



Grand Oaks
ASSISTED LIVING BY THE VNA
JENSEN BEACH

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**A WORD FROM YOUR
*administrator***



Dear Residents,

What a beautiful holiday season we had at Grand Oaks of Jensen Beach. I just can't believe it went by so fast. The tree and the decorations are beautiful, however, they will be boxed up

soon and stored away until next year.

I want to thank you for your donations to the Employee Christmas Fund. The staff appreciates your gift of generosity. I also hope you enjoyed our Family and Resident Christmas Party. Santa passed out gifts and then everyone enjoyed the amazing buffet presented by Chef Joe and his staff. They did an amazing job.

January brings us a lot of themed days. Just for fun, here are a few: National Spaghetti Day, National Bird Day, Bubble Bath Day, Law Enforcement

Appreciation Day, National Pharmacist Day, Dress Your Pet Day, National Popcorn Day, Cheese Lover's Day, Pie Day, Kazoo Day and to end the month, National Puzzle Day. I am sure Melissa and her team will come up with some fun activities!

We had another outstanding performance by our Grand Oaks Choir for Christmas. Thanks to Tim and all the choir members for bringing songs of joy to us all.

Thank you for making Grand Oaks of Jensen Beach your home. We love and appreciate every one of you. My wish for all of us is good health, great happiness and lots of fun and laughs in 2020.

Sincerely,

Randy Kelly



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

STACEY C., *Caregiver*

Stacey grew up in Jamaica. She has three brothers and two sisters. She attended an all-girl Catholic high school. Her father was a contractor while her mother was a clerk/payroll assistant at the Ministry of Education in Jamaica. After her mother moved to Florida, she became a caregiver. Stacey says that she has always had a passion for caring for others. She has been a nurse at Grand Oaks since 2015. Prior to becoming a nurse, she was a certified nursing assistant. She also studied marketing in Jamaica.

Stacey credits her mother as her biggest inspiration for becoming a nurse. "She is now my guardian angel. When she became ill in 2013, on her dying bed she said to me, while caring for her that this is my calling – she told me that I am going to be a nurse. I'll never forget it," she says.

Stacey also considers her daughter and her Aunt Claudine her biggest cheerleaders as well. She initially wanted to become an EMT. "My aunt Claudine always encouraged me to go to nursing school. I often turned her down because I had my heart set on becoming a paramedic or a firefighter. I battled the thought, but everywhere I turned, it was nursing. The pre-requisites I thought I was taking for medical school ended up being the pre-requisites for nursing. I said 'God this must be you.' The calling was destined! I then enrolled in nursing school never looked back," she says.

She considers the staff and residents at Grand Oaks her second family.

"We are passionate about our jobs and truly care about our residents. My personal motto is 'Caring from the core.' The culture we have created is phenomenal. I love my residents - they are like my babies. I along with my team, want to do what's right for them. We help them daily to enjoy their greater years and every moment they have left on this earth, we advocate for them daily, seek out the right treatment plans for them and ensure that their health is at an optimum level. My door is always open - anything we can do to make them happy makes a difference and that's why we are here," says Stacey.

When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, shopping, going to the beach and relaxing.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT KRIS P.

Kris, or "yaya" as she prefers to be called, was born on Sept. 10, 1928 on her beloved island, Imbras, located on the Aegean Sea. She immigrated to the United States in 1965. She worked very hard all her life as a seamstress and a sample maker in the garment district of New York City for a number of well known designers. She enjoyed dressing the models with all the different designs before the fashion shows where buyers from various department stores would come to select the styles they wanted to order each season. Her positive attitude, her dedication to her work, and attention to detail made her a sought out seamstress all her life.

After retiring 20 years ago, she moved to Stuart to live with her daughter and her family. She has enjoyed spending time with her two grandsons, and has played an important role in their upbringing. She enthusiastically participated in her grandsons' school events and she particularly loved making costumes for their plays and holiday programs.

Kris enjoys gardening, making Greek desserts and sewing special dresses for her family and friends. She loves Greek music and enjoys sharing her culture and traditions with her friends and neighbors. Her favorite activity at Grand Oaks is their arts and crafts and she really enjoys the musicians and singers that come to entertain. She says she feels blessed to have so many nice friends at Grand Oaks and people that are so kind to her.



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL

Petite Diane

Petite filet pan-seared and flambéed with brandy, topped with mushrooms, shallots, Dijon, green peppercorns and a touch of cream.

JAN.
01

Charlie F.

JAN.
07

Pat A.

JAN.
09

Grace M.

JAN.
18

Jane C.

JAN.
18

Marie P. (turning 101)

JAN.
27

Marie M.

JAN.
30

Barry D.

*Happy
Birthday*









Participate

IN OUR MONTHLY EVENTS.

Refer to this month's calendar for more information and exciting events!

JAN.
06

Walking Club Trip to Memorial Park

at 10:30 a.m.



JAN.
24

Show Up and Show Off in the Theater

at 3:00 p.m.



JAN.
31

Happy Hour with Ashley Cooper

at 2:30 p.m.

