

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:

We all want to save money whenever we can. Saving money on something you already use is even better in my book. I am happy to report Pond Home has entered into an agreement with Comcast Cable to provide cable television in each resident room at a discounted rate. The change should take place in the first few months of 2012 and it will mean a reduction in cost for cable services to every resident in Pond Home! The cable connection in your room will receive over 130 channels (including the all-important NECN & NESN). Payment for these services will be billed through Pond Home. Each of you will have the option of adding (or continuing) additional services (like specific movie channels or High Definition channels) at your own expense. These services will be billed directly from Comcast. More information will follow as I learn how the transition will roll out. Just couldn't wait to share the news about future savings!

Thanks for reading,

Becky Annis, Administrator



Resident Spotlight

This month's highlighted resident is **Louise Petrucci**. She was born Louise Ann Ioannilli on August 26, 1931 in Dedham to Italian immigrants Luigi and Madellenna (Nascenzi) Ioannilli. She was the youngest of seven children, with six older brothers! She grew up on Washington Street in Dedham and often helped her mother with the family business, a small grocery store. Louise graduated from Dedham High School in 1950 and later

attended nursing school. Louise remained in Dedham until her move to Pond Home. She did move from Washington Street to nearby Brookdale Avenue when the construction of the Dedham Mall required the family homestead to be demolished. In 1954 she married Paul Peter Petrucci, and Italian immigrant who resided in Canada. Prior to their marriage Paul wrote her love letters in Italian and visited her as often as he could. Their courtship was very romantic and they quickly knew they were meant for each other. They had three children, Paula, Anthony, and Peter. Paul began working at the Plymouth Rubber Company in Canton, MA along with several of Louise's brothers. Louise worked for over 40 years as a nurse. She mostly worked the night shift while her family was young. Her last place of employment was Eastwood Nursing Home in Dedham where she worked part time until her retirement in 1998. Louise and Paul were well known for entertaining large gatherings and their love of cooking. Louise's specialty was homemade ravioli. A devout Catholic, Louise regularly attended services at St. Mary's in Dedham. Louise and her husband enjoyed traveling. They traveled to Italy several times, Brazil, Spain, and Hawaii for their 25th wedding anniversary. Louise loves watching the Food Network and reading Danielle Steele novels. Sadly, Louise's life has been marked by many losses. She is the sole survivor of her immediate family having survived her three children, husband and all her brothers. She is the grandmother of two who live in South Carolina and the loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. She moved to Pond Home in February of 2011 and has been making us smile ever since.

Employee Spotlight



I'm adding a new feature to the Home Times Monthly in 2012 so that you can get to know a little more about staff members that help make Pond Home tick. I am starting with the employee that has the longest history with Pond Home and going forward. Here is our inaugural column:

Carol Buja started working at Pond Home on February 25, 1976, coming up on 36 years! She started as a Dietary Aide, then worked for ten years as one of our cooks, then back to Dietary Aide work which she gets more satisfaction from because of the close resident interaction. Carol says she loves

the atmosphere of Pond Home – she finds it homey and a friendly place to work. She enjoys making the residents feel at home and it is an added bonus when she puts a smile on their face. She has lived in Plainville most of her life, except for five years when she lived in Rhode Island. She and her husband John have been married 44 years! She says she was first attracted to him when they met at Jolly Cholly's in North Attleboro because his motorcycle caught her eye! They have a son, Brian and a cat named Smokey. For years she and John spent time in Alton Bay, NH where they had a summer cottage. Now they spend all their free time at Cape Cod. Carol enjoys gardening, decorating her house for the holidays, and football (watching, I think, **not** playing)! She considers herself an animal lover. *Editor's Note: Legend has it Carol helped Pond Home get Ginger a now deceased beloved cat to be a Pond Home pet after she was found on the property.* John likes to fish and Carol is willing to watch! When she decides to retire from Pond Home she would like to do some traveling.

Activities Highlights

Here are just some of the highlights for January:

~Volunteer Barbara Stanten will be back to help facilitate the weekly sing-alongs held each Tuesday afternoon.

~On the 5th Protestant Church Services will be held.

~ Each morning Activity Director **Barbara Larsen** will continue to lead morning stretch in the dining room following breakfast. Kudos to all of you who participate as stretching has been found to be a simple activity that can help with balance and is an important part of healthy living.

~ Catholic Mass will be held on the 15th at 10am

~ On the 24th a Non-Denominational Church Service will be conducted by our own staff person **Sue Stravinski**

January Birthdays

Please give a big Happy Birthday to the following residents celebrating their birthdays this month:

6th ~ **Caroline McGlynn**

9th ~ **Mary Nangeroni**

16th ~ **Eleanor Buchinski**

21st ~ **Veronica Carter**

29th ~ **Fran Dalzell**



Pond Home was invited to be a partner to the New England Patriots Celebrate Volunteerism season long campaign the last week in December. We were chosen as one of four organizations to represent senior advocate organizations. Pictured above is Virginia Hartin, a former Pond Home volunteer and current HESSCO

Elder Services volunteer surrounded by Patriot Alum James Roland, current player Jermaine Cunningham, Alum Patrick Pass (member of all 3 super bowl teams), current player Dan Koppen, and Alum Steve King. It didn't mean the players visited Pond Home, but we are included on their web site inviting people to



volunteer here!