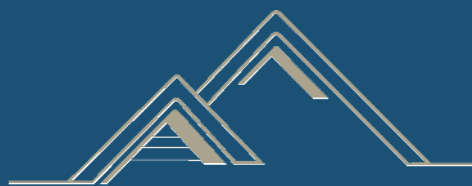




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GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUPS AT GODDARD HOUSE

Olmsted Family Caregiver Group

This group welcomes Goddard House family members. Meets monthly on the first Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 P.M. on Zoom. Please contact Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano at kcipriano@goddardhouse.org for more information.

LGBTQ & Friends Conversation Group

This monthly group is open to all. The next meeting will take place Thursday, March 21st at 3:45 P.M. and will feature guest speaker David Conner, Executive Director of Outstanding Life (outstandinglife.org). For those who are not Goddard residents, families, or associates, please contact EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin at rmargolin@goddardhouse.org for more information.

RESIDENT PROFILE



William "Bill" Elliot was born in Louisiana and soon afterwards, his family moved to a small town in Texas. Bill enjoyed living in a small town and mentioned how everyone knew everyone, which was a plus for someone as social as he was! After high school, Bill

went on to graduate from Rice University with a degree in math. However, Bill always had a passion for music and knew it was something he wanted to pursue. He decided to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder and ended up receiving a master's degree in both math and music. Soon after graduation Bill joined the US Army and was called up to serve in Korea. During his four years in the service he received an Army Commendation Medal for his participation in the Bayonet Chorus. After his discharge Bill traveled back to the University of Colorado at Boulder and was a music theory professor for 40 years. Bill mentioned that he really enjoyed his time teaching and connecting with his students.

Here at Goddard, Bill continues his love of music and is a regular at all of the concerts and music events. If you're lucky you might even get to hear him play! He also has dived into his artistic side and has been working with the Lesley University students through the Opening Minds Through Art (OMA) program. We are so lucky to have such a talented and kind person like Bill here with us at Goddard House!

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

Purple Flag Raising!

In February, Goddard House residents and associates recognized our recent Purple Flag Accreditation with a flag raising ceremony and celebration! Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ standards assess an organization's ability to provide collaborative care in a safe, functional, and respectful environment to help



ensure not only quality of care but the quality of life. Accredited communities have demonstrated adherence to 60 standards of care and extensive training practices for the care of

individuals living with dementia, and have embraced and implemented a person-centered plan for all residents. Purple Flag was developed to enhance the qualities of services provided to individuals living with memory loss in Assisted Living communities, Long Term Care facilities, Home Care Agencies and other settings. It is a collaboration of the Institute for Senior Living Education, (ISLE), The CT Assisted Living Association and the CT Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association serving in an advisory capacity. 🏔️

“Communities like these are...critical for the older adults who've earned and deserve this care, and critical for their children and grandchildren who desperately want what's best for their parents and grandparents. I'm grateful for the work Goddard House does every day.”

State Representative Tommy Vitolo



In attendance at the Flag Raising were (left to right): Goddard House President & CEO **Candace Cramer**; State Representative **Tommy Vitolo**; Goddard House Executive Director **News-Johanne Marcellus**; Senior Living Residences President & CEO **Tadd Clelland**; and Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ President **Chris Carter**



Clockwise, from bottom left: Executive Director **News-Johanne Marcellus**; Business Administration Associate **Robert Holden** and Building & Grounds Associate **Marvin Gomez**; Dining Room Supervisor **Jada Montgomery** with Dining Associates **Taz Khan** and **Ann-Marie Boswell**



Current Exhibit in Gallery M!

Nature's Wonder Photography by Patricia Burns

ARTIST STATEMENT

Color and composition coming together with all aspects of nature are the mainstays of my photography. Both having been raised on a working family farm, and as an International Public Health professional for many years allowed me to experience nature every day. Together with my innate curiosity and attention to and keen observation of detail, photography is a perfect art form for me.



I have done photography at many stages of my life and was pleased to pick it up again and take it a step further on my daily walks. My goal was and is to always find an item of color each day...even

in the dead of winter. The Arboretum, Jamaica Pond, Allandale Woods and yes, neighbors' yards and gardens were/are all fair game for my 'find of the day'. Now as an Arboretum docent, an 8-mile-a-day walker, and an avid photographer, I hope that you see my eye for creative composition and my love of color and nature's wonder.

TWINNING!

When you're so in sync with your team that you wear matching outfits without even planning!



*Clockwise, from top left: Director of Resident Support Services **Duana Ramos** and Resident Care Director **Julia Seifert**; Van Driver **Marie Jeanty** and **Julia**; Olmsted Program Director **Kristen Cipriano** and Executive Assistant **Gretchen Bird**; **Duana** and EnrichedLIFE Director **Rebecca Margolin**; SLR Resident Care Manager **Samantha Feliciano** and **Kristen**; **Harry K.** with **Kristen** and **Rebecca**!*





Goddard Happenings



*Mardi Gras Fun! Clockwise, from top left: **Ivy L., Mary F. and Grace M.** donning festive masks; **Alma S. and Margaretha J.** making king cakes!*

*We went to Frank Pepe's Pizzeria for lunch! Top: **Nancy K.**; bottom left: **Jewel B. and Vivian F.**; bottom right: **Dolores N.***



ASSOCIATE PROFILE



We are so glad to have Executive Assistant **Gretchen Bird** as a team member at Goddard House since last September. Gretchen's role is to provide support to our CEO Candace Cramer and

our Executive Director News-Johanne Marcellus. Gretchen's favorite part about Goddard House? The residents! She enjoys meeting the residents and popping in to check out programs occasionally, and whenever she can, she makes time to participate in community events. Gretchen is always ready to help out and is constantly on the go. She grew up in New Jersey and came to the Boston area for school. Some of her hobbies outside of Goddard House include rock climbing, crochet, baking delicious treats, and cooking with a variety of spices and flavors. Another interesting tidbit about Gretchen is that in college, she competed in a tae kwon do league. Gretchen, thank you for bringing your friendly personality and enthusiasm to Goddard House!

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

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WATERCOLOR!

*Right: Lesley Intern **Reema Rustom** and **Lynn W.** work on a watercolor project*

