

# Community Happenings

As the new school year approaches, we wish to acknowledge the contributions of **Ellen** and **Sydney**, two young volunteers who spent part of their summer vacations assisting with our activities.

And before returning to school, Sydney, an accomplished violinist, will treat us to a performance featuring classical music and old standards.

In the meantime, our hankering for music was quenched by singer and musician Mike Dardis, whose return visit thrilled his many Decatur House fans.



I scream, you scream, we all screamed for the ice cream truck, which delighted residents and staff alike with its first visit of the summer.

Artist Wendi Smith assisted residents in creating their own acrylic paintings of a floral still life. Each lovely painting was nicely framed, courtesy of Decatur House, and returned to the artists.



A new activity—Learn to Play Rummy—was introduced in July, with Jeanne serving

as our guest instructor. A group of about six players is enjoying the opportunity to socialize while engaged in good-natured competition.

In our inaugural “Let’s Paint!” monthly art program, each artist created a stunning tropical sunset scene.

Meanwhile, we are already looking forward to our next luncheon, set for August 19, at Sagamore Inn.

—Maureen “Mo,” Activities Coordinator

*Spotlight: The Pinos, cont.*

The couple’s spirituality was evident from the start: their standing “Wednesday night date” consisted of praying a novena at Roxbury’s Mission Church.

Helen attended parochial schools, and upon high school graduation, a nun said she had “the perfect job” for her.

“She wanted me to become a nun!” Helen said, grinning. “I guess I should have been flattered.”

Instead, Helen went to work at the phone company, where she worked as a manager in its accounting department until the children came along.

John, meanwhile, graduated from Boston College Law School and embarked on a distinguished career in justice. In 1978, he earned a prestigious associate justice appointment.

While very involved in her children’s activities, Helen also found time for sewing, needlepoint and cross-stitch.

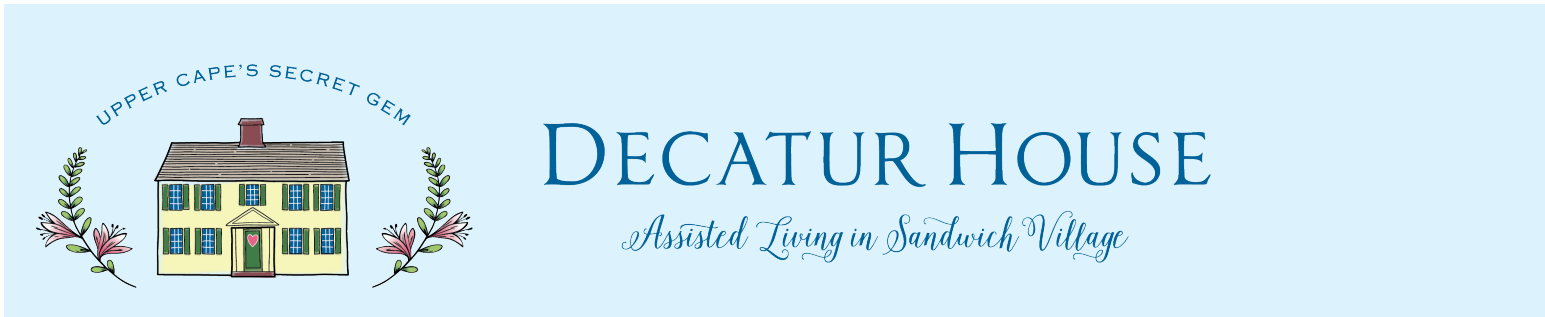
John taught law, sat on numerous boards and served as president of the Massachusetts Judges’ Conference.

In 1991, the Justinian Law Society of Massachusetts honored John with its revered Meritorious Service Award.

John attended daily mass for 70 years, Helen said, because “He felt he had so much to thank God for.”

When John retired in 1994, the couple moved from Jamaica Plain to the Falmouth house they bought in 1969. They lived in Falmouth until moving to Decatur House in 2020.

We enjoy having Helen and John in our community.



## Around the House

AUGUST 2021

### News

#### New Mural of Sandwich Boardwalk Donated to Decatur House



In April, Decatur House owners Linda Austin and Sarah Tribuzio met with Sandwich artist Mary Shea to discuss having a mural painted in the new activity room. Mary, the daughter of former resident, Ruth Lawrie, was immediately, according to her, “All in!”

