What comes to mind when you think of the word “mother”? Perhaps you are a parent and have experienced the joys and sorrows of raising children. Perhaps you think of your own mother and the blessings and struggles in that relationship. Perhaps you think of figurative mothers, people who have taught you about what it means to love and support others. A close friend of mine gifted me the book, *All About Love*, by Bell Hooks. Hooks says love exists when “we openly and honestly express care, affection, responsibility, respect, commitment, and trust.” Many relationships have some, but not all, of these components. They have care, but not respect. They have affection, but not commitment. Hooks challenges us to practice these values in our relationships with friends, families, in romantic relationships, and with ourselves, as well as to recognize when others are treating us in kind.

The original intention of Mother’s Day in the U.S. is to pay tribute to “the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world,” said founder of the holiday, Anna Jarvis. The work of her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, demonstrates love and support. She formed Mother’s Day Work Clubs, groups that worked to combat childhood illnesses and promote improved sanitation. She cared for wounded soldiers on both sides during the Civil War, and organized peace-building activities post-Civil War, such as a Mother’s Friendship Day. Ann passed away in May of 1905. Anna Jarvis fought for Mother’s Day to become a holiday, and succeeded in receiving federal recognition in 1914. Mother’s Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, close to the anniversary of Ann Reeves Jarvis’ death.

This Mother’s Day, pay tribute to the loving relationships in your life. A shout out to my mom, Sue, who continues to teach me about care, affection, responsibility, respect, commitment, and trust.

—Brenna H, Community Life Assistant
New Residents

Donald A - 2N
Robert S - 2N
Edward W - 2N
Chester S - 2N
Eleanor S - 2S
Wayne P - 2S

Mary H - 2S
Ronald A - 3N
Marilyn B - 3S
Patricia M - 3S
Mary E - 3S

May Birthdays

5/1  Donna M. — 3N
5/4  Karlyne D. — 3S
5/5  Ismael R. — 2N
5/5  Marge H. — 2S
5/8  Gordon R. — 3S
5/10 Yvonne P. — 2S
5/11 Brenda K. — 2S
5/20 Philip C. — 3S
5/21 Janet P. — 2N
5/24 Jacqueline D. — 2S
5/27 Granice C. — 2S
May Activity Highlights

May 8th—Food Committee Meeting—3:30 on 2N
May 9th—Dollar Store Shopping Outing—Sign up!
May 10th—Doughnut Sale—9:00—1S Dayroom
May 13th—Coffee with the Chef—9:30 on 2N
May 14th—Resident Council Meeting—9:45 on 2N
May 14th—Mama Sheila’s Soul Food Lunch Bunch—1S
May 24th—Doughnut Sale—9:00—1S Dayroom
May 30th—Raptor Center Outing—Sign up!
May 31th—Friday Party with Bill Cagely—2:30 on 2N

Providence Place Updates

National Nurses Week is May 6-12. Did you know Providence Place has 45 nurses, 11 TMAs (Trained Medication Aids), and 68 nursing assistants? AND we’re hiring for all those positions! The Newsletter Committee would like to thank them (along with other staff) for all their hard work!

—Patty C

Gardening Club will continue to plant and eat veggies in May! Our Dietitian will provide fun gardening tips and how to use some of the herbs we grow in our tower garden in foods and dishes. Stop by on May 7th and 21st, at 3:30pm, on 3N.

—Mary S & Andrew Pfaff
Special Days and Famous Birthdays

May Monthly Observances

Birthstone: Emerald
Flower: Lily of the Valley
Zodiac signs: Taurus and Gemini
National Asian American Heritage Month
National Jewish American Heritage Month
National Smile month
National Bike month

May Daily Observances

1 May Day. Cheerios first in stores, 1941.
Birthdays: Judy Collins, Tim McGraw, singers.

3 Birthdays: James Brown, Frankie Valli, singers.

4 Kentucky Derby

Birthday: Tammy Wynette, Country singer.

6 Eiffel tower opens, 1879. Hindenburg catches fire and crashes, 1937.


8 Coca Cola invented, 1885.


12 Happy Mother's Day!

13 Birthdays: Joe Louis, boxing champ. Stevie Wonder, singer.

15 First Mickey & Minnie Mouse cartoon, 1928. First McDonald's opens, 1940.


Birthdays: Reggie Jackson, baseball player. Tina Fey, comedian, SNL, 30 Rock.

21: Clara Barton establishes American Red Cross, 1881. Charles Lindbergh becomes the first to fly across the Atlantic, 1927. Amelia Earhart, first woman to do the same, 1932.

