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Our 2014 Queen & Her Court Crowned at Valentine Party

There was a bit of royal pageantry during our annual Valentine's Day party. For a new twist on the crowning of a sweetheart couple, Elmhurst residents elected a Valentine Queen and her court of three princesses by secret ballot.

In photos at right, from top to bottom, are Mary Eleanor Colvin who will reign as queen during 2014, and her courtesans - Helen Mendel, Alice Mason and Gladys Van Horne. Executive Director Jamie Crow presented each of the ladies with a crown and a red rose during our Valentine luncheon.

The Valentine party also celebrated the 15th wedding anniversary of Naomi and Henry Hupp (Feb. 13). The celebrants shared a beautiful red velvet cake with everyone.



Anniversary celebrants Henry and Naomi Hupp.



'Heart to Heart' Balloons from Kroger Are Valentine Treat!

The Mt. De Chantal Kroger store surprised Elmhurst residents with 100 beautiful heart-shaped balloons just in time for Valentine's Day as part of its "Heart to Heart" program. Pictured, left to right, with the balloons are Nik Smereck of Kroger, Gladys Van Horne, Caroline Becker, and Lynda Schayes, Kroger co-manager. Thank you!



Jamie's Corner

Jamie Crow, Executive Director

Whew! February definitely was a month that we won't soon forget. Having made it through some of the worst weather in years, we soon found ourselves faced with a stomach illness that affected dozens of our residents—as well as many staff.

But we survived beautifully because of the heroic efforts of the phenomenal people who work in many capacities at Elmhurst.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for going above and beyond what they do for each of our residents on a daily basis — which is always more than is expected, to make our residents comfortable as they returned to good health. It was a monumental effort, done cheerfully and thoughtfully as we delivered three meals daily to our residents' rooms, provided a drink cart outside of mealtimes, and a selection of some of the latest magazines for entertainment.

The residents themselves were “troopers” of the first degree. Despite their symptoms, they were wonderfully supportive of our efforts to get them back “in the pink” again. Thanks to each of you as well as your family members who were kept informed of the situation and were so understanding of the “no admittance” policy that was in place for about a week.

But we survived a very unusual occurrence and are ready for spring!

On another note, Elmhurst's board of directors has established a new arm of Elmhurst known as “Friends of Elmhurst.” This group will be dedicated to engaging the community in fundraising activities for key capital and program needs and to raise awareness about Elmhurst and our mission as a non-profit senior living residence. We will be providing greater details in our next issue.

Now that things are back to normal, we're getting ready to celebrate St. Paddy's Day, Mardi Gras, and the return of warm weather - soon. And please send us your recipes for the cookbook!

Remembering Shirley... by Gladys Van Horne

The passing of Shirley Temple (Black) at age 85 evoked memories to many of our Elmhurst family.

The dimpled, curly-topped child of our depression-ridden country afforded relief from the cares of daily life.

Both Alice Mason and Alberta Huggins had younger sisters who collected every bit of memorabilia about the dimpled child star that they could find.

A friend of mine saw every Shirley Temple movie by attending 10-cent matinees at her local theater.

Temple went on to become an amazing human being as a wife, mother and diplomat for our country.

In tribute, a day-long showing of her movies was screened here. The Toni Zeakes dance studio plans a Shirley Temple theme for its annual review at the Capitol Theater later this year.



Residents' All-Time Picks

Movies That We Love Best



As the Oscar nominations were announced, Elmhurst residents revealed their all-time favorites from the big screen. There were several that came up time and time again, plus a few surprises.

“Gone with the Wind” garnered nine votes of the more than 30 polled. Deborah Kerr and Cary Grant’s “An Affair to Remember” was a close runner-up with “The Sound of Music” coming in third.

Other popular flicks included the more modern “Doctor Zhivago” and “Sleepless in Seattle,” “Ben Hur,” Hitchcock’s “Rear Window,” and the iconic “Casablanca.” Others enjoyed Jeanette McDonald and Nelson Eddy in “Rosemarie,” the exciting “King Solomon’s Mines,” “The Notebook,” and the science fiction “E.T.” And, for a good laugh, one resident opined that she really enjoyed the “Our Gang” movies, while another simply said “love stories” were her favorites.



St. Michael Parish School P-K students delivered Valentine door decorations to our residents and made an edible sweet treat. Displaying the door decorations, left to right above, are Mary Stanek, Dolly Meyer, Mary Eleanor Colvin, Executive Director Jamie Crow, Peg Foster, and Dot Pyle.



We St. Michael Parish School PKs



Thumbs Up Signals A-OK

A large group of residents gives the “thumbs up” signal as they enjoy a game of bingo following a week of recuperation from a stomach bug that caused everyone to rest in their quarters. B-9!

FEBRUARY SCRAPBOOK...what a month!



Enjoying our Valentine luncheon are, left to right, Alberta Huggins, Bob Martin, and Martha Gosney.

Won't You be My Valentine?

A beautiful and delicious Valentine luncheon warmed the hearts of everyone, despite the cold temperatures outside.

Residents enjoyed fresh fruit and sweets for dipping into the warm chocolate flowing from our fountain as we celebrated this special holiday.



