



# THE ORCHARD SCOOP



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



January 2024

## This Month:

- Country Rides for all
- Trip to the Dipson Theatres
- Music by Vocalist-Kathy Beck-Jan. 6
- Donna Docenko on the Flute (Harmony lane)
- Shop at Target-by request-Jan11
- Martin Luther King Day-Jan. 15
- Music by Brian Beaudry-Multi-instrumentalist-Jan. 17
- Trip to WNY Discovery Center-Jan.18
- Movie at OP senior center-Jan.19
- Music by Cathy Calderella-singer-Jan. 20
- Music by Sinatra and more-January 22-Harmony Lane
- Hobby Show-Jan.23
- Music by Joe Brancato-pianist-Jan. 25
- Music by John Renna-Crooner-Jan. 27
- Nova the Goat visits-Jan. 30
- Winter Olympics-Jan.31
- And more!

## Co-Worker of the Year 2023



**Melissa Dabolt**

Melissa has been a member of the Culinary team for the past six years. During that time, she has become proficient at almost everything related to the department. It is for this reason and others that she was promoted to Dining Room Supervisor. She helps out with whatever needs to be done with a smile on her face. Her supervisor says that she has a great attitude. For Melissa what is important is "making sure the residents have whatever they need." She is originally from Hamburg and is the mother of delightful Josh. When she is not here, she enjoys spending time with him, creating beautiful Tie Dye shirts and stopping at Tim Hortons. Congratulations Melissa on being named Co-Worker of the month and thank you for the many ways you make a positive difference everyday!

# A Note of Thanks from Tami Jo and Team



Heartfelt thanks go out to everybody who worked so hard to make this season joyful, memorable and fulfilling for all. Best wishes for every bit of good health and happiness in the New Year!



## Welcome

Mary Ann Desmone  
Jim Maier  
Linda Schaffer  
Susan Willet  
Carol Gingerich



## What's Lucky in January?

Lucky Color: Purple  
Lucky Animal: Tiger  
Lucky Letters: B and G  
Lucky Day: Sunday  
Lucky Plant: Amaryllis

## Oh My Word

There are between 600,000 and one million words in the English language, depending on your definition of what should count as a word. The average English speaker knows only 50,000 and uses far fewer on a daily basis. So on January 9, Word Nerd Day, take the time to supplement your quotidian lexicon with either a neologism or other new and utilitarian lexeme. In other words, learn a new word.

Even if linguistics is not your bailiwick and you believe that intricate locution is a supercilious conceit, you need not eschew your neighboring logophiles. Certainly, there is no need to engage in odious obloquy simply because the aforementioned display a penchant for conversational superfluity. Instead, consort with the jocular holiday revelers and participate in the day's delectable verbosity. You may reap a veritable cornucopia of rhetorical lagniappes.

## Religious Services

### **Rosary**

Wednesdays at 10:15 in the Recreation Room

### **Catholic Communion**

Thursday January 4, 18, and 25 at 10:15

Sunday January 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 10:30

### **Bible Study with the Barnettes**

-Sundays at 2:15

### **Faith Sing a long**

Wednesday January 6 at 7:00pm

### **Orchard Park Wesleyan Church**

TBA

### **Catholic Mass**

TBA

**Mass at St. Bernadettes**  
Friday January 26 at 10:45

## Best wishes for a Great January Birthday

### Residents

Vera Monroe	January 6
Eleanor McDonald	January 11
Walter Lutz	January 16
Paul Sanio	January 17
Mary Flatley	January 20
Lois Wenk	January 20
William Bourke	January 21
Nancy Champlin	January 22
Elizabeth Clauss	January 27



### Coworkers

Noriah Almontaser	January 1
Emma Bauer	January 6
Nicole Brunn	January 8
Kate McEvoy	January 11
Sheri White	January 15
Kimmie Mecozzi	January 17
Chuck Kellerman	January 20
Ashley Weston	January 21
Sven Hahmann	January 28

## Residents of the Month



**Geri  
Koch**



We have been enjoying Geri's company for the past 4 years. She is a delightful woman and always kind and helpful to everyone she meets. Originally from South Buffalo, she is the proud mom of 5. Geri likes to enjoy life and enjoys many past times. Her favorites are sewing and Rummy. Thank you Geri for all you do!



**Herman (Skip)  
Grishkat**



Skip has done a lot in his life including being a pilot, an inventor and working for the secret service. He hails from Niles Ohio and is the father of three. In addition, he has traveled all over the world! Other interests include wood working, reading about other cultures, golf, bingo and word games. He's a great guy and willing to lend a hand wherever needed. Congratulations Skip!

## Co-Worker of the Month-Ahlaya Brown



We are pleased to announce that Ahlaya Brown is our Co-Worker of the month this month. She provides excellent care for our residents. She provides such great care that the residents ask for her by name. She is a great team player and has a positive attitude. You can always count on her beautiful smile. In her spare time, she loves to bake and hopes to be a baker someday. Congratulations Ahlaya and thank you for the superior care you give our residents!



## Sights of the Season



Mary Alice's Dance Show



Visits from Santa



Boy Scouts Caroling



Working with Clay



New Years Eve with Lyle



Music by Ade'Adu

## Your Management Team!!

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