

Home Times Monthly

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

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To My Dear Residents:

Let's take a moment to welcome 2026 together- with gratitude for all that has been, and hope for all that is still to come.

Pond Home is more than a place to live; it is a place filled with rich stories, wisdom, laughter, and care for one another. Each of you contributes something special to this home- whether it is a warm smile in the hallway, sharing a memory over a meal, or showing kindness to each other. These moments, big and small, are what make our days meaningful.

When chatting with many of you, I hear expressions of gratitude and thankfulness for the steps along the way that brought you to live at Pond Home. While nothing is perfect, there is much put in place to make life easier for older people here.

The year ahead brings fresh opportunities for connection, learning, and joy. We look forward to new activities, familiar traditions, and plenty of chances to celebrate life together. Remember, if you hear of a fun idea for an activity we can try, we would love to hear about it. Donna and her staff have proven time and again, they can adjust anything to make it work for us here!

Looking forward to the year ahead with warmest wishes for all who live, work, and visit Pond Home.

Thanks for reading!



Becky Annis, Administrator



New Employee Introduction



We are pleased to announce that LeeAnne Sniegowski will be joining Pond Home as our new Director of Nursing & Assistant to the Administrator. Her first day of orientation is Monday, January 19, 2026.

LeeAnne comes to us with years of experience working in supportive management roles in long-term care settings. Here is a fun fact she shared: Her husband is a comic book writer, who has also written two New York Times bestselling books!

She and her husband have been going to San Diego Comic-Con every year in July for close to 30 years. She reports she does NOT dress in costume, as many do, for this trip.

They have one child - a 6-yr old French bulldog named Harvey. He is named after a villain from Batman, so the comic book influence runs strong in their family. We look forward to her joining us and contributing her knowledge and expertise here.



Here is Patches the Pond Home Cat supervising Denise as she distributes scallops wrapped in bacon for residents to enjoy on Christmas eve!



PATCHES' PURRSPECTIVE

Hello Fellow Housemates,
January, the month of new calendars, new beginnings, resolutions, and, most importantly, my birthday! I will be celebrating my 14th birthday on January 29th. That makes me about 76 years old by human standards. I can still jump up onto a chair; it just takes me a little time to think about it before I do!

I bet some of you know what I am talking about with this statement.

What do I want for my birthday? A warm sunny spot to curl up and relax, a gentle pat on my head, and all the treats I want! This is where my overseers remind me, I need to stipulate that I am on a special diet, so if you would enjoy giving me treats be sure to get some from the front office, so I stay healthy. The staff here does a great job of making sure I stay true to my veterinarian's directions.

Most of the time it is the little things that make a difference in our lives. For me it is a gentle scratch on the head, for you it may be a kind word from another resident or staff person. One of my resolutions is to practice gratitude for all the wonderful little and big things that come my way. I encourage you to do the same. This will help keep our home filled with warmth and comradery. Isn't that something we should all strive for each day?

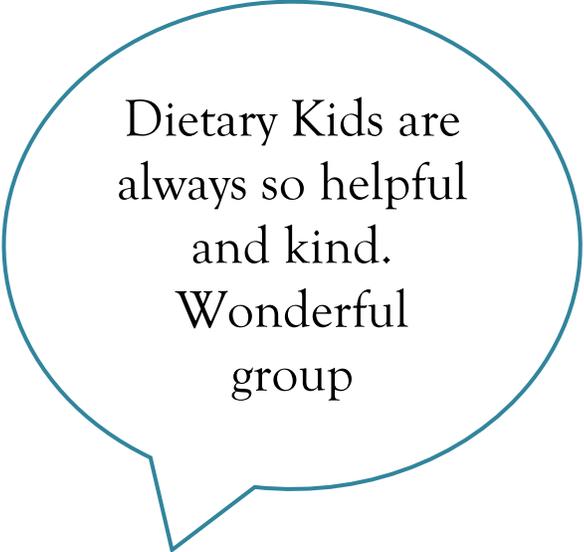
And that is my purrrrspective.....
Your furry friend



