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A Note from the Administrator

Easter Traditions

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Lori Jack, former Resident and current volunteer, brought to our attention that Easter is celebrated in different ways throughout the world. Lori told us that in Denmark, children place their shoes outside the door for the Easter Bunny to fill with candy and toys. This made us curious about our own traditions!

Easter, the annual festival that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, coincided with a pagan festival that honored *Eastre*, the goddess of spring and fertility. As the Christian missionaries attempted to convert the pagans, they wisely merged Holy Days with the pagan festivals. The holiday eventually became a Christian holiday and the name was changed to the traditional spelling, *Easter*.

The origin of the famous Easter Bunny also has roots in pagan festivals, as the rabbit was an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. The hare was said to be able to lay eggs one day of the year. Children would build nests in hats and wait for the Easter Bunny to lay colored eggs in them. Some sources reveal that German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and brought their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" brought the Easter Bunny to America in the 1700s. Soon decorated baskets replaced nests and the custom expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts waiting for children on Easter morning.

Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America, after Halloween. Chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19th century Europe, and jellybeans, associated with Easter since the 1930's, are both important parts of Easter

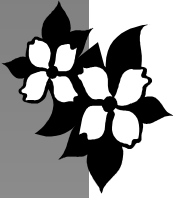
traditions. Over the past few years, the top-selling non-chocolate candy is the Marshmallow Peep. *Just Born*, the Bethlehem, PA based candy manufacturer that was founded by Russian immigrant Sam Born in 1923, began selling Peeps in the 1950s.

The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, was part of the pagan festival celebrating spring, and from a Christian perspective, Easter eggs represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. In Medieval Europe, it was forbidden to eat eggs during Lent, so any eggs laid during the Lenten season were boiled to preserve them. The eggs became a big part of the Easter meal and a valued gift for children. Often the eggs would be painted and decorated to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting. During pagan festivals, the brightly painted eggs were given as gifts and used in Easter-egg rolling contests.

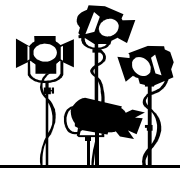
The Easter egg hunt and egg rolling are also popular traditions. It was believed that the Easter bunny would lay eggs not only in the nest or basket, but also throughout the house or outside for children to find, thus creating the Easter egg hunt. In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll is an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was President.

And of course, what would Easter be without the Easter Parade, a tradition that dates back to the mid-1800s, when the members of the high-class society would stroll outside after church, showing off their new spring outfits and hats!

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Employee Spotlight



Jessica Blom, CNA



Jessica Blom has been with Orchard Manor for four and a half years. She started out as a

Certified Nurse's Aide before making the switch to Restorative Aide. Her favorite thing about her job is watching the Residents improve with their range of motion and ambulation.

Jessica has four sisters, two brothers, three nieces and six nephews. She was raised in Grove City, but currently lives in Stoneboro.

Jessica is also the proud mom of an eight-year old daughter, whom she loves spending time with. Her other hobbies include reading and being outside.

Jessica's future plans include going back to school.

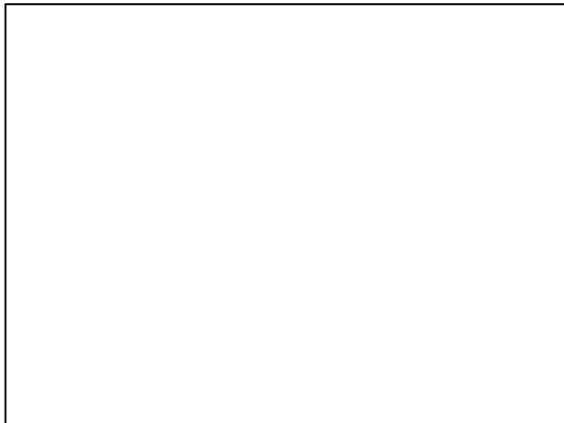


Our Dedicated Staff

Service Anniversaries for April

- Pat Graham, Seamstress—36 years
- Barb Studebaker, CNA—21 years
- Sandy Firlein, Laundry Aide—20 years
- Elaine Evans, CNA—19 years
- Arlene Morganstern, RN—19 years
- Kathy Gills, Housekeeper—17 years
- Debbie Johnson, CNA—16 years
- Anna Kaufman, RN—15 years
- Lucy Adams, Cook—11 years

- Theresa Fernandez, LPN—7 years
- Faith Mong, Activity Director—5 years
- Holly Cardy, RN—3 years
- Melissa Surrena, Dietary Aide—3 years
- Sheryall Frasl, Dietary Aide—2 years
- Monica Gilson, LPN—2 years
- Crystal Friedl, LPN—2 years
- Cindy Shuffstall, CNA—1 year



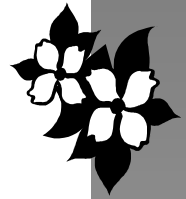
Millie Johnston Retires

Millie Johnston, LPN retired January 2009 after 39 years of service with Orchard Manor. A party was held to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations and best wishes, Millie!



Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Stephanie Thompson



Hope

It seems elusive sometimes doesn't it? But we keep on searching for it, looking for signs of change, improvement.

If your struggle today is financial in the current economic scene, you look for signs of improvement in the stock market. Each day you hope the market will rally, become more steady, fluctuate less.

If your struggle today is your own health or the health of a loved one, you look for some sign of change, any sign of improvement at all, and you hold on for all you're worth to that sign, wanting it to be, wanting it to remain.

If your struggle today is a marriage issue, you look for signs of improvement as you adapt and adjust your way of doing things in an effort to save what you have and try to rekindle what once was.

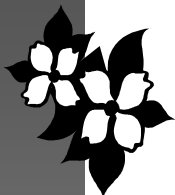
If your struggle today is a loved one serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, you look for signs that the conflict may be winding down sooner than you have been led to believe it will. Maybe today will be the day we make great strides in this thing being over, and I can see my loved one getting off a plane, home on American soil once again.

It's all about looking for hope isn't it? Solomon says in Proverbs 13:12, ". . . when desire cometh, it is a tree of life." That's true isn't it, that is how it is! Oh, what joy, what new life it brings when things work out – as a tree our hope is strong, renewed, upright, fresh. I envision tender green leaves on that tree, don't you? But sometimes the hope we want to find is elusive, sometimes it doesn't come at all. Health doesn't

always return, people we love die, marriages fail, the economy doesn't turn around as fast as we had hoped, and we are in year five of the war that was to last but a short time and we see no signs of change coming anytime soon. Solomon also says in that same verse, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick . . ." That's true too, isn't it? That's how it is. The longer we go without some sign of change, the less joyful and the more discouraged we can become.

I find in my life that I have more of the "hope deferred" times than I do the "desire cometh" times. Maybe you have found that too. How wonderful to know that we are not alone in those times. When it seems we aren't able to handle another moment of waiting and our joy is waning and discouragement is settling in, how wonderful it is to know that God is there! We are not alone. All we need do is pray a simple prayer – even a "Lord, help me" brings His aid! Did you know that God is able to restore us to a "desire cometh" time even when the desire hasn't come and may never come? It's true. In Isaiah 26:3, the prophet says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." The more we trust in God during our difficult times, trusting in His ability to sustain us, strengthen us, and get us through, the more at peace we will be all the time, the more joy we can experience even in the uncertainty of life.

Pastor Stephanie



Resident of the Month continued

Marie Hay—Sunshine Way

Marie was dating Glenn Sonntag at the time. She graduated from high school in June of 1944 and she and Glenn eloped on July 9, 1944 to West Virginia. They had five children, Judy, Karen, Glenna, Alan and Amy.

Marie worked outside the home after her children were gone and at the Social Security Department in Boyers, the Quilt Shop in Volant and Ben Franklin in New Wilmington. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of a women's group called the Grasshoppers.

Marie shared her mother's interest in art and began going to painting classes in the late 1960s. She painted with both oil and water colors. She painted on canvas, tiles, slate shingles and eventually branched out into china painting. She painted for herself and friends and then began teaching china painting. She displayed her work on many occasions at art shows and craft shows in the area.

Scheduling Appointments

When you schedule a Doctor or other type of appointment for a Resident, please let the Nursing Staff know the date and time of the appointment. By doing so, we can make sure Residents are ready on time, transportation is confirmed, any necessary paperwork is available, etc.

Thank you, as this will make for a smoother outing for both you and our Residents.

Reminder



Easter Coloring Contest sheets must be returned by Wednesday, April 6th and the winners will be announced April 8th.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Everyone at Orchard Manor extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the following Residents who recently passed away.

