

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:

As many of you know, this month my oldest daughter, Heather, is getting married. Over the past few years, it has been wonderful watching her relationship with her future husband develop and grow. It has been a real pleasure to get to know his parents as well. In his case, as the biological parents divorced years ago, there are two sets of parents on his side, to love and support the young couple. I am looking forward to meeting his sister and the rest of his extended family during the wedding festivities weekend.

I know that marriage is joining two people together, but from the perspective of the 'Mother of the Bride' that I now have, I realize it is so much more than that. It is the joining of two families as well.

That got me thinking about when people move in here as residents they may be moving in as an individual, but they come with a whole crowd of people who love and support them. Everyone comes with their own traditions and styles. Their own way of celebrating holidays. Their own way of communication, and their own way of handling frustrations and conflict.

At any given time here at Pond Home, that is up to 43 different styles all melding together. Add the 80+ staff members who work here in a week, and that is a whole lot of unique styles! To make it work for all who live here, (and have consideration for those of us who work here), requires we all show compassion and respect for each other.

This month, Passover and Holy Week are happening at the same time, as they often do. Let's channel all this positive faith energy and remember to act kindly to each other. No one knows the challenges others face. Compassion goes a very long way.

Thanks for reading!



Becky Annis, Administrator



PATCHES' PURRSPECTIVE

This month I thought I would share some great quotes about cats.
So many people love cats and that is not April Fool's joke!

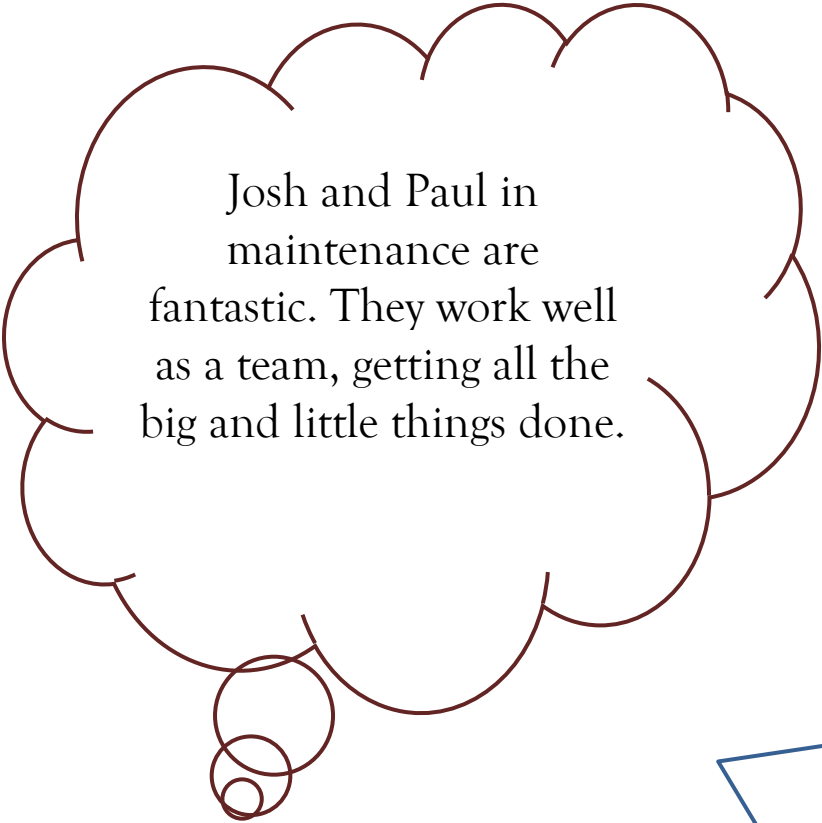
- ◆ On Peace & Mindfulness: "Time spent with cats is never wasted."
— Sigmund Freud
- ◆ On Life's Wisdom: "I have lived with several Zen masters—all of them cats." — Eckhart Tolle
- ◆ On Comfort: "There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats." — Albert Schweitzer
- ◆ On Self-Care: "The ideal of calm exists in a sitting cat." — Unknown
- ◆ On Love: "Cats leave paw prints in your heart, forever and always." — Unknown
- ◆ On Independence: "A cat will be your friend, but never your slave." — Unknown
- ◆ On Perspective: "When I play with my cat, who knows whether she is not amusing herself with me more than I am with her." — Michel de Montaigne
- ◆ On Living Well: "As my cat would say, all hours are good for sleeping." — José Saramago

So, enjoy watching me this month, as I am a Zen Master at relaxation!


