

OCTOBER ROUNDUP



We had so much fun this month! We kicked things off with a lunch outing to Canalside Dining (see group photo). Later, we were warmly hosted at Sandwich Montessori Elementary School, where our resident volunteers and the students played games, crafted, practiced social etiquette, and simply enjoyed getting to know one another. Back at home, movies like *Edward Scissorhands* and *Hocus Pocus* brought laughter and nostalgia. *Fried Green Tomatoes* and *A River Runs Through It* sparked memories and thoughtful conversations.

We are grateful to Brother Mike Hayes for offering Communion, Kristin Fortas for exercising with us (see photo), and Donna Klucevsek for providing wonderful Tai Chi, services that help keep our residents strong inside and out. Musical performances by Rick Walsh and Gary Landgren had everyone tapping their toes and singing along. Music is magic. It revives the quiet, energizes the tired, and transports us from now to then and back again.

Like music, October is transformative too. It is a time to reinvigorate the young at heart through imagination and creativity. At Decatur House, we leaned into that spirit. Our resident artists learned new techniques and refined familiar ones with guidance from local artists Leonie Little Lex and Mary Shea. We also created beautiful fall floral arrangements with our fantastic volunteer, Joyce Fryer. Thank you, Joyce! See photos of Connie, Nancy, and Ed above. See also, a photo of Ellen celebrating her birthday with her favorite, peach cobbler! Painted pumpkins and stuffed beetles and spiders (see photo of Francine and her bug below) turned out far too cute to be scary, just like the trick-or-treaters who visited on Halloween. Truly a cuteness overload. See photos of Manny, and Connie and Marilyn with trick-or-treaters below.

We rounded out the month with an unforgettable karaoke party hosted by Rose Kelly, owner of the popular and award-winning Krua Khun Rose Thai restaurant. Rose brought friends to help serve food and encourage participation. Along with delicious Thai cuisine, there were prizes for costumes and for karaoke performers. Residents and staff had an absolute blast. Our heartfelt thanks to Rose and her friends for being such wonderful and generous Sandwich community neighbors. Thank you for bringing your joy into our home. See photos of Rose, our new residents the Shaws', and Mikaela (corn!) and Rocky bottom right.





DECATUR HOUSE

Assisted Living in Sandwich Village

Around the House

Community SPOTlight

MICHELLE DEIANA, RN



Decatur House is pleased to welcome Michelle Deiana, RN, as our new Resident Care Director. Michelle specializes in hospice care and previously worked at two in-patient hospice centers before joining us.

A Sandwich resident for the past four years, Michelle says she has always admired Decatur House and had always wanted to work here! She says she is drawn to its commitment to allowing residents to remain in place through the end of their lives. “I appreciate that Decatur House avoids unnecessary transitions at such a vulnerable stage,” she explains.

Michelle grew up in Wrentham and later Attleboro. She and her husband live with their two sons, William, 23, and Max, 11, as well as her parents. Family life keeps her busy, especially with Max’s sports schedule. She is especially proud that William now coaches his younger brother’s team. She also enjoys boating and arts and crafts in her free time.

Michelle’s upbringing in a close-knit family, with a mother who was a minister, gave her a strong sense of spirituality that continues to guide her work in hospice nursing. Since joining Decatur House, Michelle has been grateful for the warm welcome she has received from residents, families, and staff.

We are glad to have Michelle on our team and know her skills and compassion will be a great benefit to our community.

Holidays - Save the Dates!



Thursday, November 27th - 12:30 p.m. -
Thanksgiving Dinner



Sunday, November 30th - 3:00 p.m. -
The Lighting of the Littlest Christmas Tree,
2 Water St., Sandwich



Saturday, December 6th - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Resident Family and Friends Holiday Party
(RSVP by Nov. 29)



Friday, December 12th - Due date to contribute
to bonuses for DH direct care staff



Thursday, December 25th - 12:30 p.m. -
Christmas Dinner

*If you intend to join your loved one for
Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, we kindly
request that you let us know as soon as possible.*



A Successful State Audit at Decatur House

We are proud to share that Decatur House recently completed its bi-annual audit conducted by the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (AGE) team, a key step in renewing our certification as an Assisted Living Residence.

During their comprehensive review, the AGE team examined every aspect of our operations — from resident care and safety to staffing, programming, and community life. We are thrilled to report that their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The reviewers shared that “Decatur House is what assisted living should be — homelike, small, with great staff and a wonderful community.”

This recognition reflects the dedication and compassion of our entire team, whose daily efforts make Decatur House a warm, supportive home for all who live here.