

Hello and Happy Summer!

Oakwood Residence enjoyed a beautiful, sunny Memorial Day with fresh watermelon, delicious ice cream and savory pies. We love seeing our residents participate in such a variety of events and activities at the residence and appreciate their involvement in kicking off the summer season. Thank you to our amazing Dietary and Activity teams and our wonderfully engaging community of residents who helped us celebrate.



Our Memorial Day Display

At Oakwood, it's our mission to ensure that our residents live life to the fullest with the best care. Our Residence Team—who average over eight years of service—is an exception in our industry, and I'd like to give special congratulations to Nicole Simmons and Nadine Breeze in our Nursing Department who have been at Oakwood Residence since 2002 and 2004 respectively. Our residents mean the world to us and our dedicated staff members reflect that in their constant warmth and consideration.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer.



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MEET OUR DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Debbie St. Peter



A critical member of our team, Debbie St. Peter has been at Oakwood Residence since November of 2011 but involved in geriatric care for over 36 years. A native to northeastern Philadelphia, Debbie began her career as a CNA, then went to nursing school. "I enjoy working with geriatric patients. It's been very rewarding," she says. "I've done it my whole life."

Debbie's philosophy of care is based on the principle of respect, and everyone she interacts with is treated with kindness and dignity. She loves being able to chat daily with Oakwood residents about their careers and lives.

And it's not just Debbie who loves the Oakwood Residence family. She is a proud mother of four children and eight grandchildren who feel that Oakwood's residents are like family and visit often. Debbie's passion for healthcare has influenced her children who have followed in her footsteps, including her son who is an RN and a visiting nurse here at Oakwood.

In her spare time, Debbie enjoys swimming, gardening, and reading, and loves to bond over her shared interests with the residents at Oakwood. Be sure to say hello to Debbie the next time you see her!

Up Close with Resident Dolores Kimmel

A lifelong native to Philadelphia, Dolores Kimmel, affectionately known to all as Dee, has led a full and busy life as an accomplished ballerina, dance teacher, figure skater, and black belt in karate. Over the years she has built a rewarding legacy as an artist, wife and mother.



Coming from a long line of prima ballerinas and pianists, a love of performing arts runs in Dee's family. From the age of three, she began taking ballet lessons and went on to become a professional ballerina at 13 where she performed with the Pennsylvania Ballet Company and was accepted into the Philadelphia Civic Opera Company. Her dreams of being a ballet dancer eventually took her to New York where she studied with Antony Tudor, the famed ballet master of the Ballet Company of NY.

By the age of 18, Dee was holding down three jobs, working part-time in fashion, teaching dance, and then rehearsing with the opera company in the evenings. Passionate about helping women and children, she initiated child abuse prevention efforts, and gave recitals for the Germantown Women's Club.

After years of performing in a wide variety of NY shows and musicals, Dee transitioned back to Philly, where she opened her own dance studio. The studio was a huge success with 300 students after the first three years.

During her last year of teaching dance, Dee

met her husband Murray, a urologist who had been in the Berry Plan, a Vietnam War-era program that allowed physicians to defer obligatory military service until they had completed medical school and residency training. The two married in 1956 and had four sons. They eventually settled in the Wyncote area where Murray completed his urology residency at Jefferson Hospital. Dee would later join her husband as his office assistant at his practice by Eakins Oval, right across from the Philadelphia Art Museum, where they worked side by side for 30 years until they retired.

Life as a busy mom never slowed Dee down. While her kids grew, they started to develop an interest and hobby in ice skating, and in her early 40s, Dee decided to join them. As a dancer she found figure skating came naturally and although she was encouraged to compete, she declined – choosing to practice simply out of a love for the sport. After a back injury forced Dee off the ice, she studied karate, eventually earning a black belt which she proudly keeps with her here at Oakwood Residence.

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Up Close with Dolores Kimmel *Continued*

Eventually Dee and her husband experienced some health issues and found that moving to a senior living community benefited them both. Sadly, her husband passed away five and a half years ago, however his memory lives on through their children who are accomplished doctors, a veterinarian and lawyer. Their eldest son, Dr. Brian Kimmel, is the Medical Director here at Oakwood Residence and makes sure to check up on his mom regularly.

Although she now gets around mostly in a wheelchair and walker, Dee is just as vibrant and passionate as ever. Take a moment to speak with Dee and you'll find that she has much to share. We love her incredible spirit and are delighted that she's made Oakwood Residence her home.

OUT AND ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Raising The Flag

On Friday, June 14th our residents gathered outdoors for a traditional Flag Day Ceremony. The flag was raised by our Maintenance Director, Dan Araos, together with his assistant, Brian.

DID YOU KNOW?

Celebrated annually on June 14 to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress, Flag Day was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson in 1949.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

It is our great pleasure to name Patrice Lassiter as our Employee of the Quarter!



Patrice is a Certified Med Tech (CMT) and Nursing Assistant (CNA) who has been with the Oakwood family for over 10 years. Patrice's duties include managing scheduling, administering medication, and corresponding with doctors, DON, and lab technicians, as well as residents and their families. Her goal is to ensure consistent and positive communication and teamwork for the greater health and wellbeing of our residents.

Patrice loves each of Oakwood's residents and enjoys being a part of their daily lives. She is known for treating everyone with patience, respect, and the utmost care. Oakwood Residence has become a second home to her, and in such a friendly environment, it's wonderful to see employees like Patrice generate that same feeling for others.

Thank you, Patrice, for your hard work and continued commitment to our community!

JULY 3: Resident Council

JULY 4: Independence Day Cookout/ Entertainment with Joe Caristo

JULY 6: Firework Art

JULY 9: Painting with a Twist

JULY 10: Carnival Show with Steve & Sue

JULY 11: Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise

JULY 16: Entertainment with Jimmy Wells

JULY 17: Food Service Meeting

JULY 18: Luncheon Bus Trip

JULY 24: Monthly Birthday Party/ Entertainment with Tom Tolnay

JULY 27: Painting with a Twist

Dining Out at Carrabba's



Revisiting the 70's With Steve & Sue Brown



Winners of Our Easter Egg Hunt



RESIDENTS:

Helen Adams June 4
Mary Higgins June 4
Leo Dougherty June 7
Sarah Rowan June 24
George Eschert June 28
Irene Broitman June 29
Lydia Golodner July 2
Frank Welsh July 7
Shirley Lieberman July 10

Michael Stanton July 12
John Codori July 25
Judith Gorski July 25
Harvey Gottlieb July 28

STAFF:

Patrice Lassiter June 8
Jeannie Goldberg June 25
Nadine Breeze July 20
Alma Halstead July 22

