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Anna Maria of Aurora

Happy Retirement, Chris!



After 15 years at The Campus of Anna Maria, Chris Driver, Infection Preventionist retired. Thank you for your years of dedicated service to The Campus of Anna Maria.



THIS GAL'S
RETIRED



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Carol June Krohmer

Faithful, hardworking and loving. These are the words that best describe June. Born on Dec 9, 1935, June was raised as an only child in Garfield Heights, Ohio in a warm, German-Czech household. She grew up near Garfield Park, directly next door to her Aunt and Uncle and cousins Karen and Bobby. June learned to play the piano, clarinet and accordion at a very young age. She spent most summer days swimming at the city pool and playing on her family's dairy farm in Huntsburg, Ohio.

As the head Majorette in the Garfield Heights marching band, Junie, twirled baton like a pro-always with a big smile! She had many friends and met her future husband Russ through mutual friends. After graduation, June attended Bowling Green University to study Physical Therapy.



However, after one year her heart called her home and in 1945 she married Russ. Together they built a business called "A Better Heating and Air Conditioning". June scheduled the calls between homemaking duties. The two used a CB Radio to communicate with each other during working hours and on this Citizen Band they were widely known as "Romeo and Juliet".

June is blessed with four children: Jim (wife Lydia), Tom, Dan (wife Colleen), and Carolyn (husband Paul). June has five grandsons Ken (just married to Kateryna), Patrick, Grant, Brian and Adam. June is expecting her first great-grand son this Summer! She looks forward to teaching this young lad how to play all types of board games! Have you noticed June wearing her Indian's gear this past Summer? She has been an Indian's fan since the 1940's, listening to baseball games on the radio with her Dad. And when she was 13 years old, June went to the 1948 World Series game to watch the Indians beat the Boston Braves! She remembers all schools being closed and the city shut down that day! June still loves attending opening Guardian baseball games and watching baseball and football on T.V. St. Patrick's Day always holds a place in June's party heart. She typically took her grandsons on the rapid downtown to stand along the parade route. It's "Yes" to corned beef and "NO" to green beer! Always up for a good time, June took part in several committees for many decades-she planned her own H.S. Reunions and Community Home Days. June even helped plan Halloween events at the community Haunted House (when she dressed like a clown or a witch and would accidently frighten her own grandsons!). She has always been a great cook-preparing delicious soups, seafood, stuffed peppers, pork roast, dumplings and sauerkraut!

