

# THE FAMILY MATTERS

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## *Honoring Those Who Served... A Salute to our Veterans*



Ernie Sarosi – Army (World War II)



Richard Pence – Navy (Korean)



Robert Banham – Army Reserves

The Campus of Anna Maria of Aurora held a simple yet touching ceremony in honor of our veterans on November 11. We are proud to be the home of over 15 veterans, including two WWII veterans (about 300,000 WWII veterans are alive today – majority are in their 90's). We presented each veteran with a pin, certificate, and a picture. May God continue to bless our veterans; we thank you for your service to our country. \*Please see page 2 for additional pictures of our service.



Hal Stubing – Army



Earl Cortright – Army (Korean)



Jerry Kozlik – Army (Vietnam)



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# Honoring our Veterans

Thank you

**H**ere are additional pictures from our Veteran's Day Service on November 11th. Our veterans should be remembered every day of the year, not just on 11/11. Thank you for your service.



Who is that in the back with the flag?



Earl Cortright (left) with son Tim



Ernie Sarosi and lovely wife Violet



City of Aurora held a Veteran's Day Service as well



Anna Maria residents prepare for the service



Ernie Moldvay



Richard Pence receives his pin



Lee Breeler



Joe Vrona



Ernie Sarosi

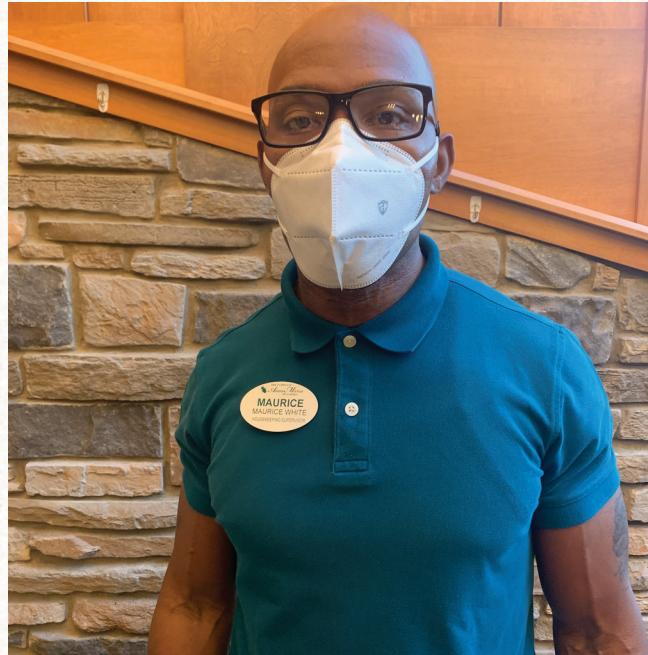


Who is the one employee who would wear socks like these? Awesome!

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## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

### Maurice White, Housekeeping Supervisor.



#### Anna Maria

**Position:** Housekeeping Supervisor

**How Long:** 9 months

**Family:** Two girls ages 24 and 13

**Favorite Food:** Breakfast – Egg whites and turkey sausage (breakfast of champions)

**Favorite Hobby:** Working out and running on treadmill

**Favorite Music and Artist:** R & B – H.E.R.

**Best Vacation:** New York City on New Year's Eve

**Fun Fact:** Maurice has a great voice (but don't ask him to sing) and is afraid of mice

**Why Anna Maria?**: It's like family, and family is important to him

### Chelsie Nagy, RN.



#### Kensington

Information on Chelsie not available as of press time – stay tuned next month

# Robert Heston



Robert Heston was born in Canton, Ohio, on November 19, 1927, to parents Benjamin and Dorothy. He joined oldest brother Harold, and a few years later, younger brother Richard came along. Sadly, Benjamin passed away shortly after Richard's birth, so the boys never had an opportunity know their father. Luckily, mom Dorothy met and eventually married a very nice man named Harry Vance. The family relocated to Uhrichsville, OH, southeast of New Philadelphia in Tuscarawas county, where Harry worked at a clay pipe plant, and mom a domestic engineer. When Robert was in high school, Harry lost his job as companies were laying off in the clay pipe industry. Luckily, he found employment at a factory in Bedford, so the family moved. Robert attended Bedford High School, where the athletic young man played football (linebacker and lineman). It was around this time that Robert met and fell in love with a lovely young lady named Margaret. The two married on Thanksgiving Day - November 22, 1951 (celebrated 70 years of marriage last month – congratulations) and were blessed with two beautiful girls: Bonnie and Robin. Robert worked for 30 years in the engineering department at White Motors. After the company went bankrupt, Robert moved the family to Greensboro, NC, where he worked

