

# GEOCAM CONNECTION

Georgetown & Cambridge Assisted Living 141-151 Port Sheldon Rd. Grandville, MI 49418



## Happenings April 1

April Fool's Day

## April 4 & 18

Chaplain Val visits

## April 7

Music with Stephen Forester

## April 8

Music with Tom & Tom

## April 10

Palm Sunday

## April 13

Music with Dave Strumfeld

## April 14

Maunday Thursday

## April 15

Good Friday Service with Pastor Rick

## April 21

Handbell Concert with Larry & Carla

## April 27

Music with Bob Lacy

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

This morning the winds howled outside, snow and rain crashed against the windows, and I woke up thinking of a story told to me years ago. The story took place on a farm in early April. The farm animals were scattered through acres of fields when an end of season snowstorm came in fast. Skies darkened, snow fell. Four inches, 8 inches, and it kept coming. The kids and their parents had gone into the fields to bring in as many of the livestock to the barn as possible. By the time most were safely in, the snow was falling so hard that the barn and house couldn't be seen. Mom and two daughters were in the barn getting the animals settled. Two sons were still somewhere in the field, and the dad had gone looking for them. The boys later told of how they found a fence and followed it until they felt the familiar gate, which is where Dad found them. Dad had tied a rope around himself and each of the boys so they wouldn't get separated, and they slowly made their way in the direction of the barn. They were guided by occasional sounds from the barn that weren't blown away by the wind. When safely together, the family each held onto a rope with Mom in the lead and Dad at the back making sure no one got lost. Offering encouraging words and their presence, the parents eventually got the family safely back to the house where they waited for the storm to end. When going through hard times, or simply just going through life, none of us can do it alone. The good news is that we don't have to. We have God.... who promises always to be present with us. Like the parents in the snowstorm, God stays with us in all situations. We are God's beloved sons and daughters, part of God's family. God promises to be our refuge, shelter, and encourager. We can thrive in life because God is WITH us and God is FOR us. As you go through each day this month, spend some time simply focusing on God's presence. And remember that "the One who goes ahead of you, opening up the way, is the same One who stays close and never lets go of your hand."

Chaplain Karen

## Season Fit for a King

April in the Netherlands brings a joyous spring sight. It's tulip season! And there may be no better place to watch these beautiful flowers bloom than Keukenhof Garden just outside Amsterdam. Garden beds are blanketed with tens of thousands of tulips in a staggering variety of vibrant colors. Keukenhof is not the only place to find tulips. There are hundreds of vast tulip fields throughout the Netherlands, which is why the nation known as the "Tulip Capital of the World," despite the fact that tulips are not native to the Netherlands at all.

Tulips are believed to have originated in the high mountain plateaus of Central Asia. Gardeners throughout the Ottoman Empire cultivated the flowers, which were originally known not for their wonderful colors but their heady perfumes.

Historians suspect that an ambassador to the court of Suleiman the Magnificent first brought tulips back to Europe in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. The exotic flowers became such a coveted luxury item that by 1637, tulip bulbs were being sold for 10 times the annual income of a skilled worker. This hysteria is remembered as Tulip Mania, & both the economic collapse that followed & the mass hysteria the tulips craze induced are still taught in economics & psychology courses today.

For those keen to avoid tulips altogether (& any mania it might induce), there is Koningsdag, or King's Day, on April 27. This national holiday celebrates the birthday of King Willem-Alexander of the royal House of Orange. The holiday's date changes according to the birthday of the reigning monarch. Of course, it is traditional to wear orange clothes & even orange wigs on this day of national pride, & streets are flooded with the bright color. It has been decreed that no one needs a permit to sell their wares on the street on this day, so flea markets abound along avenues & parks. Parties are common, with pastries slathered with orange icing & toasts made with glasses filled with Orange bitter, a local liqueur. And, you guessed it, there is no better gift to give than a bouquet of orange tulips.



## WELCOME!!

Erma B. to North  
Kay C. to West  
John H. to South  
Patricia L. to South  
Jean N. to North  
Maxine N. to North  
Bob P. to South  
Esther VD. to North

We are so happy you are here with us!!

## In Sympathy

We extend our sympathies & prayers to the families of the residents we've recently lost. We hold on to the special memories made.

Roger Arendsen

Bonnie Conrad

Jean Marsman

## Staff Spotlight

During the month of April there are two national days where we can celebrate some of our staff. On April 25, it is Administrative Professionals Day & on April 30, it is National Hair Stylist Day!

Our Business Office Manager is Ruth Ann Hoelsema. She started working at the manor in January 2021. She had previously worked for Sunset Manor before coming here & she works one day a week at Barn Swallow Assisted Living. She started working in this environment when she was 20 at Pilgrim Manor. Throughout the years she worked as a direct care worker & a home health aide. She's also worked in an office setting as well. She like both worlds so much that she got a degree in accounting & she has her medical assisting degree as well! Ruth Ann is married to her husband Terry & they have three sons, two of them live out of state. When Ruth Ann isn't keeping checks & Balance in our business office, she likes to read. She's also a leftie! Her husband take trips to see their sons in Iowa & Maryland.

Our beautician is Tina Bouwhuis & she started working at the manor in January of 2015. Before that she worked for 9 years in a salon as well as working at a beauty supply store called Maly's which is now called Salon Centric. Tina always knew she wanted to do hair. She used to practice her French braids on a life size Barbie head. Tina is married to Bernie & they have two children, a boy & a girl who are in highschool. When she's not at the manor making everyone look beautiful; she is either golfing or cheering on her kids at their school sporting events. Tina & her family like to travel & it's an annual tradition to go to Mackinac Island in the Summer.

So, if you see either of these special ladies, please say "THANK YOU!" for all the work that they do!!

## RESIDENTS

BONNIE N- 4/6

ROGER K- 4/25

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

## STAFF

DENISE B- 4/11  
TOMMY K- 4/12  
SHARON H- 4/14  
JULIE V- 4/20



## Mark Your Calendars!

In honor of Mother's Day, we will be having a Tea Party!

Wednesday, May 4 will be for Cambridge  
Thursday, May 5 will be for Georgetown  
Both of them will be at 2 pm in the Connector

You can RSVP to Rachel Rynbrandt- Life Enrichment Director by Friday, April 29

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## MEALTIMES

### North & West

Breakfast: 8:15 am

Dinner: 12 noon

Supper: 5:45 pm

### South & East

Breakfast: 8:00 am

Dinner: 11:45 am

Supper: 5:30 pm

May your day be filled  
with moments that make  
you smile!

