

JUNE ROUNDUP



It wasn't so long ago we were all longing for warm weather and now a cool breeze was just as welcome as the hot sunshine. Cape Cod turned up the heat just in time for our annual Family Barbeque. Hamburgers, hotdogs, a multitude of delicious homemade salads and ice cream sandwiches-simple and delicious summertime fare that keep the focus where it should be. Residents enjoyed time outdoors with family, friends and especially the grandchildren. *See photos above!*

There was so much to enjoy this month: "Hip Hop Chair Dancing" with Rondae Drafts (everyone had a great time!). Residents enjoyed musical performances by guitarist Chris Carter - *see photo above* - and "Honky Tonk" pianist Gary Landgren. Bona fide and would-be artists alike enjoyed painting classes with local artists Leonie Little-Lex and Mary Shea. *See the beautiful paintings by Chuck and Fran below!* Residents that enjoy baking, had the opportunity to create peanut butter kiss cookies. Much to their delight, the people that enjoyed eating cookies had their opportunity as well! At Decatur House, we are always trying something new like seated soccer-Fun! However, the Axe Throwing Game was met with caution and curiosity, then finally enthusiasm as word got around about the "Axes." And of course, the ladies always love their card games. *See photo of Francine, Judy and Fran above.*

Our outings included a train ride on the Cape Cod Central Railroad - *see photo of Ben and Betty* - and lunch out at Mama Mia's, which everyone agreed was fantastic. Also this month, the men were pampered with nailcare and hand massages during a "Healthy Hands" activity, and with the help of our wonderful kitchen staff residents made fruit kabobs, which were a big hit on a sweltering day! *See photo of Maggie below.*

One of our most well attended activities was a Taste Test featuring a homemade energy drink and corn cake by Maria Martinez a longtime, hardworking housekeeper at Decatur House. New resident, Ben, said that he has noticed that staff doesn't just work from their own department here. That's a good thing, because like every resident, each staff member has their own unique contributions. That is what makes Decatur House a special place to live.



Spotlight Continued - Addie Raso

One thing surprising about Addie that shouldn't be, is that she loves to travel. As a child, she visited her aunt and uncle in Rome. And as a young woman, she moved to Italy with two girlfriends where she continued her career, even after returning to Boston.

Since coming to Decatur House, Addie still sees many of her old friends. If you would like to learn more about Addie's new friends, join us at social hour where a petite, fun, and interesting lady shares a little wine and a lot of laughs.



Addie with her loved ones



***Families are Invited
to Join Us!***

4th of July Parade!

Friday, July 4th
10:00 a.m.

Decatur House has the best seats in town for the parade!

Sandwich's Hometown Parade will pass right in front of Decatur House. Everyone has a ball!

The parade starts at 10:30. Families may wish to consider arriving around 10:00 and parking in the driveway because the road does get blocked off. Please bring your beach chairs and we'll have plenty of popsicles for everyone in the family!

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Around the House

Community SPOTlight

ADDIE RASO



Addie sat on the patio admiring the colorful garden. She said she hadn't developed any gardening skills, because she never had anywhere to grow things in Boston, where she grew up and lived mostly her whole life.

Her family was a hardworking, strict, but loving mother and father and two older brothers that were charged with looking after her. She laughingly said that sometimes she wished they would go away when she was playing with her girlfriends, but her brothers took their responsibility very seriously.

Addie went to parochial schools and maintained a fondness for "the nuns." "They were very good to us," she smiled.

Addie described herself as a homebody, "not a millionaire," just "normal." She, being quite petite is often described as cute, quiet, even a little feisty, Italian and a good cook. She often helped her mother who was known a "great" cook. They rolled enough meatballs to go with the red sauce and pasta they made and ate at least three times a week. When asked if she ever got tired of eating it, she replied, "Nev-a" It was that delicious!

After graduating business school where she learned shorthand, she was hired at Corp Engineers, she married, and later adopted her son, Chris who resides in Maine.

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