for Volvo Motors for several years before retiring and moving back to Ohio. The family settled in Twinsburg, purchasing a plot of land and building their own home. Robert enjoyed many fun activities, but his absolute favorites were camping, fishing, and hunting, specifically at the Ridge Ranch Campground in Newton Falls, which his brother Richard owned for over 10 years. Robert's daughter Bonnie and son-in-law Bob owned 40 acres and helped Robert build camping spots, a shower house, as well as an access road. The family spent much of their time together here on this peaceful and serene piece of property. That's what Robert loved best: the great outdoors and enjoying it with family. Robert was a member of the Sandy Valley Eagles for over 50 years. He also belongs to the Glendale Sportsman's Club in Bedford where he camped and fished; he is a "retired" active member! Family is still important as his wife, daughter Bonnie (sadly, daughter Robin passed away 15 years ago), granddaughters Misty and Mandy, and great-granddaughters Caelan and Payton are frequent visitors. We are thrilled that Robert is now part of the Kensington at Anna Maria "family." May God continue to bless him with good health and happiness.



## A look at what is going on...

### Chili Cook-off Raises over \$300.00

Twas the day before the chili cook-off, and all through the night, employees were busy chopping, stirring, and tasting....and making their chili just right... And their efforts paid off, as we had 17 most delicious chili recipes to sample, taste, and enjoy! White Chicken Chili ruled the roost this year! What is it about chicken chili? Congratulations to winners – 1st Place, Colleen Storme (Crack Chicken Chili), 2nd Place, Sally Baltes (Dawg Pound Chili), and 3rd Place, Ashley Hamilton (Chick with Chili Powder). All proceeds benefitted the family of a beloved employee, Dietary Manager Valerie Hester, who sadly passed away last month after a courageous battle with cancer. May she rest in peace. Two of the winning recipes listed below. \*\*\* Many thanks to MDS LPN Debbie Carr, who crocheted the most adorable pumpkins. She gave all proceeds from sale to the family of Valerie Hester. All sold so she crocheted more! Thank you Debbie for your very generous heart.



Winners! (l to r) : Colleen Storme, Sally Baltes, Ashley Hamilton



Evan Webster and Ruth Becht enjoy a few samples

### Crack Chicken Chili

#### Ingredients:

- 2- boneless chicken breasts
- 1 – 11 oz. can of corn, drained
- 1 – 15 oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 – 10 oz. can diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
- 2 cups of chicken broth
- 1 cup cooked, chopped bacon (optional – Colleen did not use bacon)
- 1 – 1 oz. packet Hidden Valley Ranch Original Seasoning & Salad Mix
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 T. chili powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 – 4oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

Place chicken at bottom of a slow cooker. Add all other ingredients (except cream cheese and cheddar cheese) and stir until thoroughly mixed. Place cream cheese on top, cover and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours. Remove chicken and shred with fork. Return to slow cooker, add cheddar cheese, stir, and ENJOY!





(l to r): Michael Malys, Angela Thomas, Joann Poremba admire the beautiful crocheted pumpkins



Mmm, does this chili not look delicious?



The very talented Debbie Carr (LPN, MDS) –thank you!



Betty Eden (left) and Tiffaney Clossen discuss which chili is the best



Debbie's crocheted pumpkins all sold out

## Chick with Chili Powder

### Ingredients:

- 3 – boneless chicken breasts
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1/4 cup white onion, diced
- 1 can of great northern beans (do not drain)
- 1 can fire-roasted corn, drained
- 2 cups kale, coarsely chopped
- 4 oz can green chiles, diced
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 T. cumin
- 2 T. salt
- 10 oz fat free plain Greek yogurt
- Brick of cream cheese

### Directions:

Poach chicken breasts until cooked. Remove from water and cool, then shred and set aside. Saute garlic, celery, and onion in a sprayed non-stick large pot for about 3 minutes. Add shredded chicken and all remaining ingredients except yogurt. Bring to boil, reduce to a simmer and let cook for 15-20 minutes. Remove from heat and add yogurt. Top with fresh cilantro or chives.

