



the Goddard Times



GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Parties!

OLMSTED

Tuesday, December 3rd
5:00-7:00 P.M.

in the Traditional Dining Room and
Palm Court

Entertainment by the Winiker Brothers
RSVP to Kristen Cipriano at kcipriano@goddardhouse.org. Residents may invite up to four guests.



TRADITIONAL

Thursday, December 12th
6:00-8:00 P.M.

on the Traditional First Floor

Entertainment by DJ George and
Victorian Carolers

RSVP to Patti Barrows at pbarrows@goddardhouse.org

JOIN US FOR THESE FESTIVE EVENINGS OF MUSIC,
DANCING, AND HOLIDAY CHEER!

RESIDENT PROFILE



Gladys Jones has been a resident here at Goddard House for the last few years and has become known for her bright smile and contagious laugh. Gladys is originally from London, England, something that you will know immediately after speaking with her! While she enjoyed London, one of her fondest memories is moving to the United States to raise her three children.

Throughout the day you can find Gladys smiling and enjoying the company of those around her. She especially enjoys the many different music groups that occur each week. During these groups you will see her tapping her toes or fingers to the songs, all with a big smile on her face! Gladys is one of those people that when they smile you can't help but smile back. We are so happy to have such a lovely woman as part of our Goddard House family!

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

A Musical Christmas Eve

Please join us for a Christmas Eve performance by the talented musical quartet of Lorraine and Bennett Hammond, Joanie Bronfman and Neal MacMillan

Tuesday, December 24th at 3:30 P.M.

Public is welcome!

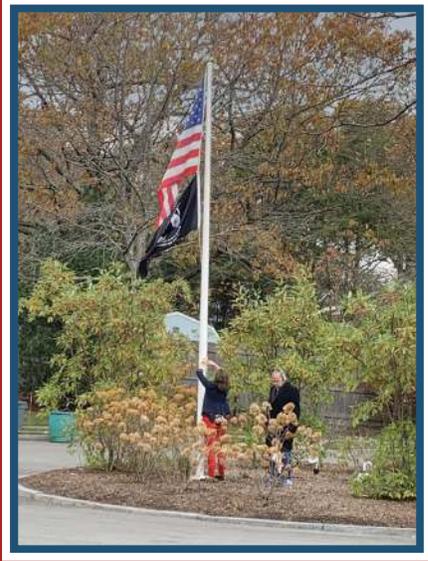
Veterans of Goddard House

by *EnrichedLIFE* Director **Erica Curcio**

It was my honor and pleasure to lead the Goddard House Veterans Day celebration. This year I learned the true value of Veterans Day and will forever truly understand this holiday because of YOU, the veterans of Goddard House. The following is an excerpt from the speech at the 2019 honoring of our veterans.

“On November 11th we honor the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our country. It’s the day that we give thanks to all those who risked everything fighting for our freedom and the safety of other nations. The 2019 Veterans Day program at Goddard House celebrates and honors 16 men who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Whether these men were drafted or volunteered, they each took the duty with commitment, honor and respect. From them, I learned of a ship running aground with 500 men aboard and thankfully no casualties. I heard the story of a living POW’s experience in Bucharest and about the value and camaraderie of being a Marine. The common theme that ran throughout is that most of these men enlisted right before or after high school graduation. Some even managed to enlist before the age of 18! They left their families and homes for the uncertainty of war. Today we thank you for your service and commitment to keeping our nation safe and free.”

Veterans Day was a great experience for all. We started a few days beforehand painting wings that residents were able to take pictures in front of. Each veteran was acknowledged, received a pin and certificate from Good Shepherd Hospice, and a photo album of all the veterans. We also included musical entertainment this year by Bob and Wendee. Can’t wait to celebrate again next year! If you have any ideas on how to keep the spirit of Veterans Day alive during the year, feel free to reach out! 🏔️



Top:
EnrichedLIFE
Director Erica
Curcio and Bob
M. raise the flag
on Veterans Day;
other photos:
Linda B. and
Theresa C. helped
created “Veterans
Wings” and
Laura R. and
Marie S. posed in
front of them!





Arthur F. – Army



Arthur L. – Navy



Bob M. – Public Health Service



Carl W. – Marine Corps



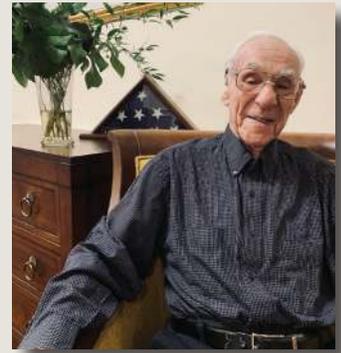
Michael K. – Coast Guard



Martin M. – Navy



Ken S. – Marine Corps



Eli G. – Army



William Y. – Air Force



Goodwin M. – Navy



Howard B. – Navy



Robert C. – Navy



Michael S. – Army Air Corps



Nicholas F. – Army



Joe M. – Army



Peter W. – ASTP



Goddard House World Café Update

by Chief Executive Officer **Candace Cramer**

Goddard House has embarked upon a strategic planning process focused on our long-term future and success. As part of this exciting initiative, we held six World Café sessions throughout the summer, engaging 126 stakeholders in small group conversations about Goddard House. Four of those sessions focused on our assisted living community and the other two on our external initiatives designed to engage isolated older adults living in the Boston area. This article focuses on the results of our assisted living sessions. An upcoming article will provide an update on our community initiatives.

Our Goddard House Assisted Living sessions included current residents and family members, associates and board members. The 86 participants shared their thoughts on what makes Goddard House special, areas where we can enhance or improve our services, and what challenges we may face in the future and how we might address those challenges. The sessions were informative and energizing, and attendees appreciated the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about Goddard House.

The major themes that emerged from the sessions included how much our stakeholders enjoy and appreciate our creative programs and activities, positive community culture, caring staff and our building and grounds. Suggestions for how we can enhance our services focused on activities

programming in Olmsted, dining, and more opportunities for communication between our board and family members.

Our World Café participants also noted the importance of understanding both the needs of our current residents and being prepared for the baby-boomer generation. Maintaining our strong community connections and collaborations was viewed as being important for our ongoing success. A number of ideas for capital projects that could improve our building common areas and grounds were also shared.

The World Café conversations summarized above were captured in a detailed report that is now being reviewed by our board. Steps have already begun to address some of the top themes mentioned during the cafés and other significant themes will be considered as we develop our strategic and operating plans for the coming year and beyond. I look forward to updating everyone on our progress in developing and implementing our plan for the future.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our World Café sessions—your input was invaluable! 🏡

RESIDENT ARTISTS

Right: Marie S. with Lesley Intern Silvina Ibanez in a paper-making workshop for residents



Above: Clementine B., Linda B., Marie S., and Theresa C. with quilt artist Liz Gray and their homemade quilt

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