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Oak Grove Inn

Highlights

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MAY 2024



Those Celebrating

Birthdays this Month.....

Ronald Klinger - 19th

Anne King - 24th

Linda Webb - 25th

Patty Jones - 25th

Bessie Smith - 27th

M is for the *million* things she gave me,
O means *only* that she's growing old,
T is for the *tears* she shed to save me,
H is for her *heart* of purest gold;
E is for her *eyes*, with love-light shining,
R means *right*, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell

"Mother,"

A word that means the world to me.

MAY 4TH (SATURDAY) IS.....INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

International Firefighters' Day is a time for the community to recognize and honor the sacrifices that Fire-fighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. It is also a day in which former firefighters are remembered for their contributions. International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4th.



For the past 9 years, Oak Grove Inn has recognized this day by taking them lunch prepared by our Dietary Staff. We invite you to **show your support and appreciation** to the firefighters who continue to serve us throughout the year **by sending a note of thanks.** We will take your notes and deliver them along with the meals to Fire Station 13 on Friday, the 3rd.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT & APPRECIATION FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS!



KENTUCKY DERBY IS SATURDAY, MAY 4th
PARTY BEGINS AT 5:15 P.M. A.L. ACTIVITIY AREA



It's time for the running of the **150th Kentucky Derby!** ALL residents are invited to our **Kentucky Derby Party.** Again, we're having a **Kentucky Derby Hat Contest!** Judging will take place during the party so come early. Hat categories are - **The Prettiest, Most Unique, and the Wildest.** Prizes awarded to the winners that afternoon. Sparkling cider & mimosas will be served that afternoon. Make your prediction to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place horses on your racing form provided. The ones selecting the **1st place horse** will be in our Winner's Circle. All winners and prizes announced Monday, May 7th. **Family members come on out and join the fun!** Just wear a hat and you, too, are entered in the **Derby Hat Contest!** The fun begins at **5:15 p.m. with race time around 5:56 p.m.**

It's the most exciting 2 minutes in sports!

****Due to the time the Derby Party ends, dinner service times will be delayed. AL's meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and IL's served at 6:30.**

Mother's Day Program and Recognition

What: A Mother's Day Recognition

When: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Grove Park Clubhouse



Oak Grove Inn invites you to attend a special afternoon honoring the strong, influential, yet loving women in our lives, our mothers. We will be recognizing several of our mothers in attendance that afternoon as well.

Oak Grove Inn will provide transportation, for those residents who wish to attend, and your family can join you there for refreshments and the presentations.

Transportation back to Oak Grove Inn provided at the conclusion of the program as well.

**Mothers hold their children's
hands for a short while,
but their hearts forever.
~Author Unknown**



OUR PRAYER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 2ND
BEGINS AT 10:45 A.M. IN THE AL DINING ROOM
IF YOU CAN, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THIS PAGE WITH YOU TO THE MEETING SO THAT
WE CAN RECITE THIS PRAYER IN UNISON.

2024 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media. We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to talk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!**

In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

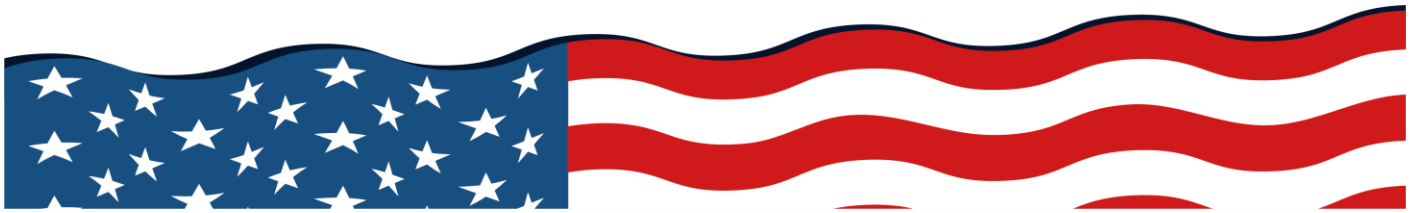


ARE YOU READY FOR ELECTION 2024?

IT'S AN IMPORTANT YEAR FOR ALL AMERICANS AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA! WE WILL BE VOTING FOR COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL OFFICES. **THE GENERAL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 5TH.**

IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO OAK GROVE INN, YOU WILL NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS IN ORDER TO VOTE AT OUR POLLING PLACE, (ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH). YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE THE VOTER REGISTRATION BEFORE REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU'RE NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO GO TO THE POLLS.

PLEASE SEE CHRIS IN THE IL OFFICE OR CALL ME AT, 215-8881 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FORMS NEEDED AND THE TIME FRAME TO HAVE THEM COMPLETED. PLEASE SEE THE BOX BELOW.



****2024 ELECTION DATES YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF****

VOTER REGISTRATION - YOU CAN UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS SINCE MOVING TO OAK GROVE INN FROM NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 21ST BY MAIL OR DOING IT ONLINE. THE FORMS ARE HERE IN THE IL OFFICE.

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING - AFTER UPDATING YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION YOU MAY THEN **REQUEST** AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO GO TO THE POLLS TO VOTE. REQUESTING A BALLOT CONSISTS OF FILLING OUT A FORM (WHICH WE HAVE IN OUR IL OFFICE) AND MAILING IT TO THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER. **YOU CAN REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BEGINNING MID-SEPTEMBER UNTIL 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION (OCTOBER 29TH).**

HELP IN WELCOMING THESE NEW RESIDENTS

TO OUR OAK GROVE INN COMMUNITY -



John & Jane Shanahan – IL apt 112

Barbara Owen – AL apt 12



Let's roll out the Welcome Mat!

Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to these new residents.

The Times of Your Life!.....

