WHAT'S COMING UP

April 1st

April Fools' Day

April 2nd

National Love Our Children Day

April 4th

National Hug a Newsperson Day

April 6th

National Walking Day

April 8th

National Zoo Lovers Day

April 10th

Palm Sunday

April 15th

Passover

Good Friday

Easter Egg Hunt

Rosewood Choir Easter

Presentation

April 17th

Easter

April 22nd

Earth Day

April 28th

Take Our Kids to Work Day

April 30th

International Jazz Day



APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Residents and Families,

We are so grateful for our wonderful residents and the bonds that have united them over our mutual experience with COVID-19. We thank the Lord for his love and grace during this time, as we all have been affected, touched by this pandemic in so many ways.

We are now focusing on how best to fill our days with a new purpose. We are excited about what new challenges and opportunities await us all. We are pleased to announce that our Rosewood Ambassadors will be going through some training that will enable this group of highly dedicated residents to interface with incoming new residents and current residents.

The mission of an Ambassador is to be a representative of our community, a promoter and supporter of activities at Rosewood and help to ensure that all current and new residents feel welcomed and included in the daily activities of living at Rosewood. The Rosewood leadership team will also seek to involve them in decisions that affect the residents at Rosewood seeking their input and recommendations. This is only one of the many ways that we strive to make Rosewood the best assisted living community in the area.

We want to thank our staff and our residents for their continuous efforts to bring love and care to everyone in our community. We are excited and hope you are too!

Greg Pflug,Executive Director





Employee of the Year Celebration

While we usually try to keep the newsletter events focused on our residents, this month we have to brag on one of our employees and share about our celebration. We got to celebrate our own Maria Medina as our Employee of the Year. The kitchen staff created a beautiful spread with salad, shrimp, and all of the fixins', including phenomenal desserts. Our CEO, owners, and other upper management came out to show their appreciation to one of our finest employees. Maria's beautiful family came to show their love, support and to celebrate with her. It was truly a special night for a special person. We couldn't do what we do for or with our residents without the support of our staff. If you haven't read the Employee of the Year article on the back of this newsletter, I encourage you to do so. Maria is a phenomenal woman that truly embodies all that we hope for in someone caring for our residents. Loyal, compassionate, hard-working, mentor, and friend are just a few words that describe her.



The Rook Club

We are always talking about different activities to do around The Rosewood to get residents involved. Well, a group of men went above and beyond and started a Rook Club. They meet every Monday at 1:00pm in the community lounge and discuss what other days of the week they will gather to play, based on everyone's schedules. Women are invited and encouraged to play as well. It has been neat to see people that normally stay in their rooms come out and participate and make new friends. Special thanks to Fred Tucker and Buddy Woody for heading this up!





Pumpkin the Red-Footed Tortoise

The Chattanooga Zoo came out to see us this past month, and they are becoming a resident favorite. This time they brought "Pumpkin," a red-footed tortoise. Besides being cute and fun to pet, Pumpkin was heavy! She weighed around 25 lbs. We learned the difference between turtles and tortoises and how she originated in the northern part of South America. The staff even stopped by to see her on their breaks.





Pathways/Memory Care Park Outting

With warmer weather coming, we took some of our Pathways/Memory Care residents out to Gilbert-Stephenson Park. They enjoyed watching the children play on the playground as they sat under the patio. It was warm with a nice breeze. They were all smiles as they soaked up the sun and the sound of nature and family. One of the ladies said we are "Doing a good job!" It was such a sweet and fun time to get the residents out and about. We will be doing a special trip once a month for our Pathways/Memory Care residents.



FUN-Tastic Fridays!

April 1st

April 1st will kick off our first FUN-Tastic Friday since we put them on pause two years ago. Every month will have a different theme with special outfits, food or activities. The theme for April is "Wacky Wardrobe Day." Encourage your loved ones to wear mismatched clothes, inside-out clothes or weirdly unique outfits! If you come visit that day, wear your wacky clothes!



Rosewood Choir Easter Presentation

April 15th at 11:45 am in the Main Dining Hall

The Rosewood Choir will be performing a small presentation telling the Easter story and singing a few songs.



Easter Egg Hunt April 15th at 2:00 pm

We are hosting an Easter Egg
Hunt for all the kids, grandkids,
great-grandkids, and great-great
grandkids of our residents and staff
members. We will have different
areas set up for different age groups,
along with entertainment and other
prizes. More details will be provided
via email and on our Facebook.



Hair Stylist

9:00am - 2:00pm Mondays & Wednesdays

We have a new Hair Stylist named Kristy Hodson. She is at The Rosewood on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, call or text her at 423-876-9654.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

To stay more connected with families and the community, we are utilizing our Facebook page and website more and more. We want to be able to show you what daily living at Rosewood is like. If you haven't already, like and follow our page on Facebook. Once on Facebook, search for "The Rosewood at Fort Oglethorpe."

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Joyce D. Wells

Miss Joyce has been at Rosewood for about nine months. A Chattanooga native, she was born on April 7th. As a young girl, she was a "tomboy" and loved to play outside and climb trees. So much so that her dad had to cut one down to keep her out of it! She graduated from Northside City High School where she discovered her love for cooking in her Home Economics class. She spent a year at the University of Tennessee, during that time she met her husband, Frank, who was her milkman! She ended up pregnant with her first boy and decided to stay home and take care of her family.

