

THE FAMILY MATTERS JULY NEWSLETTER

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“DON’T BRING AROUND A CLOUD TO RAIN ON MY PARADE...” *(Barbra Streisand)* –



We were blessed with a most beautiful day for our family parade last month! A total of 87 cars, led by the Aurora Police Department, the Aurora Fire Department, Mickey Mouse, and a few funny clowns, slowly drove through our parking lot, waving and throwing air hugs and kisses to their loved one! Our residents were all smiles behind those masks! Many, many thanks to everyone who assisted with coordinating this amazing event, as it was the first time since March that our nursing home residents have seen their loved ones (not up close and personal, but from a distance, ... which is a great start for right now as we wait to receive additional information from Governor DeWine on in-person visitation beginning the end of this month.

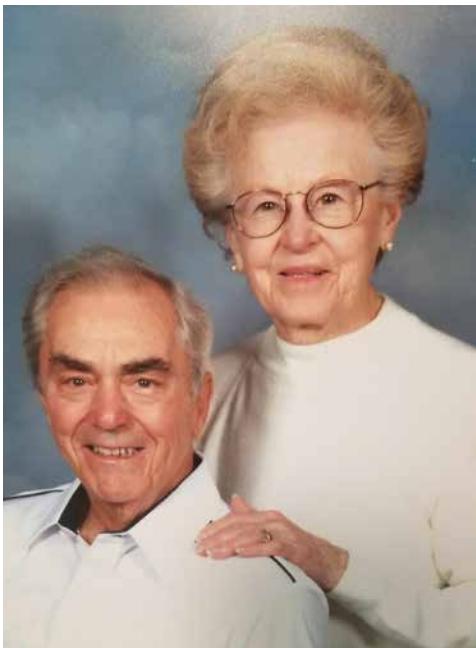


** Beauty Shop and Nursing Home Visitation begins the end of the month. Stay tuned for more information (via email and website). Exciting news!

RESIDENT PROFILE

HELEN WUJNEVICH

“The boys did own a fast car (a GTO) which they drove a little too fast down the streets, dodging the police.”



Polish and Proud – Helen was one of four children born to Heny and Carolin, a couple who emigrated from Poland to settle in Cleveland, Ohio. Helen (born August 13, 1925) and her brothers and sisters (Wanda, Stan, and Joseph) enjoyed a wonderful childhood, filled with much love, laughter, and closeness of family, along with many a good game of marbles. A special memory is a beautiful doll Helen received as a birthday gift one year. She loved that doll.

Helen did not graduate from high school, choosing rather to join the work force at age 16. She worked at various jobs throughout the years: Gordon Parks Pharmacy, Dill Manufacturing, and ZNW. The latter specialized in producing drill parts for the war.

Helen enjoyed dancing, and spent many weekends at the Twilight Garden Dancing Hall, which is where she met her future husband, Bill. After dating for six months, the two married on May 3, 1947, settling in the new bustling suburb of Maple Hts. Their first house was a duplex which they shared with Helen's brother.

In 1949, the happy couple was blessed with a bouncing baby boy they named Daniel. Two years later, another boy, Ron, joined the family. Helen recalls what good boys they were; loving and caring and rarely in trouble. The boys did own a fast car (a GTO) which they drove a little too fast down the streets, dodging the police.

Bill traveled extensively with his job, and on many occasions, the family joined him on his business trips. One of the corporate plants was located in Italy, so the family enjoyed touring Italy several times. Hawaii and California were other favorite relaxation spots.

Life is quieted down a bit for this lovely lady. She is proud of her family (she now has 11 great grandchildren) as they remain very close. Advice for the younger generation? LOVE your parents and relatives always. Make sure family is your #1 priority. Good advice Helen. May God continue to bless our Helen with good health and happiness. Na Zdrowie!



JULY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

ANNA MARIA



AUDREY SAWASTUK, STNA.

She is kind and genuinely cares about the welfare of her residents.

Congratulations to our Anna Maria of Aurora Employee of the Month, Audrey Sawastuk, STNA. Not only is Audrey an extremely hard-worker, she is kind and genuinely cares about the welfare of her residents. She will go above and beyond every time she works to make certain our residents receive the very best care. Audrey is a team player, and will gladly assist whenever an extra hand is needed. We so appreciate Audrey; your hard work ethic does not go unnoticed. Congratulations!

