

## May Outings

Be sure to sign up in the lobby hallway!

### **Ladies Lunch Outing - Thursday, May 2nd**

Ok ladies, grab your purse and (hopefully) your sun glasses! We're going out to lunch. Join us in the lobby as we head out to La Conner for lunch at

### **Brunch with Bridget at the Bowling Alley - Friday, May 3rd**

Ok everyone! We're going to the bowling alley for brunch. We're going to have Chris drop of us off, and we'll go and have ourselves some good eats. Sign up and then meet us in the lobby at 10:30 am.

### **\*Burlington Shopping - Saturday, May 4th & 25th**

We're getting out of town. Time to pick up some groceries, or go to your favorite Burlington restaurant. Sign up in the lobby and hop on the bus at 11:15 am for a ride into the city (without the hassle of finding parking).

### **\*Swedish Pancakes at the E.I.k.s. - Saturday, May 11th**

It's that time again! We're off to the E.I.k.s. club for the Swedish Pancake breakfast. Sign up in the lobby, and meet us at 9:30 am. The cost is \$8 and they only accept cash or check!

### **\*Soroptimist Shopping - Tuesday, May 14th**

We're looking for that special something, and why not try to find it at a store that gives back to the community! Sign up in the lobby, and meet us at 1:30 pm in the lobby and we'll head on over.

### **\*Lunch & Scenic Drive - Thursday, May 16th**

We're going for an adventure! The best adventures always start with a tasty treat. Sign up to reserve your spot, and meet us in the lobby at 11:30 am. Keep an eye on the screens and sign up sheet for

### **\*Shopping at Walgreens - Tuesday, May 21st**

It's time to go use that 20% discount! Hop on the bus at 1:15 pm to get down to Walgreens!

### **\*Il Granaio Sunset Dinner Outing - Thursday, May 23rd**

You can thank our very own Dee H. for this one! We're going to Mt Vernon for a wonderful 4 course dinner for about \$20 per person. Sign up in the lobby and hop on the bus at 4:30 pm!

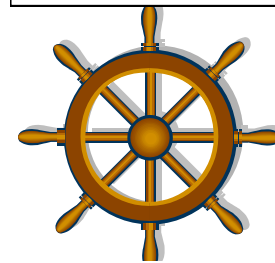
### **\*Guys Lunch Outing - Thursday, May 30th**

Ok guys, it's time to hit the road again for lunch and adventure. Join Pete and the gang in the lobby at 11:15 am for lunch. Don't forget so sign up in the lobby.

**Note: Please check the calendar for other activities not listed. Thank you!**



## May 2019



*Pete Kovach*  
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Health Services  
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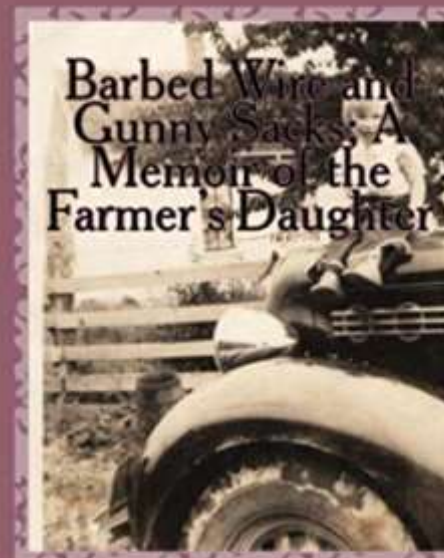
*Austin Hanks*  
Maintenance  
Director

*Susie Deyo*  
Resident Relations

*Erin Roux*  
Housekeeping  
Supervisor

## Educational Lecture

Friday - May, 17th @ 2:30 pm, in the Dining Room



Dorothy Dalan

We have Mrs. Dorthy Dalan, published writer, historian and Skagit Valley native. Come hear from her as she shares about her childhood on a Skagit Valley farm. Dorthy is a hoot! She'll tell you all about her "dysfunctional relationship with farm animals; geese chickens and an ornery Shetland pony."

Dorthy was raised in Skagit Valley, but she went on to earn a BA in Education and taught in Mt Vernon, Seattle and even worked for the College of Lake County in Grayslake, IL.