## Congratulations!

**C**ongratulations to Kensington at Anna Maria employees Tennille Hayden, LPN, and Chae Bivins, Dietary Manager, on celebrating 25 and 5 years of service, respectively. We are fortunate that so many of our employees find longevity here, which is a rarity in this day and age. We appreciate their dedication and support.



Chae (center) with her dietary staff



Chae with administrator Chris Norton



Tennille (holding roses) with her amazing co-workers



Tennille with administrators Chris Norton (left) and Aaron Baker

## It's "Craft" O'Clock Somewhere!

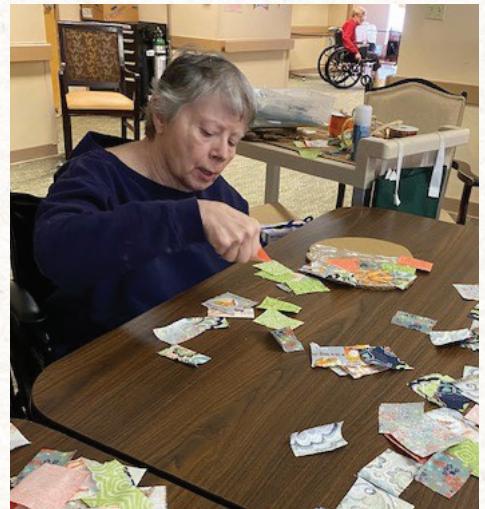
**I**t's no secret that the residents at Anna Maria and Kensington really enjoy crafting. Our activities departments are a creative group and search high and low for the perfect crafting ideas (thank you Pinterest). To prepare for Thanksgiving, Kensington residents crafted pumpkin placemats, while Anna Maria residents kept busy with scarecrows and turkeys. It's true that crafting is the absolute best medicine!



Debra G. (look at her pretty nails)



Marilyn D. – what a masterpiece



Debra G. – what concentration



Doris J.



Dolores H.



Margot D. what a great smile



Dorothy V. – another great smile



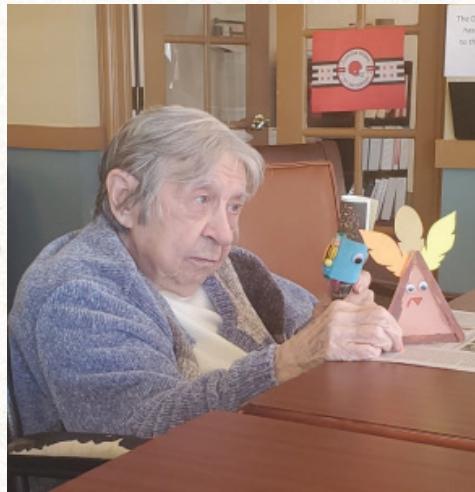
Betty B. and her turkey



Frances H.



Genee H. – two turkeys?



Dolores H. asks – how does it look?

## We Appreciate You!

**O**ur residents sure do appreciate the excellent care they receive, day in and day out. Occasionally a crafting activity will center around an appreciation gift for staff members. Kensington residents tied beautiful bows around mini pies and distributed to staff members, who were pleasantly surprised. A good deed does not go unnoticed!



Marilyn D. (green) appreciates her caretakers



Hard at work



Pat M. with admin asst. Sue McElroy



This activity took a lot of time and concentration



Awww, thanks for the pie!



Pat M. (center) with therapists Mike and Eric

## Bop It!

**R**esidents in the Arborview area of Anna Maria played a fun game of "Bop It." Keep the balloon afloat and do not let it drop. Dorothy Hatala was the winner! Great game for good hand/eye coordination.



I got it! Ellen R.



