

JANUARY 2024

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*A word from your  
ADMINISTRATOR*

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! January is the month of resolutions, wealth, and prosperity. As we reminisce about the past year, we are setting goals and looking forward to the new year. Let's make sure we treasure each and every day.

With that being said, I am excited to announce that Sabrina Cook has been promoted to be your Administrator. The past several months she has worked very hard to learn every facet of ALF administration. She has proven herself to be a wonderful leader to the team as well as an administrator for Grand Oaks Okeechobee.

The New Year has also brought us some new residents; let's welcome Donald Stoffel and Romona Sirum to our Grand Oaks family. Please take the time to say hello and make them feel at home.

Lastly, Mela has some great activities planned this month, including a trip to the casino on January 5th so put on your lucky hat or shirt and press your luck! We will continue the month with more activities, such as a milk shake social on January 11th, birthday party on January 16th with Mitch, a trip to the Dollar Tree on January 26th, and many more fun activities. Please review your calendars.

It has been a true pleasure serving as your administrator. I have missed being part of the community on a daily basis, but I am very excited for the things to come for you all with Sabrina. I look forward to visiting you all soon. I wish you all a healthy and blessed new year.

*Lisa Zaccaria*

Lisa Zaccaria,  
Administrator

**HAPPY  
new  
YEAR**



*Chef's*  
SPECIAL

*PORK  
POTSTICKERS*



Asian pork dumplings, pan, seared in sesame oil,  
drizzled with teriyaki glaze and sprinkled with  
toasted sesame seeds

*Happy  
BIRTHDAY!!!*



**JAN  
23**

James T.

**JAN  
27**

Donald S.



*New Move-In  
WELCOME!*

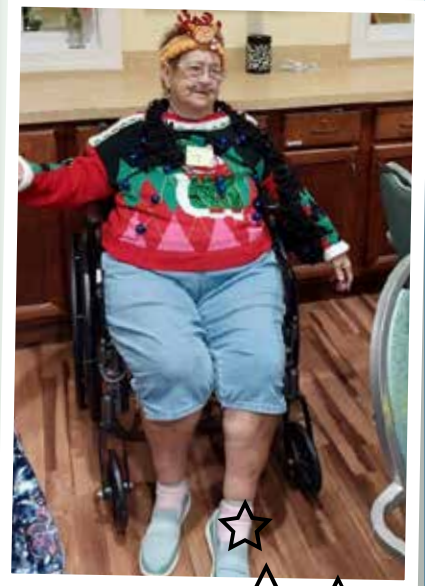
Donald S.  
Lila E.  
Romona S.



*\*Happy\*  
\*New Year\**









Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Happy New Year 1</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Scrabble 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 BINGO 3:15 Trivia 6:00 UNO <small>New Year's Day</small>	<b>National Buffet Day 2</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10:00 Po-Ke-No 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 WJ & Friends 3:15 Card Games 6:00 Rummikub	<b>Mind-Body Wellness 3</b> Day 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Town Hall Meeting 11:00 Trivia 2:00 Crafts 3:15 Evening Movie	<b>National Trivia Day 4</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10:00 Walmart 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Social Event & Trivia 3:15 Evening Movie 6:00 Checkers	<b>National Bird Day 5</b> 9:30 Casino Trip 10:00 Po-Ke-No 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Hangman 3:15 Bowling 6:00 Rummikub	<b>National Cuddle Up 6</b> Day 9:30 Porch Talk 10am Dice Game 2pm 3pm Adult Coloring 6pm Jenga
<b>National Bobblehead Day 7</b> 9:30 Bible Study with Charlie 10am Rummikub 2pm BINGO 6pm Puzzles	<b>National Bubble Bath 8</b> Day 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Painting 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Penny Poker 3:15 Card Games 6:00 Checkers	<b>Law Enforcement Day 9</b> 9:30 Walmart 10:00 Hangman 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 LCR 3:15 Treat and Trivia 6:00 UNO	<b>Houseplant Appreciation Day 10</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Crafts 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Afternoon Movie 6:00 Puzzles	<b>National Milk Day 11</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10:00 Chair Volley Ball 2:00 Milk Shake Social 3:15 Adult Coloring 6:00 Jenga	<b>National Pharmacist Day 12</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Mini Manis 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Po-Ke-No 3:15 Cornhole	<b>National Gluten-Free Day 13</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10am Senior Feud 2pm Po-Ke-No 3pm Build a Word 6pm Dominos
<b>National Dress Up Day 14</b> Your Pet Day 9:30 Bible Study with Charlie 10am Rummikub 2pm BINGO 6pm Puzzles	<b>National Hat Day 15</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Shopping @ Marshalls 2:00 LCR 3:15 Card Games 6:00 Jenga <small>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</small>	<b>National Nothing Day 16</b> 9:30 Walmart 10:00 Ring Toss 2:00 Birthday Party w/ Mitch Kahl 3:15 Card Games 6:00 Puzzles	<b>Museum Selfie Day 17</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Crafts 11:00 Price is Right 12:00 Lunch @ Eastside Grill 2:00 Rummikub 6:00 Dominos	<b>National Thesaurus Day 18</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10:00 Rummikub 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Wheel of Fortune 3:15 Puzzles	<b>National Popcorn Day 19</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 BINGO 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Penny Poker 3:15 Card Games 6:00 UNO	<b>National Cheese Lovers Day 20</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 2pm Jodi on the Piano 3pm Adult Coloring 6pm Jenga
<b>National Hugging Day 21</b> 9:30 Bible Study with Charlie 10am Rummikub 2pm BINGO 6pm Puzzles <small>Activity Professionals Week</small>	<b>Celebration of Life Day 22</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Trivia 11:00 Adult Coloring 2:00 Mini Manis 3:15 Cornhole	<b>Tommy's Birthday 23</b> 9:30 Walmart 10:00 Hangman 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Penny Poker 3:15 Karaoke Happy Hour 6:00 Checkers	<b>Opposite Day 24</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Country Kitchen 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 Songs by Don & Annette 6:00 Puzzles <small>Tu Bachelorette Begins</small>	<b>National Spouse Day 25</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10:00 Crafts 11:00 Price is Right 2:00 BINGO 3:15 Billiards 6:00 Jenga	<b>National Customs Day 26</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Dollar Tree Trip 2:00 Wine & Cheese Social 3:15 Board Games 6:00 Puzzles <small>Australia Day (Observed)</small>	<b>Donald's Birthday 27</b> 9:30 Porch Talk 10am Senior Feud 2pm LCR 3pm Adult Coloring 6pm Jenga
<b>National Lego Day 28</b> 9:30 Bible Study with Charlie 10am Rummikub 2pm BINGO 6pm Puzzles	<b>National Puzzle Day 29</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Build a Puzzle Contest 11:00 Price is Right 1:45 Cornhole 3:00 Songs by Paul 6:00 Checkers	<b>National Croissant Day 30</b> 9:30 Walmart 10:00 Hangman 2:00 LCR 3:15 Treat and Trivia 6:00 UNO	<b>National Hot Chocolate Day 31</b> 9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Painting Ceramics 2:00 Donuts & Hot Chocolate 3:15 Card Games	<div>  <h1>JANUARY 2024</h1> <h2>Grand Oaks Okeechobee</h2> </div>		

