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Anna Maria of Aurora

2023 Dietary Scholarship Winner

Alex Botos is Anna Maria's 2023 scholarship winner. Alex is a senior at Aurora High School, and has attended school in the Aurora school district since kindergarten. Alex has plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in marketing. Alex has been with Anna Maria for 2 years working in our Dietary department.



(l to r) Evan Webster, Community Relations Director, Alex Botos, Aaron Baker, Administrator

Employee Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Staff enjoyed a pancake breakfast served by our very own, Aaron Baker and John Jones! We at Anna Maria appreciate your efforts in doing such a great job. In addition, your shining nature makes us so happy to come to work every day!

ST PATRICKS DAY TRIVIA!



Shamrock and roll your way over to page 16 for some trivia fun!



John Jones and Aaron Baker

✿ Laurelann Conway ✿



Laurelann and her future husband at prom



(l to r) Mother: Robin, Lauerlann, Husband; Neil

Laurelann was born in Canton, Ohio. She is the only daughter of Richard and Robin. Laurelann has four younger brothers Sean and Scottie as well as Ricky and David who are twins. As you may imagine, her brothers played so many tricks on her. She explains that not only is she better because of it she is stronger for it and can take things with a grain of salt. She lived in Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights. Laurelann is proud to be a Gator and went to the all girl's private Laurel High School. She graduated from Kent State University. Laurelann also played the cello while at Monticello Jr High School. Laurelann taught swimming at the JCC and was a lifeguard at Fairview Park. Laurelann has always been comfortable around the water and a great swimmer. In addition to really enjoying synchronized swimming she had wonderful opportunities in which she participated in multiple events throughout her life. Her whole family enjoyed being on and crewing sailboats of any size. As a family, they used to all crew a 41-foot Sirius sailboat!!

Sadly, at the young age of 21, on December 23rd, 1977, Laurelann was involved in a serious car accident in which one of three 50lb lead weight bars from the hatchback flew into and inserted a few inches into her skull. She was in a coma for 3 ½ months and after her whole left side of body was paralyzed, and she was unable to walk or talk. She does consider herself a "walking/wheeling living miracle." She will even let you feel the dent in her skull if you are not squeamish. As a child she had goldfish, guppies, tropical fish and many dogs.

It was not until she first moved out on her own that she adopted a cat. Lucky is what she named him because she felt "he was lucky to have me." Although sailing and synchronized swimming are two of her favorite activities in life, now here at Anna Maria, playing Bingo, yelling Bingo, and picking out candy/chips when she wins at Bingo have become quite enjoyable for her. Laurelann said that the people that work here are the best thing about Anna Maria. Which made the transition of moving in so easy and enjoyable.

Laurelann states she is not a foodie but she does love food. Especially the food she enjoyed in France during her travel there. Not only did she love the French cuisine she liked the French men because they were cute and polite.

She expressed that she goes with the flow and that she can easily fit in, and can make friends easily as well! Not that it would be hard to become friends with Laurelann, but if you did want to and chose to invite her over to your house, her favorite meal is pork & sauerkraut or cabbage w/ mashed potatoes, green beans, and carrot cake.

For all the young people out there, her advice is to go with the flow!!! Take it as it comes, steadfast to your principles, and do not follow the loose cannon!



Laurelann and husband, Neil
on their wedding day

✿ Employees of the Month ✿

March



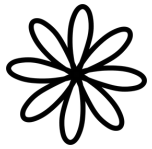
Anna Maria

Kimberly Mennitti
Resident Companion

Kensington at Anna Maria

Namita Saraswat
STNA





Anna Maria/ Kensington

A LOOK WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND CAMPUS

Saying Goodbye the Anna Maria Way....

Linda Marsh making her final stroll out the front doors. Anna Maria staff clapped her all the way out of the building to celebrate.



A Fun Day of Nail Polishing

Betty, Karen and Peggy enjoying a fun day of getting their nails polished. Aren't they beautiful!



Peggy S



Karen C



Betty C

Some Fun Around the Campus

From bowling to arts and crafts, our residents are always up to something!



