

Home Times Monthly

*A newsletter for Pond Home residents with all the news
that's fit to print*

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To My Dear Residents;

Thanks to all of you we gave Cathy Meau, Administrative Assistant of 14 years, a terrific send off on her way to retirement. She so appreciated your well-wishes, and suggestions for her bucket list. She is currently preparing her Wrentham condominium for sale so she can join her husband down in their new home in North Carolina.

Please help to welcome Donna Morin into the role of Office Manager at Pond Home. Donna filled in for Cathy in the past while she was out on medical leave. Donna knew what the position entailed and fell in love with the atmosphere of Pond Home. We are thankful that with the help of Cathy and Donna it has been a seamless transition.

Thanks for reading,

Becky Annis, Administrator

September Birthdays

Please be sure to wish the following residents a Happy Birthday:



2nd ~ Shirley Mackey

28th ~ Jean Casey

29th ~ Millie Potter (Jean & Millie are sisters)

Resident Spotlight:



This month's highlighted resident is **Judy Riley**, who has lived at Pond Home since November 2007. She has the distinction of having lived at Pond Home the longest of the current residents.

Judy was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, the second child of Ann and Walter Riley. She went to St. Raphael's Grammar School and St. Joseph's High School in Roxbury. Growing up she and her sister Maryann had Lucky, a Collie and a good dog that helped Judy develop a lifelong love of dogs.

Her sister, Maryann has five children who have provided Judy with 13 grand nieces and nephews! She has been included in all their family events from the beginning. She enjoys keeping up on their comings and goings.

She went to college nights at Quincy College and Boston University. She was motivated to get her degree as she realized working at John Hancock those with degrees got promotions. In the 41 years she worked at John Hancock she had several promotions. She started as a Clerk/Typist and worked her way up to Assistant Treasurer before retiring. For all those years she worked in the Boston John Hancock building, while living in Hyde Park, in the house she grew up in, with her mother.

Judy took the "T" to work for years. She got to be friendly with the regulars who rode in her car. She even remembers asking a conductor to hold a car for a regular who was running late!

After her mother passed, she retired at age 65. She made the move to Walpole to be close to her sister and her family.

Her interests include traveling and reading. She has been to Hawaii, Rome, Venice, London, Scotland, Denver, Colorado, Washington, DC, NY City, and parts of Canada. Of all the places she has visited she loved Hawaii the most and would love to go back there.

Judy enjoys participating in the weekly Book Club group at Pond Home and the Qi Gong exercise program.

Volunteer Spotlight



Kathy Satumo has been volunteering at Pond Home since 2008, providing Eucharistic Minister services to our residents and staff. We thought you might like to know a little more about this lovely lady.

She and her husband moved to Wrentham 45 years ago. She worked in the private industry for 20 years and then for the Veteran's Administration for 20 years. She retired in 1996 and at that point she and her husband enjoyed many years traveling and visiting with friends and family.

After 47 years of marriage her husband passed away in 2014. At that point she was looking for a way to "give back" for all the blessings in her life. She knew Kay Olsen, (a Pond Meadow resident and a longtime volunteer for St. Mary's Church), who was the Eucharistic Minister at Pond Home and offered to assist her. She eventually took over the responsibilities of bringing Holy Communion to the residents on a weekly basis and helping with the monthly Mass held in the living room.

She enjoys visiting with all of you and hopes in her later years there will be someone willing to bring the Holy Eucharist to her. We are happy to have her cheerful visits on a regular basis.

Activity Highlights for September

On the 7th Protestant Church Services will be held at 10:00am

On the 8th The Silvertones will be here to entertain at 2:00pm

On the 15th come check out some new musical entertainment from our volunteer Nick at 4:00pm

Activity Highlights for September *continued*

Those who would like may go to the Mass of the Anointing at St. Mary's leaving Pond Home at 1:30pm on the 17th

On the 19th the LEO group will head to the restaurant at Bass Pro Shop in Foxboro leaving here at 11:30 am

On the 21st Resident Council will be held at 10:00am with Social Worker Marianne O'Brien taking minutes on your concerns and compliments.

The popular Art Matters program will be held on the 22nd at 2:00pm

On the 26th Hollis will be here to entertain

Help Us Conserve Energy

This is being repeated from last month because the message is somehow being missed. A quick walk around the building while you are at lunch shows dozens of TVs or lights left on with “nobody home”! When leaving your room please remember to shut off your television and lights. If you need assistance to do so just ask one of the Pond Home staff members to help you. It is to all our benefit to conserve energy. No one wants to end up with a brown out during a hot day and get less air conditioning because we have left every unattended light and television on. Besides, conserving energy conserves the money Pond Home spends on electricity. That is savings we can use for much more fun things! *Thank you for your help with this effort.*