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## A Note from the Administrator

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### National Nursing Home Week

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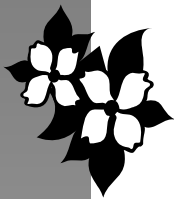
May 9th - 15th is National Nursing Home Week, with the theme this year being, *Enriching Every Day*. National Nursing Home Week is a special week in which Residents, caregivers, families, staff and volunteers honor and celebrate Nursing Facility life. No, life is not perfect at Orchard Manor or in any nursing home, nor is life perfect for anyone anywhere! But there are many people at Orchard Manor who make a positive difference in the lives of our Residents every day...and our Residents teach us and positively impact our lives too. The recognition week is also dedicated to familiarize the public with long-term care facilities and their services. While the nature of such facilities involves many people, both directly and indirectly, an extraordinary amount of rules and regulations and a multitude of emotions, we acknowledge that "things" can always be better. The Board of Directors and Staff extend their gratitude and appreciation to all Residents and their families for choosing Orchard Manor and entrusting our Home to provide care and services. The Board also acknowledges and thanks the Staff Members who strive every day to provide care and services to our Residents in the same manner that each of us would want the care provided to us.

Nursing Homes have changed a lot over the years, always with the best interest of Residents in mind. You may remember *Wayside Inn*, the I.O.O.F. Home that used to stand in the lot to the east of Orchard Manor, right outside of B-Wing. Built in 1901, the Home was originally a self-sustained, working farm. Residents were referred to as

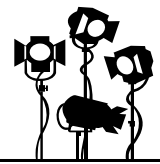
"inmates" or "guests", two of the terms that were appropriate for that period in history. Members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs lived at Wayside Inn and actually carried out farm chores, maintenance work, cooking, cleaning and baking. In the early 1960's, as other nursing homes had been established throughout the State by Churches, Fraternal Organizations and Counties, the decision was made to accommodate, "paying guests", thus allowing non-members to reside at Wayside Inn. Subsequently, as State and Federal regulations became more stringent, Orchard Manor was built and in 1976, Residents of Wayside Inn and the Rebekah Home in Pittsburgh moved into a brand new building!

There are a number of Board Members, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and even staff members who were involved with Wayside Inn. One staff member in particular, Mary Brown, CNA, celebrates her 50th anniversary as an employee of Wayside Inn and Orchard Manor on May 8th, during National Nursing Home Week. Fifty years! Just think of the many lives Mary Brown has touched! And Mary lovingly tells stories of Residents who have touched her life. Mary recently told me that she thought a reserved parking place would be a nice fifty year gift. The Maintenance Department is working on that for Mary, as we both thank and congratulate her on the contributions she has made by caring for Residents, and enriching every day, for fifty years!

Diane Robinson, NHA  
Administrator



# Employee Spotlight



## Mary Brown, CNA—50 Years of Service!



Mary Brown has been a part of the Orchard Manor family for 50 years. Mary started as a Dietary Aide in the Odd Fellows Home and has since held the positions of Laundry Aide, Housekeeper and is now a Certified Nurse's Aide.

Mary is originally from Harrisville and now resides in New Castle with her husband Gary. She is also the proud mother of four, Jimmy, Theresa, Donna and Patty. Her daughter, Theresa (Teri), works as a Dietary Aide and son, Jimmy, is a CNA who has been with Orchard Manor for 36 years. Her granddaughter, Jade, is also a Dietary Aide.

In her time off, Mary enjoys cleaning her house and doing yard work. Trips to the casinos are also a favorite past time.

Mary is proud of the way Orchard Manor treats its Residents and the cleanliness of our Home. Her favorite thing about her job is working with the Residents and she plans to work 'til she drops.

Mary says, "If I didn't love my job, I wouldn't be here."



## Our Dedicated Staff

### Service Anniversaries for May

Mary Brown, CNA—50 years  
 Margaret Bowers, LPN—35 years  
 Cyndi DiBiase, RN—16 years  
 Glenda Hites, Cook's Helper—13 years  
 Phyllis Leax, Housekeeper—13 years  
 Sandy Eakin, Housekeeper—9 years  
 Amber Morian-Gowetski,  
 Assistant Administrator—9 years  
 Marlene Gaggini,  
 Billing Office Clerk—4 years  
 Katie Cline, LPN—3 years

Sam Uber, CNA—2 years  
 Nicole DuBois, CNA—1 year  
 Kari Jordan, CNA—1 year  
 Lynn Parsons, CNA—1 year  
 Sally Cox, LPN—1 year

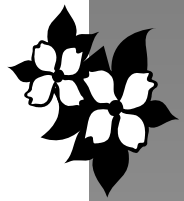
## New Employee

Amy Thomas, LPN



# Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Walter Mehman



## When God Winks at You

A good friend of ours recently gave us a book to read written by Squire Rushnell. You have probably guessed the title by now, *When God Winks at You*.

