

## Oakleaf Village Activity Snap Shots



# the Acorn

April 2024

A newsletter for friends and residents of Oakleaf Village

Hello friends and family! Welcome to April, the flowers and trees are starting to bloom, the grass is getting greener and we're able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. We had our first tulip bloom on Easter day.

We want to thank all the guys who came out to the men's luncheon. Our ladies luncheon will be on Monday, April 29, and we will have Johnny Steiner performing.

We had a lot of fun with Easter activities, and we want to congratulate our Easter Bunny coloring contest winners. Mary Kling got first place, Liz Handley came in second, and Christine Betts came in third. They all received a stuffed bunny. Thank you to all of our staff who voted.

We will start April with a carry-in lunch from Katzinger's Deli. There are menus in the Activities sign-up book. Our dinner out will be at the new Longhorn Steakhouse on Saturday, April 27.

We have added a couple of new stores to the calendar. Per resident request, we will be visiting Ollie's Department store on Sunday, April 14. We will also be doing a run to Walgreens on Sunday, April 7.

Although we are not in the direct path of the solar eclipse, we will get a partial. We will have some glasses for viewing what we can and treats to enjoy on Monday, April 8.

Andrea from TCT will be doing a walker and wheelchair cleaning on Thursday, April 11. If you would like to participate, please have your chair or walker emptied out and meet her in the lobby.

We have a picnic in the park outing planned for Saturday, April 20. Food and drink will be provided. Please sign up in the Activities Room.

For those of you who have been waiting, we will have a trip to Eldorado Scioto Downs Casino on Wednesday, April 24. If you don't like to gamble, you are welcome to go and people watch.

We will be having our garden club meeting on Saturday, April 27. If you want a garden box, please plan to attend. We will be assigning boxes and discussing a date to go to the garden center.

Our March Advanced Bingo winners were Mary Kling and Harry Terry.

We have a new business office manager and her name is Traci Fowler.

Special thanks to Tina for providing so many fun and new activities and for getting more folks to participate. You are a wonderful addition to our Activities Department.

Until next month, laugh, be kind and get out and enjoy the spring weather.

**Quote of the month:** "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."

Mark Twain

## Resident Spotlight!



Our resident spotlight shines brightly this month on **Gavina Skunza**. She was an only child, and she was born in Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from Bishop Watter-son in the Class of 1959. Gavina worked in the Accounts Payable Department of National City Bank (now PNC) for 25 years.

Her favorite childhood memory is of living next door to her grandparents & getting to enjoy the homemade spaghetti her grandmother made every week. Gavina is very proud of her Italian her-itage; her father came to the US from the island of Sardegna, Italy and became an American citi-zen. He was able to speak Italian, French, Spanish and English.

She is also proud of her 2 wonderful children: Anthony (55) and Stephanie (54). Gavina's favor-ite things to do at Oakleaf are playing bingo and attending Happy Hour.

Her favorite holiday is Christmas because she gets to spend it with her family eating delicious Italian food. The movie she could rewatch many times is 'An Affair To Remember'. Her superpower of choice would be to have the ability to fly.

Gavina enjoys collecting dolls from different countries that her children visit. The advice that she would give to the youth of today is to get a good education so you can get a good job doing something you enjoy.

The book written about her life would be called 'Ripley's Believe It Or Not'.



## Community Events

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 3 Carry-In Lunch—Katzinger's Deli**
- 3 Decorate Spring Tree
- 4 Load the Bus! Walmart**
- 5 Happy Hour w/ Cathi Aldrich
- 5 Catholic Communion
- 6 Online Shopping Assistance
- 7 Load the Bus! Walgreens**
- 8 Solar Eclipse
- 9 Load the Bus! Karl Road Baptist Church Luncheon**
- 10 Chef Talk
- 11 Load the Bus! Kroger**
- 11 Walker & Wheelchair Cleaning w/ TCT
- 12 Gillie Players Acting Group Show
- 12 Happy Hour w/ Gary & Linda Sclafani
- 13 Load the Bus! YMCA Produce Giveaway**
- 13 Resident Council Meeting
- 14 Load the Bus! Ollie's Department Store**
- 17 Open Forum
- 18 Load the Bus! Dollar Tree**
- 19 Happy Hour w/ Wade Jones
- 20 Load the Bus! Picnic in the Park**
- 21 Wine Tasting Party
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Passover
- 24 Load the Bus! Eldorado Scioto Downs Casino**
- 25 Load the Bus! Kroger**
- 25 Columbus Library Lobby Stop
- 26 Happy Hour
- 27 Garden Club Meeting
- 27 Load the Bus! Dine out @ Longhorn Steakhouse**
- 28 Ice Cream Treats
- 29 Women's Luncheon w/ Johnny Steiner

Please sign-up for all activities in **Bold Print**. The sign-up sheets are in the Activ-ities Room. Please be in the lobby 10 minutes prior to load the bus departure times.



**Margaret Renshler**

**Ken Renshler**

**Cordell Mitchell**

**Janette Harris**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| <b>2 Pat Faison</b>         | <b>141</b> |
| <b>3 Molly Faulk</b>        | <b>144</b> |
| <b>6 Carolyn Mason</b>      | <b>204</b> |
| <b>6 Janette Harris</b>     | <b>221</b> |
| <b>7 Chuck Brockman</b>     | <b>143</b> |
| <b>18 Margaret Helming</b>  | <b>214</b> |
| <b>24 Claudia Goshorn</b>   | <b>124</b> |
| <b>28 Beverly Leonard</b>   | <b>134</b> |
| <b>30 Mary Louise Jones</b> | <b>153</b> |
| <b>30 Fatma Nawar</b>       | <b>206</b> |



**Oakleaf Beauty Salon: To set up a Wednesday or Thursday appointment, please call Paula at 614-209-2254.**

**The Grove Beauty Salon: To set up an appointment, please call Tonya at 614-419-3310.**

**Tonya specializes in African American Hairstyles.**

## Staff Spotlight!

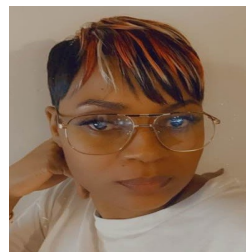


Our staff spotlight shines on our evening Receptionist, **Tamika Featherstone**, who grew up on the Southside of Columbus. She is the proud mother of four children and one grandchild, whom she loves to spend her free time with. She also likes to go to the movies, go bowling, and take flights out of Ohio.

Tamika's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because the family gathers together and tells each oth-er what they are thankful for. She also enjoys New Years.

Tamika appreciates the opportunity to work for Oakleaf and she says her favorite activities would be crafting or any load the bus activity outside the building. She is proud of starting 2 businesses.

The age she would choose to stay at permanently is 25, and her superpower of choice would be time jumping. Tamika says she could watch *Pretty Woman*, *Dirty Dancing* and every *Cinderella* movie over and over again. The book of Tamika's life would be titled "Unsolved Mystery".



## Oakleaf Village Management Team

Kim Ishwar	Executive Director
Traci Fowler	Business Office Manager
Tania Tucker	Director of Care
Stephanie Gautier	Food Service Manager
Beth Loomis	Housekeeping Supervisor
Tammie Dillon	Grove Program Manager
Rori Speakman	Activities Director
Brittany Pollock	Senior Living Advisor
Ty Hardman	Maintenance Director
Ophelia Trout	Clinical Care Coordinator