**Don't miss out! Join us in the Dining Room at 2:30 pm on Friday, May 17th, and join us for a 3:45 pm happy hour just after!**



**Chandler's Square Residents'  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**Present:**

Margaret S.      Dwayne S.      Lorraine P.  
Harvey O.      Dee H.      Bridget F.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 pm.

**Old Business:**

The council brought attention to having more wheel-less chairs accessible in the Captain's Crossing and Compass Room. Additionally, the council brought attention to the need for a A/C in the nurses annex to keep the building secure and insects out.

The request for all call buttons batteries to be checked was discussed, as well as the desire for call buttons to be placed in common areas.

**New Business:**

The council brought attention to the TV in the Captain's Crossing continuously not working properly and expressed concerns about it being fixed promptly, and remain functional.

Resident's at the meeting would also like a reminder announcement that there is a Garden Room near the Maintenance Office. In this room there are tools and potting materials for residents that are interested in gardening. Additionally, it has been noted that non-residents have been cutting some of the flowers in our gardens and suggest a staff member be notified when anyone witnesses another incident.

The council also discussed a desire to see an option for residents to vote on changes being made in the Dining Room before they are implemented. Other Dining Room concerns include heat and music conditions. The council would like the heat monitored more carefully and for the music volume to be kept lower. A concern was also voiced about the timeliness of meal service at lunch. The council would like quicker service.

Council members also discussed the importance of the newsletter being delivered on time, and expressed desire for a suggestions box for Lifestyle and Leisure.

Additional items include a request for residents who have signed up for an event but are unable to attend, cross their names off the list. Also pertaining to names, the council expressed a desire to have first names also listed on the name plates on each door. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Bridget F., Interim Secretary.

# Happy May Birthdays!

## Residents

Jim J. - 5/9  
Violet F. - 5/13  
Cleo G. - 5/14  
Opal J. - 5/17  
George K. - 5/18  
Trudy D. - 5/20  
Dee H. - 5/22  
Joyce H. - 5/23  
Anne J. - 5/25

## Staff

Olive S. - 5/4  
Lori M. - 5/9  
Austin H. - 5/17  
Ofelia S. - 5/22  
Deb F. - 5/27



**Happy Birthday  
April Residents!**



# Noteworthy May Events & Notices

## **Poker & Blackjack with Tom - Thursday, May 2nd & Friday May 3rd**

Join Tom and our card players in the Library for a fun game of Poker and Blackjack! He's a great teacher if you'd like to learn, and a tough dealer if you're a pro. **Poker is at 1:30 on Thursday, May 2 and Blackjack is at 2:30 pm on Friday, May 3rd.** Both are in the Library - we'll see ya there!

## **May Birthday Party - Tuesday, May 7th**

We're having a party for all of our May residents! But we need YOU to join us to make the party complete. We're having cake and a raffle starting at **2:30 pm in the Dining Room!**

## **Activities Suggestion Meeting - Wednesday, May 8th**

Come voice your suggestions for the activities department! We want to know what **you** want to do! Summer is coming and we want to make it fun, so help us out by joining us in the **library at 11:15 am.**

## **Tech Help - Friday, May 10th**

Maria is coming in to help with any technology based help you might need! Join her in the **Train Room at 10:30 am** with any of your hand-held technology needs!

## **Resident Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 21st**

Just a reminder about our resident council meeting. This is a great place to voice your concerns or suggestions with the staff to bring about discussion you'd like to see take place. The council meets at **2:30 pm in the Conference Room.**

**Note: Please check the calendar for other activities not listed & feel free to come to an Activities Suggestion meeting to get something on the schedule you're looking for!**

## **Bus Transportation Reminder**

On the last Tuesday of every month, we will **not have our bus.** We will be borrowing a bus with **no lift.**

**Please let us know** if you have need of a lift on that day for transportation as early as possible so we can try to assist you.



## Healthy Living Lecture From The Select Rehab Desk

Hello Chandler's Family and Happy Springtime,  
With that in mind I hope everyone is out there enjoying the weather as much as possible. I tell everyone that walking is one of the-all around- best things we can do for ourselves to stay healthy both physically and mentally.

