



THE VILLAGE

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"Grandparents Are the Perfect Blend of Love, Laughter, And Happy Memories"



Anne Hurst (middle) with her family.

Our Grandparents Day event here at The Village was a huge success. We asked the residents to invite their grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a fun-filled afternoon with banana splits and a great dance band, The Jim Mahannah Band. We knew it needed to be a fun atmosphere for all ages to enjoy!

It's funny because Jim Mahannah asked me if anyone would dance and I replied with a "maybe." Boy, was I wrong; the dance floor ended up packed with residents dancing with their loved ones. I was even asked to turn the disco ball on by a dad whose little girl said her day would be made to see it on. It brought me so much joy watching everyone dancing together and enjoying each other's company.

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This day reminded me how special grandparents truly are. My own have been like second parents, teachers, and best friends to me. I could feel the love in the room and it made me really happy to see. It's times like this that remind me why I love what I do.

I have heard nothing but positive remarks from the residents about how wonderful Grandparents Day was. It is a good feeling to hear that their day was everything they hoped it would be. To all of the grandparents here at The Village, thank you for being like second parents, teachers, and best friends to your grandchildren. It means so much to them—trust me.

Alexandria Byars



Lucy Wilkinson dancing with her grandson.



October Birthdays

Oct 3	Roberta Kerstetter
Oct 3	Sarah Green
Oct 4	Allegra Brown
Oct 4	Ann Fraser
Oct 5	Dr. Albert Grobmyer
Oct 7	Henry Crais
Oct 7	Hilda Kaufman
Oct 8	Carole Bond
Oct 11	Rose Merry Brown
Oct 12	Elizabeth Wall
Oct 14	Peggy Jalenak
Oct 18	Barbara Shane
Oct 19	Judy Steele
Oct 19	Dot Wieters
Oct 23	Curtis Ringold
Oct 24	George Goehring
Oct 24	John Adamson
Oct 24	Bette Arndt
Oct 26	Nancy Bogatin
Oct 27	Connie Balton
Oct 28	Sandra Barnes
Oct 28	Betty Pelts
Oct 29	David Johnston
Oct 29	Dr. Rick Paskowitz
Oct 30	Mary Dickinson
Oct 31	Roy Stephenson



Our "Petal Pushers," Laura Lee Apperson and Brendie Levie, putting together arrangements for Healthcare.

A Letter From Our CEO



Among our proudest moments at The Village are those occasions when our very own are promoted to new positions. We all want to better ourselves and it is a wonderful thing when we see our staff move up. This month, I want to feature two of our associates who have recently received promotions.

Megan Collins has been promoted to Vice President of Sales & Marketing. She will be primarily responsible for bringing new residents to Independent Living, as well as advertising and marketing for all areas of The Village.

Megan has been in the Sales & Marketing Department of The Village for almost eleven years. During that time, she has come to love The Village, its residents and associates, and has developed a sincere heart for our mission. Roughly half of our Independent Living residents are here because Megan developed a working relationship with them during their search for a retirement home. Those who have worked with Megan have seen first-hand her commitment to The Village. She assists new residents not only in their decision to move to The Village, but also in their relocating and settling into our community.

In other good news, Tyra Forcha has been promoted to Director of Nursing in our Health Care Center. She will be responsible for overseeing the staffing and operations of nursing care for Skilled Nursing (both short-term and long-term care), Assisted Living, and Memory Care.

Tyra is a Registered Nurse, having worked not only in retirement communities but also in the hospice field. She has been with The Village for about a year and a half, serving primarily as manager of the clinic in Independent Living. Tyra is a highly qualified nursing professional who loves The Village, its residents, and the geriatric field. Tyra is also loved by our residents who have been helped by her in the clinic. Many residents have expressed mixed emotions in that they are happy for her and know Tyra will do an excellent job in the Health Care Center, but they will miss seeing her in the clinic.

These promotions are a validation of Megan's and Tyra's skills and accomplishments, having proven themselves to be tremendous assets to The Village. They are also an expression of our confidence in them and appreciation for their dedication and accomplishments.

Please join me in congratulating Megan and Tyra and wishing them well in their new roles!