23 First Mickey Mouse cartoon with sound, 1929.

24 Brooklyn Bridge opens, 1883. Sixteen-year-old Temba Tsheri becomes the youngest person to get to the top of Mt. Everest, 2001.

Birthdays: Bob Dylan, Patti LaBelle, singers.

25 Jesse Owens ties or breaks 4 track and field records in 45 minutes, 1935. Babe Ruth hits 714th home run, 1935.

26 Birthdays: John Wayne, actor. Miles Davis, jazz trumpeter. Sally Ride, astronaut.

27 Memorial Day. 3 Little Pigs released, 1933 and wins Academy Award that year. First Batman comic, 1939.


—Kirk M
Food Committee Meeting!
Join us on Wednesday, May 8th, at 3:30 P.M., to talk about the food and the service!
DOLLAR STORE OUTING!

When: Thursday, May 9th
Time: 9:00am

If you are interested in this outing, let a Community Life Staff know by Tuesday, May 7th, by noon.

Final list will be posted on Wednesday
Poet’s Place

to move a mountain

doyouhavecourage
desirechangeyourey
willingtoriskall
areyouopen
tothespirit
andtohaveGod
breathe new life
into you

then
yourjourneyhasbegun
as forthe mountain
you needn’tmove it
it stepped out
ofyour way

—Cori G

Untitled

I can think on times when
I thought I saw
thought I heard
Places I’ve visited
But didn’t really experience
I am a child
I look forward to each new day
with a sense of adventure
There is so much to learn
Because of you...

—Miss Vickie
**God My Resource**

I petitioned God for sunshine  
That o’re radiated his smile  
Then asked for happy raindrops  
All early springtime style

Whenever looked toward Heaven  
Thought of something I knew before  
Something my heart remembered  
That was just about out of store

Why does God send love gifts?  
To comfort folks like me?  
Is it because I’m so needy  
Or forgetful of what I should be?

— Janice F

**I’m Waiting**

Most times it’s hard to wait for Spring.  
For snow to melt and birds to sing.  
Birds fly back north from where they stay,  
To pass this long cold time away.

We wait to see the grass turn green.  
And feel the wind blow warm and clean.  
So then one day Spring comes out,  
The grass and leaves begin to sprout.

Soon grass is green and flowers bloom,  
Their fragrance fills my room.

— John C
Sports Update:

MLB-Baseball

As of 4/24, the Twins won their two games against the Detroit Tigers. Record: 13 wins, 8 loses. They are at the top of American League Central Division, just ahead of the Tigers and Indians. (Photo: Eddie Rosario)

PGA-Golf

Tiger Woods won the Masters for the first time since 2005. His final score was –13, and he shot a 70 in the final round. When Woods won his first Masters in 1997, he hugged his father, Earl Woods. This time around, Woods hugged his son Charlie Woods after his win. His girlfriend, Erica Herman, was also in attendance.

Final Four Summary

The NCAA Men’s Final Four was held in Minneapolis, April 5-8. Virginia beat Auburn, and Texas Tech beat Michigan State. In the championship game, Virginia beat Texas Tech 85-77.

MLS-Soccer

The Minnesota United (the Loons) played for the first time at Allianz Stadium in St. Paul, on April 13th. The game ended in a tie against New York.

Kentucky Derby

The Kentucky Derby is Saturday, May 4th beginning at 5:50 p.m.

— Phil C
Mama Sheila’s Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, May 14
Where: 1 South Dining Room
Cost: $6.00
Meal: Collard greens with turkey
       Macaroni and cheese
       Black eyed peas
       Cornbread

If you are interested, please sign up with Community Life
by Friday, May 10, at noon.

The final list will be posted on Monday afternoon.
April showers bring May flowers, they say. Hopefully, we will get to see some flowers this May. If we don’t get to see any blooming outside, there is an artist we could turn to. Her name is Georgia O’Keeffe.

“When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it’s your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else. Most people in the city rush around, so they have no time to look at a flower. I want them to see it whether they want to or not.” ~Georgia O’Keeffe

Georgia O’Keeffe was born in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. She moved to Chicago, then to New York to study art. She missed the nature of Wisconsin being in those big cities. Georgia O’Keeffe loved taking little things found in nature that might otherwise go unnoticed and amplifying them: flowers, trees, buildings, sun-bleached animal skulls, shells, sections of landscape. She could always find the beauty in an object. Her abstract imagery of flowers in the 1910s and 1920s is among the most innovative of any work produced in the period by American artists. She revolutionized the tradition of flower painting in the 1920s by making large-format paintings of enlarged blossoms, presenting them close up, as if seen through a magnifying lens. O’Keeffe mostly painted in oils, and often used bold, striking colors, combined with feminine shapes and lines. She cracked open the box of realism and merged it with the style of abstraction, to create her own unique way of seeing the world.