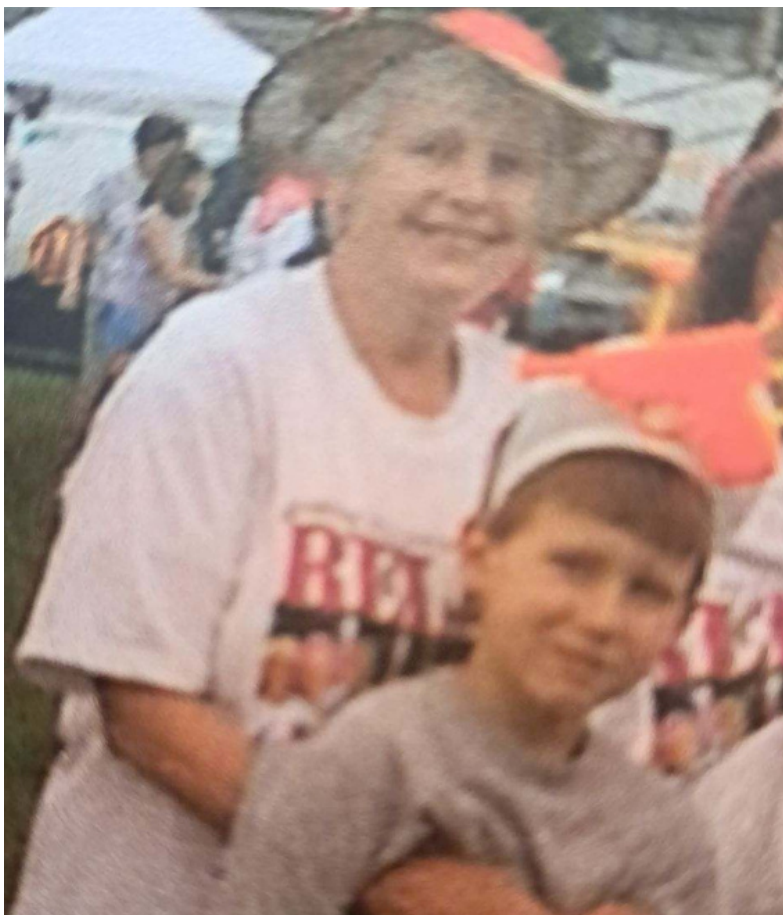


In addition to her family, June loves to care for many types of animals. In the past these have included a turtle, a snake, a wild bunny, fish, and many breeds of dogs and cats. Her very first dog was named Mitzie and her beloved lab was named Suzie. When Suzie developed hip dysplasia, June did everything she could to help her. Paul designed and built a special cart on wheels that supported Suzie's hind legs so that she could walk with her front legs. June was ahead of her time in designing this type of cart because they were not yet on the market. Her various cats included Freddy, Pete, Boots and Boots II (whose adopted name was Moriarty- too difficult for anyone to say!). When June lost a best friend to cancer in the early '70s, she began volunteering for The American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. She did fund raising and ran the Relay for Life with her grandchildren in support of the friends and family she lost later in life, including her close cousin Karen. June enjoyed making more friends through Parents Without Partners and The Cleveland Sailing Singles Club. During the winter months, June enjoyed skiing on the slopes of Ohio, PA and Colorado.

The cat is out of the bag that June can ski, sail a boat and line dance! In her closet sits a well-used suitcase that has been around the United States, including Hawaii. June's most memorable trip was to Haiti where she spent a month, teaching children about Jesus and building a Christian school out of cement blocks, mud and mortar. Never the same person again, it was this trip that fueled her desire to keep giving back. Working overtime at the United States Post Office to put her children through school did not stop June from helping others in need. June earned recognition and awards following decades of volunteer work with the Adult Guardianship Program of The United Way. In 2001 June accepted an important role as advocate for a gentleman named Carl, who was previously homeless and receiving long term care at Metro Hospital. June remained Carl's strong personal and medical advocate for the next 18 years! Additional agencies in which June was engaged included The Lutheran Aide Society and Cuyahoga Children and Family Services where June became a certified Foster Grandparent through The Grandparent and Kindship Caregiver Program. She then served at the Garfield Heights Senior and Adult Services Center assisting others to also become kindship caregivers. Another of June's contributions involved serving as a "Community Navigator" for Cuyahoga County, where she helped seniors obtain necessary medical services. June walked the talk as a caring foster grandmom and part time caregiver to her five grandsons. After retirement, June took a position as a cashier at MARC's for ten years (hence, all the seasonal decorations found in her room!). She also became certified as an STNA in Aurora, OH and took classes in adult leadership and counseling. She did this in preparation to open an adult day care center, because back then there was a great need, but there were limited to no agencies of this type in the area. Unfortunately, her dream was never realized-a serious car accident sent her life in a different direction. Most recently, June delivered Meals on Wheels with her friend Judy. June was the "hopper" meaning she jumped in and out of the car to homes around four different southeast cities. She did this for many, many years. Just like the mail, meals were delivered rain or shine and often on icy streets and sidewalks and sometimes in many feet of snow. A favorite memory was when, at age 83, she fell into a snowbank twice in a row while carrying a meal to a client's front door! Thankfully, there were no injuries. You might just laugh if you ask June how she liked the meals she delivered!

Some may know that about 20 years ago June decided to learn to play the organ when her church, Zion Lutheran couldn't locate an organist. Her good friend Gabrielle, an accomplished musician and teacher at CIM, offered free lessons in exchange for June watching her delightful boys while she taught. They both agreed at the time that it was a Win-Win! June learned quickly and went on to volunteer with Pastor John Vitello officiating. June directed a small choir at Zion that included her cousin Karen and good friend Lois who sang beautiful acapella! The Candlelight Vigil created the best memories. June's favorite hymns include "How Great Thou Art" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me". June was a "Mary Martha", attended weekly bible study, organized summer bible school as well as the annual mother-daughter salad luncheons. Even after Zion closed in 2020, the group of friends have kept in regular contact with each other. As life would have it, Pastor Vitello (and his wife Elaine) reunited with June in December, 2022, the very first week she moved to Anna Maria (think big smiles, warm hugs, lots of laughter ever since!).

