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ALL IN THE FAMILY!

Some of our fellow residents may wonder why my husband Tom and I seem to feel so at home here at Heath Village. They also wonder why we moved here at a comparatively young age. It all goes back to having our parents living here before us.

It began when Tom's mother Edith came here in 1991 to recuperate in the Health Care Center after a fall in her home in Ringwood. She had her name in at another senior facility but was still waiting to be called. While her health improved, she looked around and decided Heath Village had a lot to offer, plus she would be close to us in nearby Netcong. So, when she was once again ready for independent living, she made the move to Heath Village permanent. Edith lived in Heath House happily for 9 years, becoming very active in the community and making many friends. She spent the last 5 years of her life back in health care, facing her loss of independence with characteristic grace and good humor.

My parents Connie and Bob Lucas, who were a bit younger, visited Tom's mother frequently and, like Edith, could see that it was a good place to live. So, when they needed to move from their Mendham home in 2008, three years after Tom's mother died, they too chose Heath Village, living together in Heath House and Mayflower. After my dad died in 2011, my mother lived for a while longer in Mayflower and then spent her final 3 years in health care, passing away in 2016. We only wish my parents had made the move sooner, so they could have been in better health to enjoy their time here more fully.

Meanwhile Tom and I, having been very impressed with Heath Village over all those years of visiting our parents, and having no children of our own to help us move if we waited until we were older, had put our names on the waiting list for a cottage in 2011. When we got the call from Janice Cipriani in the spring of 2015 saying that one was available, we wasted no time in accepting, and in October of 2015 we moved in. Now we have been here going on 6 years, bringing the total number of almost continuous years of residence by our families is close to 30! We love it here and are so grateful to be a part of this community.

Story by: Connie Halliwell



Family Day, September 1998, when Edith Halliwell was a resident. We never missed a Family Day during all the years that our parents lived here!

Middle row L to R: Connie Halliwell, Edith Halliwell, Connie Lucas

Bottom row L to R: Bob Lucas, Tom Halliwell

(Top Row: Another resident named Irv Black and 2 family friends)

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Club Spotlight: Genealogy

Heath Village offers many clubs, and we are very excited to be able to resume all of them now that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted. As we return to our “normal” busy calendar, I was asked to share some information about one of my favorite activities – the Genealogy Club.

The Genealogy Club may be small but for those of us participating, it has been very rewarding. The club is facilitated by professional genealogist Russ Worthington who helps residents research their family tree.

I have been a member of this club since its inception in 2014. Russ has taught me a great deal about how to research and build my family tree. With his help, I have been able to trace several of my grandparents back to the Revolutionary War, which has allowed me to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The club has helped instill in me a lifelong love of genealogy.

Bob Jones who also participates in the club has been researching his family tree for close to 15 years. He has discovered family members as far as back as the 1500s and even learned he had a relative arrive in America on the Mayflower.

Desi Samaras, a fairly new club member, joined in hopes of learning more about her parents’ journey to America from Greece. She knew that her mother had been born in Ismir, Turkey and was living as refugee in Greece prior to her and her younger sister’s arrival in the United States in September of 1919. Her mother was only 17 years old at that time.



Thanks to Russ’ assistance, Desi was able to find a census record of 1940 that contained the name and a picture of the ship that brought her mother and her aunt to America from Patras, Greece. The manifest listed Desi’s uncle’s name and address in Rochester, NY as her mother and aunt’s sponsor. Desi’s research with Russ also helped her learn that her mother left Greece because of the Greco-Turkish war. While Greece declared its independence in 1821, there was still fighting taking place. While Desi was sad to learn of her mother’s struggles as a young woman fleeing her country, she is grateful to have learned more about her family’s history.

The Genealogy Club meets the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room in Heath House. New members are always welcome. We hope you will join us.

Article by: Carol Sumner

Happy Hats!

Residents had a great time wearing their favorite hats at a spring-time ice cream social. Funny, beautiful, creative – they were all terrific. You can see them all on the Heath Village Facebook page.



COO Bove Appointed to Special Task Force



Heath Village Retirement Community is pleased to announce the appointment of Chief Operating Officer and Administrator Mary Ellen Bove to New Jersey's newly created Special Task Force on Direct Care Workforce Retention and Recruitment.

Pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 112, an act concerning staffing requirements for nursing homes, the purpose of the Task Force is to 1) evaluate current direct care staffing levels in the State; 2) examine policies and procedures used to track data on direct care staffing, including workforce turnover rates in long-term care, staffing statistics, and vacancy rates; 3) examine the effectiveness of existing staff retention and recruitment strategies; 4) identify any existing circumstances that allow for a shortage or surplus of direct care staff; 5) develop recommendations for legislation, policies, and short-term and long-term strategies for the retention and recruitment of direct care staff to ensure an adequate workforce is in place to provide high-quality, cost-effective health care; and 6) develop recommendations for a waiver process.

The Task Force consists of 16 members. Ms. Bove was recommended by LeadingAge New Jersey and Delaware to be their representative. Her appointment was confirmed by Craig J. Coughlin, Speaker of the General Assembly.

"We could not be more proud of Mary Ellen's appointment to this Special Task Force," said Heath Alliance for Care Chief Executive Officer and Heath Village Executive Director Patrick Brady. "She is an exceptional administrator and chief operating officer. We have no doubt that she will prove to be an invaluable resource to the Task Force. We look forward to reading their recommendations for improving New Jersey's Direct Care workforce and industry."

"I am delighted that Speaker Coughlin has selected Mary Ellen Bove to serve on the Special Task Force on Direct Care Workforce Retention and Recruitment. Her senior living experience, and commitment to improve the sector, will enable her to provide practical input on the Task Force. I know her perspectives will be valued and appreciated," said James McCracken, President and CEO of LeadingAge NJ & DE upon recommending Bove.

The Task Force has one year from the date of its organizational meeting to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report of its activities, findings on long-term care issues and its recommendations for addressing them.

"As a passionate advocate for seniors throughout my career, I am very appreciative of this opportunity to serve on the Task Force. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with my fellow members to identify thoughtful, workable recommendations that will help address the challenges currently facing the direct care workforce," said Bove in response to her appointment.

Welcome Back

Heath Village is very excited to be moving beyond the pandemic. In accordance with CDC and state guidelines, masks are no longer required for our residents who have been fully vaccinated. Dining services has resumed full capacity as well as outdoor dining. Our guest accommodations are, once again, open, and available for residents' family and friends. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this summer.



Happy Arbor Day!

April 30th marked the 149th anniversary of the nation's first Arbor Day observance. Heath Village's new tree this year is a Chanticleer Pear (Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'). It was planted in an area behind the Deer Run car port. No doubt, it will make a wonderful addition to our 100+acre campus where a new tree has been planted every Arbor Day since 1974.

Sadly, out of an abundance of caution, we did not resume our annual Arbor Day celebration with our friends at The Friendship Center, but we were able to safely take a photograph with a handful of Resident Pen Pals and some students with our new tree. We truly hope to resume this beloved tradition of planting the tree with the students next year.

An Arbor Day map identifying the location and variety of each tree was distributed to all residents. If you did not receive one, you may get one in the Housing and Marketing Office.

Article and photo by: Melissa Nichols, Community Relations Coordinator



Heath Village Remembers...

After months of planning and hard work, Heath Village held a very meaningful Memorial Day program during which we honored and remembered veterans who gave their lives in the line of duty. In preparation for the event, many Heath Village residents volunteered to crochet or knit poppies, sew tablecloths and runners and paint rocks with poppies on them. A *Wall of Remembrance* was displayed with the names and pictures of local veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The agenda for the program included an overview of the history of Memorial Day, how the red poppy became a symbol of remembrance, the significance of animals in war time and the symbolism of the Missing Man Table. The program concluded with special recognition of five men who lost their lives serving our country. One of whom was William Kratovil, uncle of resident Rich Kennedy who served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Another was Richard Edward Cryan, a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran and uncle of Housing Services Coordinator Patricia Cristo.

The main display had a black cloth behind it that had more than 375 of the 413 handmade poppies made by residents. The remaining flowers were used in the vestibule display and two were given as pins to Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Cristo to wear the day of the ceremony.

We were very grateful to Rolling Thunder, Inc. Chapter 3 New Jersey for participating in our program, loaning us the Missing Man Table and donating the paper poppies distributed to all who attended.

