

# The New BUGLE CALL

FROM THE CEO

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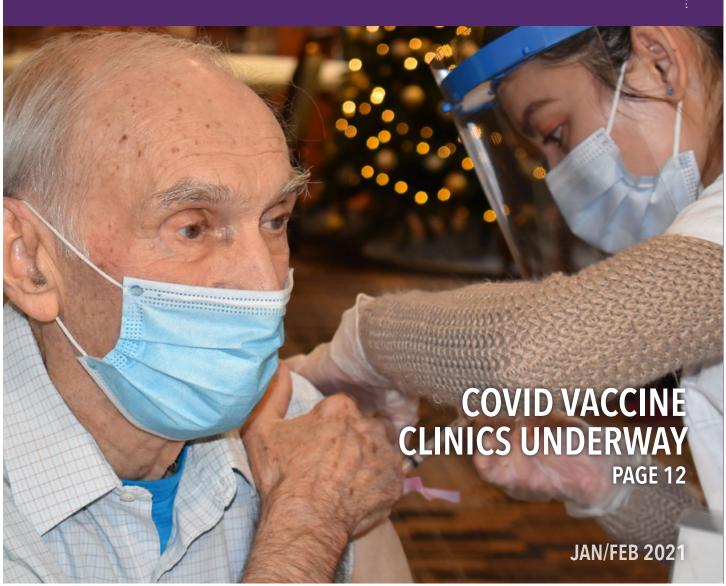
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Happy 2021 to you!

I am looking forward to a healthy and happy year. The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is well in view.

By now, most of our community has received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at our on-site clinics. We worked closely with health officials to ensure that everyone living and working at Knollwood would be included in the first phase of vaccine administration in our region.

I am proud of how we got through 2020 together. Thank you for maintaining a positive, supportive attitude in the midst of our many health and safety protocols.

As you can see, our Bugle has a new look!
I hope you enjoy it and I invite your feedback.
We are always looking to improve how we communicate and share news about our community. I would love to know your thoughts.

Best wishes to you and yours!

Sincerely,

Timothy P. McHale

Major General, USA (Ret.)
President and CEO

ADF (Army Distaff Foundation) &

Knollwood Military Life Plan Community

# KNOLLWOOD RESIDENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Residents and families contributed \$75,000 last December to the annual Knollwood Employee Appreciation Fund (KEAF) drive to recognize employees for their excellent service. Special thanks to our KEAF Committee, ably led by Ray Lepesqueur, for making the drive such a great success.



# SANTOS LEADERSHIP AWARD HONORS FOUR

In memory of the late Enrico Santos, our dedicated Chief Financial Officer who passed away in April 2020, we created the Enrico Santos Exceptional Leadership Award to recognize outstanding Knollwood leaders. The award recognizes those who display extraordinary compassion, commitment, integrity, humility, and selfless service – qualities that were so evident in Enrico.

At a ceremony on December 22, 2020 attended by Enrico's family and ADF Chairman Jack Keane, we honored four leaders for their outstanding service over the past year in our community:

- Arlette Kesseng-A-Mbassa, RN, Director of Nursing
- Margo Buda, RN, Clinic Nurse
- Taci Merkley, Controller
- Sarah Prowitt, Wellness Director



2020 award winners with the Santos family, featured left to right: Louisa Santos (daughter), Margaret Santos (wife), Taci Merkley, Sarah Prowitt, Arlette-Kesseng-A-Mbassa, Margo Buda, Gabriela Santos (daughter), Rosi Santos (daughter), and Joseph Santos (son).



Enrico Torres Santos served as Chief Financial Officer of ADF and Knollwood for 15 years, from 2005 until his passing in 2020. A faithful Catholic, loving and devoted father, and proud American citizen, Enrico was a remarkable man steeped in honor and integrity.

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# WHAT'S A MAKERSPACE?

A place where people create, invent, tinker, explore, and discover using technology and tools, such as computers, 3D printers, craft machines, and more.



# HELP SUPPORT OUR LAB

Your donation to our Innovation for Health and Wellness Fund can help grow our makerspace. Call James Michels at 202-541-0492 to learn how to make an impact.

# WELLNESSMATTERS

# THE JOY OF MAKING

Studies show that people who participate in meaningful activities report feeling healthier and happier. Makerspaces have much to contribute in this regard.