Celebrating Valentine's Day, above, left to right, are Mary Sacco, Alice Mason, and Flossie Huls who celebrated her birthday on Feb. 13. In the center photo, the delicious dessert table and chocolate fountain await residents. Naomi and Henry Hupp, above, showcase the beautiful cake they shared with residents. Below left, the 2013 Valentine King and Queen, Milford Cunningham and Margaret McCarihan, end their reign. Also below, Dr. Frank Carenbauer surprises his mother, Janet, with a bouquet of fresh roses during for Valentine's Day. J'taime!



We celebrated the legacy of the late, great Shirley Temple with a double-feature of her movies, complete with ticket stubs for two theaters from the past, the Court, downtown, and The Mayfair on Route 40. Residents enjoyed the childhood favorite Shirley Temple cocktail at lunch before the featured flicks. Dot Pyle donated her collection of Shirley Temple's movies.



"Oh My Goodness...." Caroline Becker toasts her authentic, original Shirley Temple doll during the celebration of the star's life.



Music is the Perfect Ticket to Warm Winter's Snowy Weather for Residents



Local singer and guitarist Becky Hedrick entertained residents with her wonderful voice and guitar playing in February. In photo at left, Gretchen Strauss and Alice McCoy visit with Hendrick following her delightful performance.

Friends of Elmhurst

Generosity from "Friends of Elmhurst" helps us to continue the high quality of service we are proud to provide our residents.



We are grateful for every gift and ask for your continued monetary support through donations, memorial gifts and bequests.



Please contact Jamie Crow if you wish to discuss information about planned giving, bequests, gift annuities and endowments. All such contributions are Tax Deductible.

Send contributions to Elmhurst at
Friends of Elmhurst

1228 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

A Few Facts About Elmhurst

- We are a Non-Profit Senior Residence for men, women and couples who are retired, or still working.
- You manage your own finances.
- Residents enjoy all amenities for one monthly fee, including three fine meals, laundry services, housekeeping, transportation, activities and more.
- Elmhurst has a variety of apartment sizes, including one and two-bedroom suites.
- Our campus is safe and staffed by resident assistants, 24-hours a day.
- Your guests are welcome for meals and special occasions. Snowbirds welcome.
- Free parking for your vehicle.



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Tea & Topics - Laughter was the order of the day when local reviewer Carol Ramser presented a re-cap of the book "Growing Up Laughing" by actress Marlo Thomas, daughter of entertainer Danny Thomas. This behind-the-scenes peek at one of Hollywood's favorite families was a perfect way to spend a winter afternoon.

Many thanks to Henry and Naomi Hupp for the monetary donation.

Thank You...Thank You...Thank You

To date, our residents have donated \$7,155.93 to the Laughlin Chapel Milk Fund. Thank you!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Resident Mary Porterfield March 1
Staff Kyle Manning March 26



MARCH CALENDAR

- Saturday, Mar. 1** Saturday Night at the Movies 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Mar. 2** "North America" film 6:30-7:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 3** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Bingo 2-3 pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 4** **FAT Tuesday**/Lunch with Books Noon-1 pm/Meet Your Neighbor Lunch/ YAHTZEE 2 pm
- Wednesday, Mar. 5** Exercise 10 am/Wheeling Island Racetrack & Casino 1:30-3:30 pm
- Thursday, Mar. 6** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Lunch & Movie at Highlands
- Friday, Mar. 7** Donuts with Jamie 10 am/Bridge 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 8** Bingo with WJU students 1 pm/Movie 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Mar. 9** Daylight Savings Time/"North America" film 6:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 10** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Birthday Lunch/Bingo 2 pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 11** Lunch with Books 11:30 am/Scrapbooking with Belma Jean 2 pm
- Wednesday, Mar. 12** Exercise 10 am/Ohio Valley Mall Shopping 1:30 pm
- Thursday, Mar. 13** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Becky Hedrick Irish songs
- Friday, Mar. 14** St. Michael students 1:30 pm/WSO Concert 7:15 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 15** Bingo with WJU students 1 pm/Movie 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Mar. 16** "North America" film 6:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 17** Exercise/Walking 10 am/**St. Patrick's Day Party** 2 pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 18** Lunch with Books 11:30 am/ Meet Your Neighbor Lunch/YAHTZEE 2 pm
- Wednesday, Mar. 19** Exercise 10 am/Tea & Topics "Animals in Winter" with naturalist Scott Shalaway 2 p.m
- Thursday Mar. 20** "**SPRING**" Exercise/Walking 10 am/Shopping at The Highlands 2 pm
- Friday, Mar. 21** Bridge Night 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 22** Bingo with WJU students 2 pm/Movie 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Mar. 23** "North America" film 6: 30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 24** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Bingo 2 pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 25** Lunch with Books 11:30 am/Afternoon Movie 2 pm
- Wednesday, Mar. 26** Exercise 10 am/Market Vines lunch Noon/Pastor Willits sing-a-long 2:30 pm
- Thursday, Mar. 27** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Puddin 1 pm/Roundtable 2 pm
- Friday, Mar. 28** Bridge Night 6:30pm
- Saturday, Mar. 29** Bingo with WJU students 1 pm/Movie 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Mar. 30** "North America" film 6:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 31** Exercise/Walking 10 am/Shopping at Pebbles 1:30 pm