I would like to thank all residents and staff members who helped make this Memorial Day such a special one.

Article by: Genevieve Bucher, Activities Department

Photos by: Heath Village staff members



SHOP LOCAL...REALLY LOCAL!



As we move beyond the pandemic, I want to take the opportunity to invite residents, friends, employees and residents to visit the Heath Village Gift Shoppe.

We have added great new merchandise and assorted sundries for people of all ages. New items arrive every week and we are always open to your suggestions. Let us know what you would like to see in the shoppe.

Have a new grandchild or great grandchild, or is someone celebrating a birthday? Don't go to those big box stores. Not only do we have fun toys and engaging books, we have beautiful hand knit baby sweaters made by residents. Also available for purchase is residents' artwork, stamps, chocolate, cards, jewelry, clothing, and so much more - all reasonably priced.

Here is the most important reason why you should shop with us – ALL the profits go towards supporting the Friendship Fund.

The store is staffed by your neighbors, so stop by to visit and shop with us! Hours are Monday-Friday 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Article by: Shirley Shields Photos by: Melissa Nichols



Newcomers

Joseph Sabatini, from Long Valley, NJ to Apt. 238

Eleanor Brown, from Long Valley, NJ to Apt. 238

Octavia Brown, from Gladstone, NJ to Apt. 59

Patricia Butynes, from Long Valley, NJ to Apt. 260

Bernadette Russell, from Budd Lake, NJ to Apt. 132

Nelson Russell, from Budd Lake, NJ to Apt. 132

Richard "Dick" Kline, from Califon, NJ to Apt. 231

Edith Wallace, from Fairlawn, NJ to Apt. 248

Gordon Wallace, from Fairlawn, NJ to Apt. 248

Tasty Travels!

As you can see from these photos, we had a fun and tasty spring. Residents "traveled" to Italy, Germany, England, and Mexico. Lectures and delicious lunches helped some learn a bit more about places they may have never been and for others to reminisce about vacations from the past. Where will they visit next?



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¡Feliz Cinco de Mayo!



In Memoriam

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Norma Goldt

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6/01/2021

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The Friendship Fund Charitable Gift Annuity

Making an annuity gift: You irrevocably transfer money or securities to our Friendship Fund. In exchange, we pay you (and another, or a survivor, if you like) a fixed amount annually for life. In effect, your transfer is doing two things -making a charitable gift and purchasing a fixed income for life.

Income tax benefit: You get an income tax charitable deduction in the year you make your gift. If you let us know your date of birth and the amount of your contemplated gift, we can calculate your deduction.

How annual payments are taxed: A large portion of each annuity payment received is tax-free. The tax-free amount is fixed at the outset and remains constant for the period of your life expectancy.**

The rate of return is attractive and guaranteed for life - without investment worries or responsibility.

Rate Examples:
 One-Life Annuity Rates
 1/1/2020

Age**	Rate
75	5.4 %
76	5.6 %
77	5.8 %
78	6.0 %
79	6.2 %
80	6.5 %
81	6.7 %
82	7.0 %
83	7.2 %
84	7.4 %
85	7.6 %
86	7.8 %
87	8.0 %
88	8.2 %
89	8.4 %
90+	8.6 %

The Friendship Fund Charitable Gift Annuity is a wonderful opportunity for giving, as it benefits the donor as well as residents of Heath Village. We hope that you will discuss this opportunity with your legal or financial counsel.

Enjoy campus life at HEATH VILLAGE A UNIQUE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Independent living in one of the garden-type units ranging in size from studio apartments to two-bedroom cottages. Dining and meal plans are optional.

Hotel-style living in **Heath House** where meals, housekeeping and linen services are included.

Mayflower House is a residential health care facility with 24 hour staff, meals, housekeeping, laundry, medication monitoring all included in the monthly cost.

The Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation offers long-term care, sub-acute, rehabilitation and respite care services in a new state-of-the-art facility.

All monthly rates include 24-hour emergency call service and annual carpet cleaning; use of lounges, chapel, library, swimming pool, computer equipment, craft rooms, fitness center and other community facilities; bus service to Hackettstown, club cart service within the Community and on-site parking.

*Affordable monthly rates.
 Optional community fees.
 Come and see for yourself.
 Call 908-852-4801 for an appointment.*