Mr. Herschel Blose, 3/7
Mrs. Dorothy Sankey, 3/17

Glenn died from pancreatic cancer on April 25, 1991 at the age of 65. She did not paint much after that. She said he had been her inspiration, giving her many ideas for her painting. He also made the picture frames and display apparatus for her creations. All her children, extended family and friends still enjoy items made by Glenn and painted by Marie.

Marie has 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She enjoyed having family parties at the home that Glenn had built them near Leesburg. The grandchildren have all enjoyed Hungarian nut rolls and peanut butter balls she was famous for making. Recipes she learned years ago from neighbors have been filtered down several generations.

Marie married Jerry Hay in 1997. Jerry passed away in October 1999 at the age of 86. Thus, she is now Marie Hay. Her sister, Leontine (Len) Rice, now age 90, is her remaining sibling and she lives in Bonita Springs, Florida. Marie is a member of the Leesburg Presbyterian Church where she previously served as a deacon. Prior to coming to Orchard Manor's Sunshine Way, Marie resided at Home 2 Me in Slippery Rock for four years.

Special Thanks

Over the past couple of months the Residents have enjoyed playing Jackpot Bingo on Wednesdays. The last Jackpot Bingo is scheduled for April 15th, 2009. The jackpot was donated by some of the staff at Orchard Manor that won a little money in the Pennsylvania Lottery. Once again, thank you to the staff for the donation!

Annual Day

A special welcome to all Members of the Order that attend the Annual Day Meeting on Saturday, April 25th at Orchard Manor.

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Average citizens started showing up along Fifth Avenue in New York City to watch, and the tradition was at its' peak in 1948 when the film *Easter Parade* was released, starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland and featuring the music of Irving Berlin. The Easter Parade tradition lives on in Manhattan, as well as in other cities throughout the country.

At Orchard Manor, we celebrate the Easter Holiday with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services, as well as a Sunrise Service on Easter morning. The Residents will be coloring eggs and Donna Roberts, Dietary Manager, will carry out her annual tradition of making Easter treat baskets for everyone. The Activity Department has Bunny Races, Easter Crafts and Easter Bingo scheduled and of course, our traditional Easter Dinner is on Easter Sunday. No matter how you celebrate the Holiday, we hope that you and your family have a wonderful Easter!

Easter Events



Join us Saturday, April 4th at 6:45 pm for an Easter Drama that is being performed in the Great Room by the New Lebanon Community Church.

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Pastor Stephanie Thompson and Pastor Walter Hehman is planned for Thursday, April 9th in the Great Room at 2:30 pm.

The Good Friday Service with Pastor Stephanie Thompson and Pastor Walter Hehman will be in the Great Room at 2:30 pm. Friday, April 10th.

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Great Room at 9:30 am Sunday, April 12th.

Support Group

The monthly CAREgiver's Support group will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 10:30 in the Front Solarium. The topic will be "Is that anger that I am feeling?" If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Palmer at 724-458-4456

New Residents!

Mrs. Glenda Blauser, 3/5
Mrs. Lorraine Gilson, 3/10
Mrs. Barbara Heasley, 3/13
Mr. Chester Blauser, 3/18
Mr. Robert Flowers, 3/18

New Employees

Jody Rouse, LPN
Sara Hamilton, LPN
Elissa Sandok, CNA

Best Wishes

Best wishes to the following Residents who were discharged from Orchard Manor.

Mr. Clarence McCracken, 3/13

Community Highlights

Special thanks to Annabelle Hovis for donating her time on Thursdays to play the piano for Church each week. Annabelle has been with Orchard Manor for several years and we appreciate her time. Thank you again, Annabelle!

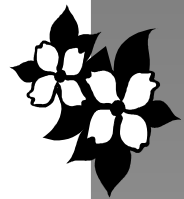
Senior Snickers

Grandma made such beautiful pies!

One day I asked her, "Grandma, how do you get such beautiful pies with the edges crimped and even?"

"It's a family secret." she said. "So promise not to tell."

I roll out the dough, then cut a bottom layer and carefully put it in the pie plate. Then I slowly pour the filling making sure it's not too full. Next, I cut a top layer and put it over the filling. Finally, I just take out my teeth and run them around the edge of the pie crust. They make the nicest even impressions you ever did see!



