

Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our residents and staff celebrating in November and December.

Residents:

Pat Encarnacion, November 20

Millie Koch, December 28

Staff:

November: Dena McNichols, 6th; Michael Schaper, 13th; Angel Burchfield, 27th

December: Terry Beals, 4th; Barbara Kalemaj, 5th; Jennifer Page, 12th

Giving thanks to ...



... the second-grade class at St. Peter Catholic School in Kirkwood for cleaning up our leaves! We really appreciate all the hard work to make our home look beautiful.



... Ashlee, Marsha and Janet with the St. Louis Area Delta Gamma Alumnae group, who helped set up the Fall Tea Boutique. The alumnae volunteered at various places for a week in October to celebrate doing good in the community.

As we approach the Christmas season, there is a certain magic in the air here at MCH. The twinkle of holiday lights from our gigantic Christmas tree, the cheerful melody of carols, and the scent of freshly baked cookies remind us of the joy and warmth this time brings.

This season, we're excited to create moments that foster connection, joy and gratitude.

Here is a glimpse at what we have planned:

- * **Resident Christmas Party:** 2 to 4 p.m. December 17
- * **Staff Christmas Party:** December 19
- * **Soup Night:** TBD (January 2025)

Don't forget to check out Activity Director Brooke Lorenz's calendar — either on our website or at the building — for all the fun holiday happenings this month! We would love to have you join us.

As always, we're grateful to everyone who helps our community feel like home, especially during this season.

Stay tuned for photos and stories from our celebrations, and from all of us here, we wish you a cheerful and stress-free holiday season!



Amy's Updates



There's a lot to love about working at The Mary Culver Home, and our towering Christmas tree is definitely on the list. It takes a village to erect and decorate it every year, but wouldn't you agree it's worth the effort?

Amy

P.S. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Wish-List Items

- ◆ Fritos and Sun Chips for the snack cart
- ◆ Christmas wrapping paper
- ◆ Birdseed
- ◆ Kirkwood yard waste bags
- ◆ Gift cards to Dollar Tree and Hobby Lobby to purchase craft supplies



Millie welcomes her family to Fall Tea on October 26.

Fall Tea Time



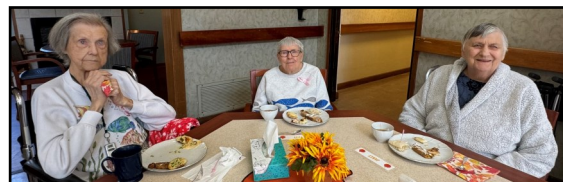
Spending time with family is a highlight for residents Lorraine, above, and Eleanor, right. Below, it's Fall Tea tradition for The Home to use its fine china and silver tea service. Below right, board member Tom Alferman enjoys the spread put on by the dining services department.



Raffle winners took home a purse, above, and a basket of tea-themed items, below.



Another Fall Tea tradition is to serve carrot cake.



At left, Shirley, Pat and Janet enjoy the food. Above left, Edith visits with her sister. Above, Ruth and Director of Nursing Jennifer Page.



From left are Lisa Kovac, Norma Van Gent, Jon Lanaghan and Mary Ellen Hetenyi.

Clockwise from left are Dianne Wilcox, Loretta Aemisegger, Kathleen Herring, Barbara Carro, Diane Rau and Mary Hazelton.

Cheers to volunteers

Home hosts luncheon to express gratitude



Preparing to eat at the Volunteer Luncheon November 21 are, from left, Bob Walter, Judy Leach, Karen Smith and Judy Beckwith. At right are Julia Gordon, left, and Lori Knies.



From left are Stephanie Sigala, Susan Goldsmith, Joyce Rothenberg and Joe Mueller.



MCH Board President Ray Halagera, from left, is seated with Tom Alferman, Chris Kottmeier, Anne Horner, Barb Watkins and Marie Davis.

To Our Wonderful Volunteers

To those who give with hearts so kind,
Sharing your time, your soul, your mind,
We thank you now with words sincere,
For all you bring, year after year.

But most of all, your friendships true,
Are treasures we're grateful to have from you.
You share your kindness, your patience, your care,
Turning moments to memories beyond compare.

Excerpts from a poem
by Activity Director Brooke Lorenz



Barb Watkins, above left, and Judy Leach.



From left are Cathy DeJong, Terri Staten, Nancy Thompson, Pamela Zemann and Patti Wilkes.

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The mission of The Mary Culver Home is to provide visually impaired women with dignified, compassionate, holistic nursing care in a warm family atmosphere, as well as to promote security, confidence, and an excellent quality of life.

Hairstylist spotlight

Meet Kathy Lewis, the resident beautician since March 2022. A line of eager customers greets her every Wednesday when she arrives around 9 a.m.

Kathy was the longtime hairstylist for two former residents and was recommended for the job at MCH by a resident's daughter. She says she never thought this was something she would do, but she fell into it and is glad she did. She loves the conversations she has with the ladies and hearing their stories and memories.

Kathy has been a hairstylist for 59 years and currently works at Tangles Hair Salon in South County twice a week. She previously owned her own salon for 32 years.

She is married to Rocco and has two sons, Rocco and Matthew, two grandsons, Rocco and Owen, and a granddaughter, Alexa.

Kathy loves to read, volunteer at her church, and play board games and dice. She



Vera is beautician Kathy Lewis' first customer every Wednesday.

goes on a yearly, one-week girls' trip with her friends and just got back from Georgia.

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