#### November **Birthday**

#### 11-23 Maurice D

Wishing you a wonderful birthday filled with Love & Laughter!! χοχο



#### Face coverings are required in our community. Please see the Executive Director if you need a mask.

## Grandma's Thanksgiving Stuffing Recipe

Prep Time 1 hour 20 min Cook Time 1 hour Total Time 2 hours 20 minutes **Servings** 15 people Author The Carefree Kitchen Ingredients

CHEF'S SIGNATURE RECIPE - Grandma's Thanksgiving

Stuffing

#### 16 cups Dry Bread Cubes homemade\* or store-bought

- 1 cup Butter
- 2 cups Onion 1/2" dice
- 2 cups Celery 1/2" dice
- 3 tsp Poultry Seasoning
- 1/2 tsp Thyme fresh chopped or dried
- 1/2 tsp Sage fresh chopped or dried
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/2 tsp Ground Black Pepper
- 1 1/2-3 cups Chicken Broth can substitute vegetable
- 1 tablespoon Parsley fresh chopped for garnish

#### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a large pot over medium heat, add the butter and let it melt. Next, add the onion and celery and cook, stirring frequently, until your celery and onions are tender and translucent - about 8 minutes.
- Add the poultry seasoning, thyme, sage, salt and 1 1/2" cups of the chicken broth.
- Put the dry cubed bread into a large bowl and pour the chicken broth and celery mixture over the top of the bread. Gently fold the ingredients together - the stuffing should be moist but there should be no standing liquid. If it seems a little dry, add up to 1/2 cup of the additional chicken broth.
- Spray a 9" x 13" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray, then spread the stuffing evenly into the prepared dish.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 45-60 minutes, stirring gently every 15-20 minutes. The top should be lightly golden brown.
- Remove from the oven and top with chopped fresh parsley before serving. Enjoy!



### \$3,500 RESIDENT REFERRAL BONUS

Have you shared your love for Waltonwood lately? When you refer someone to a Waltonwood community, they'll thank you for it - and then we'll thank you for it too! Ask for details!

# **TWELVE OAKS** CONNECT



"Set for ONE, for ALL to remember"



On this special day, we remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much, so that we can live free. Happy Veteran's Day!

Even in the midst of this crazy Pandemic Election Year, there are so many things that we can still be thankful for and there is no better time to embrace this concept than in November, National Gratitude Month! We will be launching a "Gratitude" Campaign that will last the month of November (at least). Stop on by the the Gratitude Wall and post what you are thankful for and let's fill this community with a positive and appreciative spirit that will resonate outside our walls.





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### COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

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#### ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT –Karen Hasselberger

Karen is the newest member of our Life Enrichment Team. She is officially the LEA in Memory Care but you may recongize her as she has worked at WTO for 3 years as the smiling, friendly face at the IL Concierge. She will continue to bless our community in both roles.

Karen grew up in Mattawan, MI. After she graduated from high school she moved to Decatur, MI and then to Kalamazoo, where she met her husband Rich. They now live in Southfield. Karen and Rich have a dog named Buck, a cat named Jack and a kitten that they named Buddy. Karen loves to garden, camp, sing and work on crafts.

Karen has had many different kinds of jobs but her heart is a farm girl. She has picked grapes, strawberries, sorted trees, and been a corn detassler! The corn detassler cuts the tops off of the corn stalks to help promote the germination of the male and female corn plants. This is very important, otherwise there would be only field corn, and not the delicious corn we all enjoy eating in the summer.

We look forward to having Karen share her talents and passions with us for many years to come.



## **OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS**

## 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Oktoberfest** is always a good time - residents enjoyed the pretzels, beer and polka sing-a-long

# 23<sup>rd</sup>

"Everything Pumpkin" was a fun day filled with crafts, education and of course yummy food sampling!

# 5-9<sup>th</sup>

Our resident came out in great numbers to participate in our Active Aging Week. Keep up the great work!

## **30**<sup>th</sup>

Halloween is another favorite holiday in October. Our residents enjoyed the puzzles and crafts that helped them accessorize their doors and ledges in time for the contest.

## FOREVER FIT - How Do You Feel?

How do you feel today? Seems like a simple enough guestion but if we're not honest with ourselves sometimes our answers can lead us a stray. When we exercise our bodies adapt to the stress and strain we put upon them with heavy breathing, elevated heart rate and tired burning muscles. This short-term discomfort consistently done over time is actually what produces long term positive, health adaptions for our body. Exercise however, should never be painful. There can be a very fine line between pain and discomfort and you need to be conscious of both. Sharp, stabbing, radiating pains and swelling are telltale signs of pain that you should never ignore. These sensations are our bodies was of telling us that 02 it needs time to relax, rest and recover. The next time you exercise be honest with yourself, acknowledge that discomfort is common but pain has no place in your workout.









#### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

#### Transportation is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Doctor's Appointment Reservations are required at least 72 hours in advance and are scheduled based on availability. Please complete the request form located at the Concierge Desk.

Mike will confirm your request within 24 hours Monday-Friday

#### We have been given the greenlight to take 2 residents out for a scenic drive on Monday's. Please see Stefanie to reserve your seat.

### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

# All Month

November is **Historic Bridge** Awareness Month. Join in the education talk. art and movies that will be presented with a Bridge Theme. It wil be a "A Bridge to Remember"

## **11**<sup>th</sup>

day in our community. We will have a community recognition ceremony followed by a private luncheon for those who served our country proudly! Thank you for your service!

# Tuesdays

Every Tuesday this month will feature a familiar Game Show that the residents can participate in or be in the audience cheering on their friends.

# 26<sup>th</sup>

"Veteran's Day" is a very special

#### Happy Thanksgiving! There is so much to be thankful, even in the feast that our culinary team will be preparing for you during

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November is Military Family Month in recognition of the commitment and dedication of military families around the world. These families provide a vital foundation at home that offers military members confidence while in the field. This month, we are proud to honor the families and those who served. While we aren't able to have the large celebration that is so very much deserved, we will be doing something small for our veterans here in the community and their loved ones at home. Please join us in celebration of these wonderful people, and be sure to stop by our Veteran's Wall in our Assisted Living neighborhood.

these crazy days of 2020! Enjoy the lunch mealtime service.

### Thank you for practicing social distancing

Protect yourself and others from infection



Gina Steigerwald Conway, CALD, CDP - Executive Director