# **KNOLLWOOD OPENS MAKE & TECH LAB**

Makerspaces started in libraries, museums, and universities to help connect learning and technology. Committed to lifelong learning as a part of healthy aging, Knollwood built a Make & Tech Lab, a collaboration between the Knollwood Resident Association, management, and researchers from University of Maryland's Information School. Knollwood is the first life plan community to offer a makerspace to independent living residents. Officially opening its doors in December 2020, our well-equipped workshop offers computers, a color printer, a digital sewing machine, a button maker, a 3D printer, a digital embroidery machine, a Cricut machine, and jewelry-making supplies. From handmade cards to new jewelry to election-style buttons, opportunities abound. One creative thinker even upcycled a vest into a purse!

# **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

The lab was built with accessibility in mind. Laminated instructions help residents understand how to use each machine, and staff and resident volunteers are there to lend a hand. When COVID restrictions no longer apply, family members, students, and volunteer makers from DC public libraries will be invited to use the lab, creating new opportunities for intergenerational volunteering.

### **EASY TO USE**

The equipment has many user-friendly features, such as self-threading needles on the digital sewing and embroidery machines. And, the machines were handpicked with versatility in mind. The Cricut allows users to cut or draw on cardstock, vinyl, and even iron-on material. The 3D printer can translate .stl models into real life objects, from bird houses to planters and more, now on display in the lab. People who simply need a computer will find a Mac and a PC, both connected to Wifi and color printing.

### **HEALTH BENEFITS OF MAKERSPACES**

- Greater meaning and purpose by being active, productive, and intentional with your time
- Meaningful social connections by collaborating with or working alongside others in an industrious group setting
- More laughter and happiness from a fun, engaging experience that can brighten your day
- Better mental fitness by challenging your brain to learn new technologies and master new skills

The Make & Tech Lab is open 24/7.

Drop in anytime!



A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the new Make & Tech Lab. Left to right: Sarah Prowitt, Jerry Burkett, Col Bricker, Nancy Roderer, Tracy Whiteside, Joyce Simons



Nancy Roderer completing a gemstone bracelet



What new equipment would YOU like to see in the Make & Tech Lab?

Ideas welcome! Call Sarah Prowitt (x506).

# WELLNESSEVERYDAY

# INDEPENDENT LIVING (THE HALL)

### ON THE MOVE

Tai Chi Mondays 1pm
Sit 'n Fit Tuesdays and Fridays 1pm
Zumba Wednesdays 10am
Standing Fit with Chris Tuesdays 11am
Yoga with Robin Thursdays 2:30pm
Virtual OmPractice Yoga Sarah x506

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

Make & Tech Lab Open 24/7
Painting Classes see calendar
Craft Classes see calendar

### **LEARNING FOR LIFE**

Brain Fit Thursdays 10am
Lecture Series see calendar
Library Daily 7am to 8pm
Writers Workshop see calendar

### **JOY OF MUSIC**

Drumming for Wellness see calendar

National Philharmonic Orchestra (Streamed in Anderson)

Kennedy Center Online see schedule kennedy-center.org/digitalstage

Wolf Trap Online see schedule wolftrap.org/sessions.aspx

# STAYING CONNECTED

Bingo Tuesdays 2:30pm
On-Site Family Visits Loraine x135
Virtual Family Visits Janie x130

### FOR YOUR HEALTH

Clinic Nurse Margo x413

Massage Therapy Annie 202-270-7401

Psychiatry Tele-visits Margo x413

AllCare Foot and Ankle 703-462-8145

# **EVERY MIND & BODY**

Fall Prevention Assessment
Healthy Aging Therapies
Pain Management
Rehabilitation and Recovery
call x403 to schedule

# CHAPEL

Catholic Saturdays 4pm and 4:40pm
(reserve with Julia x132)

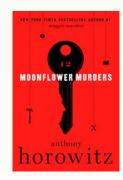
Protestant Sundays 11am and 12pm
(Episcopal on first Sundays)

Please see CareMerge and published monthly calendars for a full program listing and activity locations.

# LIBRARIAN'S PICKS

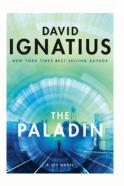
#### **MOONFLOWER MURDERS**

Written by Anthony
Horowitz, this pageturner features literary
detective Atticus Pund
and Susan Ryeland, hero
of The Magpie Murders. It
is a complex thriller with
echoes of Agatha Christie.



