



CountrySide Lakes

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CULINARY TEAM



Executive Chef Steven Bernstein, with Sous Chef Dale Holmes and line cooks, Dylon McNally, Tonya Hayes, and Christian Walker. They prepare approximately 375 meals daily.

CHEF'S TABLE



Melanie Buccola, Fran Grisley, Lana Brannan, Bob Hicks, and Lefki Demopoulos enjoying a lavish gourmet dinner.

August 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

People often ask me, "Why is CountrySide Lakes consistently considered the leading senior living community in the area year after year with recognitions and awards?"

It's simple. Our mission is to provide an enriched and rewarding experience for all our residents and staff.

We strive to create a culture of "purposeful living" focused on resident well-being, dignity, and connection. A culture where residents feel comfortable being themselves and actively participate in meaningful activities.

The staff is made up of professionals who take pride in our community and share our enthusiasm to provide exemplary service and value-based care.

This month's newsletter focuses on our community culture, dedicated team leaders, and the supportive residents who run our resident-led initiatives.

Our commitment is to make CountrySide Lakes a joyful place where seniors live their best lives!

MANAGEMENT TEAM

KRIS WILLIAMS - Executive Director
PETER PAKURIS - Senior Marketing Director
JULIE SMITH - Nursing Director
STEVEN BERNSTEIN - Executive Chef
JERNY RIEVES - Activities Director
DANLADI MAIDUGU - Maintenance Director
CELIA LAUREANO - Housekeeping Director
CHAD OWENS - Physical Therapy Director
JANET MUNSON - Business Office Manager

ADMINISTRATION



Executive Director, Kris Williams, and Business Office Manager, Janet Munson.

RECEPTION



Concierge team: Linda Fenty, Debra Pope, Paula Caroleo, and Linda Webster.

HOUSEKEEPING



Director of Housekeeping, Celia Laureano, with Ryan Gardner and Vivian Roberts.

NURSING



Julie Smith, Director of Nursing, and Kim Noble, Resident Care Coordinator. Providing 7 day / 24 hour assisted care.

ACTIVITIES



Lifestyle Director, Jerny Rieves. Daily activities and physical fitness.

TRANSPORTATION



Community drivers: Steve Daigle, Mark Kukoda, and Dan Hobner.

MARKETING



Peter Pakuris, Marketing Director, and Michele Kowalski, Marketing Assistant. Leasing, advertising, image branding, photography, and community outreach.

DINING



Dining Room Manager, Lilia Burns, with servers, Jocelyn Burns and Elenita Stewart.

MAINTENANCE



Environmental Services Director, Danladi Maidugu, and Chris Lisanti, ESD Assistant.



COMMUNITY CULTURE

"Culture" is defined as a collective of fundamental assumptions and principles that a group holds to be true or desirable.

Specifically here at CSL, we strive for fun, healthy, inclusive and harmonious living.

We are also creating a culture of "giving back" to the local community in the form of volunteering, donations, and outreach to those in need.

This is important because research increasingly shows that seniors who actively participate in community events and charitable giving are living more healthful and vibrant lives than

those of their peers.

Giving back to the local community provides a sense of purpose. Seniors who volunteer often report increased feelings of happiness, fulfillment, and a positive outlook.

Volunteering can provide opportunities to learn new skills, expand knowledge, and stay engaged with the world.

We will be presenting charitable activities for residents to get involved with both in and outside the building.

Fostering a culture of community is what makes us special. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities that will make a difference in the lives of others. - Jerny Rieves

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/4 . PAULINE MUNN
8/6 . JOHN SAUNDERS
8/11 GEORGE ANDERSON
8/11 KATHY SANTI
8/11 TOM EDWARDS
8/12 BOBBY KLEIBER
8/15 DAVID CARPENTER
8/18 CAROLYN CAPUTO
8/27 ANN LOMBARDO
8/31 MELANIE BUCCOLA

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

8/6 . LILIA BURNS
8/14 JESSICA HADSELL
8/15 DEBRA RICH
8/24 DAN CUNNINGHAM
8/27 STEVEN BERNSTEIN

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



SALUME CABANLIT joined our waitstaff last year.

She was born and raised in the Philippines.

In 2020, she met the love of her life Robert online, and four years later they had a romantic wedding on the beach in Daytona Beach.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



MELANIE BUCCOLA is always smiling, which she attributes to having been blessed with a good life.

Born and raised in Lowell, MA, she was a 25-year, career teacher who taught junior and senior high school and later was an adjunct faculty member at Daytona State College. She spent two weeks in Russia as an invitee of the Soviet Teachers' Union.

