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A word from your ADMINISTRATOR

Dear residents,

Happy New Year!

We know it's coming, yet the turn of a New Year always does seem to catch us by surprise. At Grand Oaks, it's our goal to make sure we treasure each day, making the year to come better than the year behind us.

To help us achieve that, Mela has some great activities planned this month.

- Jan. 4: Music with Paul
- Jan. 5: Jodi on piano
- Jan. 12: Music with Bill Forness
- Jan. 20: Music with Jim Clark
- Jan. 21: Milking R Dairy Farm
- Jan. 24: Lunch at Lakeside
 - Jan. 25: Lion Country Safari
- Jan. 26: Music with Paul



All of these exciting events and outings are of course in addition to our usual shopping trips, ice cream socials, happy hours and so much many more.

Rest assured that we'll continue maintaining the current practices of requiring vitals checks, hand sanitizers and masks for all visitors. The health, safety and wellbeing of every resident is our highest priority, so thank you so much in advance for your cooperation.

Certainly, we've come through some trying times the last couple of years as a community and a country, so let's hope that with continued vigilance we can get back to a more normal routine. As always, we wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year and look forward to the good times ahead.

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Resident SPOTLIGHT

LOIS W.



Lois was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 8, 1927 to parents George and Edna Schroeder. She had one sister by the name of Ruth who passed away due to polio when she was only four years old. Her dad was a director at Eastern Seals, a nonprofit organization providing disability services for military families and veterans. Her mom was a homemaker. Growing up she remembers spending time with her grandparents and just having a good time with them. Her best experience was when her dad was teaching her to drive at the age of twelve! Lois attended Foreman High School and graduated in 1945. Her favorite subject was biology and her favorite teacher was Miss Newman. In her senior year she worked for an insurance company with four of her friends. They would ride the L train to downtown after school.

She also worked for Dale Carnegie's How to Win Friends and Influence People for a couple of months. She then moved on to North Western Business School for one year just before getting married to her sweetheart, Gene. She met Gene at her girlfriend's birthday party and fell deeply in love with him.

"He had blonde hair and the bluest eyes," remembers Lois. "How could you not fall in love with that?" Gene was in the Navy and she thought her parents would disapprove of her dating him because he was five years older than her, but they fell in love with him.

Lois and Gene tied the knot in 1946. She has two children, Gail and Gary. She was a stay-at-home mom and Gene worked for a steel company as a sales representative. After he retired in 1982, they travelled to all 50 states. They travelled from Chicago to Florida for ten years as snowbirds and lived in Taylor Creek, Okeechobee. After her husband passed away in 1992, she moved to Florida permanently. Lois loved to do crafts and crossword puzzles. She was the president of the garden club, also was part of the Eagles, Elks and the Eastern Star Senior Singers. Life advice she would give to her grandchildren is: Be good to everyone, treat people the same as you would like them to treat you.

Lois moved into Grand Oaks on October of 2019. She loves living here because she enjoys the company of the other residents and love taking part in activities.