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



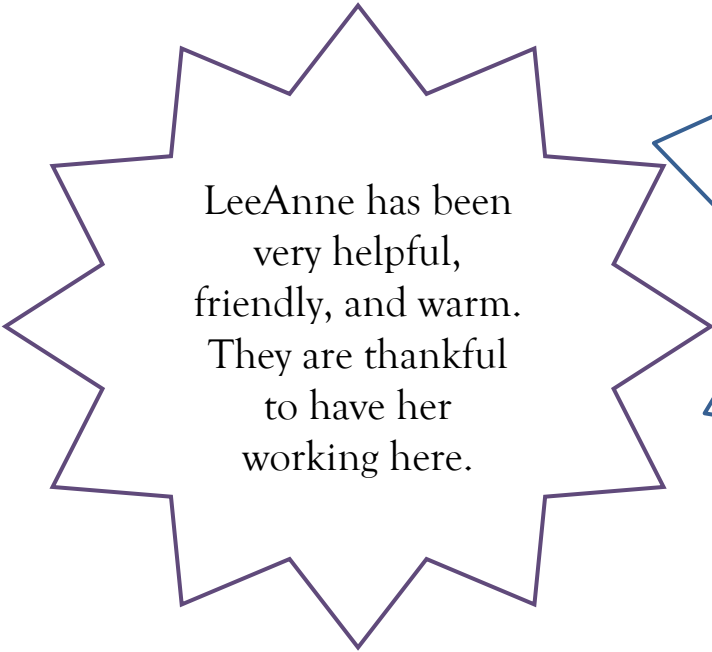
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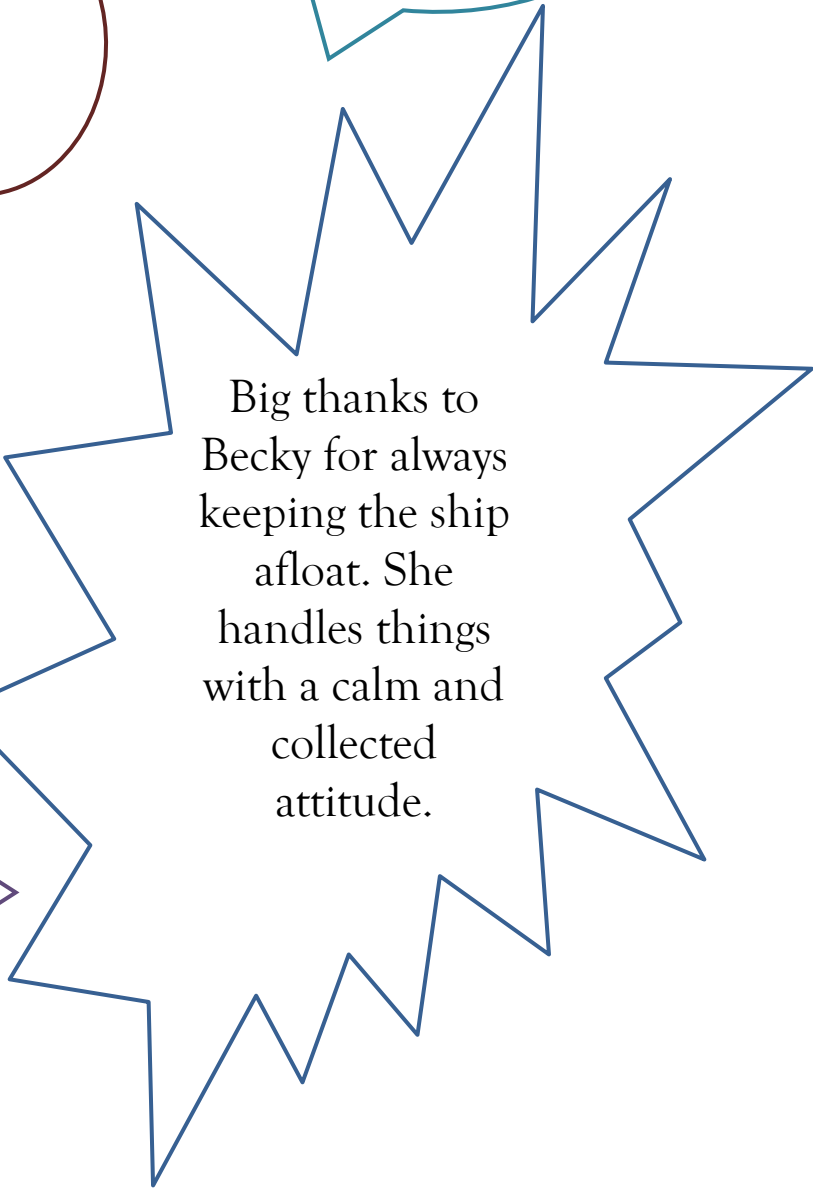
Josh and Paul in maintenance are fantastic. They work well as a team, getting all the big and little things done.



