

Home Times Monthly

A newsletter for Pond Home residents with all the news that 's fit to print

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Looks like Kay is back to school, well it is September after all!



Kay is learning how to crochet from Joan

Good for you Kay!

**If you would enjoy learning something new
see Fran and let's see how we can make it happen!
(within reason)**



Resident Spotlight

This month's highlighted resident is **Carolyn Vitale**. Carolyn was born and raised in Dorchester, MA. She is one of five children raised in the Cottuli household, a tight knit family. She was the first daughter and second child of the five. Her brother Carl, who married one of her high school friends, lived locally until his passing earlier this year. Her sister Joan and her brother Charlie live locally and are frequent visitors at Pond Home. Her youngest sister Dottie, who bares a striking resemblance to Carolyn, lives in Western, MA.

Carolyn met her husband Bob while attending Cathedral High School in Dorchester. They then both attended Boston State College together before marrying in June of 1962. Carolyn got her degree in Education. They first lived in Readville, then Dedham, finally settling in Canton to raise their family. Bob and Carolyn have 5 children; Carol, Patty, Bobby, Suzanne and Michael. When asked what it was like to have a Carolyn and a Carol, as well as a Bob and a Bobby in the same household, Carolyn says, "It was fun!" Early in her career, Carolyn was a math teacher. She loved teaching. While raising her children she shared her talents of needlepoint, sewing and knitting with the Canton community, teaching classes. After the children left the nest, Carolyn and Bob sold the family home and embarked on an adventure of living in Beacon Hill. She had a blast living in the city and taking advantage of sporting and cultural events. Some of the highlights included watching the Fourth of July fireworks from Boston Harbor and spending New Year's Eve at First Night. Her real passion was shopping, let's not forget the shopping!!! How Carolyn loved to shop and Boston was her place. She was a frequent visitor to Copley Place, Barmakian Jewelers and Downtown Crossing. Filene's Basement, TJ Maxx and Marshalls were her favorites, because, who doesn't love the search for a bargain? Carolyn has 9 grandchildren: Matthew, age 28 lives in Philadelphia, Steven age 27, lives in Gaithersburg, MD, Jamie age 23 lives in Washington DC, Kaitlin age 18, Christopher age 15 and Thomas age 15 all live in Franklin, Jordan, age 18 and Bobby, age 16 live in Dallas and McKenna, age 15 lives in Stevensville, MD. Carolyn loves spending time with her grandchildren and she is the best at spoiling all of them. Christmas is Carolyn's favorite holiday and she just loved shopping for gifts for her family. Carolyn has always been pretty laid back. She loves a good laugh, getting a manicure, and visiting with Patches and the other animals that come to Pond Home. She really enjoys ice cream and sweets! We love that her pleasant demeanor, and kind laugh, is part of our home, and has been since April 2019.



Employee Spotlight

Jacqui Collette

Has been a CNA here since June of 2008 and takes pride in her work. She lives in North Attleboro with my husband Tony, daughter Allyssa and son Anthony. Busy with the children getting them to college was a challenge but you get thru it. We have a 14 year old cat name Sammy and a 5 month old puppy named Maia (now there's a challenge). We love to travel and enjoy our home. Prior to becoming a CNA she worked for the MBTA as a bus driver. She met and married Tony and has two children. They moved to North Attleboro to raise them as Jacqui was a home mother. When the children went to school she needed a job that provided her to be able to be home when the children got out of school. She applied as a CNA here at the Pond Home and was hooked on giving care and love. Jacqui enjoys her position here as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) because is its very rewarding to see the people she cares for happy and enjoys the relationship she shares with them and their families who visit. She really gets to know them and their likes and dislikes, "I feel if I know what they like and dislike I can make their day more pleasant and they will have a happier day and that makes me feel really good".

Thank you Jacqui for being a wonderful CNA!

To My Dear Residents;

It is my personal philosophy that things can always be critiqued and improved upon. That is probably why, even after almost 25 years of working at the same place, I still find it invigorating to come up with new ways to do things.

One thing I don't think we need to change in the least...the way our employees interact with, and care for our residents. In a recent Satisfaction Survey, completed with residents in August 2019, regarding our Nursing Department, 100% of residents agree or strongly agree that:

- ! The nursing staff is courteous and treats me with dignity and respect.
- ! The nursing staff provides care in a way that is respectful to my needs.

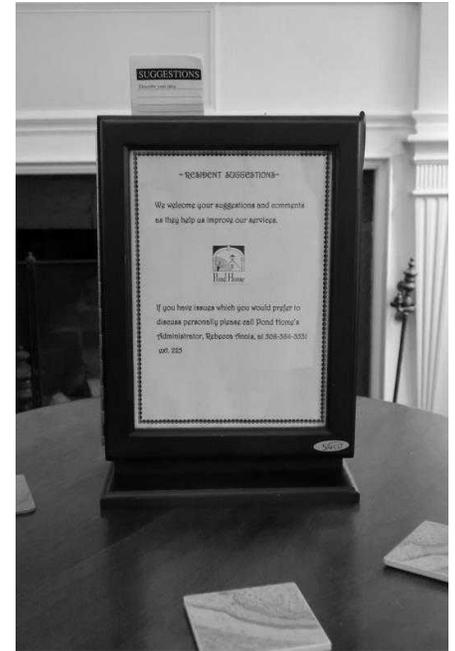
I am so thankful for the many talented and caring staff we have in all our departments. Our goal is to always remember we are working in *your* home and are here for you. Sounds like we are doing just that for you and I am grateful for your acknowledgement of this fact.

Thanks for reading,

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Resident FYI



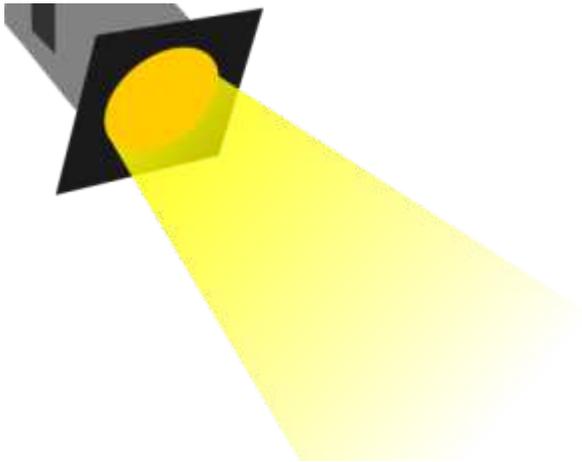
Joe takes Bill on with a cribbage game!





Chinese luncheon all had a great time!

**Bible study is back starting
September 14th at 10:00 in
the living room**



Mark your calendar Activity Highlights for September

September 5th Protestant Church Service at 10:00, LR

9th come to the courtyard and enjoy an ice cream from the ice cream truck at 3:00

Does art matter well come and see at Art Matters on the 11th at 2:00, LR

Catholic Mass on the 16th at 10:30, LR

Entertainer on the 20th at the Do drop in at 4:00

LEO on the 24th at Cracker Barrel leaving at 11:30 (see Fran to sign up)

29th is the Mass of the Anointing at St. Mary's at 2:30 leaving Pond Home at 1:45
(see Fran to sign up)