December 2024

# RobinBrooke

# **Resident Birthdays**

Laverne Howard 12/02 Denise Johnston 12/08 James Crume 12/17 Kathy Crume 12/26

# Happy Anniversary

Ken & Emily McElhaney 12/28

# **Employee Birthdays**

Natasha Mackey 12/08 Crystal Hamilton 12/13 Christal Grimes 12/18 Sandy Miller 12/31

# Save the Date

December 12th Resident & Family ThanksMas December 13th 1:30 pm Apartment Door Decorating Contest Judging December 19th 2:00 pm Resident Christmas Party

# Letter from the Executive Director

Happy holidays! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirits during the most wonderful time of the year.

Here at RobinBrooke our staff are gearing up for a busy December filled with holiday cheer and wonderful activities. Please see our calendar and also refer to the daily schedule for any changes as many volunteer groups will be coming in so these are subject to change.

We are looking forward to our family ThanksMas dinner. Please RSVP to our concierge by December 5 by 5 pm, so we can prepare accordingly. The first seating will be from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The second seating will be from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Also, if you need to reserve our dining room or any of our common areas, please reach out to the concierge desk.

We hope you and your loved ones have a very merry holiday season.

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# **Resident Spotlight**





## Jake and Helen Owen

It all started when Jake was on furlough and his cousin and Helen's best friend set them up on a blind date. They knew instantly that they had found their better half. After the war was over, they married on July 13, 1946 and began their life together in Louisville, Ky. Jake bought a little pickup truck and began selling produce that he purchased from the old Hay Market.

As their family grew during the next decade, first with a daughter, Darlene and 2 sons, Chuck and Harry, so did the business. The size of the truck also grew. From the little pickup to a bigger box truck to a tractor trailer and finally, in 1968 deciding to build a warehouse. Elizabethtown was selected for his business that now had grown to include most of Central Kentucky. That one truck that had taken care of his family had now grown into a fleet of trucks providing produce to businesses, groceries, schools and restaurants. By this time, their children were grown, working in the business and giving them 7 grandchildren.

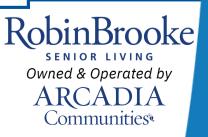
Jake was a member of the Shrine Club, serving as president in E-town and playing golf. Helen loved china painting, doll making, gardening, as well as golfing. They loved spending time on their houseboat, The Tater-toter.

In 1985, Jake and Helen decided it was time to retire to Florida where they could play golf every day and spent 35 happy years there. In 2020, they decided to come back to Kentucky to be closer to their family and Helen's sisters.

They now have 12 great grandchildren and their first great-great grandchild is expected at the end of this month. 78 wonderful years together - quite an accomplishment!

# The Arcadia Way

Don't forget to stop by the Concierge desk and nominate a staff member for Ambassador of the Quarter, who exemplifies the Arcadia qualities and values of teamwork, accountability, integrity, respect, and safety. If you need assistance please ask Crystal Hamilton, Executive Director or one of the department managers.



# **November Happenings**



**Top Row:** Left to Right: Bill Smith at the Veterans Day Parade; Holly celebrating her 9th Birthday; Left to Right in Photo - Jim Wallace and Emily McElhaney won 1st Place in Holly Sez.

**Middle Row:** Left to Right: Laverne Walton and Sylvia Doss having fun at the Western Challenge Day; Congratulations to the 3rd Quarter Ambassadors - Marcia Thompson, Business Office Director and Andre Mendez, Culinary Specialist; Fall Photo Shoot - Beth Lochmiller, Bill Rea and Chloe

**Bottom Row:** Left to Right: Fall Photo Shoot - Wanda Trent and Cheri Howell (daughter), Willow Bloyd and Kim Smith (daughter), Marian Mays and Steve Mays (son), Betty Long and Jan Bergeson (daughter)

# **Your Team**

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The binder to sign-up for outings, shopping, and drives is in the Commonwealth Lounge on the credenza under the TV. If you need assistance, please ask Deanna or the Concierge. Sign-up sheets will be in the binder on the 1st of each month.

### **Bus Transportation**

Due to resident elected outings, the bus will be **unavailable** to transport residents for any appointments on **Tuesdays & Thursdays**. If you need assistance making alternate transportation arrangements, please contact the Concierge at the front desk. Please provide 48 hours notice to the Concierge desk for ALL transportation requests.

### **Gratuity & Gifts**

Just a reminder, RobinBrooke policy prohibits individual employees from accepting any gifts or cash. If you would like to show your appreciation, just a smile and a simple thank you will make our day. If you would like to do something for all employees, contact Crystal Hamilton, Executive Director.

News to Use

#### **RobinBrooke Raffle:**

Handcrafted Duck Call made from Desert Ironwood with a Polished Brass Band has been donated by Andrew Hadden. Raffle Tickets are **\$10.00 each**. So stop by the community to purchase tickets at the concierge desk. The drawing will be held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 19th. Just in time for Christmas! All money raised will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

#### **Reminder Regarding Policy on Outings**

If tickets must be purchased in advance or we have to RSVP in advance and you have committed to going, then you will be responsible for paying for the ticket(s) or cost whether you are available or not to go.