

Birthday's-

Residents:

Ruth Stevens 4/3
Pat Bolton 4/11
Thelma Oliver 4/21
Dick Butterworth 4/25

Staff:

Kelly Mettee 4/8
Megan McCurdy 4/9
Heather Jenkins 4/9
Melissa Seale 4/14
Michelle Litton 4/20
Takirah Johnson 4/25
Wanda Stover 4/28



Notable Quotable

“Anything you have to acquire a taste for was not meant to be eaten.”

~ Eddie Murphy, comedian



Senior Living Residents drop off homemade dog biscuits at the Orange Animal Shelter

Special Events and Outings



Events-

4/1 April Birthday Celebration **CR**
4/5 Resident Council **AR**
4/9 Whispering Tunes **CR**
4/11 Hearing Aid Checks and Ear Cleaning with Dr. Koch **CR**
4/11 Music with Fritz **CR**
4/14 Bright Side Easter Egg Hunt **O**
4/19 Afternoon Social **CR**
4/22 Folk Music with Alex Caton **CR**
4/26 Gardening in Raised Bed **RB**
4/28 Music with Nashville Standard Adam Melia **CR**

Outings-

4/6 Leisure Ride
4/7 Lunch at ClearWater Fire Grill in Locust Grove- Resident's need to provide their own money for lunch
4/13 Leisure Ride
4/20 Leisure Ride
4/27 Leisure Ride

Please sign up for lunch outings and bus trips in advance to ensure we have enough space for everyone who would like to go!

New Activities for April

Soap Washcloth Bunnies- Easy craft project in preparation for Easter.

Bunny and Chick Craft- Another easy to assemble craft project to celebrate Easter coming.

Teacup Flower Arrangements- we will be arranging artificial flowers in beautiful teacups that have been donated by Nancy White.

Easter Store- The Activities Department has been collecting fun and useful things to be sold to residents using Dogwood dollars. All

residents will have a chance to shop and will receive \$16.00. Dogwood dollars.

Spring Bee Craft- Easy art project made from popsicle sticks.

Rice-Filling for Nursing Staff Gift-SHHH... It is a secret for the staff so just come and help!

Adopt-A-Pet- Even though we cannot have live pets, come adopt a stuffed pet. Naming will be mandatory!

Pesky Petal Game-complete your flower before the other players and watch out for a pesky caterpillar!

Safety First- Bus Trip Tips!



Loading the Bus:

- ❖ Please sign up for outings with Activity Staff
- ❖ Be sure to use the restroom before loading the bus
- ❖ Always wait until there are two staff members to help load the bus (even if the door is open)
- ❖ Be sure to use the handrails
- ❖ Take one step at a time
- ❖ Fasten seat belt or ask for assistance if you need help
- ❖ Check with staff to ensure your walker or wheelchair has been loaded on to the bus

Unloading the Bus:

- ❖ Wait to receive instructions from Activity Staff.
- ❖ Staff will unload walkers first
- ❖ Always make sure there is one staff at the top and bottom of the steps
- ❖ Use the handrails and slowly take one step at a time
- ❖ Stop at the last step and use the handrails and activity staff to exit the bus (NEVER use your walker to try stabilize yourself to exit the bus)
- ❖ Step on to the sidewalk and not on to the curb or gap between the sidewalk.

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Celebrating April

Jazz Appreciation Month

Poetry Month

Kite Month

April Fools' Day
April 1

International Pillow Fight Day
April 2

Scrabble Day
April 13

Passover
April 15-23

Easter
April 17

Earth Day
April 22

Dance Week
April 22-30

Arbor Day
April 29

In and Around Senior Living...

Activities-

- ❖ If you would like a spot in the raised bed garden, please let an Activity Staff member know. Please also inform them of what you would like to plant to ensure we have the correct vegetables and flowers for you! Garden prep will begin 4/19 with planting beginning 4/26.

Resident Services-

- ❖ Please welcome Russell and Barbara Nash

Dining Services-

- ❖ Please welcome Megan McCurdy as the new Dining Services Director of Health and Rehab and Senior Living

Maintenance-

- ❖ If you have birdseed in your room, please store it in an airtight container. This is so it does not attract any pest.
- ❖ Please do not hang anything on your door that is not metal or fire resistant as it is against the fire code.

Health Services-

- ❖ With it getting warmer outside please be cautious in the sun. Health Services has sunscreen if you need it. Wear a hat and cover your arms when you can.

Miscellaneous-

- ❖ Please welcome our new Executive Director, Lance Long



Quilt Raffle Donation

For the entire month of March, Dogwood Village Senior Living has conducted a quilt raffle. The quilt was handmade by resident, Barbara Garr and staff member, Wendy Aylor. Thank you so much to everyone that brought tickets. We collected over \$600.00! The proceeds will go to a nonprofit organization called Darius's Heart. This is a charity in honor of Darius Minor. He was an

Orange County graduate who died suddenly playing football at the University of Maine from a congenital heart disease.



