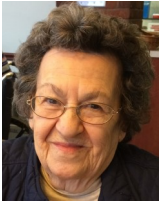


MARTY'S MEMO

Our Home is excited to welcome three lovely ladies since our last newsletter. Say hello to Rose Wahlig, Virginia Callas and Virginia Frederick!



Born in Jefferson City, Rose lived most of her life in Sunset Hills. She met the man of her dreams in high school and married him a few years later. When Rose was younger she was a woodworker and gardener and now enjoys sewing, reading and is a big Cardinals fan.



Virginia Callas also grew up in St. Louis, near the airport. She has some sweet childhood memories, especially bringing her little dog Skipper home in a box from Indiana on a train. Virginia used to collect all kinds of things, but her favorite was rocks.



Virginia Frederick grew up in Los Angeles in a military family. She married an Air Force B-17 pilot and lived in several places around the world, including Tokyo and Germany. After retiring, she continued to travel, including trips to China, Africa, Europe and Central America. She used to be an avid Duplicate Bridge player. Welcome ladies!



Marty Schenk
Executive Director

SPECIAL EDITION "WISHES GRANTED"

May and June brought great generosity to the Home, all from you. So many wishes granted—gifts to thank our hard-working staff during National Nursing Home Week—treasures for the Strawberry Festival Boutique, and volunteers for everything we needed! Thank you all! Enjoy these photos (also on page 3) showing the special times these last few months at MCH!



Resident Ambassadors, Connie and Marion deliver Gloria's home-made potato chips to the Light-house for the Blind.



Silliness at the photo booth.



Joleen's new friend at the petting zoo.

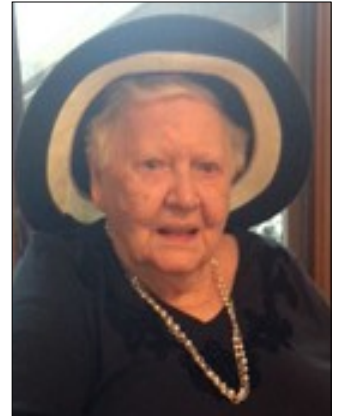
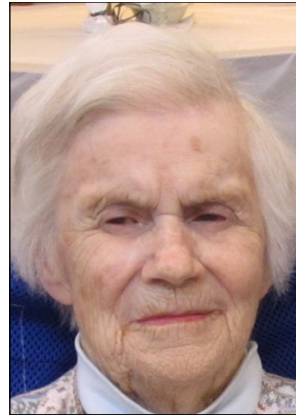


Staff member Daralyn is excited to be a big prize winner.



Katherine enjoys a facial massage from Community Relations Director, Gina.

National Nursing Home Week, May 13-17



Happy May and June birthdays to (L—R) Jane, Joan, Vivian and Alberta.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

17, Rachel Rossi

August

18, Carolyn Joseph

20, Ruth Hauck

29, Connie Washington

30, Geneva Barber



Wishes granted! Thank you to Mike Evans of Evans Facility Consultants for donating a new conference table and bookcase to the Home!

Passings

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Joyce Bowman who passed away on June 24.



Fond Memories

Bet you don't know any 107-year-old folks, especially any with the spunk and adventurous spirit of Oceola Thurman. "OC", as she is known, is an amazement to everyone who hears her story.



Her BFF, Mike Kearney, joined us for the interview and shared many a tale about OC. At

the age of 95, she rode on the back of a motorcycle from St. Louis to Memphis—and back. When she turned 97, a hot-air balloon ride was the only way to celebrate.

Mike is known to also whisk OC away to lively hot spots, so she spent her 102nd birthday at Fast Eddies Bon Aire in Alton and her 107th St. Patrick's Day at the Good Tymes Inn in Dupo.

OC grew up fast. Her mother died of the Spanish Flu in 1918, leaving her to raise two younger brothers while her father and two older brothers tended to their 40-acre farm, outside of Ackerman, Mississippi. She recalls standing at her dying mother's bedside, asking how to make the cornbread for that night's meal.

At only 15, her father sold their farm and put them all on a train, ending up in Illinois. From there the whole family boarded a skiff boat (a small flat-bottomed open boat with a pointed bow and a flat stern) and floated across the Mississippi to

Commerce, Missouri, southeast of Cape Girardeau. There, her father purchased another 40-acre farm for their family. (A few years ago, Mike took OC back to Commerce to see her old home.)

Not long after, she moved by herself to St. Louis, first working as an elevator operator, then a factory worker for only a few year. She then found her true calling as a child caretaker, working for one family for 30 years.

Married twice, outliving both husbands, OC never had children of her own. She laughs, saying both husbands called her "baby," and that "baby always got her way!"

(Fond Memories will feature a different MCH resident each issue. We hope you enjoy learning a little bit about our ladies.)



Great visiting, eating and shopping at Strawberry Festival & Boutique!

So many people to thank and so little space! Our sincere apologies if we missed your name! ➡



Nat'l Nursing Home Week Donations

- Abbott Ambulance
- Medicine Shoppe
- Kindred Hospice
- Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal
- Manor Real Estate
- Martha's Hands
- Transitions for Living
- The Estate Planner, LLC

Strawberry Festival Donations

- Judy Leach
- Cathy DeJong (lots!)
- Joan Korfmacher
- Mary Ems
- Brad & Joyce Shelton
- Susan Haddock
- Michele Ambach
- Joan Magraw
- Tom Thee
- Nancy Trammell
- Nancy Dietz
- Mary Landry (lots)
- Karen Miller
- Jean Evans
- Deirdre Cechin
- Donna Mueller
- Vicki Beck
- Cathy Walb
- Barb Onder
- Concordia Lutheran Church
- Marty Schenk
- Gina & Doug March
- Lisa Parish
- Flo McGonagle
- Joyce McDonald
- Kim Doyle
- Millie Williams
- Lyn Lawshe
- David Voracek
- Carol Heimbürger
- Jane Stelzner

Beverly Bretsnyder Kirkwood Theatre Guild Concession Stand

- Volunteers**
- Karen Smith
 - David Voracek
 - Deb Lavender
 - Joan Muccigrosso
 - Marie Davis
 - Patty Flynn
 - Barb Watkins
 - Jean Ann Funk

Grounds Spruce-Up Day Volunteers

- Carol Heimbürger
- Karen Robards
- Lisa & David Parish
- Marty & Rick Schenk
- Gina March
- Julie Kovac
- Lisa Kovac
- Samantha Allen
- Donna Millman

Strawberry Festival Volunteers

- Judy Leach
- Peggy Brockmann
- Karen Miller (lots!)
- Mary Landry
- ATC Healthcare Services
- Lisa Oxenhandler
- Ruth Gerchen
- Nancy Trammell
- Mary Ems
- Michele Ambach
- Carol Heimbürger
- Marie Davis
- Lisa Kovac
- David Parish
- Jean Themes
- Doug March
- Karen Goddard

Staff Stars

Cheryl Eskridge really loves dogs—big dogs. And not just any big dog—Old English Sheepdogs. She drove all the way to Iowa to rescue her current pal, Riley. Her first OES came from Sheepiepalooza, an event held every other year by the St. Louis Old English Sheep Dog Club.



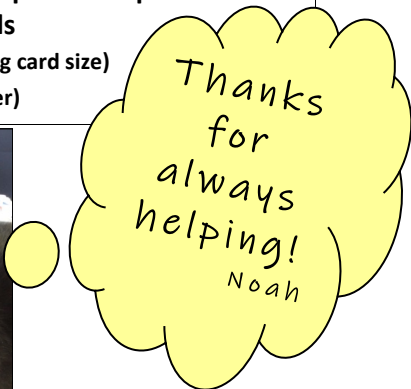
Cheryl has worked at MCH over five years and loves caring for the ladies. A St. Louis girl, she inherited the home she's known all her life. It was her grandparents', then her mom's, and now she lives there with Jace, her 9-year-old son.

She has a couple of dreams—to help abused dogs and to also own her own resale shop, matching special treasures to the perfect owners. Maybe she'd like to organize the Strawberry Festival Boutique next year!

(Cheryl was recognized for exhibiting Core Six Values, which is awarded every two months. These values include: focus, kindness, creating fun, giving your best, respect and doing the right thing. She also won a \$50 gift card. We will feature each employee who receives this well-earned recognition.)

New Wishes. . .

- Large cork bulletin boards (three)
- Wrapping paper (general theme)
- Fun-size candy bars
- Individual bags of potato chips
- Walmart gift cards
- Envelopes (greeting card size)
- VCR (recorder/player)



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