Faith, family, and friends remain tops in June's life! June is most grateful for the wonderful, caring support staff and skilled therapists at Anna Maria A.L.F. June keeps her time filled with meaningful activities including church and bible study, bingo, and attending concerts and lunch outings. Hanging out with Lisa, Frank, Kelli and the ladies is always a hoot and keeps June out and about and smiling! June looks forward to making new friends in the coming years, so be sure to stop by room 161 to say hello and join June in cheering on the Guardians and the Browns!



December

Employee of the Month

Thank you for all your hard work. Congratulations on being Employee of the Month. Your work has been outstanding and demonstrates your exceptional work ethic. Your consistently strong performance is of great value to us all.

Anna Maria



Jennifer Sullivan
Activities

Kensington at Anna
Maria



Megan Sostakowski
Activities

Anna Maria

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS



SANTA! WE KNOW HIM!

Santa stopped by Anna Maria to drop off gifts to residents!



Snow-many arts and crafts!

Residents make snowman & candy cane ornaments for the Christmas trees!



Aurora High School Choir performs for residents

Aurora High School choir took time to come and sing Christmas carols for the residents



Residents took a bus ride to see Christmas lights!

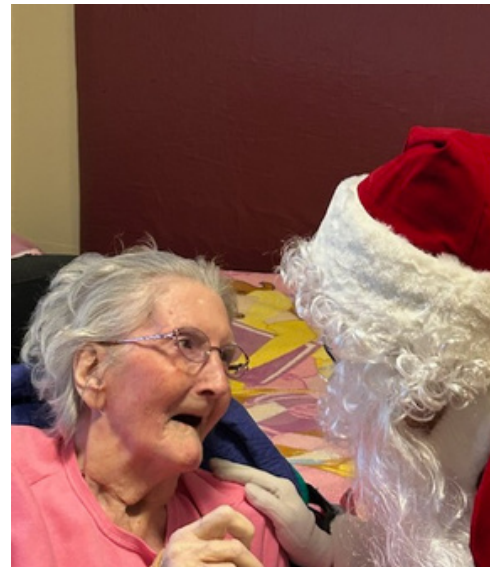


Kensington

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS

Santa pays a visit to residents

Santa made a special stop at Kensington to drop off presents for all of the residents!



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

The beautiful Christmas Trees throughout Kensington.



Gingerbread House made by activities

Holiday Arts & Crafts

From snowglobes to snow hats, residents enjoy making a variety of arts & crafts



Assisted & Independent Living

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS

Assisted & Independent Living Christmas Party

Thank you Kenzie and your staff for the amazing dinner at this year's Christmas Party. And thank you Evan for sending that note to the North Pole so Santa and Mrs. Claus were able to join us. 😊



Quintealia's Tea House

Always a popular spot. Beautiful decor, wonderful food and friendly service.



Trinity Cathedral Messiah Sing

Residents went to see Trinity Cathedral Messiah Sing-Part of their Brown Bag Concert series



Cookie decorating and Elf games with the Cub Scouts!

Residents enjoyed spending time with a local cub scout troop decorating cookies and playing elf games.



Two Years Eve!



Since we weren't here at midnight we had our New Year's party during our Friday entertainment. Our party continued into Happy Hour!



JANUARY

TRIVIA

IN A WEBSITE
BROWSER ADDRESS
BAR, WHAT DOES
"WWW" STAND FOR?

WHAT IS THE TINY
PIECE AT THE END OF
A SHOELACE CALLED?

ORIGINALLY, AMAZON
ONLY SOLD WHAT
KIND OF PRODUCT?

WHAT WAS THE
ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF
THE TINY POCKET IN
JEANS?

WHAT DOES SPF IN
SUNSCREEN STAND
FOR?

WHAT IS THE
LONGEST-RUNNING
BROADWAY SHOW?

WHAT MAGIC DUO
PERFORMED AT THE
MIRAGE CASINO IN
LAS VEGAS FROM
1990 - 2003?

WHICH ATHLETE HAS
WON THE MOST
OLYMPIC MEDALS?

WHO IS THE
YOUNGEST GOLFER
EVER TO WIN THE
U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR
TITLE?

EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO APIERCE@ANNAMARIAOFAURORA.COM

Did you know?