Dorothy H. has perfect form

## Cards to Brighten our Day

**M**any thanks to the youth group of St. Rita's Catholic Church in Solon for dropping off beautiful, handmade Thanksgiving cards for our residents to enjoy. And that they did. Such a lovely gesture of kindness.



## We Love our Campus of Anna Maria T-shirts!

**E**very year, employees receive a new Campus of Anna Maria t-shirt, and it's highly anticipated and much appreciated. You'll notice many employees wearing their favorite shirt! This year, we did something a little different; we held a contest for a slogan for back of the shirt. The competition was tough, but the ultimate winner at Anna Maria was Ruth Becht, Adm. Asst. in our assisted living area. (We are All Anna Maria Stars) was the winning slogan! Congratulations! And we stepped it up a notch with a winning slogan from Kensington – Can't Mask our Passion – found on the front left corner. T-shirt is a purple tie-dye. So cool! Wear with pride!



The Kensington at Anna Maria crew



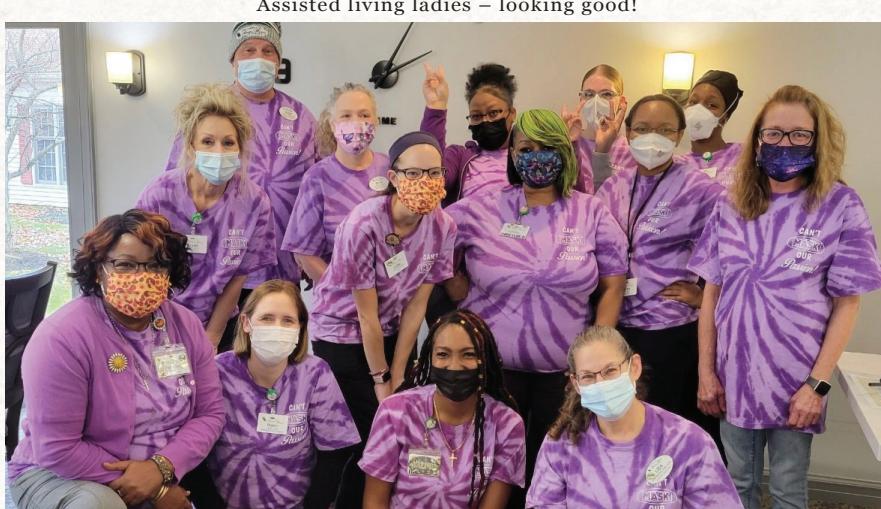
Back of this great t-shirt



Assisted living ladies – looking good!



Ruth Becht – winner of winning slogan



A few more of the assisted living crew



# Assisted / Independent Living



*A look at what is going on...*

## Reverse Trick or Treat

**Y**es, it seems like Halloween was so long ago, however, our assisted and independent living residents were able to enjoy this fun holiday (finally) just last week. Due to Covid restrictions during Halloween, residents were unable to "trick or treat." So Lisa and Jazmin (AL/IL activities) assembled little craft bags and presented each resident with treats, no tricks. Better late than never!



Lisa hands a treat bag to Dale W.



Elizabeth R. appreciates her treat bag



Lisa with Lorraine T.



Can I have another, asks Diana H.

## It's Fall Y'all!

Well, technically it's almost winter, however, it is always soothing to watch the leaves gently fall, and there's no better place to view than the Westwood dining room, with its panoramic windows. Resident therapy dog Bowie was mesmerized by the falling leaves.



## Gearing up for Christmas

What a great turnout for the first rehearsal of our Christmas Choir. We cannot wait to hear how wonderful the group sounds with just a few weeks of practice under their belt. A big thank you to independent living resident, Lorraine Tucker for her wonderful piano playing.



## What in the World?

Hmm, does anyone know what kind of plant this is? Just ask Ernie, as he has not one but two green thumbs. Ernie is here every Wednesday, either driving the Anna Maria bus or leading an activity (gardening or flower-arranging) with our residents.



Ernie (background) knows what this plant is – do you?

## Dirt and Worms

How does dirt and worms sound for dessert? Maybe if you're a bird it sounds delicious, however, a bird certainly would not like this concoction of chocolate pudding, crushed Oreos, and gummy worms! Looks can certainly be deceiving!