Mike

Healthcare Happenings



Janie VanHorn and Amelia Steepleton creating beautiful flower arrangements in Assisted Living.



Eileen Kurtz, Amelia Steepleton, Betty Pelts, Gail Walker, and Annie McMillan on a shopping outing.



Geraldine Nieberg, Mary Whittington, Betty Pelts, Rochelle Pierce, Amelia Steepleton, Norma Perry and Janie VanHorn at their Hello September Morning Social.



Staff Focus -Amber McAlister

Tell me about yourself? I live in Midtown, my favorite part of Memphis. I am married and have a dog, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and a cat, Oliver. I grew up on a dairy farm. I went to college for dental hygiene.

Where are you from? What brought you to the Village? I grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Memphis in 2013. I've been in the senior living industry since 2005 and joined the Village in 2015. It didn't take me long to see how special it is.

Favorite thing about working in a retirement home? I feel I am in a way holding onto the relationships I had with my own grandparents. They were my favorite people and I was fortunate to spend several years with them. Oh- and the stories, definitely the stories.

Hobbies? I enjoy spending time with my family and my friends and working in the flower bed or at the park. I love to travel and be outside. I enjoy meeting new people and firmly believe in, "treat others how you want to be treated."

October Upcoming Events

- 5th Meet & Greet
- 6th Entertainment with Todd Derstine
- 7th Dueling Pianos with Joe Boogie & Adam Levin
- 8th Lunch Outing
- 11th Monthly Birthday Party
- 12th Short Story Reading with Marcia Levy
- 13th Bus Trip to the Memphis Zoo
- 14th Entertainment with Tim Stanek
- 15th Pumpkin Painting
- 17th Entertainment with LC Williams & The Driver
- 18th Bus Trip to Wiseacre Brewery!

- 20th Entertainment with the Johnny Cash Tribute Band
- 22nd Entertainment TBA
- 23rd Alfred Hitchcock Movie Week
- 27th Bus Trip to Theatre Memphis
- 28th Entertainment with the Over the Garage Band
- 29th Coffee & Muffins!
- 31st The Village Annual Halloween Party

& much more!



A Jewish Perspective

The holiday of Sukkot, also called the Festival of Booths, is observed two weeks after Rosh Hashana (the Jewish New Year) and lasts for seven days. To celebrate the holiday, many Jews build temporary shelters outdoors to represent the structures built by the Israelites during their forty-year sojourn in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. These structures called sukkot are made of loosely assembled walls with slats of wood across the top. Branches are laid across the slats, spaced apart so that the stars are visible from within. Families traditionally eat their meals in the sukkah, which may be decorated with fruit and other ornamentation to create a festive appearance.

The Village has a miniature model of a sukkah on display in the hallway across from the Monarch. It was constructed in our wood shop with the expert help of Bob Kelly and the late Neil Aronson and decorated by Virginia Norton and myself. Other symbols of Sukkot are the etrog (citron) and lulav (branches of palm, myrtle, and willow) as prescribed in Leviticus: "And you shall take on the first day the fruit of goodly trees . . . and rejoice before your God."

Marcia Levy

Resident Spotlight



Pictured resident Elizabeth Pritchard

"Travelling the World Has Been My Life's Joy"

This month, I chatted with new resident, Elizabeth Pritchard. She is just as cute in person! I think you'll relate to her love for travel and learning.

Where did you grow up? Early life?

"My parents met at Southwestern (now Rhodes) and then became professional classical musicians and moved to New York. My brother and I grew up in New York but I went home to visit with my grandmother during the summer. I then attended Southwestern and majored in psychology. I started out in the inner city schools and attended law school pretty soon after. Working in the inner city school system made me more sensitive to the plight of women."

Family life?

"I have a son who is also a lawyer and a daughter who just moved back from Africa! Between them I have 3 grandchildren total. I also have 2 black Bombay cats named 'Miss Velvet' and 'Lover Boy.'"

Hobbies/Things you are looking forward to here at the Village?

"I was an avid runner, hiker, and loved to travel. Travelling was the highlight of my life. My favorite trip was to Europe. We forget how young this country is. Europe has so much rich history! I hope to start going to One Day University and of course, I love the fitness classes and getting to know everyone at social events!"

