NEW RESIDENT: Laura Hogan, Suite 453, was born and raised in Kansas. After attending University of Kansas, she moved to Medford, MA, where she ultimately raised five children and started a real estate business. During her career, she received the Outstanding Real Estate Agent award. Laura has traveled all over the world, and still refers to Kansas as one of her favorite places. These days, she especially enjoys playing bridge.

We extend a warm welcome to Laura.

SATISFACTION SURVEY TIME: Look for our annual Resident and Family Survey in May. We appreciate your thoughtful feedback to help us improve our community. Family members can share opinions by completing the survey enclosed with the monthly statement. Those who have provided us with email addresses will receive a link to fill out the survey online between May 1 and May 15. As a reminder, suggestions and comments are welcome year-round; simply fill out a suggestion box slip or visit the director on duty.

A BIRTHDAY PARADE: Seven-year New Horizons resident Agnes Carson (pictured, left) turned 102 on April 9! The celebration honored social distancing protocols, featuring a well-attended motorcade of family, friends, and local police and firefighters. Special guests included Mayor Scott Galvin and reporters and camera crews from local news stations. It was clear Agnes enjoyed every moment as she waved to her many fans. This heart-warming event was featured on CBS Boston News and in The Boston Globe.

Happy birthday, dear Agnes, from all of us at New Horizons!
HELLO: Residents and staff send a message to family members: “We are doing well, and we love you!” Pictured, clockwise from left: residents Janet Mercer, Charlie Gazzara, Maggie Horgan, and Marianne Minghella, and waitstaff member Lucille Collins.

A Mother’s love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.
~ Helen Steiner Rice

EVENTS SCRAPBOOK: Lillian Braudis turned 100 on March 28. When we informed her in early March that her birthday party would need to be postponed, she replied, “Nothing surprises me. I go with the flow. Whatever will be will be.” Wise words from a wise woman. Lillian is an impressive person with a positive attitude and good nature. Another testament to Lillian’s generous spirit is the gratitude she shows on a daily basis to the staff. Although her special day did not include the big bash we had planned, she was ear to ear with smiles when the staff serenaded her while delivering her breakfast. That evening, she enjoyed a special slice of birthday cake while sipping Prosecco served up in a champagne glass. Lillian says she is grateful to be living at New Horizons, and the other residents and staff are also grateful that she is here.

We are toasting our new centenarian, Lillian Braudis. Happy birthday, dear Lillian. May you enjoy the warmth and admiration all around you as you celebrate this impressive milestone!

Memorial Day will be observed Monday, May 25. We are grateful for the selfless contributions of members of the armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our country’s freedom.

IN MEMORIAM: We are very saddened by the loss of residents Anne Dever, Helene Donahue, and Guy Mistretta. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.