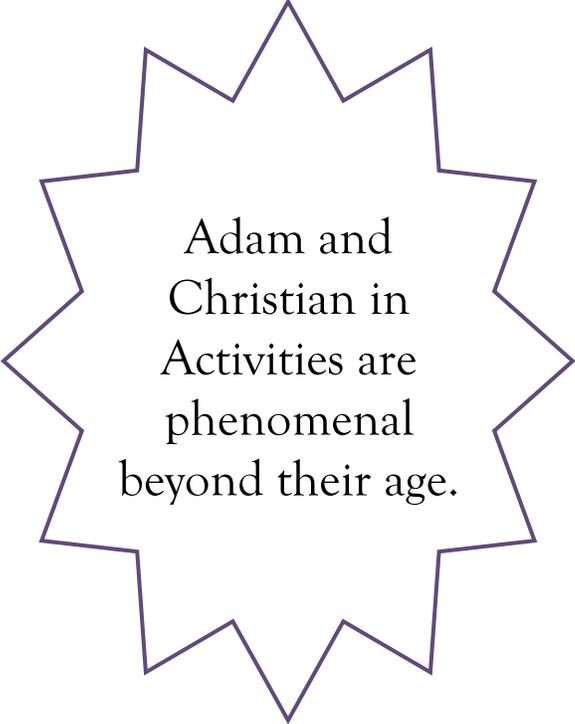
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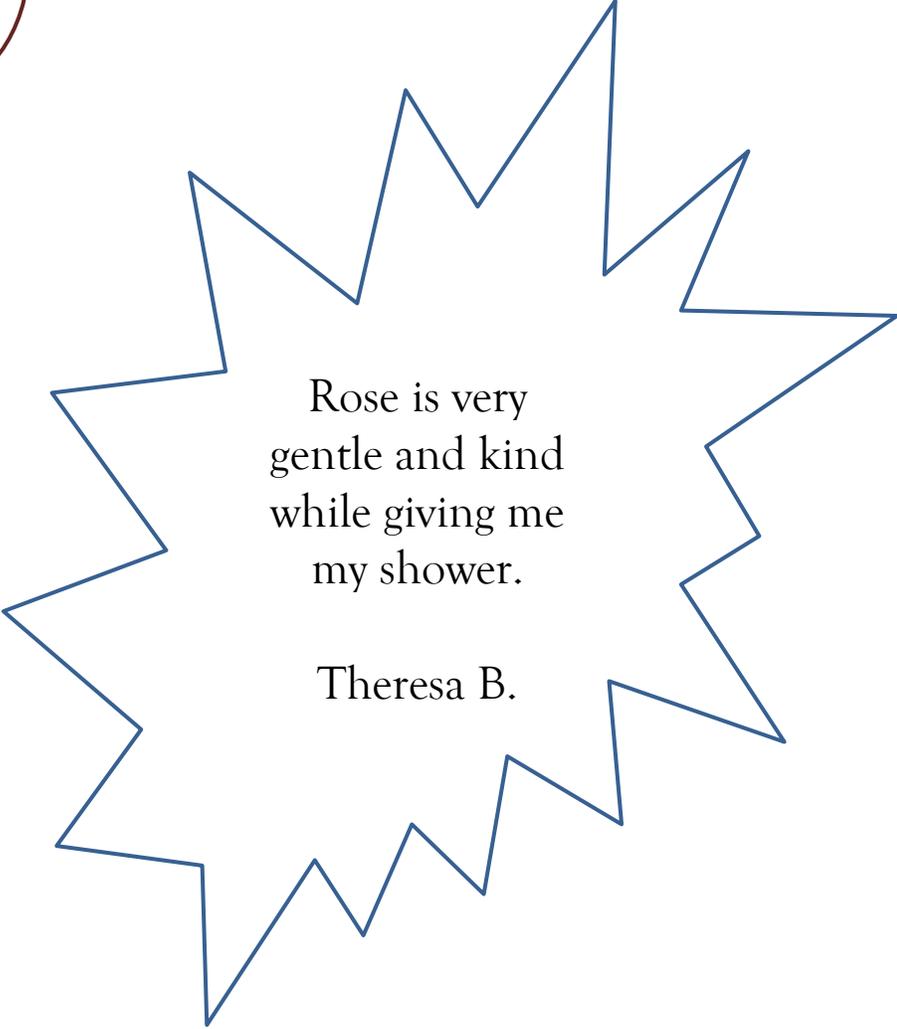
Kristin has been amazing throughout the entire time searching for a new DON. She is dedicated and hardworking. Still remaining friendly and kind with everyone.



