

Community Happenings

October came in like a lion and went out like a lion, with a fierce roaring storm that felled centuries-old trees and knocked out power for much of Cape Cod.

But thanks to our powerful generator, life at Decatur House went on in nearly normal fashion.



October saw us paint with Wendi C. Smith, sing along with Mike Dardis, and welcome the return of popular vocalist Julie Charland. Donna’s daughter, Jana, settled in at the baby grand to lead a rousing Name that Tune contest, won handily by Jeanette.

On a sadder note, we watched with chagrin as our Red Sox were eliminated from World Series contention, while our Patriots’ season got off to a bumpy, yet promising, start.

A sizeable group of residents enjoyed lunching at the historic Sagamore Inn, and there has been some chatter about a possible return visit this month.



Our scenic drives, hosted by our Cape-savvy driver, Linda, have allowed residents to witness autumn’s foliage transitions from vivid hues of red, orange and yellow to burnt crimson and tawny browns.

And with mixed emotions we gave a warm sendoff to Maria, our senior housekeeper—who will spend November in Brazil at her family’s cattle ranch, which is still run by her 92-year-old mother. Safe travels—and happy birthday November 15—Maria!

—Maureen “Mo,” DH Activities Coordinator

Spotlight: Donna Eilbeck, cont.

“Most girls played the violin, or piano, or the flute—but not me,” she said with a grin. “I played the trombone!”

She was also a dancer as a child, particularly adept at the physically demanding acrobatic and adagio-style dance. Being tossed high in the air to another dancer, or performing acrobatic floor routines could be a tad risky.

Tracing her finger over a scar along her left eyebrow, she simply said, “Loew’s Theater, Akron, Ohio.”

Donna went on to marry a fellow trombonist, the late Gorman Eilbeck, and they raised a family of three in her native Ohio. Donna’s children and her grandchildren are all musicians.



Donna’s pianist daughter, Jana (pictured left with Donna), recently entertained residents with a fun sing-along during a social hour.

She moved from Ohio to the Decatur House only a month ago, but already Donna has become a fun member of our family, noted for her ready smile and delightful sense of humor.

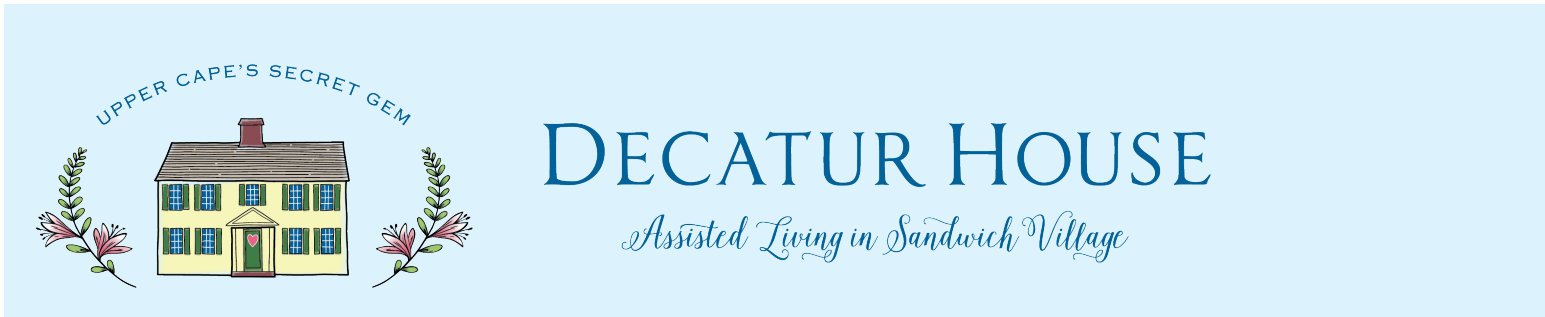
When she looks back to her early days, Donna says she was “blessed” to have had such warm, loving parents, and it had been “an honor and a privilege” to serve her country.

Welcome home to Decatur House Donna!

Coming and Goings, cont.

fall. We miss Maria, but are in very good hands here until her return on December 10!

Welcome back Ryan and welcome to the House Reina, Madison, Noah and Van!



Around the House

NOVEMBER 2021

News

Coming and Goings

In addition to our new dining room manager **David Caron**, featured in last month’s newsletter, you will notice some fresh faces in the House.

Welcome CNAs **Madison Bolia** and **Reina Rivera**. You can find Madison on the floor any time of day or night working all shifts, while Reina works the overnight shift primarily.

Van and **Noah**, are our 2021-22 Riverview School employees. Van’s (right) experience includes working in a professional kitchen and doing data entry at a college near his hometown of Baltimore, MD. His professional goal is to work in the IT (technology) field.



Noah (left), who is from West Stockbridge, MA, enjoys playing baseball, lifting weights and running. He’s also worked in a kitchen as well as done maintenance at Cape Wildlife Center and Heritage Museum and Gardens. Noah hopes to have a career in the sports or food services field.

We also welcomed Riverview alum **Ryan Alymer** back to the housekeeping team this fall. Ryan, Noah and Van are busy helping with housekeeping while senior housekeeper Maria is visiting her family in Brazil this

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Donna Eilbeck



Each of our residents has their own personal history and memories, and Donna Eilbeck’s story is truly unique.

When news of the attack on Pearl Harbor broke, the then-teenaged Donna Joan Lewis was part of a girls’ trio, singing live on a Chicago radio program. “Nobody really knew what was happening at the time” Donna recalled. “We just kept on singing.”



Several days later, our country entered World War II, and young Donna—fresh out of high school—would become part of the war effort.

She was tapped to join an all-girls’ band with the USO’s Camp Shows program, designed to provide live entertainment for the troops. The bands performed at hundreds of large military bases and hospitals.

“I got to see the United States with the USO Camp Shows,” she said. “I always call them ‘my college education’.”

In addition to singing, Donna was a talented musician, as were her parents and sister.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 9:00 <i>Sunday Morning</i> (CBS TV-channel 4) 10:00 Catholic Mass (TV-138) 1:00 Patriots vs.Carolina Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 Let's Play Rummy 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Coloring for Adults 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	9 10:30 Chair Pilates 11:00 High Roller Dice Game 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Stretching in Place 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour	10 --Hair Salon Day-- 2:00 & 3:00 Scenic Drives 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Lyrics & Limericks 5:00 Sunroom Social Hour Concierge Service	11 10:00 Paint with Mo 2:00 POKENO 3:00 Stretching in Place 4:30 Sunroom Social Veterans Day	12 10:30 DrumFIT 11:00 Card & Board Games 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Sunroom Social HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUZAN!	13 10:00 "The Rosary" (TV-138) 12:30 <i>The Daily Chronicle</i> Individual & Group Projects: Word Search, Adult Coloring, Puzzles
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