



# CountrySide Lakes

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This holiday season promises to be a joyous one for our community.

The festive mood of the season will start this week with a Christmas carol concert by our choral group.

CountrySide Lakes is going to be part of this year's Port Orange Holiday Parade. Residents are invited to come to the nearby parade and cheer for our float in the procession.

The annual holiday party for staff and residents will feature live entertainment, dancing, selfies with Santa, an ugly holiday sweater contest, goodies, and lots of fun.

We look forward this month to trimming the Christmas tree, lighting the menorah, decorating apartment doors, the singing of Christmas carols, and most of all sharing the blessings of being together for the holidays.

Wishing you peace and joy this holiday season with hope that it will be filled with warmth, happiness, and good cheer.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

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



Executive Director KRIS WILLIAMS and community driver MARK KUKODA, who is the perfect Santa





## SELFIES WITH SANTA



KATHY MCMINN



STEPHANIE RIJ



JANET & SHARKEY THOMAS



LINDA KERR



ALICE PELPHREY



MELANIE BUCCOLA

## HOLIDAY DOORS



JOAN LONERGAN



EDIE HOLBROOK



JOYCE MIRABAL



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



STEPHEN DAIGLE is our personable and dependable Community Driver. He was born and raised in Rhode Island and loved playing hockey.

Steve graduated from St. Anselms College in NH where he was a star Hall of Fame hockey player. After college, he worked in the swimming pool industry in sales during the summers and coached high school hockey in the winters.

He and his wife, Helen, moved to Florida in 2015. They have two sons who reside in RI and five grandchildren.

Helen worked in home care for a resident here at CSL and encouraged Steve to join the company four years ago.

We will always be grateful to her for introducing Steve to our community because he has been an outstanding driver and team member.



12/2 . CAROL FAUST  
12/3 . NANCY MOETZ  
12/6 . FRANCES LOVEDAY  
12/8 . CAROLYN STUEDLI  
12/11 BARBARA YOUNG  
12/13 CORRINE WEBBER  
12/13 C. KRUPNICK  
12/18 JEANIE WILLIAMS

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

12/7 . JULIE SMITH  
12/13 CELIA LAUREANO  
12/18 CARROL KING  
12/28 MARK KUKODA

## UGLY SWEATER



The "Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest" is on December 10th. The Mayor, DAVID TANAJES, won last year's contest.

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



KAROL ELMER is a lovely woman who has had a blessed life. She was brought up in a New England town that was small but she was raised with big values like kindness and consideration of others.

Karol and her late husband enjoyed sixty wonderful years together and were loving parents to four children. She is proud of her ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Moving to CountrySide Lakes was a perfect fit for Karol. She loves her apartment as well as all the community amenities, daily activities, and exercise area. And she loves to bake cookies for her hall buddies and friends.

Karol really appreciates the friendliness and care of the staff, especially the dining room servers. She loves the fact that people can attend church services here each week without leaving the building.

We all love Karol and feel blessed to know her.



WARM AND LOVING WISHES FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS FROM CYNTHIA KUCHAR, ALICE PELPHREY, PAT LOVE, JULIE SMITH, LILIA BURNS, ANN LOMBARDO, DAVID TANAJES, MELANIE BUCCOLA, MARION MARINO, AND KIM NOBLE.



GETTING READY FOR THE "FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS" HOLIDAY ARE SONNY FRIEDLAND, JEAN DOLEN, MIDGE SOLOMON, DEENA STEIN, MARSHA SPAR, LANA BRANNAN, KATHY SANTI, RON FOGEL, AND STEWART SPAR.