KENSINGTON AT ANNA MARIA



GWEN BING, LPN.

“Her patience with my daily calls is just extraordinary...”

Congratulations to our Kensington at Anna Maria Employee of the Month, Gwen Bing, LPN. You know the saying “calm, cool, and collected?” Well, that’s Gwen Bing. These past few months, Gwen has been instrumental in providing reassurance to families that their loved one is “doing okay.” As one family member states, “... her patience with my daily calls is just extraordinary... beyond the call of duty.” Gwen (and other staff members) treat the residents like they were his or her own grandma or grandpa, so important during these past few months of no visitation. Congratulations and keep up the good work; it’s noticed and appreciated by so many.

Anna Maria / Kensington at Anna Maria

A LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON!

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE!

The residents at Kensington at Anna Maria kept busy one afternoon making patriotic tissue paper stars in preparation of the 4th of July, which of course will be a little different this year (no parade, no fireworks - maybe a few sparklers?).



Bryna S. finishing up the red

Grace W. working on the white portion of star



Robert K. has a lot of patience thank goodness!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENEVIEVE MUSTIN!

Anna Maria resident Genevieve Mustin turned 96 years young last month, and her family celebrated with a wonderful window visit, as well as a delicious cake which was shared with the staff. Good health and happiness always!

B-I-N-G-O...

Ernie S. thinks he has a winner

Bingo is an absolute favorite activity amongst our residents, and like every other activity during this pandemic, was put on hold for a few months. Well, we are happy to report that we found a way for our residents to play Bingo again, social-distancing of course. Cards and chips are thoroughly sanitized after each game of play. It's the little things in life that at times mean the most, and having Bingo back is such a huge morale booster. Many thanks to our wonderful activities staff for their creative thinking!

DREAMCATCHERS AND LIGHTHOUSES

Mary Fletcher – what a beautiful dreamcatcher!

Good thing about crafting – while it's certainly fun working together as a group, crafting can also be a leisurely, at-your-own-pace solo activity, which appears to be the new norm now. Who knew that an empty hand soap container is the perfect size and shape for a miniature lighthouse? Yes, it is. Kensington resident Mary Fletcher used her sewing skills to create a beautiful dreamcatcher. The Kensington group certainly is a crafty group.



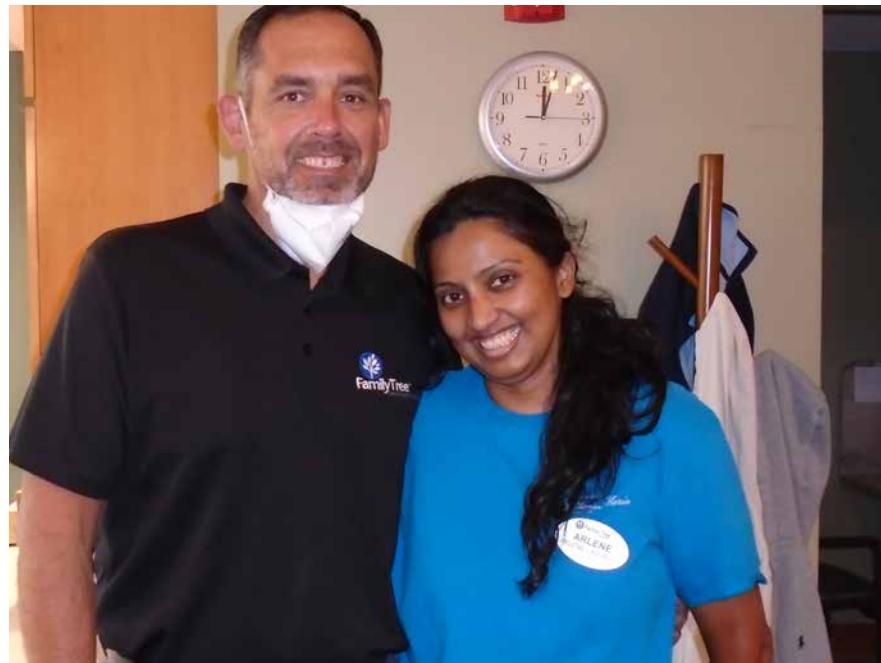
Joe S. chose red for his lighthouse



Blue and yellow – great colors for a lighthouse

TIE-DYED FACE COVERINGS

We recently received a donation of white fabric face coverings from the Hanes Company (so soft and comfy, just like a Hanes t-shirt). So the creative activities gals at Kensington instantly thought – CRAFT! A fun afternoon was spent tie-dying the masks, just to make them a little more fun!

