

## Oakleaf Village Activity Snap Shots



# the Acorn

February 2025

A newsletter for friends and residents of Oakleaf Village

Hello Oakleaf friends and family, welcome to February where we celebrate Black History month, Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day.

What a cold and snowy January we had. What will February bring? Our extra load the bus outings will be limited this month, but we will still have our normal Kroger and Dollar Tree runs along with a trip to Walmart. We will also have our weekly PO/Pharmacy/Bank runs. Please note that all outings are weather permitting.

Our first load the bus outing will be on Sunday, February 2 to the Brazilian Grill and Bakery for a dine-out brunch. This is a restaurant, bakery and specialty grocery store.

Our dine-in lunch will be on Sunday, February 23 from Chipotle Mexican Grill. I will have menus in the Activities sign-up book.

Do you know what groundhogs eat? Come find out on Wednesday, February 5. We will be passing out some 'groundhog grub' for everyone to enjoy.

There will be a remembrance ceremony for those in our Oakleaf family who we lost in 2024. Come share your favorite memories.

For our professional football fans, we will have the Super Bowl on the tv in

the lobby on Sunday, February 9. I will be passing out a little treat to everyone watching.

We will be having a 'Dress Red' Friendship Tea gathering on Monday, February 10. Please wear something red. We will be taking pictures to put in next month's Acorn.

Oakleaf managers will be holding a wing fling at our February 14th happy hour. Please come and try the different flavored sauces.

When you see our Housekeeping Manager, Beth Loomis, please give her a big congratulations. She will be celebrating her 29th anniversary with Oakleaf on February 19.

I will be gone on vacation starting Tuesday, February 25 but Tina definitely has you covered with all kinds of fun activities. Anyone up for some homemade bread and a cookie stand?

Please walk carefully when you are outside, it may be slippery and you do not want to fall down.

Until next month, stay warm. We love you bunches! Rori & Tina

**Quote of the month:** "Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not envy, to follow but not imitate, to praise but not flatter, and to lead but not manipulate."

William Arthur Ward



## Resident Spotlight!

Our resident spotlight shines brightly this month on **Mark Brautigam**, who was born in Lima, Ohio and grew up in the northwest part of Ohio around Wapakoneta. His mom, Martha is British and his father, Harold is German. He has a younger brother named Jim and two sisters, Ellen and Susan. Mark says he was never married and didn't have any children.

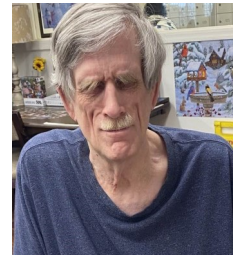
Mark received a bachelor's degree in agriculture at The Ohio State University. He did retail gardening sales and worked on the farm. Gardening is his favorite hobby, and he really enjoys growing things. He didn't have any pets but says there were plenty of cats on the farm

His favorite holiday is Easter because it's in the spring. Mark enjoys listening to country music. He says he used to cook a lot, and enjoys pasta, fruit and vegetables.

Mark has traveled to Texas, Colorado, Los Angeles, Yellowstone Park, the East Coast, Germany and Britain.

He lost his sight when he was in his mid 30's to Cytomegalovirus Retinitis (CMV).

'The Plants Man' would be the title of the book about Mark's life.



**Oakleaf Beauty Salon: To set up an 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.**



## Employee Spotlight

Our employee spotlight shines brightly this month on **Augustine Kwarteng (Augie)**. He was born and raised in Kumasi, Ghana, the capital city of the Ashanti Region. His father, Andrew Kwarteng was an educationist, and his mother, Ama Asantawah was a stay at home mother. He has 4 half brothers and 4 half sisters from his father's side, and 4 half sisters from his mother's side. He says they are all smart, kind, God-fearing people. Augie has been married for 30 years to the love of his life, Olivia, who has worked as a registered nurse at OSU for 24 years.

Before coming to Oakleaf, Augie went to high school in Ghana and attended college at Columbus State Community College before transferring to Felbry School of Nursing, where he graduated in 2018. He also worked at the Limited distribution center for 10 years and at MRDD for 7 years.

Augie has 3 children. His daughter, Ama, graduated from Columbia University-New York and is a beauty editor. She has worked at Cosmopolitan magazine, and as a new freelancer. His daughter, Melody is a junior at OSU and is planning to attend law school. His son, Daniel was an ICU nurse at OSU but he's back in school at Youngstown University in their (CRNA) Anesthetist program.

Augie's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because his family comes together to eat, play games and share ideas. He likes to travel, especially to Paris and Israel for holiday. His favorite foods are Jollof rice and tilapia fish. Augie enjoys gardening and spending time with his wife and children. He also enjoys reading books, listening to music and watching movies is his favorite. Augie says he appreciates working with the residents and his co-workers at Oakleaf.

He says he is hard-working and never takes his job for granted. He loves his family and going out, he enjoys talking and encouraging people and he loves sharing. He says everyone should enjoy life, love people and be honest to themselves. The book about Augie's life would be titled 'Kindness & Love'.



## Community Events

**2 Load the Bus! Brazilian Grill & Bakery \$**

2 Happy Groundhog Day

5 Groundhog Grub

**6 Load the Bus! Kroger \$**

7 Happy Hour w/ Cathi Aldrich

8 Remembrance Gathering

9 Super Bowl Sunday

10 'Dress Red' Friendship Tea

**13 Load the Bus! Walmart \$**

13 Columbus Library Lobby Stop

14 Happy Valentine's Day

14 Wing Fling Happy Hour w/ Bob Piascik

16 Sunday Social

19 Chef Talk

19 Resident Council

19 Open Forum

**20 Load the Bus! Kroger \$**

21 Happy Hour w/ Mike Preisser

**23 Dine-In Lunch-Chipotle \$**

**27 Load the Bus! Dollar Tree \$**

28 Happy Hour w/ Kevin Sutton

Please sign-up for all activities in **Bold Print**. The sign-up sheets are in the Activities Room.

Please be in the lobby **10 minutes** prior to bus departure times.

Please note that all Load the Bus activities are weather permitting.

Activities w/ a \$ require money to participate.

### Welcoming Committee Ambassadors

Gloria Bratton, Glenda Rucker, Marilyn Dougherty, Martha Harper

**Please call 614-431-1739 or stop by the front desk for any heat related or maintenance issues so a work order can be submitted for you.**



**Randy Raleigh**  
**Charles Goldstein**  
**Sammy Osborne**



<b>1 Alice Coffield</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>5 Irvalee Fisher</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>11 Margaret Renshler</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>16 Christine Betts</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>18 Cyndie Jones</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>24 Elizabeth Handley</b>	<b>240</b>

Employee Birthdays	Employee Anniversaries
Hassan Benu Feb 9	Beth Loomis 2/19/1996
Jaequon Scott Feb 19	Nezira Sesay 2/9/2007
Paige Allison Feb 27	Kimberly Ishwar 2/23/2023
Amanda Nance Feb 28	Agnes Turay 2/29/2024

### Oakleaf Village Management Team

Kim Ishwar	Executive Director
Vicki Zamski	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
Ty Hardman	Maintenance Director
Dylan Hall-Farmbrough	Senior Living Advisor
Sherri Wamsley	Senior Living Advisor
Agnes Turay	Assistant Director of Care