

Norview News



ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is hard to believe that this will already be our third edition of the Norview News. Our hope is that you are enjoying reading the newsletter as much as, we are excited each month to share it with you. It was mentioned in our first edition that we are so grateful for the continued outpouring of community support and encouragement that we are receiving and this sentiment still rings true. We recently celebrated Valentine's Day and we had so many lovely cards sent to the Home from many community members and local organizations. The personalized messages and well wishes were happily received by everyone. Please know that your kindness warms all of our hearts.

WHAT'S NEW

We are continuing with our ongoing measures to protect our Residents and staff by following all directives and guidelines from the Ontario Ministry of Health, Public Health Ontario and our Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit. By following these directives and guidelines it has led to the development of new and engaging programming as well as, more individualized programming. The Recreation Therapists continue to look to the residents to provide input into program development and programs will often evolve into varied versions of the original program because of the residents' feedback.

HIGHLIGHTS

We consider it a privilege to get to know and care for the 179 residents that reside at Norview Lodge. Each resident brings a wealth of knowledge and life experience with them and we wanted to highlight a resident each month so, you can get to know them like we do.

Our resident this month is Ida Battista who resides in Willow Walk. From the moment Ida wakes up in the morning until she lays down in the evening she is constantly singing. Ida was born and raised in Italy and has always had a passion for singing and dancing. She has the most beautiful singing voice and will often be singing in the dining room or down the hallways which brings a smile to everyone's face. Ida's joy for singing is infectious and she has definitely provided a much needed ray of light on some cloudy days.

"Where words fail, music speaks"



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

THE FACES OF NORVIEW



Peggy Thompson displaying some of her card creations.



A group from Orchard Grove sharing their love of art and good conversation.



Our local community members and organizations continue to think of us and we received flowers, treats and beautiful cards on Valentine's Day.

“Creativity is the ability to look at the ordinary and see extraordinary” – Dewitt Jones

We have so many talented individuals that reside at Norview Lodge and one of those individuals is Peggy Thompson. From a very young age, Peggy has always had an interest in art especially drawing and painting. Peggy will regularly attend programs that have an artistic component and during a card making program, Krystal the Recreation Therapist in Willow Walk saw Peggy's beautiful creations and they both came up with the idea of “Peggy's Greetings”. Peggy has set up her own card making shop in her room where she has complete creative reign over the development of the cards.



A few examples of Peggy's cards

She is constantly cutting, gluing, painting and often is covered in glitter as all artists are when they immerse themselves in their work. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic Peggy has wanted to keep her hands busy, mind active and has made well over 500 greeting cards to date. Peggy is selling her beautiful cards for \$1.00 each or a mixed bundle of 12 for \$10.00. Staff and residents have purchased many of Peggy's cards and each of the cards is unique and like no other.

Programming for Connection

Over these past many months we can really see that the programming that provides a social element is what everyone is longing for. Listening to music together; going for walks, playing games, watching a favorite television show and just enjoying each other's company is what everyone wants. It is sitting around and having a cup of coffee together and reminiscing about the past or discussing current events, which brings out the best conversations.

Some of the best and well liked programs are those that encourage active conversation and to simply have fun and enjoy each other's company.