

Home Times Monthly

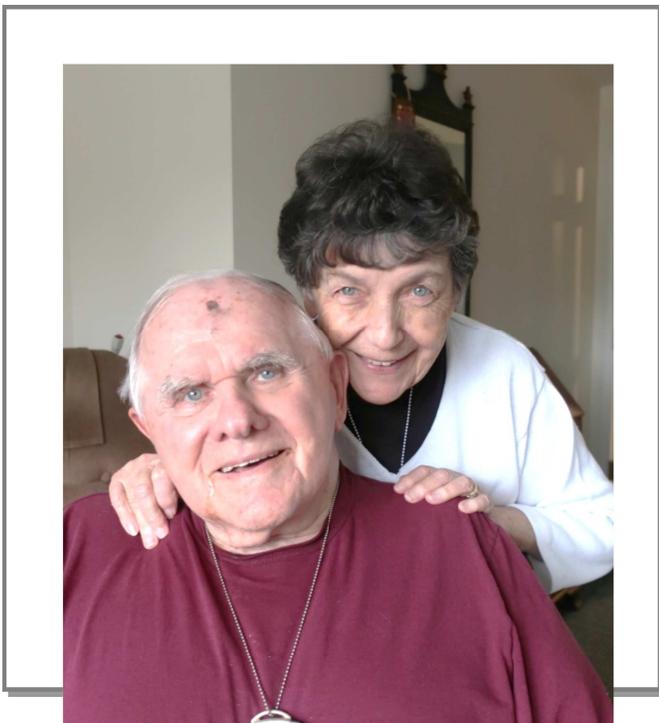
A newsletter for Pond Home residents with all the news that's fit to print

Frances Gonçalves-Editor **MARCH 2020 volume 156** Melissa Bellerose-Proof reader

MARCH....

Let Spring begin

Resident spotlight



This month's spotlighted resident is two residents, **Adrienne & Roy Ciapciak**. The Ciapciak's joined the Pond Home community in November of 2019 and have added their enthusiasm and fun to our home ever since. Adrienne was born in Norwood Hospital and says with a laugh, "I didn't get very far in life!" She was the fourth child of the Russell family, two sisters had died shortly after birth and one sister, Audrey, five years older than her. When she was two, her family moved to Foxboro on what she describes as a mini farm. They had about 4 acres of land, kept goats, pigs, chickens, and a vegetable garden. She was raised drinking goats' milk. Adrienne says her father tended the garden, and her mother canned and preserved food. They were rather self-sufficient on their land so did not go hungry during rationing. Her parents had

wanted a big family, but it was not meant to be, so they took in children for the state as part of an early foster care program. Adrienne recalls always having a couple of extra children around. She attended Foxboro schools and graduated from Foxboro High School in 1953. After graduation, she went on to Pondville Hospital School of Nursing to become an LPN. She ended up dropping out of school to marry her first husband. They lived in Foxboro. She had her first child, Johnny when she was just 19 years old. Sadly, Johnny died when he was two. About a year later, she had Ronald, Jr. Later, she had her son James, known as Jimmy. She was a coach at cheerleading for Pop Warner while her boys played football in the league. She was also a Pioneer Girl Guide Leader.

Her sons participated in the boys' version of this group, The Boys Brigade & Stockade. Later, she worked as an aid at Doolittle Home in Foxboro. When Adrienne and her first husband were going through a divorce, after 19 years of marriage, she went back to Pondville graduating as an LPN in 1973. She worked as a nurse at The Ellis Nursing Home. One of her co-workers at The Ellis was resident Helen Robbins. She later worked at an orthopedic office in Norwood. She worked there for 25 years before retiring. After retiring, Adrienne joined the Women's Community Committee of Norwood. She served as president during their 80th anniversary celebration. This organization runs a local thrift shop, the proceeds of which are used to support local improvements and charities. Her son, Jimmy, and his wife, Margery, raised their family in Eliot, Maine. They are now retired and travel between their homes in Florida and Maine. Her son, Ronny, and his wife, Jeannie, live in Foxboro, having bought Adrienne's mother's home. She has three grandchildren and four great grandchildren along with a grand dog named Chocolate Chip some of you may have met when he comes to visit. While working at the Ellis, Adrienne met Roy Ciapciak the friendly good-humored pharmacist. She said everyone loved Roy. He had recently divorced after 21 years of marriage when they began dating. They dated for three years and married in 1980. They are soon to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Now, to share some of Roy's earlier history. He was born to Polish immigrants in Buffalo, NY. Before he was born, his father's first wife had passed away. His father went back to Poland and through an arranged marriage married the youngest sister, Stella, of his first wife. Stella was Roy's mother. That is why Roy had three half siblings that were significantly older than him when he arrived in the family in 1931. Growing up near the Broadway Market in Buffalo, Roy was in a community made up of mostly Polish and Jewish immigrants. For the first four years of his schooling, he attended St. Stanislaw Catholic Polish School. At that time, he spoke and wrote only Polish. Polish School only went up to 4th grade, so in 5th grade, Roy entered Buffalo Public Schools for the first time. He graduated from East High School in Buffalo and continued his schooling at Canisius Catholic College graduating with a degree in pre-med. Due to the war, he was unable to get into medical school, so he made a new plan for his future career. Roy moved to St. Louis, Missouri and attended St. Louis College of Pharmacy & Allied Sciences where he graduated in 1953 as a Pharmacist. While in school, he met and married his first wife, who was from Jamaica Plains. She was studying Social Work at St. Louis College. After graduating, they moved to Jamaica Plains to be near his wife's family. He began working at Roger's Drug in JP. Roy had a desire to open his own business, so some years later, he borrowed money to open Windsor Pharmacy in Norwood. He recalls that in the early years he was working from 8am to 11pm seven days a week! It was a successful and enjoyable business for Roy. Over the years, he had five nursing homes he provided medication and pharmacy services to. Roy and his first wife had three children. Steven, who followed in his father's footsteps as a pharmacist and later worked for Miracle Ear. He passed away in 2019. His daughter, Lisa, lives with her fiancé, Dale, in Vermont. His son, James, known as Jim, is an attorney, currently working in real estate with his wife, Kerry, in Walpole. Roy has six grandchildren. As a local businessman, Roy joined many local organizations. He received his 50-year membership pins from The Knights of Columbus, Elks, and Norwood Rotary. He was most active in the Norwood Rotary and was President one year. Roy and Adrienne first lived at an apartment in Sharon, later moving to a home in Foxboro. They also had a vacation home in East Wareham on Shangri la Boulevard. Adrienne said they spent all their spare time there. They have enjoyed many wonderful trips in their forty years together. They honeymooned in St. Martin where they befriended a couple who was also vacationing there. Over the years, they traveled with this couple and others many times. In the