Quilt Raffle Cont... Volunteer Spotlight

Darius's Heart raises awareness to parents about CHD, funds research and donates to families and hospitals of children that are affected by congenital heart disease. 1 in every 300 youth have an undetected heart defect. Cardiac arrest is the number 1 cause of sudden death in youth athletes which is most often caused from an undiagnosed heart defect. Children are our future and Dogwood Village Senior Living is incredibly happy to present the money raised from the quilt raffle to Darius's family in his honor.



Ben is pictured with resident Thomas Piccinin.



1st Floor:
 Family of Dot Hill- Grief
 Nonnie Myers- Health
 Betty Coleman- Grief of
 Husband
 Family of Glynn
 Coleman- Grief
 Catherine Kimbrough-
 Transition
 Beverly Elson- Health of
 Brother-In-Law
 Tom Picinin- Transition to
 Senior Living
 Darrell and Pat Bolton-
 Transition to Senior
 Living

Dogwood Village would like to recognize Ben Hulsey for his contributions as a volunteer for the facility. Ben attended Grymes Memorial school and is currently a Senior at Woodberry Forest School. Ben plans to attend Washington and Lee University in the fall where he hopes to major in history and public policy. Ben enjoys running and is a member of the cross country and track teams at Woodberry and a member of the Christian Fellowship Club. Ben has several hobbies to include fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors.

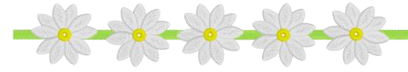
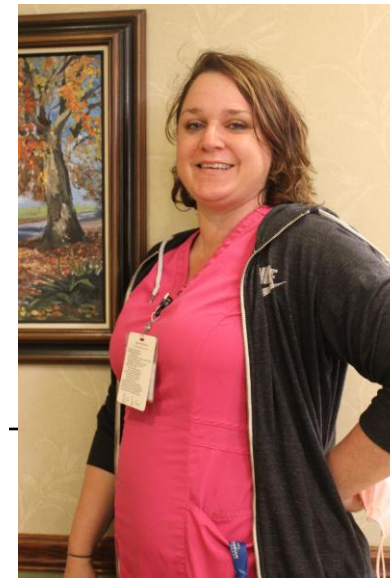
Prayer Request

3rd Floor
 Janice Crockett- Health
 Sibyl Johnson- Health

Staff and Volunteers:
 Hope Donaghy- Dining
 Services Assistant Director
 Father-in-Law- Health
 Annette Putman- Resident
 Services Coordinator-
 Health of Step-Father
 Ashley Gore- Activities-
 Mother-In-Law- Health
 Angela Tyler- Health
 Services- Grief of Mother
 Situation in Ukraine and
 Russia.

Resident Spotlight

Our friend Thomas Piccinin joined our Senior Living family 3-2-2022. Tom was born and raised in Alliance, Ohio and resided there until he was about 26 years old. He had one brother (John) and a sister (Dee Dee) whom are both deceased. At the age of twenty-five he married his wife (Judy) and they shared almost 50 years together until her passing. They had a daughter Kelly who is the apple of Tom's eye. Kelly and her husband currently reside in Arlington, Virginia. Tom does not like to brag on himself when asked "What's his greatest accomplishment"? He is immensely proud of his daughter and that he had the opportunity to work for The Department of Defense in the Intelligence Area for over 30 years.



Tom shared that he enjoyed playing football in school and later in life he played, some tennis and golf. His favorite sports team is Washington. One of Tom's favorite memories is sitting down to a delicious Italian meal. When he describes this meal his eyes light up and a big smile comes to his face.



Staff Spotlight

Christina Kordonis was born in Charleston, SC and was raised in the beautiful area of Rixeyville, VA near a peaceful river.

She shares her life with Brad Lee Phillips, who is the love of her life and best friend. She also has two sons; Kaleb (18 years old) and Andrew (15 years old) that she describes as her world.

Christina has been an employee here at Dogwood Village off and on for approximately 6 years. She worked nightshift and recently became one of our full-time dayshift nurses. Christina shared with us that the best part about working at DVOC is "working with people and helping my residents have a brighter day."

In her spare time, she enjoys maintaining flower and vegetable gardens. She also enjoys fishing for Bluegill and painting. Her favorite spare time activity is spending time with her family. Recently Christina joined Boom Fitness in Culpeper, VA where she enjoys taking salsa classes.

Christina is quite busy both in her professional and personal life but finds time to enjoy taking care of her three dogs, one cat, and eight chickens.