- The month of January was named for the Roman god Janus. Janus had two heads, symbolizing one head looking backward and one looking forward.
- January originally had 30 days, until Julius Caesar added the 31st day.
- Ellis Island opened on January 1st, 1892. Since the opening, over 20 million people have immigrated to the United States.
- It is considered the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. It is considered the warmest month of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959
- In leap years, January always starts on the same day as April and July.
- Some celebrities whose birthdays are in January include - Elvis Presley, Oprah Winfrey, Dolly Parton, Betty White, Justin Timberlake, Ellen DeGeneres, Bradley Cooper
- The Portuguese landed in South America (now Brazil) on January 1, 1502. They named the city Rio de Janeiro, which means 'River of January.'



January 1st-Marjorie Lanzdorf
January 1st- Michael Faturoti
January 4th- Elaine Aultz
January 5th- Dolores Hess
January 10th- Grace Ward
January 12th- Eva Awad
January 15th- Joan Lowry

January 16th- Edward Klempay
January 17th- Gladys Everheart
January 18th- Helen Whitley
January 18th- Virgina Otcasek
January 19th- David Molar
January 20th- Yvonne Kirby
January 20th- Jane Bergdorf

January 21st- Sharon Lear
January 22nd- Barbara Wisniewski
January 22nd- Grace Kudukis
January 23rd- Thespina Holliger
January 24th- Debbie McGinnis
January 26th- Gail Dodson
January 29th- Nancy Davenport
January 31st- Edda Keuchel

Calendar Key.		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NA=Norwood A NB=Norwood B Library NBGR=Norwood B Great Room WC=Wellness Center Highlighted in Yellow-Sign up ahead of time Activities in Blue are Special Events Activities in Red are NEW		 <div>Happy New Year!</div> <div>New Year's Day</div>						

9:30-Independent Living Trip to Hope Lutheran 1:00-Browns @ Bengais-on TV-ESPN 1:00-Dominoes- Learn to Play-NBLR 3:00-Faithful Friends-WC 6:00-Bingo-WC	8 9:15-Nail Polishing-WC 10:30-Uno Cards-WC 1:00-Virtual Mass-NA 2:15-Chair Exercise-NA 3:00-Travelogue-Newfoundland & Labrador-NA	2 9:30-Card Cart-WC 10:15-Parkside Church Music and Prayer-WC 1:00-Short Stories-NA 2:15-Yoga with Lisa-NA 3:30-Rosary w/Colin-NA 6:00-Evening Bingo-WC	3 10:00-Independent Living Shopping at Target 1:30-Word Mining-WC 2:15-Chair Yoga Stretch and Strength-NA 3:00-Bingo with Kelli-WC	4 10:00-OLPH-WC 10:30-Uno Cards-WC 1:00-Scenic Bus Ride 1:30-Balloon Volleyball-WC 3:00-Bingo & Shopping Cart-WC 6:00-Evening Prayer Group-NA	5 10:30-Brain Benders-WC 1:15-Chair Dancing-NB 2:00-Entertainment by Steppin' Out-WC 3:00-Happy Hour-NBGR	6 10:00-Yoga w/ Vivian-NA 1:00-Mexican Train Dominoes-NBGR 3:00-Bingo with Karen-WC
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1:00-Mexican Train Dominoes-NBGR 3:00-Bingo-WC 5:30-Sunday Movie-"New Year's Eve"-NA 6:00-Bingo-WC	15 9:15-Nail Polishing-WC 10:30-Uno Cards-WW 1:00-Virtual Mass-NA 2:15-Walking Club-WC 3:00-Winter Craft with Kelli-WC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 9:30-Card Cart-WC 10:15-Parkside Church Music and Prayer-WC 1:00-Short Stories-NA 2:15-Yoga with Lisa-NA 3:30-Rosary w/Colin-NA 6:00-Evening Bingo-WC	17 10:00-Independent Living Shopping at Walmart 1:30-Spelling Bee-WC 2:15-Afternoon Coffee Break with Lisa-NBGR 3:00-Bingo with Kelli-WC or Nickle Bingo-NBGR	18 10:00-OLPH-WC 10:30-Uno Cards-WC 1:00-Scenic Bus Ride 2:00-Music Therapy-WC 3:00-Bingo & Shopping Cart-WC 6:00-Evening Prayer Group-NA	19 10:30-Brain Benders -WC 1:15-Chair Dancing-NB 2:00-Entertainment by John Pearson-WC 3:00-Happy Hour-NBGR	20 10:00-Yoga w/ Vivian-NA 1:30-Let's Discuss with Mary Kay-WC 2:15-Bingo with Mary Kay-WC
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9:30-Independent Living Trip to Hope Lutheran 1:00-Yatzee-NBLR 3:00-Faithful Friends Ministry-WC 6:00-Bingo-WC Activity Professionals Week	22 9:15-Nail Polishing-WC 10:30-Uno Cards-WC 1:00-Virtual Mass-NA 2:15-Chair Exercise-NA 3:00-Oh Baby! Discussion Group-WC	23 10:15-Parkside Church Music and Prayer-WC 1:00-Short Stories-NA-N 1:30-Rosary/Joann-NA 2:15-Yoga with Lisa-NA 3:00-Music with John Buchanan-WC 6:00-Evening Bingo-WC	24 10:00-Independent Living Shopping at Marc's 1:30-Mass with the Priest from OLPH-WC 1:00-Scenic Bus Ride 2:30-Book Club-NB 3:00-Bingo with Kelli-WC	25 10:30-Uno Cards-WC 1:00-What's Cooking? Snowball Cookies-NBGR 2:00-Resident Council-All Residents Invited-NBGR 3:00-Bingo & Shopping Cart-WC	26 10:30-Brain Benders-WC 1:15-Chair Exercise-NB 2:00-Entertainment by Ron Papaleo & Birthday Party-WC 3:00-Happy Hour-NBG Australia Day (Observed)	27 10:00-Yoga w/ Vivian-NA 1:00-Mexican Train Dominoes-NBGR 2:00-Adult Coloring or Painting-WC 3:00-Bingo with Kelli-WC
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1:00-Yatzee-NBGR 2:30-Parkside Church Bible Study-WC 6:00-Bingo-WC	29 9:15-Nail Polishing-WC 10:30-Uno Cards-WW 1:00-Virtual Mass-NA 2:15-Walking Club-WC 3:00-Who, What or Where?-WC	30 9:30-Card Cart-WC 10:15-Parkside Church Music and Prayer-WC 1:00-Short Stories-NA 1:30-Rosary/Joann-WC 2:15-Yoga with Lisa-NA 3:15-Piano Concert-WC 6:00-Evening Bingo-WC	31 9:15-Independent Living Shopping at Walmart 11:00-Lunch out at El Camino in Aurora 1:30-Cranium Crunch-WC 2:15-Seated Workout-NA 3:00-Bingo with Kelli-WC	6:00-Independent Living ACT Dress Rehearsal-Arsenic and Old Lace		
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January 2024

