

Spotlight Continued - Thalia Lei

When asked what she enjoys most about working with seniors, Thalia shared, “Older people are genuine and have accomplished great things. They have a lot of wisdom to share.”

Some of her favorite activities from her previous role include poetry club, “The Spelling Bee Game,” cooking and baking demonstrations, and the “test kitchen” program - where residents cook one of their recipes together.

Thalia currently resides in Hyannis, she enjoys spending her free time with family, sewing, and dabbling in quilting. She describes herself as friendly and easygoing, noting that people often say she “shoots from the hip.”

Executive Director, Sarah Tribuzio said, “We are excited to see Thalia’s creativity enrich our community. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome to Decatur House!”



Thalia having a little corn hole fun with Alice and Lourana.

Thalia asks some trivia questions during social hour.



JANUARY ROUNDUP



January at Decatur House was a month of new beginnings and engaging activities as we stepped into 2025. Here’s a look at all the wonderful moments we shared:

We welcomed 2025 with joyful reflections on the past year, sharing our greatest moments from 2024 and setting inspiring New Year's resolutions together. It was a heartwarming way to start the year with optimism and gratitude. *See photos of Addie, Judy and her daughter Kristen, and Lourana above.*

We were delighted by wonderful performances from Julie Charland and Richard Amir, filling our home with music. Creativity flourished as Leonie returned for another fantastic painting session, where residents expressed themselves through beautiful artwork. *See photos of Anita and Chuck below!*

Residents had a blast in the kitchen with Chef Cynthia, who led a delicious and fun session making grilled fruit - a flavorful and unique treat! They also loved playing the drums during Drum Fit!

Our Monday movie tradition continued strong as we enjoyed classic and inspiring films, including *An Affair to Remember*, *The Secret Life of Bees*, and *Green Book*. Residents also explored captivating documentaries such as *My Octopus Teacher* and *Our Great National Parks*, sparking great discussions about nature and exploration.

We took a trip to Marshland Too for a delicious lunch outing, where everyone enjoyed great food and even better company. *See photo of Manny and Nancy below.* Meanwhile, Corpus Christi made their regular visit to offer communion. And Susan Lee Nolan also visited, offering calming Reiki sessions that residents thoroughly enjoyed.



Join in the
Valentine’s Day Fun!



Valentine’s Day Dance

Please join us
Friday, Feb. 14
3-5

Break out your dancing shoes and your Valentine’s attire and join us in the Activities Room for music, karaoke, snacks and more!

Sweetheart Photos

Please send in a photo of your resident and their sweetheart so we can display a copy



Does your family have a testimonial you would like to share? If so, we would love your help to promote what is special about Decatur House.

Please email
Margot@DecaturHouse.com
Thank you, Lloyd family!

A family's loving journey to Decatur House



Dad came to live at Decatur House from another assisted living after the passing of Mom. Though well-regarded with 300+ residents, the lifestyle felt quite isolating and flat. So, finding a new home for Dad with a greater sense of community was a top priority.



On my Dad's behalf, I toured many care facilities before my sister found Decatur House. The facilities I toured were way too large to navigate physically, and lacked intimacy and charm.



Simply stated, Decatur House is without compare – really an idyllic setting that has a feeling of warmth and safety while also exquisitely beautiful inside and out.



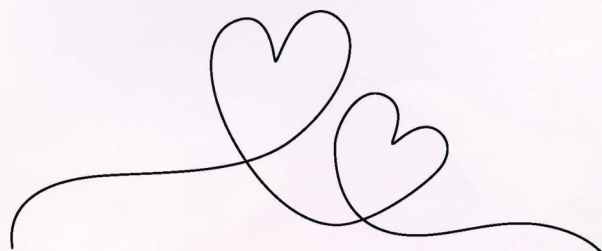
Dad spoke fondly of his experience at Decatur House knowing how special it is. Frequently, he said he wished Mom had the experience of living at Decatur House given how exceptional it is.



On behalf of my family, we are profoundly grateful for the heartfelt embrace of kindness for the way Decatur House, its management and its staff welcomed and tended to all of us.



Sincerely,
Lawrence S. Lloyd



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DECATUR HOUSE

Assisted Living in Sandwich Village

Around the House

Community SPOTlight

THALIA LEI



Decatur House is happy to welcome Thalia Lei as our new Activities Manager. Thalia brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and creativity to her role, and we look forward to having her leading our activities program.

As Activities Manager, Thalia will oversee all programming, ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local standards and regulations. She will also manage our volunteer program, plan engaging activities, and develop the monthly activities calendar to provide meaningful experiences for our residents.

Thalia is excited to bring her ideas and experience to Decatur House! If you detect a slight southern drawl, it is because Thalia was born and raised in Oklahoma. She later moved to Texas, where she spent her young adult years and raised her daughter.

While in Texas, she earned an Associate's Degree in Library Technology. When her daughter married and moved to Massachusetts, Thalia followed, dedicating her time to become her grandchildren's nanny in Hingham, MA. She even raised her spirited grand dog golden doodle!

During the pandemic, as her daughter and son-in-law transitioned to remote work, Thalia returned to Oklahoma, where she worked at an independent living community. She started at the front desk but quickly moved into the activities department, discovering a passion for creating engaging programs for older adults.

Thalia found it tough to be so far away from the grands so lucky for us, she recently moved back to Mass.

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