May Roundup



Sandra is enjoying painting!

The month of May brought us lovely spring weather, the biggest upset in Kentucky Derby history and a welcome contingent of new additions to our burgeoning Decatur House family.

The newcomers have quickly become involved in community life, even daring to try some new experiences. With a little urging, fledgling painters Joe, Patty and Sandra participated in a recent art class led by visiting artist Sandy Taylor. Each of the budding Picassos created an impressive acrylic painting of a cherry tree, on a canvas suitable for hanging.

The patio has once again become the go-to place to visit with family, socialize with fellow residents, participate in group activities or just relax in the sun.

We have a new jigsaw puzzle table, nestled cozily into a corner of the sunroom. The spot has proved to be an instant hit with staff and residents alike who enjoy working together to reconstruct the challenging puzzles.

Linda also introduced us to Kathleen Warren, whose crystal bowls, ocean drum and other soundwave-producing devices promoted relaxation -- and elicited smiles -- among captivated residents. The contest to name our two new parakeets received an overwhelming number of entries. The final vote produced two memorable and nostalgic monikers: Ozzie and Harriet.

Spotlight: Patty Brown

Michigan, Patty boldly moved to New York City, where she met her future husband, Charlie.

They settled in historic Windham, a small ski resort town dubbed "The Gem of the Catskills." There, Patty and Charlie, a lawyer, raised a family of six.

Patty was very active in her church according to her daughter, Trish.

"She founded the ladies' guild at St.
Theresa's," Trish said. "And it's still going strong some 50 years later."

Patty was also a very accomplished knitter. "If she was sitting, she was knitting!" Trish said. "She knitted ... for us and relatives in Ireland."

Patty traveled throughout the world with Charlie until his passing in late 2011. To help fill the void, Patty spent time visiting with her children and their families before settling in at Decatur House.

While most of her children live along the east coast, Patty also has a daughter living in Turkey, and her oldest son, a priest, in the Philippines.

Additionally, Patty has 23 grandchildren, and is currently anticipating the arrival of her sixth great-grandchild.

Because her husband, and all six of their children, attended the University of Notre Dame, Patty is also anticipating the arrival of football season.

According to Trish, her mom will be at the TV, cheering for the "Fighting Irish."



DECATUR HOUSE

Assisted Living in Sandwich Village

Around the House

JUNE 2022

Decatur House Welcomes Melissa Bronstein as Wellness Nurse



Melissa has joined the Nursing Dept. as a family liaison. She is charged with supervision of Resident Care Associates, monitoring emerging health

needs of residents, covering staffing as needed, and assisting with on-call duties.

Melissa brings hospice familiarity to the position, as well as experience working in similar positions at assisted living facilities on the Cape. She says what differentiates Decatur House from former employers is the "homelike setting." "I appreciate that the residents at Decatur House are able to age in place and receive support and care in a home-like setting, as opposed to a nursing home," she said.

Melissa is a long-time resident of Sandwich, where she resides with her husband and 3 children. She enjoys running around with her kids to their various basketball games and spending time with her large extended family.

COMMUNITY LIGHT SPOT

PATTY BROWN



Patricia "Patty" Brown, a recent addition to our Decatur House family, is a Michigan native with a warm, engaging personality.

New residents often need time to adjust, but

Patty has "hit the road running," taking part in activities and socializing with fellow residents.

When not involved in a game of bingo, or engaged in lively conversation, Patty might be in the sunroom working diligently on a jigsaw puzzle.

Patty is not afraid to try new things. When invited to participate in a painting class, she initially demurred – "I'm not an artist" – but then gamely relented.

She went on to create a lovely acrylic painting, a picturesque landscape featuring a cherry tree.

Following graduation from the University of

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