This is a book about moments in life when you wonder if God really answers prayers, especially in a day when everything seems uncertain in life. Wouldn't it be great to wake up someday and have everything certain? Who could you talk to about this? A bigger question might be, who would listen?

Think about this for a minute. There are six billion people in the world and you want God to listen to you right now. What if everyone called God at the same time? It would be a moment when you sink deeper into the dumps. But then—something happens! It might be a silly little thing. Someone you just thought about for the first time in years telephones you out of the blue. It's just a silly little thing. It's a coincidence, so you shrug it off.

Here is a story of two women who happened to meet at the crystal cathedral in California. They sat side by side during the service and when the worship was over they started to talk together and what happened next was amazing.

The older woman had passed the cathedral many times, but on this Sunday morning she said, today is the day. She sat in the middle of the church and looked around at 3,000 people who filled the sanctuary.

Next to her was a young woman from the Midwest who had come to find her birth mother. Before she left home most everyone told her it was a waste of time.

But as they talked and shared more information it turned out that the older woman had given up her little girl for adoption. Something she really hadn't wanted to do. Then the young woman asked, "Do you remember her birthday?" The older woman said, "October

30th." I bet you have already guessed that this was the birthday of the young woman.

What are the odds of that happening? That experience is an example of a Godwink!

A long lost mother and daughter found each other after years of separation on a day where they had just decided to go to church.

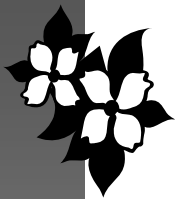
There are examples of Godwinks in the scripture. One of my favorites is from Luke 2:9; "An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear." I'm sure that those shepherds had no idea that God would show up that night and that they would become the first visitors to the manger when Christ was born.

Another example comes from the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Esther and her uncle Mordecai are Jews living in a foreign land. One of the King's court officials had developed a plan to have all the Jews killed. But the king did not know that Esther was Jewish and in Chapter 4, verse 14 we find these words of Mordecai; "Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Who would have thought that a young Jewish woman would have been selected out of hundreds of women to become the Queen of the Land. Esther was in a place where she could save her people. A place where God could use her.

Think about some experiences in your life. Were they Godwinks? In my life my wife and I met on a blind date. That was 43 years ago this month. In September we will celebrate our 43rd wedding anniversary. Pick up a copy of the book sometime. It is an amazing adventure!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Walt*



# Landscape Project

Work on the Landscape Project recently began, with mowing, the start of a spring clean-up and mulching in the works. Jill Shimek, owner of *Landscape Design* and daughter of Stacia Moore, began work in the cul-de-sac outside of 100 and 300 Halls. A display of plantings will provide greenery and color from Resident Rooms. Jill and her team will also be working on the area outside of the Main Dining Room, across from 200 Hall and Sunshine Way, as well as the area across from the Storeroom/Garage and the west side of 500 Hall. More details will be available soon regarding the design and particular plants and trees. Also, the Maintenance and Activity Departments are working on "Wheelchair



Gardens" for a couple of different areas. While it's still a little early to plant in Grove City, the Wheelchair Gardens should be ready for use by the time the weather warms up!

## Annual Day

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows held the Annual Day Meeting at Orchard Manor on April 24th. Members of the Order traveled from across the State to attend business meetings for Orchard Manor, Fellowship Manor, and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western PA. The luncheon and fellowship was enjoyed by all those in attendance!

## Salute to Our Military

Orchard Manor would like to acknowledge family members of Residents and Staff who are currently serving in the Military.

- ☆ SSG. Jarett Buchanan,\* brother-in-law of Stacy Saeler, Speech Therapist
  - ☆ Spc. Steve Fox, Army National Guard, son of Wanda Fox, CNA
  - ☆ Pfc. Jeremy Fry,\* Army, cousin of Amy Bailey, CNA
  - ☆ Pfc. Jonathan Hogue,\* brother of Stacy Saeler, Speech Therapist
  - ☆ E5 Sgt. Adam Reddinger,\* Army Infantry, cousin of Amy Bailey, CNA.
  - ☆ Sgt. Justin Robinson (Maintenance), Army National Guard, son of Diane Robinson, Administrator, brother of Emily Robinson, Activity Director
  - ☆ Spc. Jacob Sydlik and
  - ☆ Spc. Matthew Sydlik, Army National Guard, grandsons of Resident Norie Young
  - ☆ Senior Airman Josh Winder and
  - ☆ SSG Matt Winder (Maintenance), Air Force Reserves, grandsons of Gloria Kaufman, Housekeeper.
  - ☆ LCpl. Nathaniel Yarian,\* U.S. Marines, husband of Kayla Yarian, RN.
- \*Currently serving overseas

If you have a family member you would like to recognize in the Apple Blossom, please call Laura Cook at 724-458-7760.

