



# the Goddard Times

## GODDARD HOUSE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for

## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON!

Thursday, November 28  
11:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Each resident may  
have four guests and  
must RSVP with our  
Front Desk.

Any guests over the  
four-person limit will  
be charged \$20 for each  
extra person.

### RESIDENT PROFILE



Have you met our Rummikub, Boggle and Scrabble playing resident **Etta Epstein** yet? She's only been at Goddard House for a few short months, and has made quite an impact! She moved here in July to live closer to two of her children who reside in Watertown. For the previous 60 years she had been living in the Crestwood section of Yonkers, in a home where she and

her husband Milton had raised four children. The story of how Etta and her husband met and married is a true love story.

Etta started the story by saying she had always been told, "Don't trust a man from New York." She laid out a timeline for me where she had just moved from Boston to Miami Beach with her parents and Milton was vacationing in Miami with his friends at the time. They met at a soda shop and then for the next nine consecutive evenings went on dates, until he had to drive back to New York. Etta took a trip two weeks later to see him at his nephew's bar mitzvah. He then proceeded to ask her to marry him, over and over again. She finally said yes on July 4<sup>th</sup>, her birthday! He said he had two dates available for the wedding, August 22<sup>nd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. She chose the 28<sup>th</sup> which coincidentally was his birthday! The two were married at the Vendome Hotel with close to 300 guests. They lived a wonderful life together where Milton kept Etta dancing and laughing, two things she loves to do!

# All Star Red Sox Pitcher Luis Tiant Visits Goddard House: Major League Memories

By Assistant Executive Director **Lance Chapman**

On September 17<sup>th</sup> Goddard House was buzzing with anticipation for the impending arrival of the former All-Star Red Sox pitcher, Mr. Luis Tiant. At 9:55 A.M., someone mentioned that a large black SUV had just pulled up by the main entrance...

Our memory support neighborhood, Olmsted Place, had been specially chosen by the Alzheimer's Association and The Boston Red Sox as a pilot site for their new Major League Memories program. The Alzheimer's Association had done this twice before in Los Angeles and Chicago with great success. With the Greater Boston Walk to End Alzheimer's on the horizon and our own home-grown fund-raiser we call "The Mini Walk" set for Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, the timing for the Major League Memories program was perfect.

The program features a retired ball player visiting the residents of a memory care neighborhood to spark memories and reminisce about baseball and the part the sport has played in many of our lives as youngsters and adults. **Luis Tiant** was in his prime as a player in the late 1960's and 1970's. His stylistic pitching form was well-known back during his days on the mound at Fenway Park.

...Then he walked through the main entrance doors. He was here, at Goddard House. His genuine warmth and kindness was palpable as he greeted residents and associates. He showed video clips from his playing days, he autographed photos and caps and handed out Red Sox teddy bears to everyone. Never in a rush, but rather patient, kind and affectionate with all.

**Melissa Shirtcliff** of the Alzheimer's Association, Red Sox mascot **Wally the Green Monster**, and **Dick Flavin**, storied Fenway Park announcer and poet laureate were also part of the team organizing this event. We thank them all for choosing Goddard House to host such a one-of-a-kind event. A special

thanks to Mr. Luis Tiant. On this day you were both an ambassador of Red Sox baseball but more importantly— an ambassador of kindness. 🏆



*Top row: Members of the Goddard House management team with Red Sox Announcer **Dick Flavin** and Red Sox Pitcher **Luis Tiant**; **Lynn L.**; Middle: **Bill Y.** with Luis; Bottom row: **Arlane L.** with Wally the Green Monster; **Doris P.***

Join us as Eugenia Zukerman  
discusses her book

## Like Falling Through a Cloud

*A Lyrical Memoir*

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

at the Brookline Senior Center  
93 Winchester Street, Brookline

Reception at 6:00 P.M.

Program and book signing from  
6:30-7:45 P.M.

*Event is free of charge. RSVP to the  
Brookline Senior Center at 617-730-2770.*

Eugenia Zukerman is an acclaimed  
flutist, news commentator and  
author. Her memoir is an intimate,  
courageous, heartbreaking, lyrical and  
uplifting account of her struggle with  
Alzheimer's.

Join Zukerman for a reading and  
Q&A with moderator Dr. Suzanne  
Salamon, Chief Associate of Clinical  
Geriatrics at Beth Israel Hospital.



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## How We Spent Our OMA Vacation!

by Community & Academic Arts Advisor **Ginny Mazur**

The Opening Minds through Art program at Goddard House held its first summer session in 2019. A dozen Olmsted Place artists got involved so that we could find out who might be interested in future OMA projects. To do this they all worked individually on a painting exercise called Magic Dots. The results will be on display in our mini-gallery during the months of November and December. The small pieces will be available for purchase for a \$35 donation to the OMA program that offsets supply costs (information to follow). Special thanks to OMA summer assistants, **Marge David** and **Elena Rector**, who made the program possible, and to the Boston University freshman student team led by **Lauren Knasin** and **Julia Pelizzaro** that participated in OMA for their orientation week community service project.



*Magic Dots creations by  
OMA artists. Clockwise,  
from top left: Sunday  
in the Park by **Lyn L.**;  
Circular Maze by **Drew  
R.**; and Untitled Work by  
**Karen W.***





# Phyllis Vineyard Winners



Since Phyllis Vineyard's retirement from the Goddard House Board of Trustees in 2011, the Phyllis Vineyard Award for Exemplary Service has been given to two staff members each year. Congratulations to this year's honorees, Resident Care Associate

**Oxane Leveque** and Dining Associate **Emmanuel Winnie**! Above, they are pictured with Phyllis herself! Both of these associates work hard, and do so silently, always willing to extend their hand to residents and fellow associates. They were chosen by our community for their compassion, drive, and their everyday collaboration to make Goddard House truly feel like home.

Oxane is a dependable constant in our community. Her praises are sung by residents, their families and her fellow associates. This was not the first time Oxane was nominated in her 20 years working here. We are thrilled for her to be honored with this award.

Emmanuel has only been in the United States for a few short years and is working hard, saving money, and hoping to one day return to his home country of Liberia. He is driven and committed to providing the residents of Goddard House with the best quality of life possible. He is always on the move, making sure that things are running smoothly in the kitchen and that residents get their meals quickly. We congratulate both winners as they are recognized as two of our most exemplary employees!

*-EnrichedLIFE Director Erica Curcio*

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## REMEMBER THE TEA PARTY MUSEUM?



We boarded an 18<sup>th</sup> century merchant vessel and took part in the "Destruction of the Tea!"



*Top to bottom: Carol A. throwing tea; Arthur F. taking control of the ship; Evie P. throwing tea*



*Above: Clementine B., Kitty S., Program Assistant Rebecca Margolin, Arthur F., Carol A., Evie P., and George C. with our feathers of disguise before we take part in a reenactment of the Boston Tea Party*