



A highlight of the monthly birthday parties is the entertainment. Lorraine, left, and Rachel enjoyed violinist Tom Winter's recent performance.

## Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our residents and staff celebrating in May and June.

## Residents:

**Eleanor Anop**, May 7

**Joan Zak**, June 23

## Staff:

**May:** Linda Effer, 13th; Christian Lepper, 20th; Summer Vogler, 24th

**June:** Yanni Powell, 2nd; Alexis Keel, 6th; Earline Ivy-Bott, 8th

## Check us out on Facebook

If it feels like it's too long to wait until the next newsletter to see photos of the residents and learn what they're up to, follow us on **Facebook** at The Mary Culver Home for the Visually Impaired, or **Instagram** at maryculverhome.

**A**t The Mary Culver Home, nothing evokes summer more than our annual **Strawberry Festival!** We hope that you will be able to join us for strawberries and shopping at the boutique on Saturday, June 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Strawberry Festival, please let me know at

amy@maryculverhome.org.

We can use help pricing items, cutting strawberries and working at the boutique.

We also are requesting donations of gently used items to sell at the boutique. Home décor, small appliances, kitchen items and unique finds are especially in demand, as well as furniture in good condition. You can drop off items any day between 8:30

a.m. and 5 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who donated to MCH on **Give STL Day**. This was our first year participating in the event, and we raised more than \$9K! For those who have not heard of Give STL, it is a single day in May when the St. Louis area comes together to support 1,000-plus local nonprofits. This a great way for St. Louisans to donate to the nonprofits they care so much about. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you don't miss this fantastic event in 2025! Now that summer is here some of you may be wondering if you will ever be able to use our **gazebo** again. I am happy to announce that we have begun making some repairs to the structure, which was damaged during a storm in July 2021. We have run into a few issues having the repairs done, but this summer we have a team that is fixing it up and making it as good as new! Thanks to everyone who donated to our gazebo fund and also to MCH board members Jo Ann Emery and Marie Davis for working on this project. We are really looking forward to having some ice-cold lemonade in our spruced-up gazebo!



**Amy's Updates**

**Amy**

## Wish-List Items

- Baileys Irish Cream and Riesling wine for happy hour
- Gift cards to Dollar Tree to purchase craft supplies
- Postage stamps
- Festive tablecloths, napkins, plates, party decor, etc., for resident parties
- D batteries
- #10 business envelopes
- Kirkwood yard waste bags
- Gas-powered leaf blower

# Nursing Home Week: It's All Fun and Games

Observed every May, the week is a chance to showcase MCH and say thank-you to staff. The theme was "Radiant Memories: A Tribute to the Golden Age of Radio."



## Funny Business

The presentation on 1940s radio comedy shows focused on Groucho Marx. Getting into character are, clockwise from above, Connie, Janet and Oliver.



Millie, above, and Margie, below, don their poodle scarves for the sock hop.

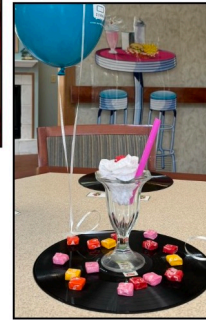


## Let's Go to the Hop

Vera, left, and Willene travel back to the 1950s for a sock hop, where the music included song dedications from the residents' family members and friends. On the wall are records featuring photos of the employees and the residents. The sock hop took place on the final day of Nursing Home Week and included an ice cream sundae bar and diner food for lunch.



Rachel is wearing retro glasses and a poodle scarf.



Festive table décor.



And they're off! Housekeeper Marie, left, challenges CMT Doris to a friendly wheelchair race.

## Staff Gets in the Act



A ball of plastic wrap brings out the competitive side of CNAs Brinica, left, and Summer.

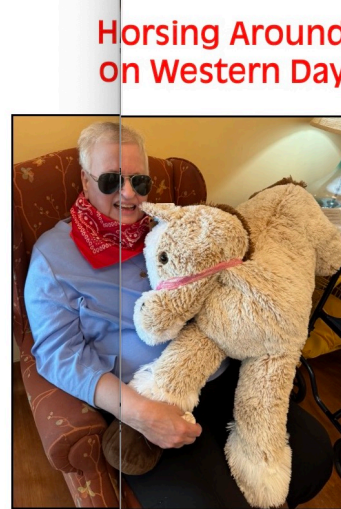


The highlight of game day was Saran Wrap Ball, with employees racing to unwrap a ball of plastic wrap containing prizes before time ran out.



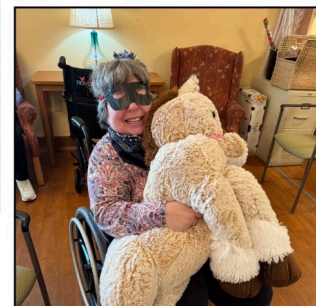
## Roaring '20s Party

As a nod to the theme, every day of the week was dedicated to a decade when radio ruled. The Roaring '20s Party featured flapper headpieces, appetizers and Shirley Temples, and 1920s music. Clockwise from above: Brooke, activity director, and Lorraine brought the glitz. Pat, left, and Mary sip on Shirley Temples. Connie opted for beads, while Janet selected a sparkly boa.



The ladies listened to "The Lone Ranger" on a day devoted to all things western. Along for the ride were, clockwise from above, Sue, Marilyn and Margie.

## Horsing Around on Western Day



Charge nurse Ashley, left, and CNA Tamara show off their hula-hoop moves at the sock hop.



Dietary aide Christian stops by the discussion on 1940s radio comedy shows.



Cash winners of the Money Tree Raffle were, from left, Ashley, Marie and Barb.

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## Staff spotlight



The Mary Culver Home's receptionist is the first person visitors encounter between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week. The job is held by four women who answer the phone and front door, among many other tasks. Pictured are: above, Ashley Rice, left, and Barb Ramsey; at right, Linda Effer; and far right, Linda Renaud.



Resident cat Oliver is as much of a familiar face at the front door as the receptionists, whether he's on the front desk or the bench, or sunning on the rug.



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