Assisted and Independent Living Activities Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

NW- Northwest
EW- East west
SW- Southwest
AR- Activity Rm
SR- Sunroom
DR- Dining Rm
OOF- Out of Facility

1

New Year's Day

7
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:15 Hymn Sing SW
11:00 Hymn Sing SR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Brain Games EW
3:00 Cozy Treat ALL

8
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Pretty Polish AR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Elvis Trivia EW
3:00 Bingo DR
4:30 Dinner Talk NW

14
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:15 Hymn Sing SW
11:00 Hymn Sing SR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Brain Games EW
3:00 Cozy Treat ALL

15
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Pretty Polish AR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Remember MLK EW
3:00 Bingo DR
4:30 Dinner Talk NW
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

21
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:15 Hymn Sing SW
11:00 Hymn Sing SR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Brain Games EW
3:00 Cozy Treat ALL

22
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Pretty Polish AR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Room Visits
3:00 Bingo DR
4:30 Dinner Talk NW

28
Activity Professionals Week
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:15 Hymn Sing SW
11:00 Hymn Sing SR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Brain Games EW
3:00 Cozy Treat ALL

29
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Pretty Polish AR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Room Visits
3:00 Bingo DR
4:30 Dinner Talk NW

3
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Bingo DR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Pearson Rnds. ALL
2:30 Nail Art SW
3:30 Bowling AR
4:30 Trivia NW

4
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Craft Corner SW
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 IN2L EW
2:30 Mediation SW
3:15 Craft Club AR
4:30 Toss Back NW

5
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Bingo DR
11:30 Ticket Cart
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Room Visits
3:00 Ent. w/ Papaleo DR
4:30 Chit Chat NW

6
9:15 Chronicles ALL
10:30 Bingo DR
12:45 Act Trivia SW
2:00 Brain Games EW
3:00 Move About SW
3:30 Visits

January 2024
Kensington

ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE