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*Have a happy and safe
Fourth of July*

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1, 2011, a visit to the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History** is on the agenda.

July 4, 2011, **Cliff Muster** will help us celebrate the fourth playing his harmonica at 10:30 am in the main dining room.

July 8, 2011, **Schoepfly Garden** in Lorain Metro Parks has been rescheduled for this day.

July 9, 2011, **Richard Wojtach**, a ventriloquist and singer as well as a new entertainer here at our facility, will be in the main dining room at 10:30.

July 14, 2011, **ATTA** will entertain us with classical music to help celebrate the monthly birthdays.

July 15, 2011, is the **Sovereign Picnic** at Huntington Reservation in Bay Village.

July 20, 2011, **Stepping Out Dance** at St. Ladislav in Westlake.

July 22, 2011, we will be having lunch on the **Nautica Queen**.

July 23, 2011, Two of our favorite entertainers; **Judy Crawford** at 10:30 am and **Pat Tamburro** at 2:30 pm. Both events will take place in the main dining room.

July 29, 2011, we will be visiting the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**.

August 18, 2011, **Annual Art Show**, 2-4:30 pm



September 8, 2011, **End of Summer Picnic**

PAST EVENTS



Residents and family members gathered for a picnic (June 8th) on facility grounds. Entertainment with Dean and Frank was well received. The food was just excellent thanks to BJ Riegelsberger and her staff. We certainly had a nice hot sunny day.



Residents enjoyed the lovely gardens at both the **Cleveland Botanical Gardens** and **Holden Arboretum**.



Our historical tour of Put-in-Bay began with a ride on Millers Ferry and ended with a wonderful dinner at Tippers.



*The following employees
Have received a "take a bow" award
for the month of July*

Ann Sterle, Housekeeping

"Ann is the best. She is friendly, an excellent worker and is fast when doing her job. If the call bell is on, she is quick to respond. Always smiling, doing extra things that others seem to miss. I would say she is the top worker on your staff."

Joy Parrish, Music Specialist

"Thank you for being so helpful in picking up extra material from the library and always willing to lend a hand."

Darlene Parks, Activities

"Thanks for taking my program over a little bit earlier one Saturday when I had an engagement to be at."

Amy Grogg, Activities

"Thanks so much for always being ready to help out; especially with parachute last week. It is great having you on board."

Mariel Nolan, Dietary

"Mariel makes the best fruit plates. She was so accommodating during Mom's last days! It made us feel like family. She is meticulous in her work! Thank you, Mariel"

Continuation of (take a bow awards)

Heather Moorer, STNA

“Heather gives her ‘everything’ in all that she does. If you ask her to do something, you can rest assured that it will be done neatly and professionally. She takes pride in her work and will go the extra mile to achieve her goal. She will offer to do a task for you that no one else would consider. We are glad to have people around like ‘Heather’; I wish we had more like her.”

Dottie Meyers, Receptionist

“Wow! What a wonderful woman, she’s pleasant, colorful, sweet, and informative. Just a pleasure to look at and be greeted by her: LOVE HER *Bubbly*.”

Wendy O’Neil, LPN

“Kudos to Wendy for helping me out with a load of orders that she so willing (even with a smile on her face) helped me complete. After working a double shift that day, it was such a relief to have her pitch in and help me. Thank you! Thank you!”

Ann Sterle, Housekeeper

“Thank you for cleaning Mr. Miller’s room very well: washes windows, scrubs shower and bathroom floor. Answers call lights, take the time to answer patients needs. Wash tables and trays top to bottom and does a good job. Mr. Miller stated she is a **good worker**.”

Emily Chesser, Housekeeping

“Emily did a huge favor for me by cleaning two rooms after hours. She did it with a smile on her face and without any complaining. If it were not for her the room changes would not have occurred. Thank you Emily, for all your hard work and dedication to your job.”

**Residents’
July Birthdays**

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*“Happy Birthday
to You”*
♪ ♪

Ruth Gens	July 1 st
Mary Lawell	July 4 th
Frederick Scholz	July 4 th
Alice Short	July 5 th
Mary Nerad	July 12 th
Edwin Marson	July 18 th
Helen Reichenauer	July 20 th
Alba Rivera	July 20 th
Alan Belgrave	July 25 th
Marjorie Zeleznik	July 28 th
Rita Lewis	July 30 th

Congratulations



**Tony Santana
Employee of the Month
July, 2011**

Resident of the Month

NANCY DONNELLY RILEY

The sun was most definitely shining, January 20, 1933, the day Ceil and Tom Donnelly of Cincinnati, Ohio welcomed their baby girl Nancy into the world. Nancy joined her sister Mary Clare and was soon followed by her brother Tom and, several years later, by her little sister Kate.

Nancy attended Our Lady of Victory Grade School, where she demonstrated herself to be an outstanding student--so outstanding that she was actually promoted from the fourth grade directly to the sixth! An accomplishment she blames for her occasional inability to help her children with their math homework: "I skipped the year they taught fractions." After eighth grade, Nancy attended the Madames of the Sacred Heart High School (those French nuns in their blue "Flying Nun" habits) where, once again, she excelled academically.