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE SEE DAILY ACTIVITY BOARD.







On May 6th, Glen turned 100 years old. He was born in 1923. He was raised on a dairy farm in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Glen attended Kingston Township high school. He played the clarinet for 2 years and enjoyed every bit of it.

Growing up on a dairy farm was no fun for Glen. He did not want to spend his weekends taking care of the cows. He said the cows needed to be milked twice a day; it was just too much work and drove him to volunteer in the Army Air Corp in 1941. The eighteen-year-old high school graduate had been in radio school at Scott AFB, Illinois, for two months when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and thrust the United States into war.

After twenty weeks of radio school, he completed six weeks of Gunnery School at Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Florida. Then at MacDill AFB in Tampa, in May of 1942, he was assigned to the newly created 91st Bomb Group, 322nd Bomb Squadron, Bader's Crew. The name of their crew was called the Heavyweight Annihilators. On January 3rd, 1943, mission to St. Nazaire, France they were hit by a flak on the right wing as its last bomb was released. Engine number four was engulfed in flames while engine number three began malfunctioning. Unable to keep up, the plane fell out of formation. They were lost. At the low altitude hugging the sea, their destiny looming over the frigid water, Bader informed Glen of their plight over the interphone. "Glen," Bader calmly directed, "bring us home." Those last three words are forever seared into Glen's memory.



Some of Glen's missions include, Brest, France, 1942, Emden, Germany, 1943, Paris, France, 1943, Hage, Germany, 1943 and many more. He also served with the Cliburn's crew of the 324th squadron. They headed to Hamm, Germany's railway yards on the Bad Penny on February 4th, 1943. During this mission, Glen was shot in the shoulder, earning him the Purple Heart. To this day, he still carries that bullet wedged in his shoulder.

Glen went on to serve in the Korean War, completing thirty-two years in the Air Force (twenty active, twelve civil service) and retiring as Master Sergeant. After his retirement in 1975, Glen continued doing what he loved most, which was a Ham radio operator. He enjoyed talking to people all over the world.



Glen met his wife Leona at a drug store in St. Louis Missouri. She was a telephone operator. They were married in October 1943. He said the wedding was very small and only included his and her parents. They had a beautiful marriage that lasted for 65 years until she passed away January 24th, 2010. He and his wife had been living in Okeechobee since 1962. They have five children and lots of grandchildren; he states too many to count!

Glen stayed at Grand Oaks for a couple of days before making the decision to move in permanently on September 18th, 2023. He said he loves living here because the residents are very nice, the food is great, and the staff are wonderful.









## Calendar Spotlight

  
**Grand Oaks**  
ASSISTED LIVING BY THE VNA  
— OKEECHOBEE —

*Our Roots  
Run Deep  
IN OUR  
COMMUNITY*



*January 11th*

Milkshake Social



*January 17th*

Lunch at Eastside Grill



*January 26th*

Dollar Tree Shopping Trip