On Monday, May 6th, I will be doing a talk on Stroke's for our Healthy Living Series, however please feel free to bring up any topic you are curious about and I will do my best to answer your questions. I hope to see you there.

## Lets go out to dinner!

Join us for the Il Granaio's Four Course

Sunset Dinner in Mt Vernon! The cost is \$18.95, and it's totally worth it! Check out the menu posted in the lobby to see if you're interested, and be sure to sign up!

The bus will be leaving the lobby at 4:30 pm on Thursday, May 23rd, so don't miss out!

## Walker Maintenance & Repairs

**Austin has heard your requests! We're going to be** doing walker repairs on Friday, May 9th at 9:30 am **in the Captain's Crossing.**

**Bring your walker down, and we'll fix you up the** best we can!

### Kreate with Kara

Thursday, May 9th - 1 pm

#### **Captain's Crossing**

Kara is back with us again to paint and guide us through an afternoon of relaxation and guided painting.

The cost is **\$30 in cash or check** which is **due before the start of the class.**

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the lobby, and drop off your check to the Front Office .

### Dealing with Loss Support Group

Wednesday, May 1st  
2pm - Library

Join us for an afternoon support group, and take a load off. If you need a place to share your burden, this is for you.

The group will only be meeting once this month, so please join us for tea or coffee.



# Community Announcements

## Needing Some Deep Cleaning?

Alright! Come talk to our Housekeeping Supervisor Erin, or snag Pete in the hallway to let him know that you're interested in deep cleaning.

We will get some information for you and find a time, and discuss pricing with you.

Thank you so much for your suggestions - you

## Mother's Day Breakfast!

**We're having a nice breakfast** on Sunday, May 12th to celebrate mothers everywhere!

Art and the dining room team are breaking out the white table cloths, and making a beautiful spread.

Let us know if you are going to be bringing a guest!

## **Mystery Social**

We're keeping you on your toes! Join us for this mystery social, where we'll be surprising you with a special treat!

See you at 3:30 pm in the Captain's Crossing!

## *Resident Interview with Duane Stewart*

Duane Stewart is the very first resident I met when I walked into Chandler's Square for my interview. Right off the bat, he got me to laugh. I could tell he was going to be trouble! Everyone here seems to know Duane, maybe it is his joking personality or how he greets everyone he comes in contact with. Either way, I knew that I had to interview him for our May Newsletter.

Duane was born in Paonia, a small town located near a coal mining town in Colorado. His dad was a coal mine worker and sadly died in a mining accident when he was only 6 years old. His mother was left with two boys to take care of, and Duane said she did an amazing job of it. They moved from one relatives home to another while his mother took on work anywhere she could find it.

When I asked him about education, he said he went to the college of "Hard Knocks." This is a joke of course to describe the many unique and labor intensive jobs he had throughout his life. His very first job was when he was 15 years old. He lived on a farm in Ohio milking 24 cows and feeding 150 pigs daily for \$12 a week plus room and board.

After working on the farm, Duane moved to Seattle to do piping work throughout the city. It was around this time that he also met his spouse, Donna Stewart (that's right, Stewart was was her maiden name too!). They were both skiing and Duane accidentally crashed into her! They ended up hitting it off (no pun intended) and after they dated for a while, they decided to get engaged. Duane was so close to the draft age that he decided to join the Navy for the Korean War and promised his fiancé they'd be married when he returned.

During the war, Duane was on a LST (Landing Ship Tank), where they would pick up refugees. It was very difficult for him to see the conditions that the refugees had been living in before they got there to rescue them. After this he was sent to the Marshall Islands for a year where the Navy tested the H3 Bombs. Duane had to take three showers after the bomb tests just to get the radiation off of his skin.

When it was finally time for him to return to the United States, he notified Donna of his arrival date. She set the wedding date and, of course, the ship broke down and the crew had to wait for a tug boat to pull them into shore. This meant his poor fiancé had to reschedule the wedding! Finally, when he made it back they immediately married and he was shipped back out to sea only 30 days later.

