Beat the Heat Hydration Drive

We’re happy to announce that our Beat the Heat Hydration Drive on June 13th was a huge success. We collected over 100 cases of water and Gatorade for Port Orange Fire & Rescue! Thanks to everyone for their participation and for the generous donations we received. A big thank you to Doctors Choice for helping put this event together, and to Nurse on Call and everyone’s family members for their support. Just another way to how our gratitude for keeping us safe here in Port Orange!
On July 4th, 1776, the original 13 colonies proclaimed their independence from England – a great day in American history. This is our Nation’s greatest summer celebration. We celebrate all things patriotic, including veterans’ service, honor and sacrifice for our GREAT nation.

Spending the 4th with family and friends is a longtime tradition for many of us. We love the BBQ cookouts, the parades of classic cars, and floats decorated in red, white, and blue. And don’t forget... fireworks, fireworks, fireworks!

We invite everyone’s family and friends to come spend this holiday with us. We won’t have fireworks, but we will be fully decorated and plan to have a great time!

Florida summer is now in full swing. The rain, heat, and humidity have all arrived. On the plus side, our grounds are “greening up” nicely. Be aware that mosquitoes will start coming out with a vengeance. Please make sure you’re using some sort of spray or oil with DEET in it. This helps keep the mosquitoes away while you’re out and about.

Next time you’re passing our front roundabout, take a moment to stop and enjoy the beautiful flowers planted by The Good Shepherds. They did an awesome job and everything looks amazing.

We have lots going on here at CountrySide. Plan your ideal day with help from the Calendar and Chronicle. If you haven’t attended a Chef’s Table on a Wednesday night, I highly recommend it. Lee and his culinary team do a fantastic job. It’s truly a dining experience to remember!

Happy July,
Charlie

Bella’s Corner

As Bella continues to mature and be such an integral part of our community at CountrySide, we are looking forward to finding opportunities for her to go out into our broader community and participate in additional roles where she can help even more people. If you know of a venue that might benefit from Bella’s personality and skills, let us know!

Follow Bella’s photos and videos online at CountrySideLakes.com

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Eileen & Walter K.

They’ve been married for 58 years and have enjoyed traveling together. Walter and Eileen have 3 children and 1 grandchild. Before retiring, Walter was an engineer with the Department of Defense and was awarded a patent for an electronic fuse he created. Eileen was a nurse and part of a hospital administrative team. Don’t let the scientific backgrounds fool you, this couple is creative! Walter enjoys making flowers from palm branches and has done a lot of carved leather work. Eileen enjoys acrylic painting and has many beautiful pieces to her credit. They both love the daily challenge of working on our community puzzle.

Congratulations Eileen & Walter!
July 1, 1862 – President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of $600-$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over $10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 10, 1973 - The Bahamas gained their independence after 250 years as a British Crown Colony.

July 14, 1789 - The fall of the Bastille occurred at the beginning of the French Revolution.

July 16, 1769 - San Diego was founded as the mission San Diego de Alcala by Father Junipero Serra.

July 24, 1898 – American pilot Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas. She became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and to fly solo from Hawaii to California. She perished during a flight from New Guinea to Howland Island over the Pacific Ocean on July 3, 1937.

July 26, 1856 – Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) was born in Dublin, Ireland.

July 31, 1790 - The U.S. Patent Office first opened its doors. The first U.S. Patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont for a new method of making pearlash and potash. The patent was signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Memorial Day Celebration

Memorial Day was on May 29th, and we enjoyed a special luncheon in our dining room, attended by many of our residents and our veterans. We prayed for those who lost their lives and for our service men and women still living and for those serving in the military. We had several of our veterans attending, wearing their uniforms and hats to honor their country and remember the fallen. We ended our program saluting the flag and singing God Bless America.

Progressive Party

Our Progressive Party is a great way to hear some trivia and enjoy a yummy treat. Mid-week, each Wednesday at 2:45 pm in the 2nd Floor Activity Space, we kick back and discuss a random, yet interesting topic. Many of us have fond memories of camping as kids and, later, with our own families. So, on June 7th, we delved into the history of S’mores and reminisced about our own encounters with this oooey, gooey treat. Everyone was given the ingredients and made their own to enjoy during the chat. Yum!

Then & Now – Tea Service

Our Then & Now presentation for the month of June featured tea pots and demitasse cups and saucers. Among those on display were some beautiful hand painted, antique demitasse cups and saucers from England and China. We explored a wide variety, ranging from cast iron to delicate china, and learned the many different ways that tea has been made and enjoyed throughout the years and throughout the globe. Haven’t attended a Then & Now presentation yet? You’re missing out! Check the Activity Calendar and come join us in July.
Alexis Ionadi

Congratulations, Alexis! We’re lucky to have you.

Alexis has been an employee here at CountrySide for over a year. She started out as a server, trained as a hostess, and is now one of our dining room supervisors. Recently, she has also taken on the responsibility of lead server at our Wednesday night Chef’s Table events. Alexis was born and raised in Daytona Beach with her 2 sisters. She loves to fish and her ambition is to become a nurse. She says CountrySide is easy to love, thanks to our wonderful residents and her dedicated co-workers. Next time you see her, be sure to say congrats on a job very well done!