Tom and Catherine Priester

## December is

**December is “Read a Book Month.** Visit your local library (yes, they still exist) or bookstore (Barnes & Noble) and check out a great book! What about Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan, or The Secret of Snow by Viola Shipman? What is your all-time favorite book? Email editor at [jporemba@annamariaofaurora.com](mailto:jporemba@annamariaofaurora.com). We'll share favorites in the next issue!

## Calendar

**December 4** – National Cookie Day. Did you know the most famous cookie recipe in the world is for the Nestle Toll House chocolate chip cookie?

**December 7** – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – 12/7/1941 – This year marks the 80th anniversary of this fateful day

**December 16 and 18** – the two best teams in women's college volleyball will battle it out to claim the 2021 championship title. Last year, the Kentucky Wildcats defeated the Texas Longhorns 3-1

**December 21** – The official first day of winter! Bundle up and enjoy these next few months of sledding, skiing, ice skating, and building snowmen! Don't worry; spring is right around the corner!

**December 27** – Visit the Zoo Day! Check out the Wild Winter Nights at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo through January 2

**Jan. 1** – Rose Bowl bound! Ohio State will face Utah in the Tournament of Roses! Catch the action on ESPN starting at 5pm EST.

## OUR DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pat Azzarello Jane Bergh	2 Gertrude Unverrich	3	4
5	6 Fatini Coutris	7	8 Ralph Pizmoht	9	10	11
12 Phyllis Hoefel Peter Krembs	13 Harry Shaw	14 Dorothy Advent Osie Echols Dorothy Ford	15	16 Carol O'Laughlin	17 Virginia Richner	18 Marjorie Cook Joe Vrona
19 Carolyn Leffler	20 Christina Elwood	21	22	23	24 Robert Banham	25
26	27	28	29 John Jacobs	30	31	



# On This Date...

## Dec. 1, 1891

Dr. James Naismith invents basketball



## Dec. 5, 1901

Walt Disney is born in Chicago, IL



## Dec. 18, 1773

American colonists toss 342 chests of tea into the Boston Harbor in what would become known as the "Boston Tea Party"



## Dec. 22, 1956

a western lowland gorilla named Colo is the first ever born in captivity (she passed peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 17, 2017)



## Dec. 22, 1956

The Endangered Species Act is signed into law by President Richard Nixon – the most endangered is the vaquita, a species of porpoise endemic to the northern end of the Gulf of California

## Happy New Year 2022

**Hard to believe that another year has come and gone. Since 1907, Americans have celebrated the New Year by watching the ball drop at Times Square in New York City. Many other cities also ring in the new year by dropping something other than a giant, glittery ball at the stroke of midnight.**

Tiny Eastport, Maine, located on the Canadian border, boasts two New Year's Eve drops – the 4-foot Canadian maple leaf releases first at 11pm followed by the 8-foot wood-and-canvas sardine at midnight

Since 1992, Raleigh, NC – also known as the City of Oaks – lowers a lit 1,250-pound steel acorn from a crane

Since 2000, kids visiting the Legoland California Resort in Carlsbad, CA, enjoy a special drop at 6pm New Year's Eve – a giant Lego brick is lowered 22 feet, followed by fireworks at live music

Plymouth, WI, is home to five cheese companies, so the town lowers an 80-pound aluminum cheese wedge from a firetruck ladder

Residents in Mobile, AL, consume nearly 4 million Moon Pies a year. So the city rings in the New Year by lowering an electronic Moon Pie-shaped sign from the tallest building

**Where will you be celebrating New Year's Eve this year?**

**Nick: What does a grumpy sheep say at Christmas?**

**Mick: IDK, what?**

**Answer: Baaaaaaaarrng!**





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A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY AND  
HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR 2022!***

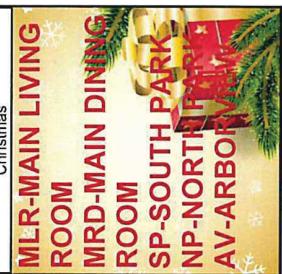
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Kwanzaa Begins

New Year's Eve



Christmas