Dietary Kids are always so helpful and kind.
Wonderful group



Adam and Christian in Activities are phenomenal beyond their age.



Rose is very gentle and kind while giving me my shower.

Theresa B.

WORDS OF WISDOM

- ❖ January is a month of new beginnings and endless possibilities. It is a time to embrace the new year with fresh energy and the potential for growth.
- ❖ "January is the month for dreaming."
- ❖ "The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all."
- ❖ "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."
- ❖ "In the winter's silence, January speaks: try again, begin anew."
- ❖ "January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening."
- ❖ "We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential."



January Birthday's

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| Patricia Lotfy | 1st |
| Marilyn Hill | 10th |
| James Meranda | 23rd |

RON'S KITCHEN CORNER

Next menu meeting will be sometime in March - date TBD

There will be a delicious Prime Rib dinner served on New Year's Day

REMINDER FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Just a friendly reminder from Maintenance, if you have a need for work to be performed or notice something that needs to be fixed, please call in a work order, so we can track it and get credit for doing the work.

Also, **while the generator project is underway**, until further notice, the sidewalk in between Pond Home and the Community Center is a construction zone and is closed to through way traffic. Please be aware of the orange fencing for your safety and please do not cross it.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM FRONT OFFICE:

Please note that the front door automatically locks after hours (Monday - Friday 9am - 5:30pm), on weekends, and during holidays. We kindly ask all families to use the access code provided by our Business Office to enter the facility during these times.

This helps minimize disruptions for our nursing staff, allowing them to dedicate more time and attention to caring for your loved ones.

If you have misplaced your code or are experiencing any issues using it, please contact the Business Office at extension 508-384-3531 ext. 221 for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

MESSAGE FROM NURSING:

This month's doctor visits are as follows:



Pond Home

Thursday, January 8, 2026 (Rescheduled from 12/31/25)

Our Hearing Specialist Michael Nogueira is available for all your hearing healthcare needs!

- ✓ *Are you having trouble hearing your TV?*
- ✓ *Are you having trouble hearing your loved ones on the phone?*
- ✓ *Do your current hearing aids need to be cleaned?*
- ✓ *Do you need new batteries for your hearing aids?*

First time visits include a complimentary hearing evaluation and wax check.

To schedule an appointment call us or see the Wellness Department.

Onsite Hearing Care
1-978-852-4764



Activity Highlights for January

- ~ **Weekly shopping** - Stop & Shop and Target Wednesday's at **10am**
- ~ **Mystery rides Thursdays leaving at 1:30pm**
- ~ **Lending Library** - Monday's at **10am**
- ~ **CUDDLES with CODY** - **Tuesdays at 1pm**
- ~ **Wednesdays Music with Paul & Friends 2pm LR**
- ~ **Thursdays 11am LR - Veteran's Knitting Project**
- ~ **Thursday Nights - Popcorn & a Movie 6pm LR**
- ~ **Exercise/Morning Stretch daily at 9:15**

Monday Matinee - 1:15pm, LR

1/5: "TBD"
1/19: "Mr. Holland's Opus"
1/26: "The Princess Bride"

Saturday Matinee - 1pm, LR

1/3: "To Catch a Thief"
1/10: "Annie"
1/17: "Eleanor the Great"
1/24: "Heidi"
1/31: "The Book Thief"

1/2: Father & Son Duo Brandon & Steve perform
1/3: Steven King entertains
1/8: Roberta plays in the small dining room
1/9: Eddie Dillion performs
1/12: Sing-along with Roberta
1/15: Resident Council
1/16: Michael Leidig plays piano
1/19: Catholic Mass
1/24: Winter Wonderland Brunch
1/26: Hot Chocolate Social
1/30: John Poirier



HAIRDRESSER THURSDAY & FRIDAY