

# Home Times Monthly

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

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Love is...

## Resident spotlight

as she is known, grew up in Foxboro, Massachusetts. She was the second child and the first daughter of 5 boys and 3 girls. Kate has great respect for her parents, who took care of their large family and the postal service, and her mother was a teacher. They were both very dedicated to the family and

At her mother's insistence, Kate always knew she would go to college. In fact, Kate says her mother went back to work as the first Social Worker at the Wrentham State School to make sure all her children would be able to go to college. After graduating from Foxboro High School, Kate attended undergraduate at Emmanuel College in Boston. She lived with her aunt and uncle in Allston, MA while she attended school. She studied to be a Social Worker. After graduating she began taking master's level classes at Boston College but ran out of money to continue. When asked what drew her to the social work field, Kate shares that she loves being with people and helping them. She also enjoyed the freedom that came with the position. At times, she recalls she was like a cab driver, taking clients to necessary appointments and other outings.

She first worked as a Social Worker for The Paul Dever State School in Taunton, MA. This was a state school for the intellectually disabled. Kate was a part of the staff who was there during the closing of the school. The social worker certainly would have been truly needed and very busy during that time.

Kate said she fell in love with Robert John Owen, the handsome, tall, and responsible son of the owners of Fox Croft Gardens. This was a flower shop that was located across from the Foxboro State Police Barracks on Route 1. She worked at Fox Croft Gardens at times during high school and helped during the busy times after she and Bob married.

After marrying she and Bob Owen moved to a home in Wrentham, across from King Phillip High School. She has three children, all graduates of KPHS. Kate embraced the Wrentham community, becoming a devoted member of St. Mary's Parish and a working

member of the Holly Club. As parents, she and Bob made having dinner together as a family a priority.

Her son, Robert, lives in New Hampshire and is a Super Cuts franchise owner with 15 stores in Vermont and New York, her son, David, lives in Alabama and is the Headmaster of a private school, and her daughter, Sheila, lives in Massachusetts and is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade public school teacher. She has two grandchildren; Davis, who lives in Alabama and Caitlin, who lives in Vermont.

As the children got older, Kate went back to work so that they could all continue in their schooling. She first worked as a substitute teacher and later was a Social Worker at the Wrentham State School, the same place her mother had worked years before. In this capacity, Kate was a co-worker with Pond Home's Social Worker Lee. She eventually retired from the Wrentham State School.

When not working or taking care of her family Kate has always loved gardening, or as she puts it, "Grubbing around in the dirt." She said she enjoyed pushing around a lawn mower, planting, or tending to something, whenever she had time. Maybe that is what first drew her to her husband Bob, surrounded by all those flowers at the flower shop? Kate shares that they were well matched.

She loves reading her daily Boston Globe and watching Sixty Minutes on Sunday nights. True to why she entered training to be a social worker, she loves being with people and continues to be a social butterfly.

Catherine Owen moved to Pond Home in September 2019 and added her brand of fun, humor, and laughter to our home. Kate thinks the staff works hard and knows it is not easy doing the work we do.

## **Employee Spotlight**

### **Alisha Guisti**

I love working here! I love talking to all the residents and getting to know them and hearing their stories. I love bringing smiles to all the faces. It's the residents that make this job fun! I really enjoy cooking the meals and baking desserts. It's a lot of fun to be able to be creative while also being able to help others. I got married to my high school sweetheart in June of 2018. We had a nice little backyard wedding with our closest family members and friends. I was never a big wedding kind of girl, so it was just perfect for us. The year before that we bought our first house together in Attleboro, Ma. It's an old small farmhouse built in 1910. It has so much of the old house charm that I love.

In September of 2018 we also rescued a 1-year old Beagle. We named her Mara. She is my little love bug. She's our first dog together, although, I always grew up with Labs at my parents' house. I am also going to school for nursing. I don't have much time for hobbies but when I do, my husband and I love going for walks or hikes with our dog Mara, going out to eat, playing video games and doing things around the house. We are home bodies! Family is very important to us, so we make it a point to visit both of our families every week to say hi or have dinner. Two years ago, my husband and I went to Yellowstone with his family, and we went on a horseback tour out into the middle of Yellowstone. We camped out and yes there were bears, elk, wolves, and so much other wildlife. It was one of the best trips I've ever been on and an experience many people don't get to do. I would love to go out there again someday!

I also love reading historical drama's, fantasy books and everything true crime!

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To My Dear Residents.

This month as part of the newsletter we are including the list of generous donors who have contributed to Pond Home's Annual Fund Drive during 2019. Pond Home's volunteer Board of Trustees has requested these donations go to offset the money used to pay for the cost of residents living here after their funds are depleted. Those of you who attended our Annual Meeting in January know that was close to \$319,000 in FY 2019.

At the time of admission, if a resident qualifies financially, the agreement with Pond Home offers that the resident can remain here after their assets are depleted. This is, of course, if we can continue to provide proper medical care for them. This is a unique agreement we have with most residents admitted here. Occasionally, some residents are admitted knowing they are not qualified for this provision in our agreement.

This month we pause to recognize our donors to our Annual Fund and thank them for their support of Pond Home.



*Becky Annis*, Administrator

Life Lessons...

If you don't let your anger out, you will scream at someone. And screaming at someone carries its own set of consequences. No one enjoys being around an angry person. An angry person is often a lonely person. Anger is fear in disguise; you need to be in touch with the fear under your anger. Explore the fear underneath.

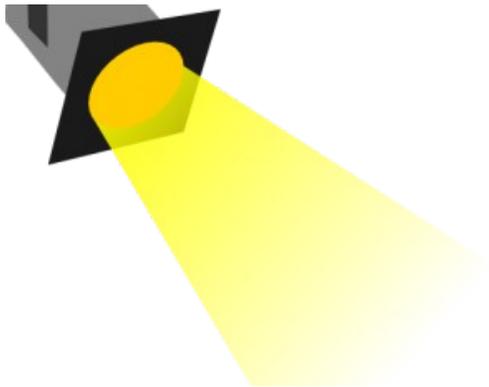
Lee Arietta

**Welcome Home!**  
**Please stop by and say "HELLO" and welcome**  
**Your new neighbor**  
**Susan Marchant**



## **Reminder**

**If you are looking for an absentee ballot to be sent to you here  
at the Pond Home then it must be at the town hall by  
February 12<sup>th</sup>**



**Mark your calendar Activity Highlights for February**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Protestant church service 10:00 LR
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tony D'Arramo entertains (accordion player), 4:00 LR
- 7<sup>th</sup> National Wear Red Day (Heart association)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Valentines arts/crafts with Lee, 10:00 CR
- 14<sup>th</sup> Farm visits 2:00, LR
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nature connection with Jen, 2:15 LR
- 17<sup>th</sup> Catholic Mass, 10:30 LR
- 18<sup>th</sup> LEO (Let's eat out) – "ROME" see Fran to sign up
- 20<sup>th</sup> Resident Council, 9:45 LR
- 21<sup>st</sup> Silvertones entertain, 2:30 LR
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras Pizza party, 12:00 LR
- 25<sup>th</sup> Golden Opportunity dogs, 11:00 LR



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