## 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.



- Mrs. Margie Godinich, 4/13
- Mrs. Marian Duda, 4/17
- Mrs. Marion Wherry, 4/18
- Mrs. Helen Lipinski, 4/25
- Mrs. Eva LePant, 4/26

He left before you,  
A place to prepare,  
In the shelter,  
Of our Lord's care,  
May this bring comfort,  
In the sorrow you bear



—Author Unknown

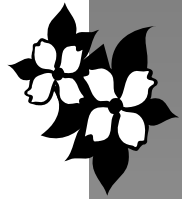
# New Residents!

Mr. Robert Bowser, 4/1  
Mr. Robert Allison, 4/2  
Mr. Robert Smith, 4/12  
Mr. Ellwood McCorkle, 4/14  
Mrs. Myra McCorkle, 4/14  
Mrs. Marian Duda, 4/15  
Mrs. Kathy Garner, 4/15  
Mrs. Dauna Snedden, 4/19  
Mrs. Margaret Webb, 4/19  
Mrs. Ruth Winger, 4/29  
Mrs. Helen Snyder, 4/23

# Best Wishes

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

Mr. Vance Beach, 4/19  
Mrs. Betty Milner, 4/4



# Support Group

The monthly CAREgiver's Support group will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 10:30 am in the Front Solarium. The topic will be cognitive dysfunction and the speaker will be Gretchen McGowan, SLP. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Palmer at 724-458-4456.



# Congratulations

Orchard Manor would like to congratulate Bev Ozga on her retirement. Bev has worked as an LPN Assessment Coordinator since 2005. In her retirement, she plans to do some gardening and get caught up on her housework. And if we know her, traveling will be a part, too. We'll miss you, Bev!

# Senior Snickers



## Just Like a Dumb Blonde

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A blonde lady walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement & announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Junior shook his head and laughed. "Ain't that just like a dumb blonde? We ask for the height, and she gives us the length!"

## Once a Pennsylvanian...

You refer to Pennsylvania as 'PA.' How many other states do that??

'You guys' (or even 'yinz guys', in some places) is a perfectly acceptable reference to a group of men and women.

You know how to respond to the question 'Djeetyet?' (Did you eat yet?)

You learned to pronounce Bryn Mawr, Wilkes-Barre, Schuylkill, Tamaqua, Kutztown, Tunkahannock, Bala Cynwyd, Duquesne, Monongahela and Conshohocken. And we know Lancaster is pronounced LANK-ister, not Lan-KASTER.

At least five people on your block have electric 'candles' in all or most of their windows all year long.

Words like 'hoagie,' 'crick,' 'chipped ham,' 'dippy eggs', 'sticky buns,' 'pierogies' and 'pocketbook' actually mean something to you. (that last one's PA slang for a purse!)

A traffic jam in Lancaster County is 10 cars waiting to pass a horse-drawn carriage on the highway. (remember...that's LANK-ister!)

You know several people who have hit deer more than once.

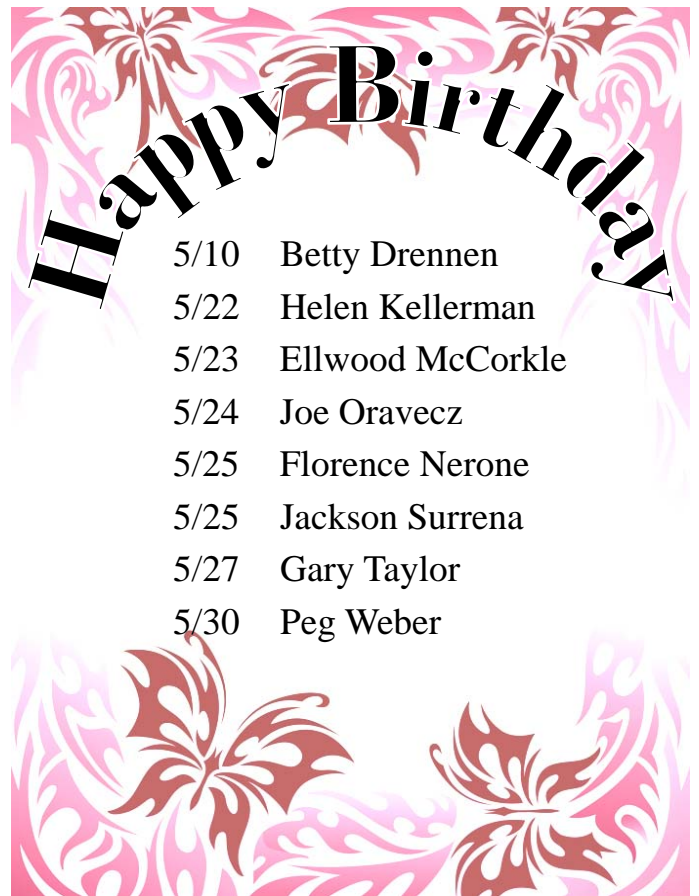
Driving is always better in winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

As a kid you built snow forts and leaf piles that were taller than you were.