CONGRATULATIONS ARLENE CARVALHO

Arlene with her boss, Phil Halstead

Congratulations to Arlene Carvalho, Occupational Therapist (Family Tree Rehab Services) on celebrating five years of service with the Campus of Anna Maria. Arlene was surprised with a pretty cake and many congratulatory words from her co-workers.

A MOTHER DUCK AND BABES

One day while folding napkins in the dining room, a dietary employee heard noises outside in the courtyard. When she looked out the window, she was surprised to see a mother duck along with 11 ducklings, appearing to be a few days old. Just the cutest thing ever! The duck family entertained us for the day, then disappeared the next. We believe mamma duck led the family to a pond on the other side of the campus.

A DELICIOUS PIZZA LUNCH!



Therapists Connor and Arlene



Randi H. can't eat another bite



South resident Ernie S. enjoys his slice of pizza

Thanks to the good folks at William Penn Association, Cleveland Branch 14, for providing a delicious pizza lunch (Teresa's Pizza of Aurora) for the employees at Anna Maria last month. Richard Sarosi and Caroline Lanzara, the son and daughter of Anna Maria resident Ernie Sarosi, are involved in the Cleveland branch of William Penn, a fraternal life insurance company, and wanted to do something special for our employees. What's more special than good food? - "You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six" - Yogi Berra.



Administrator Aaron Baker hands a slice of pepperoni to HR Coordinator Tiffaney Clossen



STNA Chanel H. is double-fisted

IN HONOR OF OUR FATHERS

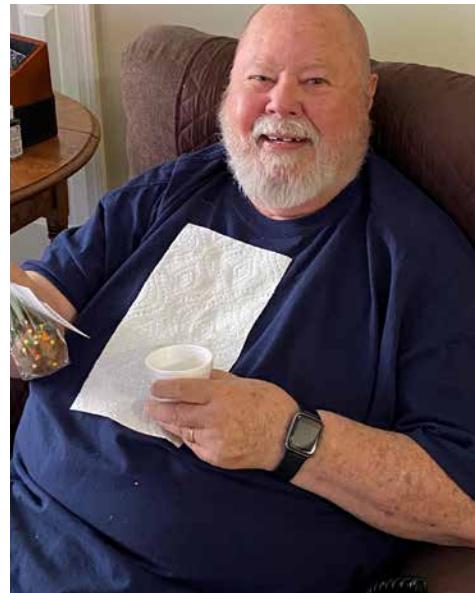
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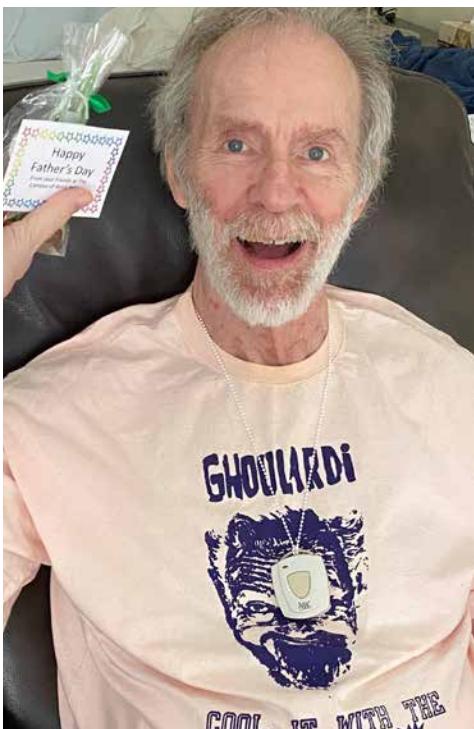
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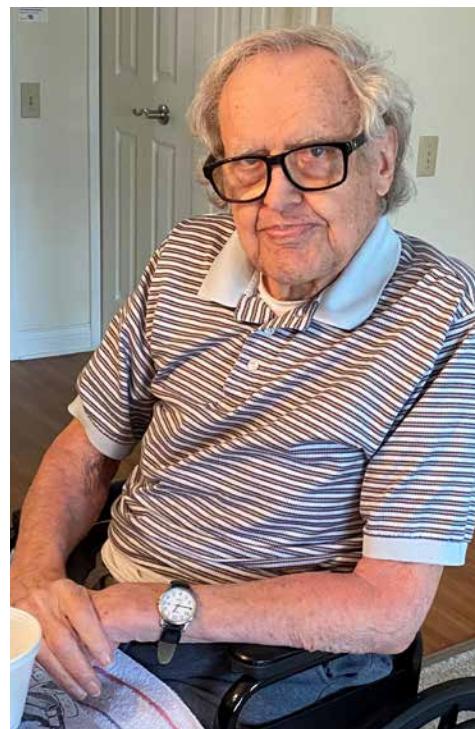
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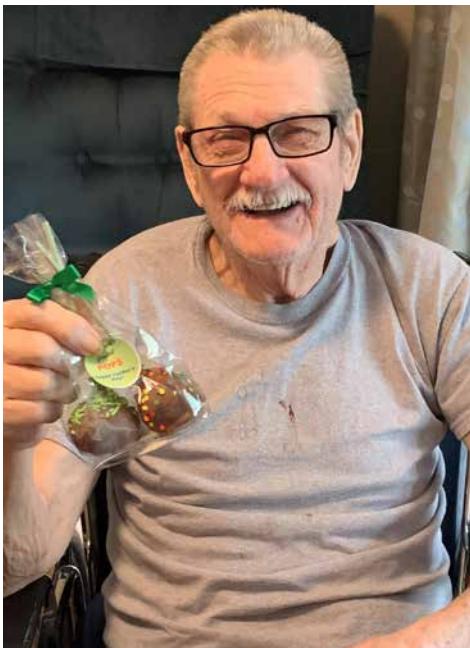
Richard Groff

