

June Roundup



Summertime and the living’s easy!

June brought sunshine, lush flower gardens and bustling tourists to beautiful Sandwich Village!

We’ve been having a lot of fun at Decatur House.

Chef Dave has made us some delicious meals from cheeseburgers on the grill and summer veggies to a scrumptious Father’s Day steak dinner.

Additionally, we’ve enjoyed Mindfulness Training with Peter Cormier, luncheons at Seafood Sams and the Sagamore Inn, trips to the movies and more.

“Culinary Corner” and crafting with Karen are big hits. Many residents participated in the painting activity (see photo).

Residents were happy to taste test when Paula LaRochelle, resident Pat Cram’s daughter, came to demonstrate how to make quesadillas (see photo).

Finally, our wonderful volunteer, Janice Hannah has returned from Florida and is playing the piano and engaging everyone in song!

Spotlight: Tilly Cardinale continued -

band, as well as worked as a salesman, selling musical instruments. Tilly worked at a sewing factory in Boston’s Chinatown, and soon thereafter, earned her American citizenship.

Together, Tilly and Joe welcomed three children - two daughters and one son. Tilly was a stay-at-home mom. She cooked Betty Crocker American casseroles and made festive German cookies each Christmas. They enjoyed camping trips to Maine and Canada out of their station wagon.

When asked the secret to the success of her long and happy marriage of 65 years, Tilly said, “loving and respecting one another.”

We are grateful to have Tilly at Decatur House and when I told her about her daughter’s memory of her, all decked out in her fashionable outfits, she stated in her heavy German accent, “That just gave me goose pimples, what you just said.”

Activities continued -

the residents, and doing all of the things that make them happiest. “I love older people. They have so much wisdom to share. I appreciate being here, where they are given the accommodations, patience, and attention they deserve,” she explained.

Kerri is a long-time resident of Bourne, where she lives with her senior rescue cat. She earned two Bachelor’s Degrees from Westfield State University and graduated cum laude. She is from a “close-knit” family. Her sister has twin 9-year-olds who she loves spending time with!



Around the House

JULY 2023

Welcome Kerri Smith!

Decatur House is thrilled to welcome Kerri Smith as the newest member of the Activities Team.



As Activities Coordinator, Kerri will manage the volunteer program and plan activities and develop the monthly activities calendar with Karen Horn, our CNA and Co-Activities Coordinator.

Kerri has nearly a decade of experience working with older adults from her previous role at the front desk of Beth Israel Lahey Health Primary Care Office in Sandwich.

“I really enjoyed working with patients and helping them,” said Kerri. “We had over 3,000 patients and usually when we saw them, they were concerned about something, or sick or sad. Helping to ease their burden just a little bit by being kind and helpful was rewarding,” she said.

What Kerri says she’s looking forward to most at Decatur House is getting to know

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COMMUNITY SPOT LIGHT

Tilly Cardinale



One of Donna Klucevsek’s favorite memories of her mom, Tilly Cardinale is seeing her dolled up in a 1960’s shorts romper with white patten leather boots and a hat, ready to jet set to Spain with her father, Tilly’s husband, Joe Cardinale. “My mother was very fashionable,” said Donna.

Tilly met her husband at a newspaper stand in Germany in 1921. He was an American soldier and he was singing at the Army camp that evening. Tilly accepted his invitation to attend. “I fell in love with his singing,” she said.

Three months later, the two were married in Germany. Joe sang, “No Other Love Have I,” to her at the wedding. When they returned to the USA, Joe’s whole family welcomed Tilly at the airport!

The two built a beautiful life together. Joe played the upright bass and sang in a jazz

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