When he was finally home for good, Duane and his wife began their life together. For work, Duane ran the meat packaging department at a company called Hormel Meats. He oversaw 25 women and he chuckled when he talked about the "drama" that went on and the many conversations he had to have with these women in his office. Ask him about the red bouncy ball for a good story. He worked there for 11 years and only missed two days of work. These two days were when his lovely children were born!

Duane became the part owner of a company called Wiley's, and then eventually opened his own flooring business called, "Wood Floors by Duane." Duane and his crew put floors in many homes and buildings throughout Seattle. A few of these famous buildings include tiling the Pike's Place Market, placing the wood floors for the Art Museum, and the apartment for the founder of Dick's Drive in Burgers.

When I asked him about his wife, he had so many amazing things to say. He said she never had one bad thing to say about anyone and always found the good in others, and that they always met each other half way. He remembers her with very fond memories.

As a newlywed, his advice for me on marriage was, "At first you stay together because of the hormones, and as you grow older you truly become best friends and are able to read each other's thoughts."

When I asked him about the greatest lessons he has learned throughout his life, he said, "We're all equal, respect other people, don't put anyone down, and never feel that you're any better than the guy sitting next to you."

His favorite author is Stewart Woods and his top 3 favorite movies are *The Bucket List*, *The Sound of Music*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Thank you for sharing with us Duane!!  
-By Bridget F.



## Coffee & Doughnuts

*Every Thursday Morning*

Join us for great conversation, coffee and doughnuts.

Men 9:00 am in the Compass Room & Ladies 9:30 am in the Captain's Crossing

Whether you've just moved in, or you've called Chandler's Square for a long time, Thursday mornings are a great time to meet a new friend, or connect with another!

# Memorial Day

## Monday, May 27th

The Front office will be closed & we will not be having transportation in observation of the holiday.

Please join Nick & Judy for a special Memorial Day performance at 2:30 pm in the Captain's Crossing.

**Staff Article by our very Own BOM, Casandra R.**

*Incase you didn't know, we have some amazing staff here at Chandler's. This one is particular is an amazing writer and wonderful co-worker. It is with great pleasure we give you:*

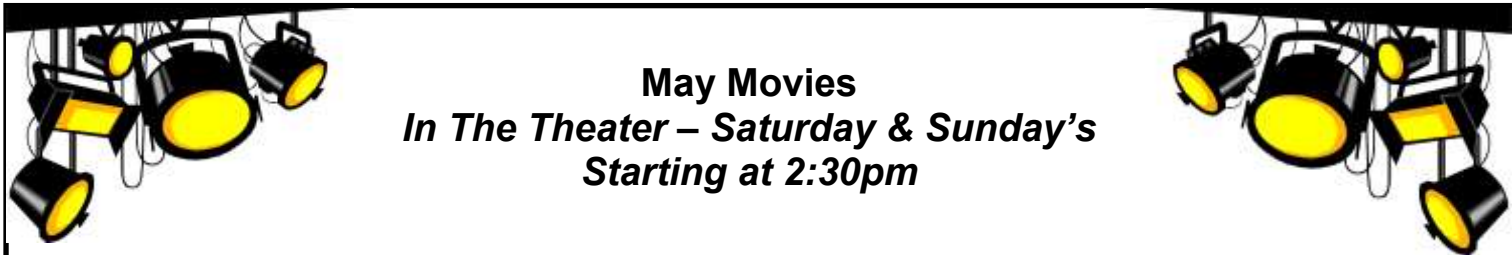
## *Her Name Was Clara*

**Her name was Clara.** She was unusually beautiful for her one hundred years. She used to sit in the lobby every afternoon and read her mail. At the time, my desk faced that direction and I remember looking forward to seeing her across the room in the middle of my workday. On the occasional afternoon when I would venture out of my office to sit and talk with Clara, she never disappointed. "What is your beauty secret Clara?" "Well clean living of course." Beat. "A fifth of whiskey and a pack a day." I instantly adored her. Whether or not she was telling the truth (she couldn't have been, right?) I didn't care. It was her sass that endeared her to me. We didn't have many chats but they were all memorable. She told me she was studying the skies. "The Pacific Northwest has some of the most beautiful skies you'll ever see." She would just sit in her apartment and watch them change. They fascinated her, and she me. The thought of this beautiful one hundred year old lady sitting alone in her room day after day staring out her window up above and loving it intrigued me. It made me take pause and realize that the quiet times can be the most captivating and comforting. The things in life that are really important become so clear when you fix your gaze on something bigger than yourself. Like a beautiful Washington sky. One so powerful as to change your perspective in a few silent moments.

