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Beverly and Fran posing for a picture during our Sock Hop Happy Hour!



THE Community MONITOR



Happy Nurse's Week!



Happy Nurses Week! Thank you for the compassion, skill, and dedication you bring to our community members every day. Your care makes our community feel like home. We are deeply grateful for the comfort and dignity you provide, and for the meaningful connections you build with those you serve. Your impact is felt in every smile, every moment of reassurance, and every life you touch.



Memorial Day

We are truly honored and blessed to have Veterans reside with us at St. Monica's. Not only do we honor them, but we also love to listen to their extraordinary heroic stories about different battles and all that they endured for our great country. Let us remember our mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers that have loved ones in the military. Let us also remember the ones who we have lost. Join us on Memorial Day in the Dining Room at 11:30 am as we honor our Veterans and have a special cookout style lunch.



Core Value Award



Makayla Robertson
(Assisted Living Caregiver)

Patience: Accepting that time and compassion are needed to deal with the unforeseen.

What do you like to do in your free time?

"I like to go for walks and listen to music, I also like to go and try new things with my son."

How long have you worked for St. Monica's?

"I have been working at St. Monica's for 7 months."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?

"What I like most about working at St. Monica's is being able to make a difference in the community members' lives daily. Helping them get through their day more comfortably, safely and with dignity feels incredibly important and rewarding."

What are some things on your bucket list?

"Some things on my bucket list are finishing nursing school and visiting Jamaica."

Community Member of the Month

Jackie spent many fulfilling years as a nurse in the Delivery Room at St. Luke's Hospital, where she especially cherished the opportunity to care for and hold newborn babies. She also briefly worked in the hospital gift shop. A proud mother of four; two boys and two girls, she is now the matriarch of a large and loving family that includes eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. In her younger years, she enjoyed staying active by playing on tennis teams at her Country Club and bowling during the winter months, even achieving an impressive high score of 200. She and her husband were high school sweethearts who married at 21 and shared a lifetime of love and memories together. Approaching her 102nd birthday this August, she credits her longevity to staying active through regular walking and maintaining a strong sense of humor, offering simple but meaningful wisdom: "hold on, keep moving, and don't forget to laugh."



Jackie Williamson

What's Happening?



Community Meetings

We're excited to announce that Jo Nissen will be leading our community meetings! She brings valuable planning experience and fresh ideas to help strengthen and improve our community. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Game Room.

We invite everyone to join us, share ideas, and be part of shaping our community's future. Keep an eye out on the monthly activity calendar for special "Community Member Choice Activities." These are specific activities requested by fellow community members and the ideas are usually shared at the monthly community meetings. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your thoughts!

Cinco de Mayo

Please join us on Tuesday, May 5th at 11:00 am in the Party Room for a special Cinco de Mayo taco themed Lunch Club. Sign up at the Front Desk to enjoy a delicious meal, celebrate culture, and watch a presentation on making homemade guacamole!

Craft Fair Outing

Our community members enjoyed a lovely trip to the Roma Lodge Craft Fair, where they were happy to see familiar faces, including, Sandy, who's part of our Housekeeping team. Another special highlight was that our community member, Jerry, showcased his beautiful handcrafted baskets. They drew lots of admiration and made the day even more meaningful. Thank you, Jerry and Sandy!



Happy Mother's Day!

Please join us on Friday, May 8th at 2:30 pm for an elegant afternoon in honor of the wonderful mothers we celebrate.

The event will feature live music by Anthony, along with a delightful tea party, a selection of appetizers, and an afternoon of enjoyment.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful and memorable occasion with you! Happy Mother's Day to all of you wonderful ladies!

Special Outings this Month (sign up only)

- **Target Shopping:** Friday, May 1st at 9:30 am
- **Dollar Tree Shopping** Friday, May 15th at 9:30 am
- **Olde Madrid Lunch** Friday, May 22nd at 11:00 am
- **Little Fish Buffet Lunch** Friday, May 29th at 11:00 am

Please sign up at the Front Desk



OAK LANE NEWSLETTER



A Mother's Day Memory

“Mother’s Day has always been so special to me. When my kids were younger, they’d surprise me with little handmade gifts from school. Those are still some of my most treasured keepsakes. As they got older, we started a tradition of going out to brunch, and they’d always bring me flowers. I’ve been lucky to celebrate many Mother’s Days over the years, and I’ve truly loved every moment of being a mom.”



Kathleen (Sue) Mills

Mother’s Day Tea Party

Please join us in Oak Lane for a sweet and special Mother’s Day Tea Party on Friday, May 8th at 2:30. pm. Loved ones are welcome to attend. Come enjoy a delightful afternoon filled with tea, treats, and cherished moments. We can’t wait to celebrate with you!



A Special Note From Helen Miller’s Granddaughter

Still Shining: This Easter, we were reminded of something we see every day at St. Monica’s: that light lives deeper than memory. It shines in smiles, held hands, and quiet moments of connection.

From a Granddaughter’s Heart

“Even though dementia has taken so much of her mind, her light. Still fully on. Still glowing. Still warm. Still her. You can lose pieces of your mind... but you don’t lose your light.”

****Excerpt shared with permission from Elizabeth Angel Gardon, granddaughter of Helen Miller.****

Know Your Rights

Right to have the least restrictive conditions necessary to achieve the purposes of the resident's admission. The CBRF may not impose a curfew, rule or other restriction on a resident's freedom of choice.

May Birthdays



- Constance Lonergan 3rd (CM)
- Eryn Orille 4th (S)
- Madelyn Sadowski 6th (S)
- Susan Watson 8th (S)
- Mary Anne Hoffmann 9th (CM)
- Sharon Mellberg 15th (S)
- Alexis Aiello 16th (S)
- James Stratman 20th (CM)
- Antonya First 20th (S)
- Valeria Hines 20th (S)
- Mary Lee 21st (CM)
- Frances Peterson 23rd (CM)
- Destiny Stewart 23rd (S)
- Janet Hanneman 27th (CM)
- Lawrence Weisbrod 27th (CM)
- Julia Reynoso 27th (S)
- Allen Nelson 29th (CM)
- Elisha Cokley 30th (S)
- J'Aliyah Jenkins 31st (S)
- Community Member (CM) Staff (S)



Staff Anniversaries

- Jose Barreto 12 years
- Julie Wendorf 9 years
- Liliana Samarin 7 years
- Yaneli Morales 6 years
- Dana Hall 5 years
- Ja'nyiah Woods 3 years
- Nidya Diaz 2 years
- Jolene Koker 2 years
- Cadreka Smith 2 years
- Zakiya Gray 1 year



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Blossom

Buds

Butterfly

Plants

Pollen

Puddle

Sprout

Trees

Picnic

Flowers

Garden

Growth



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