

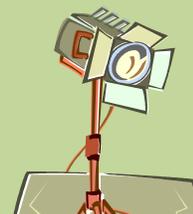


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for Post-Acute Care | 

SEPT. CALENDAR

- Sept. 5 Euchre, 1:30 p.m., Optimal Living Area
- Sept. 9 Magic of Music Sing-Along, 3 p.m., Club Room
- Sept. 11 Travel Log to Turkey, 2 p.m., Club Room
- Sept. 12 Ron Newport Trio, 2 p.m., Club Room
- Sept. 16 Birthday and New Resident Welcome, 2:30 p.m., Club Room
- Sept. 17 Winton Woods Boat Ride and Picnic Lunch, 10:15 a.m., Meet at Flag Pole
- Sept. 22 Lunch and Learn with Lynne Pettys-Roth, 11:45 a.m., Club Room
- Sept. 23 Fall Celebration and Craft, 2 p.m., Club Room
- Sept. 24 Apples and Cider in the Courtyard, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Cornhole in the Courtyard, 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., Club Room



Resident Spotlight



Jessie
Johns

“I’ve never known anything but hard work, but I don’t regret it.”

Jessie Johns grew up on a 71-acre farm in Sunman, Indiana, with her parents and six sisters. She said she spent most summers “standing on my head picking tomatoes for the tomato factory in town! I never knew what play was as a kid. We did all the work. There wasn’t any machinery.” One of her favorite stories is about milking the cows. While milking, stray cats would come into the barn hoping to be fed. Jessie and her sisters would squirt milk from the cows directly into their waiting open mouths!

Jessie’s mother was a superb seamstress and made “every stitch” of the girls’ clothing, creating her own patterns. “Everybody was jealous of our clothes,” Jessie said, “Mom could really sew.”

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Resident Spotlight (Continued)

Her father taught school in his younger years and was very proud of himself for attending Teacher's College.

Jessie said she's been pretty much self-sufficient since she was 16. Her mother passed away early from ongoing heart disease. "My biggest aim in life was to be a doctor to fix my mom, but as far as I got was an LPN. It takes a lot of money to be a doctor. I couldn't stand it when she was sick," Jessie said.

Jessie met Thomas Anthony Johns when she was about 20. Her girlfriend wanted to introduce them to each other. Problem is he was working as a bartender, and "my sisters and I were taught never to go into a bar. We weren't even allowed to *think* of a bar," Jessie said, laughing.

Thomas and Jessie ran a restaurant together for many years in Cheviot, a suburb of Cincinnati, and raised their daughter, Nina. The restaurant business was more hard work seven days a week. She said her husband had a hard life, too, growing up as the son of poor immigrant parents from Lebanon. "I've done everything to make a living. My husband and I didn't have a lot of education, but we managed," she said.

Jessie also managed to look after her dad after her mother died. "No matter where I lived, my Dad knew he could knock on my door, come in, and be welcome. I'd pack him lunch, and he'd go to the park to eat with the guys," she said.

Jessie came to Bridgeway Pointe last fall,

following a bout of pneumonia. She loves her apartment because of its great location. Right outside of her room in a common area is an organ that she plays whenever fellow residents ask her to. She likes to play church songs she remembers from growing up. Faith has always been an important part of her life. She's attended a number of churches during her lifetime but eventually settled in with the Catholic faith. She said, "I had to figure out for myself what I considered the truth."

Jessie is also artistic, evidenced by the oil paintings she has in her apartment. She discovered her talent quite by accident when a nephew asked her to take his classes. "It never entered my mind that I could paint anything, but he said you won't know until you try." She said she's made several thousand dollars on her paintings.

Jessie said her daughter, Nina, visits her often. "She's a good kid but not really a kid anymore," Jessie said with a smile. She painted a picture of Nina which is hanging on her wall. On a rocking chair sits a teddy bear, given to her by her son-in-law, Ray. "He heard me say I always wanted a teddy bear but never had one because of the Depression. So he bought me one," she said.

Looking back on her life, Jessie said that maybe she worked a little too hard as a child, but it kept her out of mischief. "I've never known anything but hard work, but I don't regret it. I always felt useful. That's what life is all about, feeling useful."

Residents Celebrate National Watermelon Day!

August 6 was National Watermelon Day, and residents celebrated with a Watermelon Bash! They enjoyed an afternoon together in the Courtyard and around Bridgeway with slices of sweet, juicy watermelon. As the saying goes, a good time was had by all.