"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad." - Anne Geddes – Here at the Campus of Anna Maria, due to the coronavirus pandemic, Father's Day for our nursing home residents was celebrated a little differently this year with phone calls, Skype, and window visits. However, in spite of the ongoing restrictions, our staff made certain all the dads out there experienced a very special day. Chocolate and pie certainly make everything better as our dads received tasty cake "pops" and miniature apple pies. Unfortunately, no hugs and kisses this year which has been difficult, however, fingers crossed for a better 2021. God bless our "dad" residents with health and happiness (and patience).

Richard Misterka



Robert Kesar



Cake Pops – The World's Greatest "Pops"



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Bob Paulus loves his cake pop



A miniature apple pie, complete with a fork!



Don Neil enjoys his cake pop



Gary Brodie is so appreciative of his gift

Assisted / Independent Living

A LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON!

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!



Yes, we found a way to socially-distance during one of our favorite activities, BINGO! Luckily, the Wellness Center is large enough to accommodate the Bingo group!



FEELING LIKE A KID AGAIN!

We have such a wonderful variety of crafting items for our residents to enjoy, including good, old-fashioned coloring books and crayons. Believe it or not, many of our residents love to color, including Maria, who is determined to make her way through this book. She's almost there! Coloring can be very soothing and calming.

Marge Cook enjoys relaxing with a good coloring book

OUTDOOR VISITATION IS A GO!



The family of Nikki Salemi was the first set of visitors



Millie Carr gives a thumbs up!



Elaine Golick enjoys a lovely visit with her family



Connie Murray



Mary Lee Hendee (so cute in her hat) visits with her daughter

On Monday, June 8, in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health, outdoor visitation for assisted and independent living residents and their families was a GO! Of course, many guidelines are in place for the safety of all (masks, maintain 6 feet of distance, no contact, temperature, Purell, and sanitizing wipes). Families can arrange two visits per week through SignUp Genius. To date, visitation has been a success. Luckily, the weather has cooperated nicely. Many thanks to Lisa McFarland and Jazmin Williams (AL / IL activities) for their assistance in coordinating these visits.



Dorothy Hatala



Bunny Bierly (this gal is 102 years young)

ROOT BEER FLOATS

Once again, the weather cooperated nicely to allow our residents to enjoy a delicious root beer float outdoors (the Grande Courtyard comes in handy again). Very refreshing! Because masks were off, residents took turns (only a couple at a time) enjoying their floats.

IT'S BACK! FRIDAY AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

We are so excited that our Friday entertainment is back, and we are relying on Mother Nature to help us out. Residents are socially-distanced throughout the Grande Courtyard (such a wonderful area – was never appreciated much up until now), and our entertainer “sets up shop” in the gazebo. Though it’s not Blossom, the acoustics are not bad, and everyone enjoys some nice music and a bit of Vitamin D. Fingers crossed for continued decent weather on Friday afternoons. We are thrilled to have our entertainers back; you were missed!