We want to celebrate with you as you have those “Proud” moments in your life! If you would like to share with everyone some of those moments that are occurring (i.e.: special recognitions or awards, anniversaries, weddings, new babies in the family) please contact Chris by the 15th of each month to submit your information or announcement.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND ABOUT YOU!



William (Spec) and Martha Hughes (in AL) will celebrate 64 years of marriage on May 27th. Congratulations to this special couple!



LOL (Laugh Out Loud)

Jokes for Seniors regarding aging

- How is the moon like dentures? - They both come out at night.
- Old age makes us great multitaskers. Why, I can sneeze and pee at the same time!

-I called the incontinence hotline recently. They asked if I could hold.

-I always wanted to marry Mrs. Right. I just didn't know her first name was going to be “Always.”

-If I ever decide to buy a horse ranch in my old age, I'm going to name it “Pasture Prime.”

- Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me. My knees, my back, my neck ...

MAY CRAFTS WITH CHRIS & LYNN



PAINTING & DECOUPAGING A WOODEN PICTURE FRAME



YOU'LL BE PAINTING A PLAIN WOODEN PICTURE FRAME AND DECOUPAGING OVER THAT WITH COLORFUL NAPKINS, MAKING THE FRAME ITSELF LOOK LIKE A WORK OF ART AND FOR YOU TO KEEP. ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED AS USUAL BUT TO MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH ON HAND, WE NEED YOU TO REGISTER YOUR NAME IF YOU PLAN ON PARTICIPATING.

THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ONE CLASS SO BE PREPARED AND AVAILABLE TO ATTEND BOTH.

STARTING ON MONDAY, MAY 13TH AL'S CLASS AT 2:00 / IL'S CLASS AT 3:00

FINISHING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH AL'S CLASS AT 2:00 / IL'S CLASS AT 3:00

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH IS.....

NATIONAL MIMOSA DAY

JOIN US FOR A REFRESHING AFTERNOON IN THE AL ACTIVITY AREA OR YOU CAN ENJOY SITTING AND SIPPING OUTSIDE ON THE AL FRONT PORCH. WE'LL BE SERVING LIGHT SNACKS & START MAKING MIMOSA'S AT 2:30.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. PICK A FLAVOR OF JUICE, THEN WE WILL-
2. ADD CHAMPAGNE (OR A SPARKLING NON-ALCHOHOLIC CIDER) &
3. TOP IT WITH FRUIT

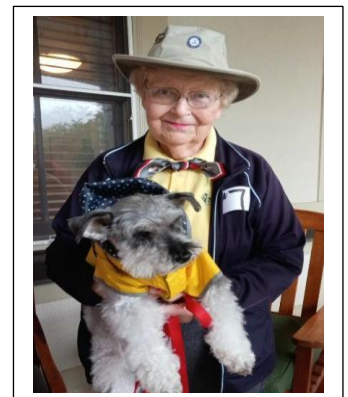
SIP, SIP, HOORAY!



**CELEBRATING NATIONAL PET MONTH
WITH OUR 3RD ANNUAL
PETS ON PARADE COSTUME CONTEST
MAY 21ST BEGINNING AT 2:30 P.M.**



This has become an annual event and it's so much fun to watch and this year should be no exception! Please make plans to bring your 4-legged pet wearing some type of costume to join our Pets on Parade Costume Contest. This event is for our residents, resident family members, OGI staff and our Grove Park neighbors. So, get your 4-legged friend ready to show off on our red carpet. **It will be held on the front porch area of our assisted living (weather permitting)** so the animals can be kept apart until their name & human is called. We'll have plenty of audience seating outside as well. We will have a special guest from WAKA t.v. station onsite to highlight the activity. Judging will be from a local veterinary office and great prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! If you'd like to participate, please email me at; chris.anderson@oakgroveinn.org with your name and your pet's name **by Monday, May 20th** so we'll know how to announce the both of you. Oak Grove Inn hopes to have entries again this year as well.





**We'll be visiting the
ALABAMA POPPY PROJECT**

**in Prattville, AL on
Tuesday, May 28TH**

**Leaving here at 2:00 p.m.
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME ON
THE ACTIVITY SHEET IF YOU'D
LIKE TO GO.**

It all started with Lt. Col. John McRae (Nov 30, 1872- Jan 28, 1918), a Canadian physician, soldier in World War 1 and poet. McRae wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields" presiding over the funeral of his friend and fellow soldier, Lt. Alexis Helmer, who died in the 2nd Battle of Ypres. After the burial, he noted how poppies grew in the fields amidst the tumult of war.

In Flanders Fields is one of the most quoted poems from the war and became popular world-wide, thrusting the poppy into prominence as a symbol of remembrance for the fallen.

In 2020, Julianne and Steven Hansen worked tirelessly along with Hansen Fine Art staff and volunteers to roll, cut, shape, glaze, kiln fire and "plant" over 1,000 ceramic poppies in just a few months, all while a worldwide pandemic basically shut down virtually all Memorial Day celebrations. We heard so many stories from eras gone by to as recent as just a few weeks...stories about real people who left families and friends behind. Men and women of the armed forces who served to the best of their abilities. Some died on the battlefields, some lived long lives, some lived with wounds both visible and unseen. We were so blessed that so many were represented by a simple red poppy with a white ribbon naming them by name. We honor them and the millions of others who have served and are no longer on the earth...but we remember and we will never forget their sacrifices.

Poppies can be sponsored in the name of a loved one for \$45 each with a portion of the proceeds from each poppy designated to non-profit organizations dedicated to the memory of those who have served or to support the families left behind.

At the conclusion of the event, the poppy is then ready to be picked up by the sponsor, shipped or donated back to the event for use in the following year's exhibit.

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