Calendar Highlights


- Apr 3 Birthday Celebration with Pastor Joe Barth
- Apr 4 Easter Drama with Lebanon Community Church
- Apr 6 Outing to Easter Bunny Land
Coloring Easter eggs (BW)
- Apr 7 Coloring Easter eggs (AW)
- Apr 9 Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- Apr 10 Good Friday Service
- Apr 12 Easter Sunrise Service
- Apr 13 Mercer Variety Players
- Apr 18 Grove City College Crimson Brass entertains
- Apr 20 Grove City College Koinonia entertains
- Apr 23 Ice Cream Social
- Apr 24 Ceramics with Clarinda
- Apr 27 Barry Spiker & Friends

*For a more thorough list of activities
and times, please see the calendar on pages 2 & 9.*



- 4/9 Jean Walter
- 4/17 Wilma Joyce Thornbury
- 4/20 Evelyn Starz
- 4/20 Pat Demarco
- 4/20 Effie Arbuckle
- 4/22 Dot McNeish
- 4/22 Lorraine Brocklehurst
- 4/22 Robert Flowers
- 4/28 Edna Lilley
- 4/28 Lynette Dallas




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Residents of the Month

Don't forget to look at the pictures of our Residents of the Month! They are on the bulletin boards located on each wing.

Lillie Mae Johnson—B-Wing

Lillie Mae was born March 20, 1922 in Avenger, Texas to parents Willis and Dolly Melton. She grew up in Waco, Texas with her two sisters, Hazel and Mozelle, and a brother, Seaman.

Mae graduated from Waco Schools in 1940. After her graduation, her sister Hazel sent her a bus ticket to come to New Jersey. Once there, Mae worked for the Western Electric Company during WWII. Later she worked as a meter maid for the Plainfield, New Jersey Parking Authority. Mae got to know Wade Johnson when he offered her rides to work. The pair married in the summer of 1957.

Mae's nieces loved to go and spend weekends with their "fun" aunt. She would let them choose whatever they wanted to do and made them feel special.

After living in New Jersey for a time, Wade and Mae moved to South Carolina. The couple loved to go fishing together. Mae loved to garden and was a fantastic baker! She was well-known for her pumpkin pie and Hungarian cheese breads. They lived in South Carolina for seven years until Wade passed away.

Once again, Mae returned to her sister Hazel and New Jersey. Later the family moved to Forest Drive in Grove City where they have been for the past 20 years.

Vivian Gregg—Personal Care

Vivian was born on Valentine's Day, 1922 to parents Anna and Steven Schuster. She grew up with her three brothers, Steven, Carl and Emil, and one sister, Dorothy, in Ellwood City.

Vivian graduated in 1939 from Lincoln High School. She was particularly good at shorthand, reaching a high school record of 140 words per minute. Not many people in the country have achieved this speed. As a result of her skill, she didn't have much problem finding a job. Vivian worked in Harrisburg for the Health Department doing office work.

Vivian's husband, Edward Gregg, was in the Air force and worked at Matthews Conveyor Company. The couple had two sons, David and Tom. Vivian and her husband liked to travel.

In her spare time, Vivian likes to play the piano and read. She played piano at church, sang in the choir and taught Sunday School

Wilma Virginia Hall—A-Wing

Wilma Virginia Thomas was born March 6, 1921 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Her parents were Laura and William Thomas. Along with her three brothers and one sister, Wilma grew up and attended schools in Pittsburgh and Mercer County.

On March 26, 1941 Wilma married Robert Hall. They had three children, David, James and Donna. Wilma was a homemaker and enjoyed music and reading in her spare time.

Marie Hay—Sunshine Way

Marie Ernestine Williamson was born August 7, 1926 in Mercer County, PA to Leontine Viette Williamson and William Williamson. She was one of six children and the only child to be born in America. Her parents, along with her sister Leontine and brothers John and William came to the U.S. from Scotland. Her father was a coal miner who came to America six times before bringing the family to live here. Her mother was a graduate of Glasgow School of Art.

Marie grew up during the depression in the mining village of No. 5 along with many other hard-working immigrant families. Her parents were very involved in their church activities. When Marie was 15 years old, her mother died at

age 56 from a cerebral hemorrhage. She passed away the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked. Marie had to learn to take care of their home, cook and continue to go to Grove City High School. Since she did not know how to cook, a number of women neighbors in the mining community taught her how to make different dishes. Over the years her family enjoyed quite a few international dishes. Her father had taken a job at a steel mill in Sharon. On the way to work early one morning, he and a friend who carpooled had a flat tire. A truck ran into them, killing both men. Marie was now without either parent at the age of 16.