CALENDAR

THE MONTH OF JULY

July is National Hot Dog Month! Hot Diggity Dog! July is also National Parks and Recreation Month; Get out and enjoy, for what else is there to do?

July 4 – Happy Birthday America! 244 Years Young! Happy birthday to our country! Did you know that the name “John Hancock” is synonymous with “your signature” because Hancock’s bold signature on the Declaration of Independence dwarfed the signatures of the others. Legend has it that Hancock wanted the King of England to see the rebellious signature without having to wear his spectacles.

July 6 – National Fried Chicken Day. Who’s running out to KFC? Thigh, breast, or wing? Or all three?

July 14 – National Macaroni and Cheese Day. What’s your favorite brand of M & C?

July 24 – National Tell and Old Joke Day – Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side, ha, ha, ha... nothing better than this classic

July 28 – National Water Park Day

FUN FACT

July, the 7th month of the year, and one of the warmest. July was named to honor roman dictator Julius Caesar (100BC -44BC). In 46 BC, Julius Caesar made one of his greatest contributions to history: With the help of Sosigenes, he developed the Julian calendar, the precursor to the Gregorian calendar that it is used today.

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

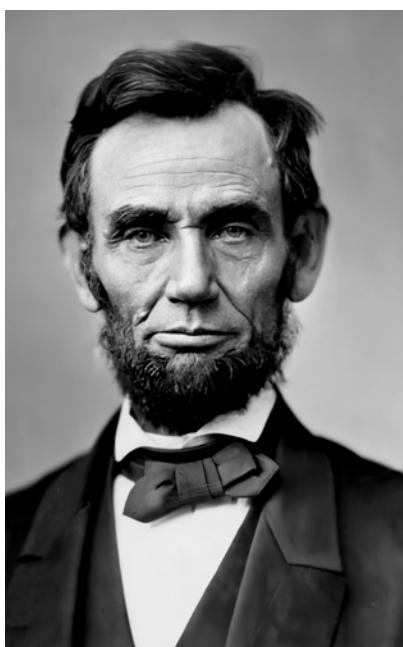
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Margaret Rugare	3 Eileen Simler James Even	4
5	6	7	8 Marvin Hamby	9	10	11 Dolores Sacco
12	13 Elizabeth Oswald	14 Phyllis Boyd Eleanor Hawkins	15 Doloris Spearman Mary Spisak Karen Perry	16 Anna Christian	17	18
19	20 Lois Eichenberg	21 <i>Happy 99th! Mary Lou Tesauro</i> Julie Paulus George McCormick	22 Rose Visci	23 Dolores DiNero	24	25
26 Catherine Priester	27 Dorothy Godenschwager Laura Lesher	28	29	30	31 Ron Schuller Kay McCarty	

ON THIS DATE...

THE MONTH OF JULY

01
1862

President Abraham Lincoln signs the first income tax bill



04
1776

The Declaration of Independence is approved by the Continental Congress

16
1945

The experimental atomic bomb “Fat Boy” is set off at 5:30am in the New Mexico desert. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun



16
1935

The first parking meter is installed in Oklahoma City with an hourly charge of 5 cents; the rate in 2020? \$1.00 an hour



20
1969

Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong takes his first step onto the moon, proclaiming, “That’s one small step for man, one giant step for mankind”

27
1953

The Korean War ends



Family Tree Home Care At Anna Maria of Aurora Can Help Support You & Your Family!

Does your Loved one need Extra assistance, errands, groceries or a friendly visitor? Offering flexible hours and days to meet your needs!

Some of the caregiver duties include:

- Activities, social companionship, wellness educational activities & exercise !
- Classes with the client: art, music
- Personal Care
- Light housekeeping
- Errands and Grocery shopping

Physical Therapy Services are also available at an Hourly Rate:

- Improve mobility and overall Health!
- A therapist will work with you or your loved one to develop an Active exercise program.

Campus Caregivers *do not* have clients in the general community, they work exclusively with our Campus residents

Our caregivers are trained on Infection Control /Covid policy and are screened prior to entry to the client's home or facility. A home care Manager is available to the employees and our clients 7 days a week, 24 hours / day.

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