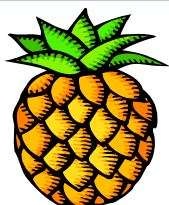




Independent and Assisted Living in Woburn, MA

Monthly Update

July 2021



**NEW RESIDENTS:** **Patricia (Pat) Barbaro, Suite 250**, joins us from Winchester, where she raised four children. During her career with the Registry of Motor Vehicles, she served as president of the National Association of Government Employees. Pat has dedicated a great deal of time to volunteer work, including service to Winchester's Jenks Center and Saint Mary's School. A classical music fan and former pianist, she enjoys attending Boston Pops Orchestra performances and reading biographies.

**Tricia Kane and John Shea share Suites 281 and 283.** Both new residents were born at Choate Hospital, raised in Woburn, and attended Woburn schools. Tricia and John dated in high school, reignited their relationship years later, and have been together ever since.

A mother of four and sister to fellow resident Jean McElhinney, Tricia graduated from Saint Charles School and received a nursing degree at Mount Auburn Hospital. During her career, she worked at the Choate, Winchester Hospital, and New England Rehabilitation Hospital. As a retiree, she volunteers as an ombudsman for the Commonwealth. She especially enjoys bowling, doing yoga, and playing cards.

Following high school, John earned degrees in finance and accounting from Bentley University. He has three children, and enjoyed a successful career as a certified public accountant, a chief financial officer, and the founder of Solutions by Computer. John had a private plane, which he used for frequent trips around the 50 states and Canada. In his retirement, he enjoys reading and watching sports.

**Carole McCarron, Suite 441**, was born in Lynn and raised in Somerville prior to moving to Woburn 61 years ago. A mother of five, she worked as a typist for various insurance companies and for Somerville Housing Authority. She especially enjoys sewing, knitting, gardening, and watching sports on television.

**David McCarron, Suite 443**, was born and raised in Woburn. The son of new resident Carole McCarron, he will now be her neighbor as well. David has been employed at the North Reading post office for the past 35 years, and holds the honor of being number six on the seniority list for mail handlers at that location. Among his many interests are fishing, bowling, watching movies, and listening to music.

**Victor Skowronski, Suite 272**, was born in Jersey City, NJ. Following high school, he attended Stevens Institute of Technology, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering. He later received a PhD in computer engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Victor has worked at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in the nuclear program and at Hanscom Air Force Base for the defense industry. An avid cyclist, he also enjoys English country dancing and has choreographed many dance routines over the years.

*We extend a warm welcome to Pat, Tricia, John, Carole, David, and Victor.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA:** Did you know? The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July originated in Philadelphia in 1777. On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, the City of Brotherly Love held the first organized observance of Independence Day, adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells, and fireworks. The custom eventually spread to other towns and cities, where the day was marked with processions, oratory, picnics, contests, games, military displays, and fireworks.



**SCENES AROUND NEW HORIZONS** (left to right): resident **Wally Larsen** (seated, front left) enjoys a long-anticipated visit with family from Maine; resident **Victor Skowronski**, who joined our community in May, explores the neighborhood on his bike; and dining room staff member **Mackenzie Russo** surprises resident **Ginny Gimilaro** with a visit before heading to the prom.



**A FOND FAREWELL:** We recently hosted a touching sendoff for five-year staffer **Kendy Dafanice** (kneeling, front), who has left New Horizons to join the U.S. Marine Corps. Residents and fellow staff members celebrated Kendy with festive decorations, friendly conversations, and a patriotic red, white, and blue cake.

Pictured with Kendy (standing, left to right): dining room supervisor **Jenna Messina** and residents **Myrt Perry**, **Anna Cullen**, **Jean McElhinney**, **Sally Casey**, and **Barbara Slattery**. Best wishes, Kendy!

## Cummings \$25 MILLION GRANT PROGRAM

**LOCAL GIVING:** To date, Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$300 million in grants to nonprofits based in greater Boston. Through its **\$25 Million Grant Program**, it seeks to provide vital funding to mostly local charities that are working to improve the lives of community members through education, human services, and social justice programs. Among this year's

Cummings grant recipients are Woburn-based Amirah, Council of Social Concern, Social Capital, Inc., and Woburn Community Educational Foundation. The complete list of 140 local nonprofits just awarded grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000 each is now available on [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

## BONUS

**EARN REWARDS:** We are inviting all residents and their families to help us spread the word about available senior living apartments at New Horizons. As a thank you, a \$1,000 credit will be applied to the referring resident's account when our new neighbor moves in. Please see a director for the details of this referral program.

**IN MEMORIAM:** We are very saddened by the passing of **Lucy Kiklis** and **Janet Mercer**. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

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