Together they decided Mary would create an image of the iconic Sandwich boardwalk on the long wall above the kitchen counters.

Mary is a long-time resident of Sandwich, and to her no other image of Sandwich represents the heart of the town as the boardwalk does. “As a child it was a rite of passage to jump off the boardwalk. My mother would always take us there and cringe every time we got more daring,” she says.

Mary dedicates the work to her late mother and to the residents at Decatur House and “the amazing staff who took the time to show kindness and compassion.”

Mary says she is grateful for the opportunity to say **Thank You!** And to that, we say, Thank YOU Mary!

### COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

#### Helen and John Pino



Residents Helen and John Pino observed their 64th wedding anniversary in June, marking a milestone that began on the dance floor of a Boston hotel.

“They had stag dances back then where girls could meet boys,” Helen said. “Today I guess they go to barrooms,” she added, with a little laugh. John asked Helen for a dance, and then a date. By their third date, he told Helen he was bringing her home to meet his parents.

“He said, ‘You know what that means!’” Helen recalled, smiling. “I guess he didn’t believe in long engagements.”

John and Helen share two passions: their love of family and a deep devotion to their Roman Catholic faith. Their most memorable moments in life were the births of their children, Maria and Paul.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> 9:00 Sunday Morning (CBS TV-channel4) 10:00 Catholic Mass (TV-channel 138) 2:00 Sunday Matinee: <i>Dolly Parton: Here I Am</i> 7:10 Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay	<div>2</div> 10:30 DrumFIT 11:15 Let's Play Rummy 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Classic Hangman 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	<div>3</div> 10:00 For the Birds! (Paint a unique birdhouse) 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Armchair Travel 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	<div>4</div> --Hair Salon Day-- 10:30 Sit & Be Fit 2:00 BINGO 2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour Concierge Service	<div>5</div> 10:30 Sit & Be Fit 11:00 Ring Toss 2:00 POKENO 3:00 Google Me This! 4:00 Sunroom Social	<div>6</div> 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 Let's Play Rummy 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Nature Documentary 4:30 Music Trivia Social	<div>7</div> 10:00 The Rosary on Channel 183 2:00 Classic TV Comedy 3:10 Red Sox vs. Toronto
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<div>15</div> <b>Manicures by Mikaela</b> 9:00 Sunday Morning (CBS TV-channel4) 2:00 Sunday Matinee: <i>Ma Rainey's Black Bottom</i> 7:10 Red Sox vs. Baltimore	<div>16</div> 10:30 DrumFIT 11:15 Let's Play Rummy 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Words-in-a-Word 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	<div>17</div> 10:30 <b>Mike Dardis Entertains!</b> 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Armchair Travel 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	<div>18</div> --Hair Salon Day-- 10:30 Sit & Be Fit 2:00 BINGO 2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour Concierge Service	<div>19</div> 10:30 Sit & Be Fit <b>Lunch Outing: Sagamore Inn</b> 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Google Me This! 4:30 Sunroom Social	<div>20</div> 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 Let's Play Rummy! 2:00 "You Oughta be in Pictures" 3:00 BINGO 4:30 Country Music Social	<div>21</div> 10:00 The Rosary on Channel 183 2:00 Classic TV Comedy 7:00 Red Sox vs. Texas
<div>22</div> 9:00 Sunday Morning (CBS TV-channel4) 10:00 Catholic Mass (TV-channel 138) 2:00 Sunday Matinee: <i>The Dig</i> 1:10 Red Sox vs. Texas	<div>23</div> 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 Let's Play Rummy! 2:00 BINGO 4:00 "A Taste of France" (Cheese-tasting) <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAT C!</b>	<div>24</div> 10:30 Let's St-re-e-t -t-ch! 2:00 <b>Residents' Meeting</b> 3:00 BINGO 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	<div>25</div> --Hair Salon Day-- 10:30 Sit & Be Fit 2:00 BINGO 2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour Concierge Service	<div>26</div> 10:30 Let's Stretch 11:00 BINGO 2:00 <b>Paint w/Wendi Smith</b> 4:30 "Name That Tune" w/Lourana at the Piano	<div>27</div> 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 Let's Play Rummy! 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Cards & Word Games 4:30 <b>Violin performance by Sydney</b>	<div>28</div> 10:00 The Rosary on Channel 183 2:00 Classic TV Comedy 4:10 Red Sox vs. Cleveland
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