Kaylee Jackson



Kaylee Jackson and Jayne Berube showed up twinning!

Meet Your New Neighbor!



Mrs. Diane Sluder and her beagle mix, Sandy, moved into H146. She was married for forty-three years to her loving husband and together they have four children. She has an interest in traveling, puzzles, and church events. She is very excited to join fitness classes and to attend various social events & gatherings here at The Village.



May Mansbach, Ellie Appling, Diane Sluder, Flora Samuels, & Joan Johnston enjoying dinner together in the Monarch Dining Room.

Event Photos



Residents enjoyed the square dancing night. Pictured front and center is Jack Henton.



Pictured: Dr. Paskowitz, Jack Henton, and Jane Paskowitz square dancing!



Carolyn Malish was amazed during the magic show.

Chaplain's Corner

The Old Testament book of Lamentations is well-named. The author is dealing openly and honestly with the pain, suffering, and difficulty that surrounds him.

Memphis has recently endured a most painful season. We all lament the tragic loss of life which has entered our community. Senseless random murders leave us all feeling sad and discouraged.

But the biblical writer doesn't spiral into despair. He recalls the truth of God's "steadfast love" which he says "never ceases." He rises in praise to his God singing, "great is your faithfulness."

My prayer is that we would do the same. In the face of unthinkable sorrow, may we rest in the promises of God who promises to walk with us through "the valley of the shadow of death."

And may we encourage one another with these truths since we are all grieving the events of recent weeks.

Chaplain Spink



Bus Trips



Henry Musgrave (lead transportation), Bette Tilly, Charles Tilly, Carole Robison, Shirley Cotton, Banks Leonard, and Bud Demetriou enjoying a delicious brunch at Tenero Cafe & Butcher.



Margie Snetman, Carolyn Tyler, Martha Rutherford, Allegra Brown, Gail Lewis, Elizabeth Pritchard, & Norma Smith standing in front of the Antebellum Davis House at the Hummingbird Migration & Nature Festival in Holly Springs, MS.



Norma Smith, Gail Lewis, & Carolyn Tyler having a picnic lunch at the Hummingbird Migration & Nature Festival.

Special Announcements



Bill Davis enjoying a cup of coffee from our new coffee machine. Check out the new coffee machines in the Bistro and the Activity Room.

Around Campus



Marian Sharpe and Lois Sandusky riding our new trikes around campus.



The Village Annual Halloween Party!

It's back! Costume or not, show up for our favorite party of the year and see what our skeletons are up to!



Event Photos



Resident Lynn Moser with her paintings she submitted for the Art Show we had in August.



We hope everyone enjoyed looking at the lovely art for the Art Show. There is so much talent here at The Village!



Residents at the Italian dinner night. Pictured left to right: John & Sue Dewald, Brenda Levie, Norma Smith, Sudie Davis, Martha Rutherford, & Barbara Wennemark.



"Un Buon Momento!" (A good time). Our Italian dinner night was a great success. Read all about it on the next page!



We are back to having Meet & Greets. It's so nice to finally see everyone all together and meet new neighbors. Pictured are Jill Buckmaster and Virginia Norton catching up.



Our summer Meet & Greet. The fall Meet & Greet will be Wednesday, October 5th, at 4 pm and will be a cocktail hour this time!

Cecilia Payne Submitted by Paul Funk



Cecilia Payne

Have you heard the name Cecilia Payne? I sure hadn't. But I bet you've heard the names Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, and Isaac Newton. Every text book in school talks about these men's accomplishments but not how we know that the universe is composed of hydrogen. We know that because of astronomer Cecilia Payne.

Cecilia Payne didn't have the money to attend college so she won a scholarship to Cambridge. Cambridge wouldn't give her a degree because she was a woman so she took it upon herself to go to America and work at Harvard. She eventually graduated from Radcliffe College and wrote a thesis that as of today is still one of the world's greatest on astronomy!

She also discovered the composition of the sun (something that is often credited to Henry Russell, but he discovered it after she did!). Cecilia became one of the first women professors at Harvard and opened the doors for women in the science world.