Donna and her crew put so much effort into events and daily activities here. It is terrific.



LeeAnne has been very helpful, friendly, and warm. They are thankful to have her working here.



Big thanks to Becky for always keeping the ship afloat. She handles things with a calm and collected attitude.

WORDS OF WISDOM

- ❖ April is a month of renewal, growth, and fresh beginnings, reminding us to embrace change and find joy in life's transformations.
- ❖ April brings the promise of spring, longer days, and the beauty of nature awakening. It is a time to reflect, set intentions, and celebrate new opportunities.
- ❖ "April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal."
- ❖ "April is a gentle reminder that life's transformations are beautiful and inevitable."
- ❖ "April is a promise that May is bound to keep."
- ❖ "Winter's done, and April's in the skies. Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!"
- ❖ "With the coming of spring, I am calm again."
- ❖ "April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden."



April Birthday's

Eleanor "Ellie" Foley	1 st
Rose Vacca	7 th
Joan DaCruz	26 th
Joyce Pisani	29 th
Paul Nolan	29 th

RON'S KITCHEN CORNER

Next menu meeting will be in September - Date to be determined.

4/5 - Traditional Ham dinner will be served for Easter. Individual carrot cakes will be served for dessert.

Kitchen Renovation Plan

Pond Home is embarking on a full kitchen renovation. Work on this will begin May 4th, but this month we will be preparing a temporary kitchen so that we can continue to cook and provide meals three times a day, seven days a week.

In March's Resident Council Meeting Becky shared the plan:

- The cooking kitchen will move from Pond Home to the Community Center at Pond Meadow.
- The service area of the kitchen will move from the kitchen to the employee break room.
- The break room will be moved to the Craft Room.
- Crafts will take place as normally scheduled but will be held in the living room.
- It is a domino effect of activity, as you can see!
- The work is expected to take place during May, June, and July.

Why are we doing this? The kitchen was last fully renovated in 2000. While we have repaired or replaced much of the equipment, we need to replace floors, walls, ceilings, and lighting, so it is necessary to shut the kitchen down for this significant improvement.

We promise to share the before and after with all of you.

While we are utilizing the temporary kitchen, we will not be able to provide grilled sandwiches of any kind. We can provide toasted, but not grilled sandwiches. We are testing our ability to provide fried eggs and omelets as well. For those residents who enjoy these options, Ron will work with you this month to see if we can come up with an acceptable option for you.

We thank you in advance for your support and patience as we make this necessary improvement to our working environment and the space your food is prepared.

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.

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.

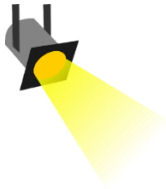
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

MESSAGE FROM NURSING:

This month's doctor visits are as follows:

Podiatrist will be in on April 30th

The audiologist is looking to come in and speak to residents about services provided and hearing screening. If you are interested, please let LeeAnn know. When there is information about a date and time, it will be posted.



Activity Highlights for April

- ~ **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**

4/6: "Argo"
4/13: "The Good House"
4/27: : TBD"

Saturday Matinee - **1pm, LR**

4/4: "While You Were Sleeping"
4/11: "DeLovely"
4/18: "Eight Men Out"
4/25: "Beverly Hills Cop"

4/2: Pastor Ken and worship
4/3: Eddie Dillon performs
4/4: Steven King entertains
4/10: Wine & Chat
4/13: Mocktail Monday
4/16: Resident Council
4/16: Knitting presentation to the Veterans Rep
4/17: Michael Leidig plays piano
4/20: Catholic Mass
4/20: Sing A-long with Roberta
4/22: Out to Lunch Club
4/24: Tom Kennedy performs
4/25: Brunch Club
4/25: Brandon & Steve entertain



HAIRDRESSER THURSDAY & FRIDAY