# Calendar Highlights

- May 5 Animals with Jungle Terry with YMCA children
- May 6 Birthday Celebration with Tim Amerson
- May 9 Mother's Day Tea & Strawberry Shortcake
- May 11 Ice Cream Social with Southern Care
- May 14 Ceramics with Clarinda
- May 24 AARP Kitchen Band  
Barry Spiker & Friends
- May 28 Piano and singing with Greg Vanvalien

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



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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.

## Norma Schwerin—B-Wing

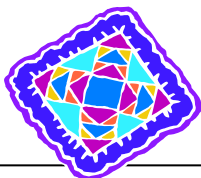
Norma Jeanne was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11, 1919. Her parents, Tom and Ruth Whited had five other children, two boys and three girls. Norma grew up in Indianapolis where she attended George Washington school.

Two years after graduating in 1937, Norma married and later divorced. She has six children, Mike, Tom, Billy, Rosie, Alma and Norma. The family has lived in Pittsburgh and New Springfield, Ohio.

Norma worked as a model and enjoyed sewing, painting and music.

## Found

We recently found a binder filled with cataloged embroidery floss in our vending machine area. If this book is yours, it can be claimed at the front desk.



## Patchwork of Memories Quilt

Since last month, several new quilt squares have been added both to our Residents' and Staff quilts.

Personal Care Resident Eleanor Elliott loves angels and has a seraphim angel on her square. Al Ithen worked as a caddie at the local country club and later became an avid golfer, so his square reflects his love of the game. Two sportsmen are Resident Jim Heasley, who was an avid hunter and Gary Taylor, who enjoyed fishing. Rose Vitez has drawn a picture of a scarecrow named Archibald that was in her garden. Resident Les Stilwell was a Pennsylvania State Trooper for 32 years before retiring. It's a rare occasion to see Marian Hutcheson without a book she is reading. Her square proclaims her love of books. Resident Ella Jones has often joined in with entertainers at Orchard Manor, playing her harmonica.

Our Staff quilt has grown by leaps and bounds. Since the last update, Katie Cline, LPN, has added a square with a photo of her son, Dravin. Scheduler Chris Rauch, LPN has a love of chocolate and created a 3-D Hershey's Kiss on her square. Emily Robinson, Activity Director, has taken part in many sports, including basketball and baseball. Her favorite football team is the Tennessee Titans, which are also

## Dolores Cokain—SSW

Dolores was born in Butler County, October 22, 1928. She was the daughter of Harold and Mary Klever. Dolores grew up in West Sunbury, PA and has two brothers, Ron and Kirby. She was a 1946 graduate of Concord Township High School at Hooker, PA and a 1947 graduate of Butler Business College.

On October 29, 1949, Dolores married Donald "Gene" Kiser. The couple moved to Grove City and bought a house on Sunset Avenue. The couple had five children, Terry, Gail, Larry, Gary and Ronda. Gene passed away on September 28, 1978.

Dolores retired from the Grove City Area Middle School where she had been a secretary in the Guidance Office for 23 years. She had formerly worked at the Loyal Christie Insurance Agency.

In addition to her five children, Dolores now has eleven grandchildren. She also has one step-son and two step-grandchildren.

Dolores is a member of Holy Trinity Church where she was a former Sunday School teacher and officer in the Women of the Church. She is also a former member of the Library Bridge Group and the Pine Grove Line Dancers.

represented. She also has shown a picture of herself swimming with a dolphin. Sally Cox, LPN has photos of her favorite things—her grandchildren! Mary Brown, CNA, loves to play the lottery and has placed lottery tickets on her square. Julie Simpson and Lisa Mars have combined into a square that represents the Occupational Therapy Department. Cheryl Fedorchak, CNA, has done a square that shows her husband and daughter. There are also pictures of cats, farm animals and gardening supplies. Assistant Administrator Amber Morian-Gowetski includes pictures of her children, J.J. and Robert. She played sports in school, loves to go to the beach and has a strong faith. All of these are shown in her square. Jessica Porterfield, CNA, enjoys spending time with her brother and her dog, Mekoe and going to the beach. Sandy Quinn, RN, IP, has pictures of her grandchildren, Austin and Ashleigh. Her "boys," cats Scottie and Mickey and a cross to show her faith. Mary Jane Fryman, Activity Aide, enjoys doing counted cross stitch and gardening. Her faith is a very important part of her life as well.

We will continue to keep you updated as more squares are added to the quilts.