 **Happy September BIRTHDAY!** 

Phyllis Eveleigh	Sept. 1
Bernice Batts	Sept. 4
Marge Slone	Sept. 9
Paulette Morgan	Sept. 12
Mary Louise Heiden	Sept. 15
Mary Ellen Jensen	Sept. 19
Frieda Foster	Sept. 21
Marty Reese	Sept. 21
Michelle Listro	Sept. 26

Happy Birthday to All!

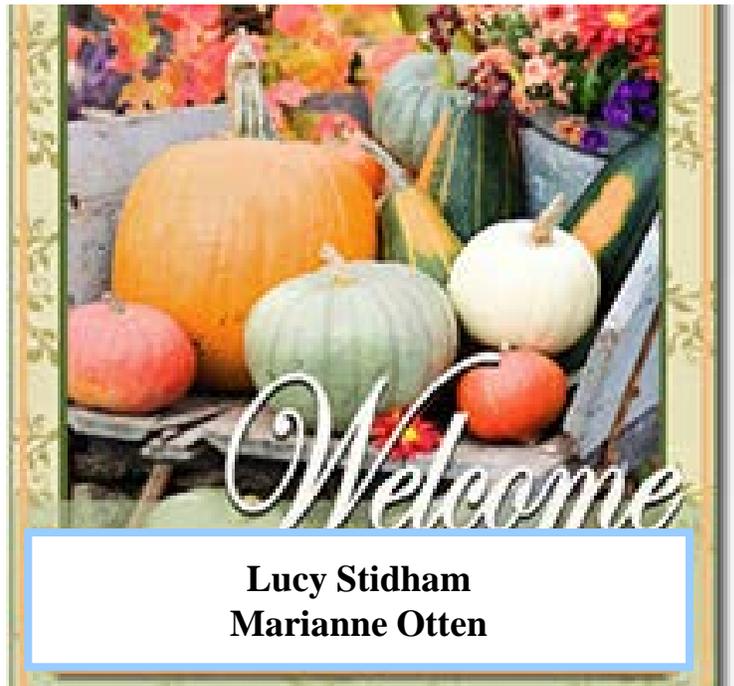
***Magic of Music* is theme for National Assisted Living Week, September 7-14**

The *Magic of Music* is the theme for this year's National Assisted Living Week. According to the National Council of Assisted Living, music is transformational for individuals of all ages and can provide joy, comfort, and fond memories of long-ago experiences. At Bridgeway, three music activities will be held in keeping with this year's theme:

September 8: Paul Killion, Musical Memories, 1:30 p.m., Club Room

September 9: The Magic of Music Sing-Along, 3 p.m., Club Room

September 12: Ron Newport Trio, 2 p.m., Club Room



Winton Woods and Goody Shop Outing

Residents enjoyed their monthly scenic drive last month through Winton Woods, enjoying the amazing scenery of one of the Hamilton County parks. At the end of the drive, the van stopped at the Goody Shop for some cool, sweet treats. It was a great way to end the summer.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER...LITERALLY!

To kick-off the dog days of summer, on August 1 last month, all the dogs who regularly visit Bridgeway Pointe...including Shelby, Guinness, and Alex...got together for a meet-and-greet with residents.



Do You Love to Read?

Every month, residents meet and read a selected book provided by the Hamilton County Public Library Outreach Program. This past month, residents read *Three Cups of Tea* and served tea and cookies, while discussing the book. Other recent books the group has read include *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* and *The Aviator's Wife*. If you enjoy reading, join the monthly Book Club!

! IMPORTANT Contact Information Reminder

Residents and Family Members:

Please let Kris know as soon as possible when you have a change in any personal information (i.e., phone number, address, email address, insurance), so she can update resident charts.
THANK YOU!

We Need You, Volunteers!

Thank you Bridgeway Pointe volunteers! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated. Family members, there are many volunteer opportunities available, if you'd like to get involved with assisting the activity staff on outings and with group activities or giving presentations on topics of interest to residents. If you're interested in sharing your time and talents, or giving back to Bridgeway, please contact Erica Schomaker at 418-4374.

IT PAYS TO REFER



**Do you know someone
who might enjoy living
here?**

Don't forget:

Residents who refer a family member or friend to Bridgeway Pointe will receive a one-time discount of \$1,000 off a month's rent...and the referred new resident will receive the same discount!*

**See Kris Collins in the front
office for specific details.**

***Some exclusions apply.**