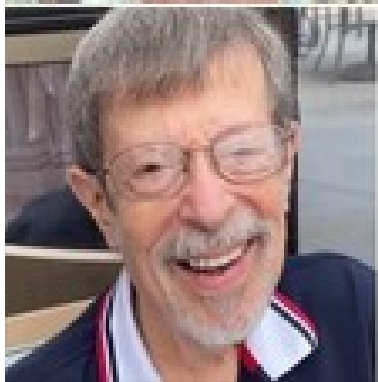
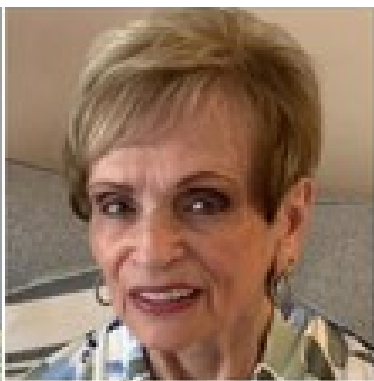
Melanie and Gil, her husband of 40 years, had a wonderful life together that included European travels and many cruises.

She is proud of her son John who is a computer specialist in New Hampshire.

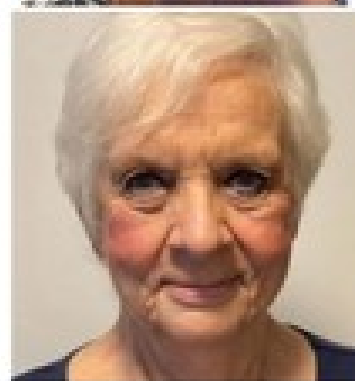
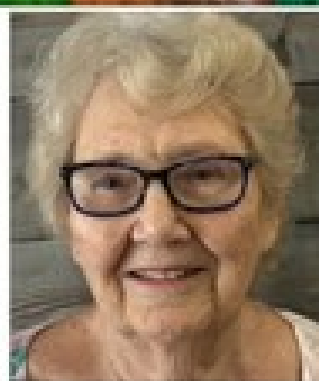
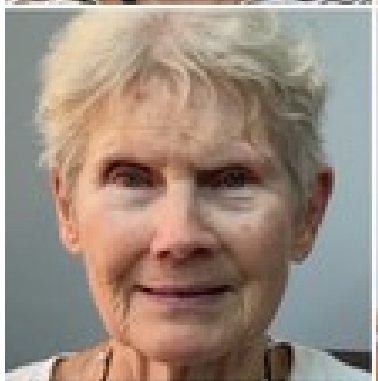
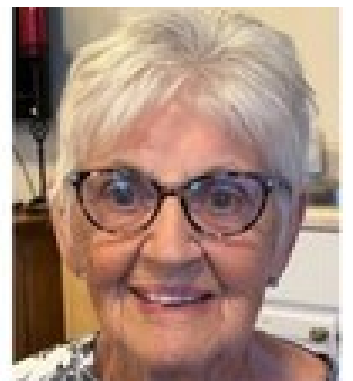
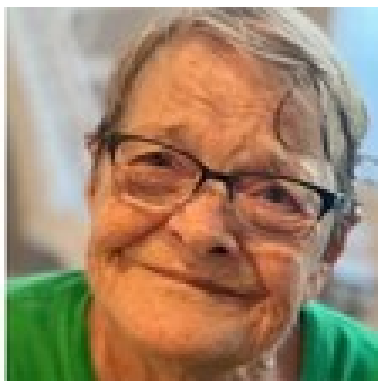
Melanie is no stranger to CSL because her parents had lived here. She is upbeat and friendly. We love that she resides here!

Salume's parents and grandparents have passed; however, she loves being around and talking with our residents. She says, "They are like family to me and that makes it feel like home."

Congratulations, Salume!



STEWART SPAR & JOAN LONERGAN (RESIDENT COUNCIL) JIM BROOKS (FITNESS) GEORGE PHILLIPS (TAI CHI)
RON FOGEL (DARTS) MARSHA SPAR (PAINTING) SALLY ENGLE (WORD GAMES) KATHY HAWK & STEWART SPAR (TRIVIA)



BARBARA LAMPERT (DRAMA) PAT KRIEGER (GARDEN) PAM BOONE (COLORING WITH FRIENDS) BARBARA POTTER (LIBRARY)
PAT BARNES & KATHY SANTI (BIBLE STUDY/CHURCH) PAT ANDERSON (OFF-SITE) PAT WOLF & PAT KRIEGER (GAMES)