Kaylee Jackson

"Un Buon Momento!"



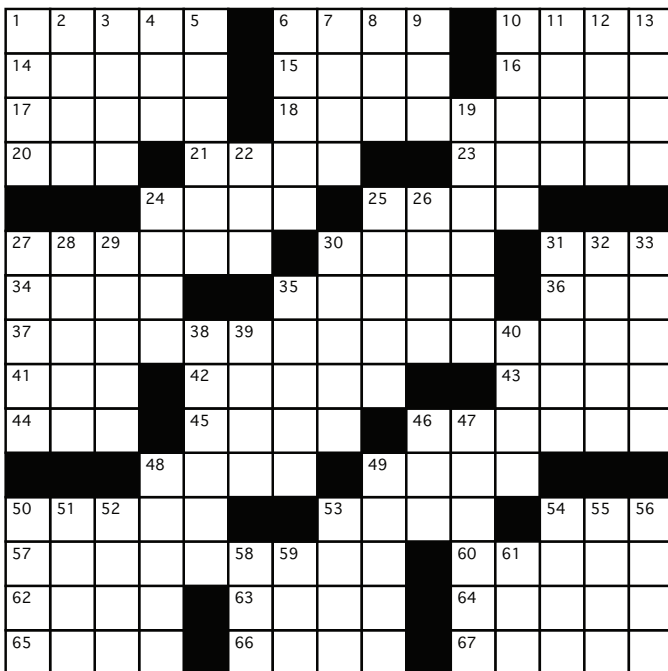
One of the things I was most excited to do when becoming the Director of Resident Services was themed dinners. I love pulling ideas from movies, places I've travelled to, and events I've attended. I believe in making an experience not just a dinner party. It helps that I work with an excellent Resident Services team as well as a fantastic dining department who can help me pull off these crazy ideas. Maintenance also pitched in by helping hang those lights and flags from the ceiling!

When you walk through the door, we want you to feel like you've been transported somewhere else. Everything from lighting, music, food, colors, and decor are considered when planning these events. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did planning it!

If there is a certain ethnic food & place you've travelled you'd like to relive, let us know! It's truly our joy to serve you all!

Kaylee Jackson

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Evil one
6. Acting group
10. Fast jets, for short
14. Remain
15. Singing voice
16. "___ Mia"
17. Pronunciation mark
18. Made lots of tiny explosive sounds
20. Slimy creature
21. Periods
23. Tie
24. ___-majesté; crime against the king
25. Center
27. Walked
30. Sickly looking
31. Boys' org.
34. Lacking means
35. Boat
36. Tried to get elected
37. Handicapped
41. Homer, to Bart
42. Church feature
43. Heating chamber
44. Letters
45. Stringed instrument
46. Send away
48. Planet
49. Afternoon parties
50. Thai or Japanese
53. Sly look

54. I love: Lat.

57. Symbolizes
 60. Called
 62. Family members
 63. Head covering
 64. Improve a text
 65. Relaxation
 66. Sicilian volcano
 67. Outer coatings
- DOWN**
1. Fill
 2. Lover of an Irish Rose
 3. Cash register
 4. Use a +
 5. Had to have
 6. Social division
 7. Mont Blanc's range
 8. Man's nickname
 9. Little one
 10. Panorama
 11. Garment worn in India
 12. Waste allowance
 13. Marquis de ___; French novelist
 19. Minestrone container
 22. Sugar: suf.
 24. Supreme Being
 25. Whittle
 26. Russian girl's name
 27. One of 13 cards
 28. Complete
 29. Yellow Brick and Rocky
 30. 41 Across, in Mexico

31. "Hurray!"
32. More intelligent
33. Regarding
35. Lures
38. Cuba or Jamaica
39. Incite
40. Goes over the limit
46. Letter before a vowel
47. Breadwinner
48. Home near a church
49. ___ cotta
50. South African canine
51. Greek portico
52. Scottish Johns
53. Cut of pork
54. "So be it!"
55. Fix
56. Bettor's concern
58. That girl
59. Heavy
61. "___ my brother's keeper?"

