

***Independent and Assisted Living
Resident Council Meeting***

Will be held on **Wednesday, May 14**, in the DePiro Room.

The meeting will start promptly at **1:30**. Per your request, Department Managers will be available for updates, questions, and comments.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Welcome New Residents

<i>Paul Vieth</i>	<i>Apt. 110</i>
<i>Ann Muise</i>	<i>Apt. 118B</i>
<i>Joel Myers & Judy Rodgers</i>	<i>Apt. 231</i>
<i>Bernadette Bailey</i>	<i>Apt. 316</i>
<i>Carol Igoe</i>	<i>Apt. 120</i>

Please greet them and make them Welcome!

Resident Birthdays

<i>Elaine Munter</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Cheryl Duke</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Merrie Kaye</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>James Trimmer</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Ruth Haverstrom</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Ginny Barnett</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Bill Dierauer</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>Chris Gray</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>John Holt</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Carolyn Herndon</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Barbara Weber</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Sally Park</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Mary Wilson</i>	<i>31st</i>

Resident Birthdays will be celebrated on **Wednesday, May 21**, at your regular dinner seating.

Staff Birthdays

<i>Dora Gregory</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Tonya Taylor</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Trisha Gilmer</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Jill Hughes</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Sarah Thomas</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Dameika Brooks</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Ericka Valles Lazo</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Amy Gentry</i>	<i>28th</i>



Tidings of Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS, FAMILIES & GUESTS

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Antique & Classic Car Show

Cars from **Piedmont Region AACA**, along with cars of **residents, families, staff, and friends**, will be on display **Saturday, May 17, from 11:00-2:00** in the front parking lot.

Proceeds will benefit, ***We Bring The Music, a nonprofit*** that provides “a joyful noise” by local professional musicians to residents of **17 local senior living communities and rehabilitation centers** in the Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The monthly programs are free of charge to these communities.

*There will be games for the kids:
Sand Art, Face Painting, Corn Hole ~
Live Music by **Kim & Jimbo Cary**
and **Jazz Connection**.*

Grab lunch from the grill!

Suggested per plate:

\$12 for adults

\$5 for kids 10 and under

***Burgers ~ Hot Dogs ~ Street Corn ~
Walking Tacos ~ Baked Beans ~
Mac & Cheese ~ Drinks ~***

We have raffle tickets for sale and fun prizes for you to win!

Invite your family and friends to join you for this fun-filled day!

A shuttle service will be provided with parking Church of the Incarnation

Mother's Day

“M” is for the million things she gave me,

“O” means only that she's growing older,

“T” is for the tears she shed to save me,

“H” is for her heart of purest gold;

“E” is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

“R” means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together and they spell
“Mother,” a word that means the world to me.

Virginia History with Rick Britton

Come hear historian **Rick Britton** twice in May.

On **Monday, May 5, at 2:00** in the **DePiro room**, he will present

“Thomas Jefferson: Episodes of a Life Well-Lived, Part 2.” Using a simple outline, Rick will relate his favorite stories regarding Jefferson’s life (including his stints in France and as our first Secretary of State). Join us and bring questions!

On **Monday, May 26, at 2:00** in the **DePiro room**, Rick will discuss **“Lost Villages of Albemarle County.”** Throughout our history, local towns have been established, and have thrived . . . only to be abandoned later. What happened? Come join us and find out! Bring a friend!

Lunch Outing to Blue Mountain Brewery

Join us for an out to lunch at **Blue Mountain Brewery on Thursday, May 8.**

Blue Mt Brewery sets in the shadow of Appalachia's Blue Ridge Mountains in Afton, Virginia. Choose from a variety of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches and so much more. Enjoy the view of the mountains at their outdoor seating area or dine indoors either way you are sure to enjoy this lovely outing. You can **sign up at the mailboxes** starting on **Thursday, May 1.** We will meet in the lobby at **10:30** and leave shortly thereafter. There is a short walk from the parking lot into the restaurant and may not be suitable for all.

Lunch Outing to Plaza Azteca

Our second lunch outing will be to the Plaza Azteca, located just a short distance from Our Lady of Peace. They offer a broad menu of Mexican standards, including guacamole made tableside. They have recently moved to a new location with an outdoor feel, with wooden beams and floors. We will be going there on Tuesday, **May 20.** If you would like to go **sign up at the mailboxes starting on Tuesday, May 13.** We will meet in the main lobby at **10:45** and leave shortly thereafter.

Scenic Drives

We will be offering three Scenic Drives in May. **Saturday, May 10,** and **Saturday, May 31 (both at 9:30) as well as on Wednesday the 21st at 1:30.** Sign up sheets will be posted the Wednesday before each ride and will be at the mailboxes. If you have a suggestion for a place you would like to go, let the Life Enrichment staff know. We will meet in the main lobby at **9:30** and leave shortly thereafter!



*Residents enjoyed
a **Spring Social**
with their **OLOP**
friends &
neighbors!*



Pastoral Page

Greetings,
I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather. In this poem written by Ralph Waldo Emerson, we celebrate the many blessings bestowed upon us:

“For *Flowers that Bloom*”

For flowers that bloom about our feet; for tender grass so fresh and sweet; for song of bird and hum of bee; for all things fair we hear or see; Father in heaven we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky; for pleasant shade of branches high; for fragrant air and cooling breeze; for beauty of the blooming trees; Father in heaven we thank Thee!

Happenings in May

Day of Adoration, Tuesday, May 13. The schedule is as follows:

9:30, Catholic Eucharist; 10:00-3:00, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by silent prayer and adoration; 3:00, Benediction; Chapel. All are welcome to stop in throughout the day and attend the Benediction.