Georgia O’Keeffe is one of America’s most important modern artists, a position she maintained throughout her life. As a result, O’Keeffe not only carved out a significant place for women painters in an area of the American art community that had been exclusive to and is still dominated by men, but she also had become one of America’s most celebrated cultural icons.

— Chloe Tirebuck, Art Therapist, Community Life Coordinator
Fun with Turtles

Use the clues to fill in the crossword.

Across:
1. Chomp
6. Creep
10. Enormous
15. Flippers
16. Hindmost part
9. Small lake
8. Slimy
5. Not smooth

Down:
1. Strong-jawed turtle
2. Broad, flat limbs
3. Stay out of sight
4. Hinge-shelled turtle
7. Turtles
12. Stream
13. Slugs
14. Large body of water
Resident Council

The Resident Council will be meeting on May 14th, at 9:45 AM, on 2N.

Please come to discuss two Residents Rights and two Quality of Life issues, as well as the Community Life Budget Report.

The Resident Council is a comfortable, safe place to raise any questions or concerns you may have regarding the building, staff, or programming.
The Clergy Collar

By special request, I’m using my Chaplain’s Chat to talk about the history of the Clergy Collar.

When I was a child, my mother and father enrolled me in the Sunday School of the Reformed Church of North Brunswick, New Jersey, the town where I grew up. I don’t know exactly how old I was when I began to notice the unusual collar that was worn by the Pastor of the Reformed Church. I’ll never forget Sunday mornings, when Rev. Elmer H. Finger would stand at the center of the altar, in his black robe and white collar and recite the Ten Commandments at the beginning of the worship service. I was always quite intrigued by what he wore, especially that white collar. Being a child, I had all kinds of things going through my mind, like: “Where is the button that holds that together?” And, “Why does he have to wear that collar?” I always thought it looked really tight and must be awfully uncomfortable. “Why does he have to wear that anyway?”

While this article does not provide enough space to do a thorough explanation of the collar, I did do a little research, and from what I’ve read, “…the Church of England’s Enquiry Center has determined that the detachable clerical collar was invented in 1865 by the Rev. Donald Mcleod, a Church of Scotland minister in Glasgow.” It goes on to say that “By 1840, Anglican Clergy developed a sense of separation between themselves and the secular world. One outward symbol of this was the adoption of distinctive clerical dress.”

There are numerous meanings implied by “the Collar.” Essentially, these meanings are:

- Being separated from the world and being called by God.
- Being ordained of God to teach and preach the Scriptures.
- Being a servant of God called to guide, teach, encourage, and be an example to others who are seeking to follow the ways of God.
Probably, the most succinct explanation of the collar is that it depicts being called by God to be His servant in the world, and being separated from the world while living in the world.

With all of this being said, although the collar does have a lot of meaning, and depicts a life of servanthood to God, there are times when it can cause people to think that the clergy are a special class of people who have that “special connection with God.” So, being one of those “clergy-type people,” I can say that nothing could be further from the truth. No one of us has a special “In” with God, no matter what our role in life.

At the risk of minimizing the importance of the call of God and being ordained to the Christian Ministry, I want to emphasize that I do not have a special connection with God. I’m a person like any other person. I put my pants on one leg at a time like everyone else!

So, as a final thought: I cherish the opportunity to be a pastor/chaplain who is charged with the wonderful calling of shepherding and pastoral care. I don’t take this call lightly; it means so much to me. At the same time, I’m so glad that all of us, no matter what our walk or role in life, are welcomed to have a relationship with God.

For God’s blessing,
Chaplain Randy
In Loving Memory

Richard M-2N
Annette G-3S
Norman D-1N
Emeal J-3S
Paul K-2N
Sudoku Answers
Jewelry Sale!

May 17

Front Lobby

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THE RAPTOR CENTER OUTING

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH
10:30AM
COST: $5.50
BAG LUNCH PROVIDED

PLEASE SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, MAY 24TH TO GO ON THIS OUTING.

FINAL LIST WILL BE POSTED.
COLOR ME FOR THERAPY!
Memorial Day Word Find

AMERICAN  FREEDOM  PATRIOTIC
ANTHEM  GRAVE  REMEMBRANCE
CEMETERY  HALF MAST  SACRIFICE
CEREMONY  HEROES  SALUTE
COMMENORATE  HOLIDAY  SERVICE
DECORATION  HONOR  SOLDIERS
FALLEN  MAY  TAPS
FLAGS  MEMORIAL  VETERANS
FLOWERS  OBSERVANCE  WAR
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