Grace Kudukis lining up for a strike



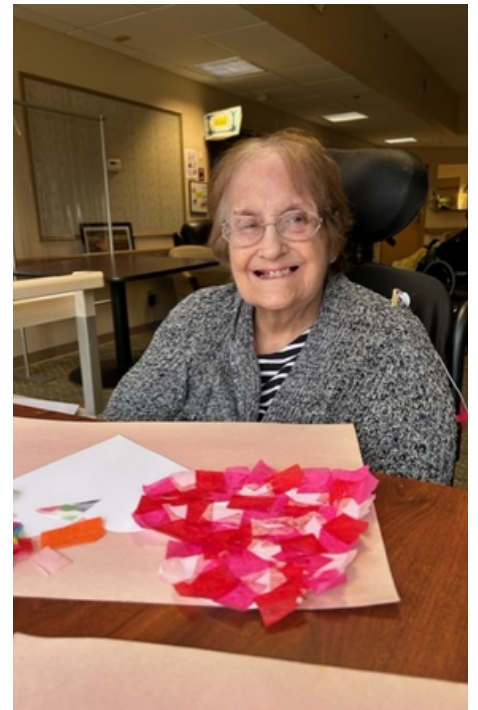
Danna Nickoson bowling



Marge Heston & Rita Fuller



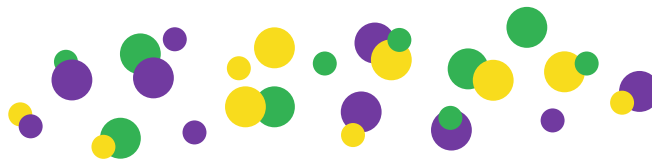
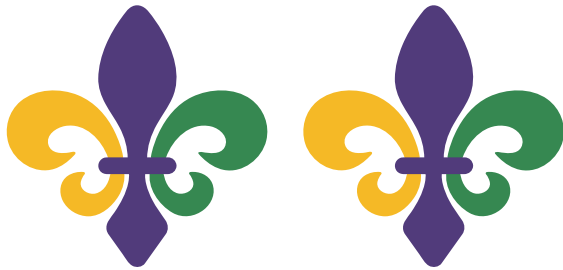
Birthday Crafts



Patricia Vidgar

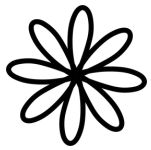
A Celebration Fit for a King!

Residents enjoy sweet treats, dancing and lots of fun for our Mardi Gras celebration!



No babies were harmed in the eating of the king cake.





Assisted/ Independent Living

A LOOK WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND CAMPUS

Can You Guess Whose Behind the Mask?

Check out the next page and see if your answers were right! So much Mardi Gras fun in our Assisted/Independent Living!



#1



#2



#3



#4



Audrey P. & Ann F.



Marion L.



Karen P.



Ginger O.



Marie P.



Mary M. & Joe V.

Entertainer, Sam Fosh

Always standing room only when Sam Fosh is in the house!



Short Stories

What started as just a gathering of a couple people has grown to a double digit audience.



Bowie is especially interested in this week's short stories with volunteer, Joanne G. She's reading about Hero Pets from the Reader's Digest.

Behind the Mask

1) Chuck Barber

2) Barb Hunt and her husband, Bob

3) Cathy Ferris

4) Bowie

Happy Hour

A wonderful turn out for happy hour in Norwood B!



Trinity Cathedral Brown Bag Lunch Concert

Residents enjoying a nice concert put on by Trinity Cathedral



St. Patrick's Day Trivia

Are Email your answers to editor Alision Pierce for a chance to win your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! apierce@annmariaofaurora.com

What type of plant is associated with St. Patrick?

Which American city holds the largest St. Patrick's Day parade?

Which profession does the leprechaun practice?

What color was originally associated with St. Patrick's Day?

In what year was St. Patrick's Day switched over from a strictly holy day for Catholics to an official Irish public holiday?

How many pounds of green vegetable dye is used to turn the Chicago River Green?

According to Hallmark, how many Americans exchange St. Patrick's Day cards each year?

What was Saint Patrick's real name?

Names to *Know*

Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss)



As a student at Dartmouth during Prohibition, Geisel was caught hosting a gin-soaked get-together and was banned from the school's humor magazine, the Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern. To keep publishing, he used his middle name as a pen name: "Seuss." The "Dr." came later.

Fred Rogers



Fred Rogers worked in television from 1951 until his death in 2003. Thirty-three of those years were spent as the host of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, which means that more than one generation of children grew up knowing the gentle and generous TV host. Strangely, he went to work in television because he hated it: Rogers was appalled at the banality and violence of TV programming and wanted to use the medium to instead promote education and understanding. He was also an advocate for public television, and testified before Congress about the potential for TV to create more productive citizens.

March is...

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month- March is National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month, and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day is Friday, March 25. A cerebral palsy advocacy group started this initiative in 2006. Supporters, activists, and advocates celebrate by wearing the color green, using the #GoGreen4CP hashtag, and donating to organizations such as the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

National Nutrition Month- National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created 50 years ago in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

National Irish American Heritage Month- In tribute to all Irish Americans, the US Congress, by Public Law 101-418, designated March 1991 as "Irish-American Heritage Month" Congress again proclaimed March as Irish-American Heritage Month for 1995 and 1996.


Calendar

March 1- Ohio 220th Birthday- The celebration of Ohio's statehood is in commemoration of the first time the General Assembly conducted state business on March 1, 1803, in Chillicothe. The state constitution was signed by President Thomas Jefferson a few weeks earlier and had been approved by Congress in early 1803. The date of March 1, 1803, as the day Ohio became the 17th state to join the union was disputed for decades but made official in 1953 by President Dwight Eisenhower.

March 14- National Pi Day- Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (3/14 in the month/day format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of π . [2][3] It was founded in 1988 by Larry Shaw, an employee of the San Francisco, California science museum, the Exploratorium.

March 17- St Patrick's Day- Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, lit. 'the Day of the Festival of Patrick'), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Judith Ferry Rudolph Kastelic	2 Delfo DiGregorio Joanne Branks Jacqueline Pence	3 Shirley Kolenic	4
5	6 Betty Kollin Margaret Marotta	7 Joan Roll Helen Ernest Vivian Waller	8 Betty Christopher	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Craig Kearns	16	17	18 Audrey Parameter
19 Gene Blankenship	20	21 Marilyn Turner	22 Peggy Strohmenger	23	24	25 Richard Durbin
26 Sandra Olin	27	28	29	30 Victor Franceschini	31 