Special Presentation, Tuesday, May 20, 2:00; DePiro Room; Father Hanley Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, will speak on the topic, *Pascha, “The Bridge from Pascha to Pentecost”* Following the presentation Father Hanley will bless apartments for residents who are interested. Please let Mike or Obie Sue know if you would like to be added to the list.

Bible Study will be on *Thursdays at 11:00* in the Chapel.

May God’s peace and blessings be with you all!

~ *Obie Sue* ~

Two of our long time resident volunteers *Eileen Bracuti and Joe Giovanelli* have decided to retire from their monthly music programs. With each of them providing ten-plus years of volunteering, they have both made the decision to “retire.” While we will miss their musical programs, we are so happy for them to take some time for themselves! Join us in celebrating them with an Appreciation Social on **Wednesday, May 7 at 3:00** on the 3rd Floor Lobby. Enjoy a glass of wine and delicious cupcake as we honor them!

Happenings in May

Join fellow resident *Joe Giovanelli* in the *DePiro Room on Wednesday, May 7, at 2:00. After seventeen years and over 200 programs Joe is retiring from his monthly music program.* Please come out and join Joe for his last performance.

Join fellow resident *Bill Porter* for an evening of music and songs on **Wednesday, May, 14, at 6:30 in the Main Lobby.**

Jodie, Frankie, and Suzanne, will be playing music and songs on *Wednesday, May 28, at 2:00* in the *Main Lobby.* Join them for music and songs. Song books will be provided and they encourage you to sing along with them.

Volunteer Elizabeth Waterbury will be here on the following *Wednesdays* in *May, 7, 14, and 28, at 3:30* in the *Library.* If you need help with your phone, i-pad, and computer, stop in and see her. She is very knowledgeable in *teaching* and *showing* you how to use your devices. She is *unable to fix or repair them.*

Volunteer *Fred Schneider* will be showing the movies on the following **Sundays at 7:00 in the Theater.**

4th Hope & Glory ~ *11th* Stan and Ollie ~ *18th* Downton Abbey: The Movie (Encore) ~ *25th* The Phantom of the Open

Men’s Group

The men will meet on *Thursday, May 15, at 10:30* in the *card room.* Join your fellowmen for a second cup of coffee and a mid-morning snack as you engage with your friends and neighbors.

Kazuri Designs

Sarita Ogutu brings her line of family-owned handcrafted beads, handmade in Kenya and brought to you because she believes everyone is special! She carries hand-crafted Beaded Jewelry, Stone & Crystal Jewelry, Turquoise Jewelry, Fashion Handbags, Mini Cross-the-Body Bags (for cellphone, credit cards). Sarita is also carrying a line of Alfred Dunner clothes. Stop by her table on **Thursday, ay 8, from 11:00-4:00.** She accepts cash and most credit cards.

Grab and Go

Monday, May 5, at 1:30 we will be celebrating *Cinco de Mayo* by passing out Chips and Salsa in the first floor Lobby.

Beat the Heat with an *Ice Cream* treat! On *Monday May 19, at 1:30* come to the first floor lobby we will be handing out Novelty Ice Cream!

Mother's Apron

I used to say to Mother when friends were dropping in for tea, “Oh Mother, take your apron off and don’t embarrass me”. But mother simply smiled and said, “I will when I get through, but I have need of it just now, there’s work to do”.

I argued and apologized and often I thought that wearing aprons gave a hint that one was not refined; but Mother took the restless babe upon her apron knee, quite undisturbed by what I said, she rocked on cheerfully.

And when the older boys came in, a giggling, a happy lot, my Mother, with the babe in arms, would stir the old iron pot, and from the kitchen she would bring a dinner, well prepared by loving hands for healthy youths who seldom thought or cared.

And thus to labor and to serve, my mother always wore a large, white, crisp apron in the happy days of yore. And when the evening meal was done, I’d say, “Oh Mother, do take off your apron”. She’d reply, “I will when I get done”. ‘Twas thus the happy years sped on, her children grew and wed, and Mother nursed her grandchildren in her own children’s stead; She always found the time to go to sooth a neighbor’s cough, but never could she find the time to take her apron off.

The corner of the apron served to dry our childish tears; it was a screen for peek-a-boo for more than fifty years; it told each hungry stranger who came shivering to our door, “My apron’s on, I’m here to serve until life’s day is o’er”. So faithfully she worked away, she had so much to do. And always of her apron said, “I will when I get through”.

And then one night with weary feet she climbed the old home stairs, and with a conquering sigh, she sat on her chair. And folding up her apron white as she was wont to do, she handed it to me and said “Well daughter, I am through”.

And peacefully she entered into rest-so-nobly earned. And as the lonely years passed by, this lesson I have learned: my Mother’s apron symbol was of service for her King. Now in my treasure chest it lies, a sacred, precious thing.

~ *Janet Scott* ~



*Coco Hugging
Alexander*

Coco and Flicka the mini horses from *Sun Ridge Mini Farm* will be visiting Our Lady of Peace on ***Friday May 2, around 1:30 on the Front Porch.***

Flicka and Coco, have participated in parades, fairs, horse shows, camps, and more. They enjoy visiting schools, taking walks in the park, and visiting Senior Centers! Bring a friend and stop by the front porch and meet these delightful mini horses!



*Flicka playing in her
water trough*

Students from *St. Anne's Bellfield School (STAB)* have been enjoying their time at OLOP. They especially love interacting with you, the residents. They are having so much fun some of them plan to continue visiting during their summer vacation. They will be here most ***Tuesdays and Thursdays*** during the first three weeks of May, ***from 1:00-1:45***. Stop in and join them in games, crafts, and good conversations! Bring a friend. Check your daily schedule for days and locations.



Residents, students,
guests, and teachers
enjoy their
weekly visits.