Nancy's excellent high school grades helped her earn a four-year academic scholarship to the College of Mt. St. Joseph in Cincinnati, where she studied Home Economics and graduated in 1954. During her time at Mt. St. Joseph, Nancy made friends with one Patricia Riley from Cleveland. In November of 1952, Pat convinced Nancy to travel by train to Cleveland with her to attend a football game that pitted Cincinnati's Xavier University against John Carroll University. Pat's older brother Tom picked them up at the Cleveland train station in a 1948 Studebaker Land Cruiser--and the rest is history. Tom's heart was stolen, and rumor has it that during that very ride to the Riley family house on Elmwood Road in Rocky River, Tom would have stopped at the nearest

church to marry Nancy, but Nancy played it coy and made him wait until September 4, 1954, when they were married in Cincinnati. Following their wedding, Nancy and Tom Riley settled in on Story Road in Fairview Park. Nancy initially pined for Cincinnati, but very quickly the white house with blue bell shutters became her home. A few years later they moved to Elmwood Rd. in Rocky River (just a ½ mile from where you are standing). Nancy and Tom proceeded to have nine children: Tom, Mike, Norm, Pat, Jane, Booner (Dan), Maggie, Brigid and Jim, nearly all of whom still call Cleveland their home.

Raising her large brood became Nancy's passion. At an early age, she had been taught by her mother to sew expertly. As a young mother of nine, Nancy took great pride in making clothes for her family in order to save money. Dresses, jumpers, coats--you name it and Nancy could fashion it, even some really spiffy leisure suits for the boys in the early 70's. In fact, Nancy made her own wedding gown and bridesmaids' dresses, in addition to eventually creating the wedding gowns of her three daughters and all of their bridesmaids. Oldest daughter Jane recalls not getting her own "store-bought" dress until she was twenty-one!

Being the anchor of a family of eleven and keeping life's challenges in perspective have been Nancy's strongest traits. It is estimated that over the years she made 50,000 sandwiches for her children's school lunches, washed 35,000 loads of laundry, and cooked 60,000 meals for her family. Her family remembers that at dinner

time she quite literally never sat down. In her spare time, she said 1,000,000 prayers ... and counting...for everyone.

None of her children can remember her not “being there” for them. Whether sitting in the stands for little league baseball games at Goldwood Park -- with her always sunburned nose--or answering the “dinging” of the bell when a child was sick at home from school, making aprons for teachers or hot cross buns, or picking someone up with a soft “toot” of the car horn. Mom was always there, her hair in a bun, setting an example of love and sacrifice that continues to be unmatched.

Nancy did not limit her unselfish giving only to her family. While the kids were all in school she found a job at “Accessory Island” in the old Westgate Mall. Soon after, in 1977, she found herself employed in the men’s department at Higbee’s Department Store and a few months later she was working in the cosmetics department, where she was quickly promoted to department manager, and then to the Business Manager of Cosmetics, overseeing all of the cosmetics departments throughout the Higbee’s/Dillard’s chain. Ironically, the only cosmetic she ever wore was a touch of lipstick--and that was all she ever needed.

After over twenty years in the cosmetics business, Nancy retired and proceeded to devote herself to her growing number of grandchildren--which would ultimately reach twenty-eight. The same love and care she showed her own children is now bestowed on her grandchildren, from baking those awesome Grandma Muffins to sewing American Girl doll clothing, pajamas and robes; whatever her grandchildren needed, she has been there to help provide.

Every Christmas morning, Nancy and Tom would dress as Mrs. Claus and Santa to deliver handmade gifts and spread

cheer to every grandchild. One year Nancy made over forty fleece vests of every imaginable color; one for each of the grandkids plus extras for others. After a long day at work, she would relax by sitting at her sewing machine in the basement, working on those vests under the poster of Frank Sinatra listening to Barbara Streisand, often until the wee hours of the morning.

“She was at home”

Nancy finds joy in the simple pleasures of her life: the occasional dinner at Top of the Town enjoying a “Hilty Dilty” cocktail, catching a movie, a hot mug of black coffee alongside some vanilla ice cream “vanilla is the best”, or watching every Indians ball game during the 90’s. (Omar Vizquel might be the only man able to steal her away from Tom.) Her first true vacation was a trip to New Orleans provided by her children in 1990. It soon became a tradition for her children to send their parents on annual trips to celebrate their anniversary, or just to visit a city that they would enjoy. The Nashville trip in 1999 was an extra special one - nearly the entire family traveled to Beauregard’s Restaurant at the Opryland Hotel to surprise Nancy and Tom with a celebration of Tom’s 70th birthday – even though her favorite son-in-law was unable to attend.

There is a very special person in room 707 of the Normandy Manor.

Yes, Nancy: “We are so blessed!”



The Normandy Manor Staff

Administrator	Matt Shula
Director of Nursing	Louise Darling
Admissions Director	Jessica McNeill
Activities Director	Tammy Danilovic
Administrative Assistant	Cindy Ward
Controller	David Rodgers
Dietary Manager	BJ Riegelsberger
Dietitian	Sandee Hebert
Environmental Services	Curtis Cole
Maintenance Director	Tom Sloane
Rehab Services Director	Ellen Straub
Social Work	Megan Bean Ginny Moes



**This nation will remain the land of
the free only so long as it is the home
of the brave. ~Elmer Davis**

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