

# THE ORCHARD SCOOP



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



April 2024



**Our  
Lovely  
Easter  
Brunch!**



*So glad you came!!!*

# A Note from Tami Jo



Dear Residents, Family and Friends,

Thank you for joining us for our first Easter Brunch post-covid. All who were able to attend reported they had a lovely time and enjoyed the meal and company of family and friends! Thank you to all of the team members who made such a wonderful event possible, especially our Culinary and Recreation teams who coordinated and prepared beautifully!

Spring is in full swing, and we are excited to see what the season brings us! As the weather continues to improve our maintenance team will be working hard on spring cleanup and continuing to place benches out for your enjoyment of our grounds. Please remember, safety first! We ask that Assisted Living residents and families notify the nurses' station that you're out for a walk and check in when you return. Please be conscious of traffic and notify us if you notice any safety hazards. Dress warmly and wear appropriate non-slip shoes! The white gazebo off our parking lot has been rebuilt and we will have an official ribbon cutting in the coming weeks! We welcome you to enjoy this beautiful spot for visiting with family and friends! Be sure to check out our recreation calendars for the month of April to see what exciting programs are schedule to enjoy social events, games, exercise, art projects, and performances designed and prepared just for you!

Happy Spring!

## Co-Worker of the Month-Nick Christie



Congratulations Nick on being named Coworker of the month! Nick is always eager to help residents and staff out every day! He has received many compliments from residents and families on the superior care he gives! We are so glad he is on our team!

## Resident of the Month-Pat Burgess



Pat was chosen for this honor because she is so friendly and helpful with everyone who crosses her path. She is from England and also spent some time living in Japan. She is a Mother of two. Her profession is a teacher and she continues to teach everyday. She is a world traveler with many interests which include crafts, Suduko, Bingo Parties, baking, scrabble, Bills football, book club and classical, modern and religious music, Pat was a volunteer at Childrens hospital for many years. Thank you Pat for all you have done and continue to do to help others and congratulations.

# Best wishes for an Awesome April Birthday

## Residents

Betty Funk  
April 3  
Nancy Schneider  
April 6  
Carla Morlock  
April 10  
Signe Ulrich  
April 12

Ruth Morrow  
April 17  
Ruth O'Connell  
April 23  
Helen Barrett  
April 25  
Aurelia Hartloff  
April 27  
May Ruhl  
April 28

## Coworkers

Nancy Lux  
April 2  
Emily Reitz  
April 5  
Laura Weston  
April 8  
Jen Galley  
April 11  
Irene Ayers  
April 17  
Rebekah Jeffers

April 18  
Ella Robinson  
April 19  
Ebony Nelson  
April 23  
Ted Benes  
April 27  
Kenneth Nyhart  
April 27



## Resident of the Month-Walter Slomka



Originally from Buffalo New York, Walter has friends wherever he goes. He was chosen for this honor because of his kind spirit and easy going personality. Walter is a United States Navy veteran. He has a fabulous singing voice and is sought after for all our singing programs. Other interests include: crafts, bowling, movies, gardening, parties, golf, exercise, cards, reading the newspaper. He is also a great cook and a dad to three. His travels have included Europe, Hawaii and the United States. Congratulations Walter! and thank you for all you

## Unraveling the Art of Tatting

While a handkerchief, table runner, doily, or collar made of intricate knotted lace appears nearly impossible to construct, the art of tatting is easy to learn. All you need to start is thread, a shuttle (a small device that helps guide a silk thread through loops into knots), and your two hands. Give it a try on April 1, International Tatting Day.

The German word for tatting is Schiffchenarbeit, meaning “the work of the little boat,” a reference to the shuttle. In Italian, it’s chiacchierino, meaning “chatty,” which is an integral part of tatting.

This decorative art form may have grown from the netting and ropework handmade by sailors and fishermen of olden times. These seamen put their endless hours out on the sea to good use, fashioning decorative pieces for their wives back on land. Tatting became fashionable in the 1800s and enjoyed a surge in popularity during the 1950s and '60s. Technology has usurped the handiwork required to make tatted lace, which means that handmade tatting is more precious than ever.



# Entertainment for April

Dave Gawronski-Accordion-April 1  
Richard Pennsylv-Eclectic Guitar Music- April 6  
Mary and Michael-Eclectic pop music duo-April 13  
Donna Docenko-Flute\*-April 15  
Scott Celani-Guitar\*-April 17  
Mark Mazur- Big Band Music-April 29  
The Bello Singers- Young aspiring singers-April 27  
Sinatra and more- April 29-music of the crooners\*  
Greg Kinal- The 1950's-speaker-April 30



## April Outings

### Country Rides

**Erie County Botanical Gardens**

**Shop at Dollar Tree**

**Orchard Park Symphony Trip**

**Lunch at Altons**

**Space is limited so please sign up in the Recreation Room**

***Please Join us.....***

## Sock Hop

With  
Lyle Stang  
Tuesday April 30 at 2:15pm

## Religious Services

### Rosary

Wednesdays at 10:15

### Catholic Communion

Thursday April 4, 18, 25 at 10:15

Sunday April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30

### Faith Sing a long

Wednesday April 24 at 7:00pm

### Orchard Park

### Wesleyan Church

Thursday April 11 at 7pm

### Catholic Mass

Thursday April 11 at 10:15

### Online Mass with Communion

Sundays at 10:15

### Bible Study

Sundays at 2:00pm in the Art Room

### Online Presbyterian Svc.

Sunday April 7 and 24 at 3:30pm

### Online Lutheran Svc.

Sunday April 14 and 28 at 3:30pm

## Your Management Team!!

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