Throughout the years she developed her talent and love for cooking and baking, and was involved throughout her community. She loves children which led her to be a Troop Leader in the Girl Scouts, despite having two boys. She is everything

a mom should be. Kind, compassionate yet firm, funny, encouraging and gives great hugs. Her boys say "she would catch them before they even fell."

Sadly her husband passed away and she became a single mom. She says her "baby boys" are what kept her going through the hard times and that she loves being a mom. She also owns a 38-year-old African gray parrot that knows over 50 phrases and a beautiful dog that she considers family.

We chose her as the Resident of the Month because of her kindness and quick wit. Despite many obstacles, she always makes it a point to make others laugh and feel good about themselves. She is beautiful, funny, and headstrong. She never gives up on anything. She is an incredible mom and an incredible friend. We are so blessed to have her as a part of the Rosewood family. We love you, Joyce!



Happy birthday

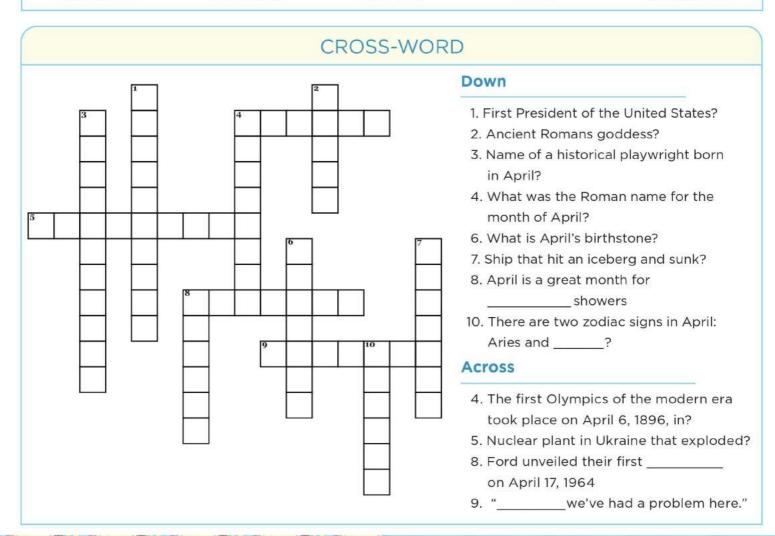
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| Valerie Currie | April 17th |
| Judy Shrader | April 22nd |
| Mary Frances Wattenbarger | April 27th |
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FUN FACTS

- » We know April is the fourth month of the year, but that's only by the Gregorian calendar that we adhere to now. It was previously the fifth month in the earlier Julian calendar.
- » April also only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.
- » In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the seasonal equivalent to October.
- » No one is sure how the month ended up with its name, but we do know the Romans named it "Aprillis."

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That's Why We're Here



Thank You,

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Maria Medina



Maria has been an employee with Rosewood for over nine years. She works in our Personal Care department and is a model employee. She balances resident care, family needs, and department function with skill and professionalism. Maria is cherished among the residents. She always looks out for their best interest

and well being. Maria's primary duties include passing and recording prescribed medication. She may address wounds or other health issues as well. She is responsible for guiding the care staff and directing the daily function of her department. Maria works very hard to ensure the utmost standard for anyone in her care. She is always directing and promoting care staff to develop and execute the best care possible. Honest, reliable, and full of integrity are just three character traits that describe Maria and her work ethic. Her love for the residents is seen in everything that she does. She is praised weekly by residents, residents' families, and coworkers. Maria sets a very high bar with her abilities, and challenges those standards daily to make herself even better than the day before. She is strong in her purpose and dedicated to detail in everything she does. Maria is the very definition of Employee of the Year.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Martha Marsh

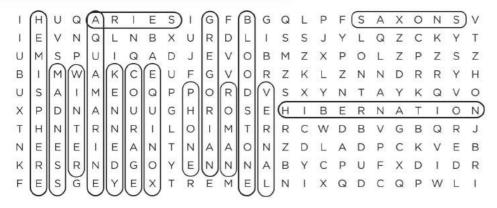
Martha is a caregiver on our Assisted Living Floor. She helps residents get dressed, bathed, to and from meals and anything else that might come up. She has been working with us for six years! She started in our Personal Care unit, moved to Housekeeping, and then decided to try out Assisted Living.

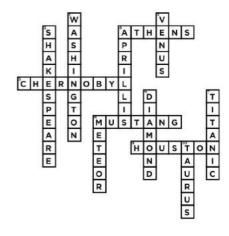
She started caregiving in 2013 and realized that this was her passion and calling. She says she can't see herself doing anything different.

We chose her as the Employee of the Month because of her compassionate heart and loyalty. She treats all of the residents with love and respect, as well as her coworkers. She has a humble attitude but she is tough enough to get the job done! She never lets the residents know if she is having a hard day. She is truly a remarkable woman.

When she isn't here she is at home with her husband, children, and grandbabies. She recently celebrated her 23rd wedding anniversary! She is so proud of her children and adores her grandbabies. She is constantly giving and doing for others, and that is what makes her happy.

Martha, you are a great woman and a great employee, we are blessed to have you as a part of our Rosewood family! Congratulations!





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