

THE ORCHARD SCOOP

Orchard Heights 5200 Chestnut Ridge Road
Orchard Park, New York 14127



March 2020

Some of last months highlights....



Dancing with Terry Buchwald aka Elvis on
Valentines Day!



Celebrating Black history month with re-
nowned storyteller Karima Amin!



Mardi Gras 2020



Up close encounters with
Buffalo Animal Adventures!



Selling Paczki on Mardi Gras to
benefit Hospice Buffalo!



A letter from the Administrator



Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I hope it was a safe winter for everyone, you are gearing up for the warmer temperatures and some beautiful spring flowers.

This spring will mark one of the most significant events that I have had as the Administrator. For those of you who haven't heard from the residents, Paula McGrath our Business Office Manager has set a date for her retirement.

Paula has worked at Orchard Heights for the past 18 years, and to say she has done an excellent job is an understatement. She is truly one of a kind and will be missed both personally and professionally. Paula shared the following about her upcoming plans and what she loved about her position: *My favorite part of my job was meeting and building relationships with so many wonderful residents, families, and co-workers. It was a very difficult decision to leave here, because I didn't feel like this was a job. It was more of a second home to me. I plan to join my husband in his retirement and travel...a lot, spending time at the lake, reading, just enjoying life. Not only did I have a great Administrator for the past 6 years, the Hamister Group LLC, has been very good to me as well. They made me feel respected and was always willing to listen to my ideas.*

I certainly will miss everyone here and I will come back to visit! – Paula McGrath

Please take the time to congratulate Paula on her retirement, she will be missed dearly, but I speak for all the Management Team when I say we couldn't be happier for her. She deserves all the best!

Sincerely,
Colleen Roy, Administrator

Resident of the Month—Marge Manista



Margie Manista was chosen for this honor for her kind and helpful spirit. Margie always befriends new residents and helps them get acclimated. Originally from Boston, New York, she was the first woman on a tractor in the town. She was also active with the women's Aux. of the Fire Dept.. She is very proud of her family and especially the two family members with doctoral degrees. She is thankful for the beautiful surroundings of Orchard Heights, the wonderful people and her health.

Resident of the Month-Rochford Harmon



Rochford is being honored this month for the kindness he shows to humans and animals alike. He is a true animal lover esp. Labrador Retrievers. He was a teacher for many years. He also served our country in the Marine Corps both stateside and overseas. He enjoys keeping busy with exercise, movies, and cards and has a wonderful singing voice. He is an avid sports fan enjoying baseball, Hockey and football. Congratulations Rochford!

Just a few Notes From Jim– Resident Council President



To usher in the seasons of Lent and Spring during the month of March. "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. That's the only thing that there's just too little of." These simple words of a song remind us of what the world is starving for today– peace, love, mercy, forgiveness, kindness and so much more. People all over the world must be united in this season of Lent. The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning "springtime". It is a season of new beginnings, a time of buds and new life. It is a season that reminds us that no matter what our age, we can grow and change. It is a time for us to focus our minds and hearts on committing ourselves to be open to gazing more attentively towards others with whom we have contact in our daily lives than ourselves. Sun. March 1 is the first day of Lent. March 7 is Cereal day and Sun. March 8, daylight savings time begins. (set clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 am) . On St. Patrick's day on Tuesday March 17 everyone is Irish for the day which is followed by St. Joseph's day when everyone is traditional Italian for the day on March 19 On Friday March 20 we swing into spring as the first day of spring officially arrives. Enjoy this time of renewal and fresh starts. "The best hour of the day be thine, the best of the week be thine, the best of the year be thine, the best year in the son of God's domain be thine." Happy springtime everyone!

Co-worker Worker of the Month– Melissa Dabolt



Melissa has been with us for the past 2 1/2 years supervising the dining room. The residents love her. In fact many of them selected her for this honor. They find her to be very efficient, a hard worker, and always pleasant. She is the proud mother of a 6 year old son Joshua. In her spare time she loves to spend time with her son in their Hamburg home. Melissa likes helping others and being with the residents. Congratulations Melissa and thank you for all you do!

March Birthdays

Residents

William Skakal	March 3
Nancy Bukaty	March 7
Janet Larkin	March 8
Jack McAllister	March 12
Frieda Koote	March 12
Paul Pieczonka	March 14
Adele Stern	March 20
Mary Moscato	March 25
Noreen Buckley	March 25
Ione Pagel	March 29

Co-Workers

Gina Cullinan	March 2
Taylor Lauter	March 9
Tajae Johnson	March 14
Kaitlyn Nickerson	March 15
Callie Trudell	March 16
Alissa Gonzalez	March 16
Jenna Osborne	March 17
Lillian Borowiak	March 18
Melissa Covrett	March 19
Melissa Yott	March 28



Hobby Show participants Wanted

for
Orchard Heights
Hobby Show on
March 31, 2020



Laughter Corner

Tom: What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

Pee Wee: I don't know.

Tom: A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.

Seth: What do you call a fake Irish stone?

Spencer: What?

Seth: A shamrock!

Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day

Rinca na Tiarna Irish dancers-March
16 at 7:00pm



Saint Patrick's Party



March 17 at 2:15 with Carde'



This Month's Outings

Lunch at JP Fitzgeralds

Kazoo Factory tour

Trip to Moore's Sugarshack

Please sign up in Recreation. We would love to have you join us!!

Special Events

St. Patrick's Day party

Quilt Show

Orchard Park Co-operative Pre-school spring show

Orchard Heights Hobby show

March Entertainment

March 1- Sujeet Desai- Multi-instrumentalist*

March 2- Scott Celani- Guitar

March 5- Mark Mazur Trio-lots of fun

March 7- Dotted Notes sing a long

March 7- Cathy Calderella-vocalist

March 9- Mike Horning-Piano*

March 10- Gene Hilts Duo

March 12- Al Sexton-vocalist

March 14- The Kindred-duo-cello and vocals

March 16- Robin Grandin-NEW*

March 16-Rinca Na Tiarna Irish dancers

March 17- Carde'-Irish Music

March 17- Lyle Stang-everyone's favorite one man band.

March 19- Randy Ruminski as Ramundo

March 21- Speaker- Rick Falkowski speaks on the Past Industrial Leaders of Buffalo

March 23- Brian Beaudry- Multi-instrumentalist*

March 24- Tom Corsi Duo- NEW

March 25- Carolyn Dolly singers*

March 26- Jim Caputa-Guitar

March 28- Jill Tifford

March 29- Andy Bialek-Guitar

March 31- Faith sing a long

*concert in on Harmony Lane

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