

# CountrySide Lakes

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#### Ponce's Law

Ponce was a nine month old black Labrador puppy that was fatally beaten to death by its owner. It was a horrific crime for which there weren't any strict laws to punish the abuser.

Debbie Darino, a local dog lover involved in animal rescue for fifteen years, is a crusader for stricter animal abuse laws. She started a petition called "Justice for Ponce" that within a year was signed by over 87,000 people.

The petition resulted in a new Florida state law that raises the penalties for animal abusers and gives judges the power to make sure abusers can never have a pet again. The new law she got enacted is known as "Ponce's Law".

On September 26 at 6:00 pm, we will present Debbie with the CountrySide Lakes prestigious "Salus Award". The award is in recognition of exemplary achievements in community welfare and public service.

The presentation will take place in the Grand Lobby and included in the ceremony will be all the dogs that reside in our community.

Circle the date if you would like to attend the presentation and afterwards get to meet Debbie Darino, an incredible human being who is immensely deserving of receiving our award.

#### **National Grandparents Day**

The wonderful grandparents and great grandparents who reside in our community will be celebrated this month. You are the cherished matriarchs and patriarchs of your families and your grands are profoundly blessed. We are fortunate to know you and share memorable times together with you every day.

Happy Grandparents Day!

#### September 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are fortunate to have a dozen adorable dogs residing in our community. This month, we pay tribute to each of them and have displayed their photos on the next page.

It is said that dogs are a human's best friend. Ask any dog owner and they will tell you that the unconditional love and companionship a dog offers are invaluable. They are always excited to see you and show it by jumping for joy or wagging their tail.

If you have never had a dog, you can't imagine what living with one is like. However, once you have a dog you can't imagine life any other way.

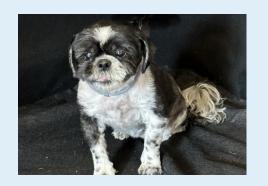
Dogs give non-judgmental support. They can be a faithful companion with a warm paw to hold or just be a friend to walk with. They can also help people feel less lonely.

Sadly, dogs have short little lives and spend most of it waiting for their owner to come home each day.

Loving owners like our residents know dogs leave paw prints on your heart.

#### MANAGEMENT TEAM

TRUDY SIMMONS - Executive Director
PETER PAKURIS - Senior Marketing Director
KRIS WILLIAMS - Nursing Director
GEORGE GAUNT - Culinary Director
BARBARA LOVELACE - Lifestyle Director
ANDREW SWEENEY - Maintenance Director
CELIA LAUREANO - Housekeeping Director
CHAD OWENS - Physical Therapy Director
SHERI MARCUM - Business Office Manager



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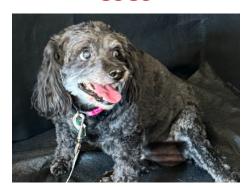
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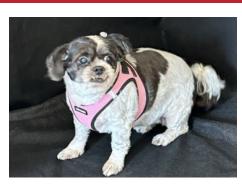
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LALA



**LUCKY** 



MUNCHKIN



**OTTO** 



**SWEET PEA** 



**TALULLAH** 



#### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



RON FOGEL was born and raised in NYC. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at 17. After serving in Libya and Texas, he returned to civilian life in the burgeoning computer industry where he started as a data processing programmer and retired as a Senior Systems Analyst.

## HAPPYBIRTHDAY

9/1 . AZIZ HANNA 9/6 . SHARKEY THOMAS 9/18 ALINE ROBERT 9/19 NANCY FLEET 9/20 BURNIECE MIRANDA 9/22 DAVID TANAJES 9/22 ALLAN TRUEBLOOD 9/26 TERESA VALDES 9/28 MICHAEL MOODY 9/28 DAPLYN SNYDER 9/30 KARIN MURPHY

#### **STAFF BIRTHDAYS**

9/11 ROSEZINA POLYDORE 9/17 CHRIS LISANTI 9/18 CHRISTIAN WALKER 9/19 MARLA BARONI 9/22 JESSICA TINDAL

Ron has two daughters and two grandchildren. When his wife passed away after 56 years of marriage, he decided to look into senior living options. Having numerous requirements, he researched over 100 senior living communities and ultimately selected CSL three years ago where he now runs the dart tournaments and conducts a weekly exercise class.

According to Ron, "I've never regretted my decision coming to CountrySide Lakes". It's a gorgeous place to live and I love the staff, they are fantastic".

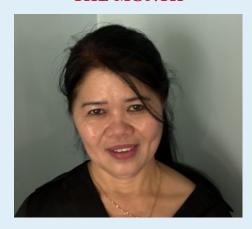
We are grateful that Ron selected us because he has been a great asset to our community.

#### CSL AMBASSADORS



They meet and greet new residents and make them feel at home. Truly wonderful community representatives; MARSHA & STEWART SPAR, KATHY MCMINN, MIKE & MARIE HELLAND.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



JOCELYN BURNS loves her position as a Culinary Aide. She enjoys her co-workers and is very fond of all the residents she gets to see every day.

Jocelyn was born in the Philippines where she worked in Elder Care. After moving to Florida, she continued to work in assisted living.

When she was in Hong Kong, Jocelyn went to an Indian restaurant for dinner and her server happened to be our Dining Room Manager Lilia Burns. They became friends and Lilia introduced her husband's brother to Jocelyn. The rest is history and Jocelyn and Lillian are sisters-in-law.

Jocelyn lives in Port Orange and has two children and two grandchildren. Her passion is gardening and she is proud of her flower garden particularly the beautiful orchids.

Congratulations Jocelyn. We all love your bright smile and positive outlook.



LOVING THEIR NAMESAKE AND PROUD OF IT ARE PAT NELLIS, PAT BARNES, PAT LOVE, PATSY BEATON, PATRICIA PARRISH, PAT KRIEGER, PAT ANDERSON, PAT JONES, AND PATTI COLEMAN



JAMES MARCUM PA WAS OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER. HE DISCUSSED THE EXPERIENCES OF HIS TWO VOLUNTEER HUMANITARIAN VISITS TO WAR TORN UKRAINE WHERE HE PROVIDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ITS CITIZENS.

