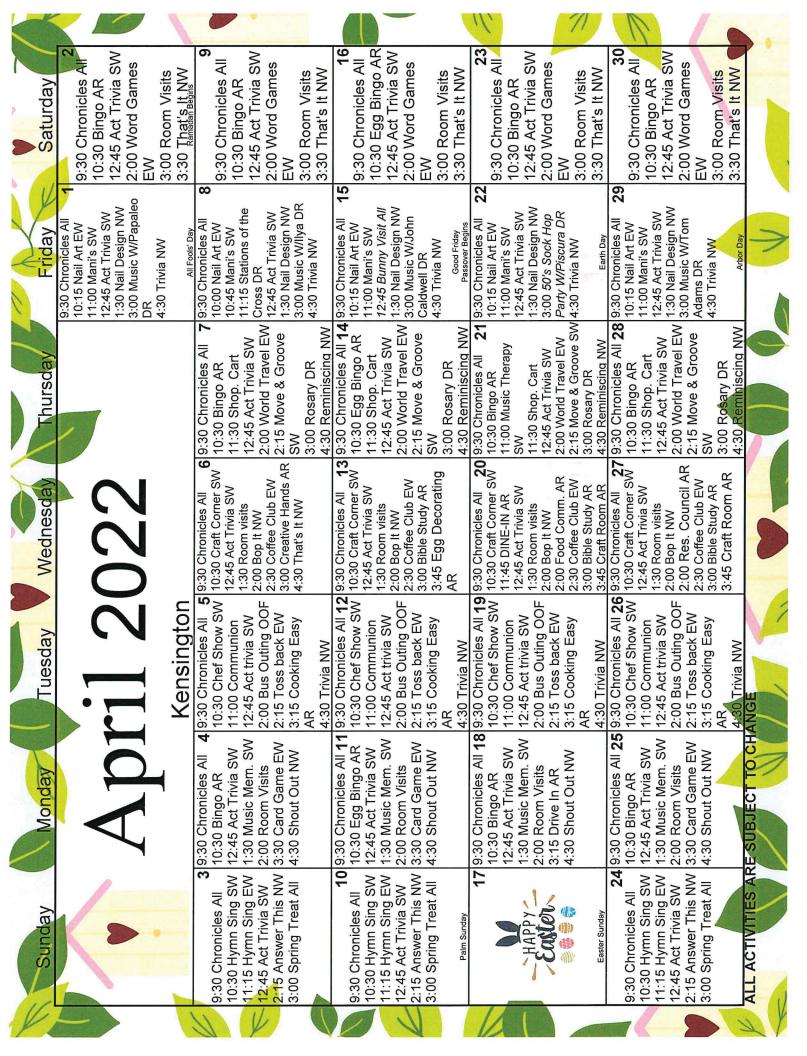
Email your answers to editor Joann Poremba — jporemba@annamariaofaurora.com. Good luck! Text GUARDIANS to 330-472-3555 for a chance to win a new Cleveland Guardians t-shirt! Winner will be contacted on April 30.



Stay tuned for an upcoming news column from North resident Debbie McGinnis!







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