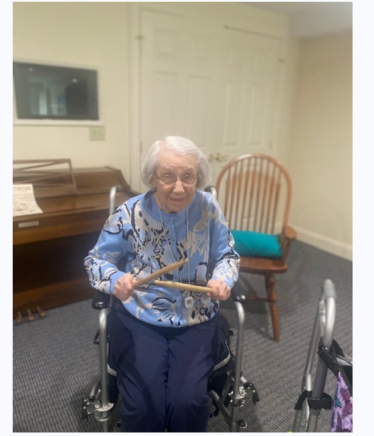


APRIL ROUNDUP



Here Comes the Sun! After a record-breaking winter and soggy start to spring, those first bright days felt especially welcome. They brought out smiles, a little singing, and plenty of optimism. We kicked off April with an indoor Easter egg hunt. *See above photos of Francine, Marilyn and Jeff.* Staff had just as much fun hiding the eggs as residents did finding them. Games, refreshments, and a lovely Easter dinner rounded out the celebration.

Springtime BINGO kept the seasonal spirit going, with prizes like seed starter kits, seed packets, and terracotta planters, all holding the promise of sunny days ahead. Our wellness routines stayed strong with fun workouts to keep everyone moving and ready for time outdoors. *See Francine and Mary Clare participating in Walking Group and our instructor Kristen leading a class in the photos above and Clara, Chuck and Nancy participating in Drum Fit!*

Readers Theater and our Book Group (see photo of Jon and Eugenie) offered thoughtful discussions and plenty of laughs. April also brought many celebrations, especially birthdays (*see photo of Bernadette in photo below*). Alongside the festivities, there was also space for quieter moments. Father Jack and Brother Mike from Corpus Christi Church brought Mass, Ruth Blais introduced a new Bible study group, and Earl Owen rejoined our Veterans group.

Art and music continued to enrich our days. Local artists returned to guide residents in creating beautiful spring still life paintings now displayed throughout the house. Music lovers enjoyed an outing to the Cape Cod Symphony's performance of *The Four Seasons*. Great food and outings were also part of the fun, including takeout from Krua Khun Rose and a memorable visit to Mezza Luna in Buzzards Bay - *see photo of group below.*

If April's warm preview is any indication, May is shaping up to be just as bright. Here comes the fun! *See photo of Connie smiling below.*



## Spotlight: Donna Klucevsek continued

Even after her mother's passing, Donna continues volunteering because of the special bonds she had formed within the Decatur House community. One particularly meaningful moment came when Donna was honored by Professor Pierre Rene's Martial Arts History Hall of Fame. She chose to celebrate her first award with her Decatur House friends, who proudly shared in the occasion and offered heartfelt congratulations.

Outside the studio, Donna enjoys creative pursuits like pottery and adventurous activities including travel, snorkeling, swimming with stingrays, and even skydiving. These days, Donna balances family caregiving, running her business, and volunteering at Decatur House. She is also living proof of the benefits of staying active and engaged throughout life. Reflecting on her martial arts journey, Donna said with a smile, "I only wish I had started sooner."

Thank you, Donna, for everything you do for the Decatur House community!



## Our Cottage is Available!

The Cottage is a unique, beautiful space just 10 steps away from Decatur House and unlike anything else in our community. It features spacious, light-filled rooms, a kitchenette, a front garden and rear balcony. It offers a wonderful balance of privacy and connection, with full access to activities, outings, and the Decatur House community. To learn more, please email [Sarah@DecaturHouse.com](mailto:Sarah@DecaturHouse.com) or call 508-888-6404.



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*Assisted Living in Sandwich Village*

## Around the House

### Community SPOTlight

#### DONNA KLUCEVSEK



What began as a self-defense course and kickboxing class turned into a lifelong passion for martial arts. Four years after starting karate classes, Donna Klucevsek had advanced enough to begin teaching others herself. Today, she is the owner of Feisty Lion Martial Arts Studio in Sandwich, where she teaches karate, women's boxing, Tai Chi, and more.

Donna's entrepreneurial journey came with an unexpected challenge. The day after signing the papers to purchase her studio in Merchants Square, the world shut down during the pandemic. While the timing was far from ideal, Donna used the quiet months intentionally, carefully shaping the design and vision for her business while also dedicating more time to helping care for her mother.

Born in Dorchester and raised in Readville, Hyde Park, and later Westwood, Donna has fond memories of childhood Sundays spent on Cape Cod with her family. They would pile into the car and spend entire days at the beach swimming and digging for clams, periwinkles, and conchs. Today, Donna and her husband of 48 years proudly call the Cape home. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.

Before opening Feisty Lion, Donna owned DM Designs and generously volunteered with a variety of organizations. Her connection to Decatur House began when her mother, Tilly Cardinale, became a resident. Donna started teaching Tai Chi and Qigong breathing classes for residents, and those visits soon turned into lasting friendships.

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