And then there was Bob. When I started working at Chandler's I noticed that some, actually most, of the widows and widowers still wore their wedding ring. I interviewed Bob years ago when I wrote biographies for the Clipper. There was only one time during our conversation that he got teary eyed. It was when he started telling me about his late wife. He showed me pictures of them together. Both clearly happy. She was the love of his life. His partner. His other half. The look on his face when he mentioned her name wasn't one of sadness as much as joy. When I glanced down at his hand and saw the wedding band, I realized why. He would always be married to her in his heart. That kind of love is all around me at Chandler's.

Neither Clara nor Bob are with us any longer, but I will never forget them. I work in a place where one hundred stories lie waiting to enrich another life instantly. A place where someone understands how you're feeling or what you're going through on any given day because they've been there. A place where a unique opportunity exists to tap into lifelong wisdom. Where passing someone in a hall, sitting at a social or knocking on a door can change your life. What a fortunate pairing of ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen.

*By, Casandra R. the BOM.*



**May Movies**  
**In The Theater – Saturday & Sunday's**  
**Starting at 2:30pm**

**Cinderella Man (2005) 2 hrs 25 min PG-13 Playing Saturday 5/4 & Sunday 5/5**  
During the Great Depression, ex-boxer James J. Braddock works as a day laborer until his former manager Joe Gould offers him a one-time slot against a rising young contender. After he wins a shocking upset, Braddock goes back into the ring full time, against the wishes of his frightened wife, Mae. Dubbed "The Cinderella Man" for his rags-to-riches story, Braddock sets his sights on the defending champion, the fearsome Max Baer. **Genre:** Sport/Drama **Cast:** Russell Crowe, Paul Giamatti, Craig Bierko, Renée Zellweger

**A Dog's Purpose (2017) 2 hrs PG Playing Saturday 5/11 & Sunday 5/12**  
A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self. **Genre:** Fantasy/Drama **Cast:** Josh Gad, Bryce Gheisar

**Field of Dreams (1989) 1 hr 47 min PG Playing Saturday 5/18 & Sunday 5/19**  
When Iowa farmer Ray hears a mysterious voice one night in his cornfield saying "If you build it, he will come," he feels the need to act. Despite taunts of lunacy, Ray builds a baseball diamond on his land, supported by his wife, Annie. Afterward, the ghosts of great players start emerging from the crops to play ball, led by "Shoeless" Joe Jackson. But, as Ray learns, this field of dreams is about much more than bringing former baseball greats out to play. **Genre:** Sport/Fantasy **Cast:** Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan

**Going in Style (2017) 1 hr 36 min PG-13 Playing Saturday 5/25 & Sunday 5/26**  
Lifelong buddies Willie, Joe and Albert decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow when their pension funds become a corporate casualty. Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, the three men risk it all by embarking on a daring adventure to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money **Genre:** Crime/Comedy **Cast:** Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Alan Arkin

*Let us know how you liked the movie by rating it on your way out of the theater.*

Do you have a movie you want to see?  
Let us know by coming by either of the Activities Suggestion  
**Meetings this month and we'll get it on the list!**

# May Music

Held in the  
**Captain's Crossing**

Ward McCary - Piano Performance  
*Monday, May 6th @ 2:30 pm*

Nathan McCartney - Folk Performance  
*Monday, May 13th @ 2:30 pm*

Connor Cho - Piano Performance  
*Monday, May 20th @ 2:30 pm*

Kinder Music - Singing  
*Tuesday, May 23rd @ 2:30 pm*

Nick & Judy - Special Memorial Day Event  
*Monday, May 27th @ 2:30 pm*

*Please join us, for music, coffee  
and light snacks!*