winter, they liked to visit a Caribbean Island, and in the fall, they planned a trip to a different National Park. They have been to Hawaii twice.

A few years after they married, Adrienne's mother came to live with them in the final weeks of her life. A few years later, Roy's mom came to live with them. She passed at 102 years old, having lived with them over 17 years. When Roy is asked what first attracted him to Adrienne he says, "She is just a beautiful person." We are glad these beautiful people have joined us here at Pond Home. They are willing participants in puzzle making and board gaming, among many other things.

To My Dear Residents,

As I write this note, we are experiencing a glorious sunny and warm day in late February. It is one of those days that makes you breath deeper and be thankful to be alive. It is easy to be happy with the world and your place in it when looking out a window at a sunny day.

I'm sure we will continue to have unique and varied weather in the month to come. Isn't that what we love about living in New England anyway? I challenge you (and me) to start each day thankful and grateful to be alive living where and when we do. Compared to so many our life is filled with abundance. Take time this month to reflect on all the lucky circumstances that led you to be living at this time and in this corner of the world.

Isn't that what March's St. Patrick's Day is all about – luck? Hope you count those of us you have met at Pond Home, along with your friends and family in life as your pot of gold.

Thanks for reading,

Becky

Becky

Annis,

Administrator



Employee Spotlight

I cannot believe it's been over five years since joining the Pond Home team. I truly enjoy the relationships that I have with the staff and residents; in fact, I sometimes feel we are family. The transitions of working in manufacturing to my employment at the Pond Home has been dramatic. No more close tolerances and due dates. In my spare time, I enjoy family and friends. I enjoy volunteering at my church and helping people with disabilities. I enjoy yard work, bowling, eating out, fishing trips to the Cape Cod canal and

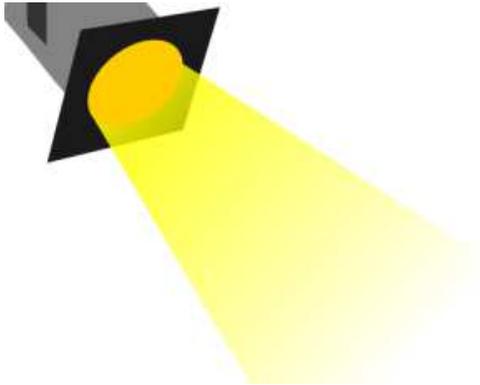
cruising in my Mazda Miata. But most of all spending time with family. I have three daughters, one son and nine grandchildren.

Welcome Home!
Please stop by and say “HELLO” and welcome
Your new neighbor
Dottie Harrison



Starting March 1st you can now
watch “Channel 5 Chronicle”
in the living room at 7:30pm
“come on down and stay active”

(If it is not on see nursing staff)



Mark your calendar Activity Highlights for March

- 5th Protestant church service 10:00 LR
- 6th Entertainer, Doug Robinson 4:00 LR
- 12th Irish library special, 1:00 leaving at 12:45 (see Fran)
- 14th Joe Lillyman plays jazz, 2:00-3:00 LR
- 16th Catholic Mass, 10:30 LR
- 17th Crafts with Lee, 10:00 CR
- 17th “Dance Productions” Irish step dancers, LR 4:15
- 19th First Responders breakfast, 8:00 – 10:00, LR
- 19th Resident Council, 9:45 LR

24th LEO (see Fran to sign up) leaving at 11:30

25th Golden Opportunity dogs, 11:00 LR