### THE PALADIN

This great read by
David Ignatius involves
a daring CIA operation
gone wrong, prompting
Michael Dunne to seek
revenge. Recommended
by Maggie Kelly!



# THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE

Erik Larson's excellent book on Winston Churchill is now available here in large print. A very popular read that is not to be missed.



# ASSISTED LIVING (THE TERRACE) & NURSING CENTER

### **WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

Chapel Services and Chaplain Visits

Exercise

Art

Music

**Group Games** 

**Letter Writing** 

Poetry Hour

Scripture Reading

Sing Fit

Story Telling

**Brain Games** 

Daily activities on varied schedule.
Call Juanell x158 or x325 for details.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

**Healthy Aging Therapies** 

Palliative Care

Pain Management

Podiatry

**Primary Care** 

Psychiatry

Rehabilitation and Recovery

Call Jessica x501 for assisted living Call Karen x155 for skilled nursing

### **FAMILY VISITS - VIRTUAL AND ON-SITE**

Assisted living (jglotzbach@armydistaff.org)
Skilled nursing (kfryer@armydistaff.org)

# COMMUNITYLIVING



Jan Miller with beautiful snowflakes handmade by her mother 30 years ago



Delores Harris, Pat Rich and Callie Daugherty made necklaces in the Make & Tech Lab



Mary Dulany beautifully adorning a handheld mirror

# WHAT'S NEW IN THE HALL?

# PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?

Join our French conversation group! Call Sam Corlette (x360).

# **CHEERS!**

Whether you're a connoisseur or thirsty for something new, don't miss our Wine Club. Learn more from Sam Corlette (x360).

# **MAKE & TECH LAB**

Open 24/7 so you can be creative any time of day... or night! Call Sarah Prowitt (x506) for details.

# JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Symons Elaine Law Joanne McClure Rebecca Birk Dixie Robinson Jane Corlette Joseph Wachter **Arthur Dewey Ethel Norris** Judith Allen Annette Melcher **Rosemary Strange** Susan Burns **Joyce Simons** Faith Earll William Duncan Elizabeth Pettit Linda Carlson Ruth Haley Margaret King Thelma Taylor Nancy Axelrod Donald Kaufmann Deborah Crissman

Katye McLaughliin-Young



Councilman Brandon Todd presenting Knollwood resident Thelma Mrazek a resolution from the Washington DC City Council recognizing her service to our nation and the Knollwood community.

# THELMA MRAZEK HONORED

Knollwood resident, Thelma Mrazek, is a long-standing volunteer on former DC Councilman Brandon Todd's General Advisory Committee, which addresses issues impacting seniors living in Washington, DC.

The DC City Council unanimously recognized, honored, and congratulated Thelma for her valuable contributions to the Council as an editor, researcher, and advocate for older Americans in the District of Columbia, as well as for her service to our nation.

# COMMUNITYLIVING

# THE TERRACE

Jolly Old Saint 'Esposito' showing his holiday spirit



Gloria Sperry and her gingerbread house extraordinaire!



Jane Smoot giving Santa her Wish List. Even Santa practiced social distancing!



Mary Moe spending time with her loved ones. COVID made family visits a little different this year...



Steve McLean made sure the tree had no bare spots!



Our Little Store decor brought holiday cheer.

# JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Canham Shirley Dean

June Ley

Clara Langer

# **NURSING CENTER**



John Jacobs displaying his beautiful wreath



Francis Johns making homemade Christmas ornaments



Marmetta Hamilton-Cooper making spirits bright with her decorating talent



Priscilla LeBourgeois hard at work on her gingerbread house creation



Naomi Thomas decked the halls with her tiny tree



Catherine Adams looking fun and festive!

# COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS UNDERWAY

At long last, relief is in sight! The development and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine will put an end to the months-long pandemic that derailed 2020 around the globe. On January 6 and January 15, 2021, we administered **650 doses** of the life-saving vaccine to residents, staff, and contractors! Second doses will be administered in two February clinics.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Donna Epps, our Health Services Administrator, and Peter Loew, our new Director of Human Resources, for their Herculean efforts to orchestrate Knollwood's on-site vaccine clinics. Both have worked tirelessly, in close collaboration with Walgreens, local health officials, expert advisors, and our Clinical Review Board, on plans to safely and swiftly administer the vaccine to everyone who lives and works at Knollwood.







# DONNA EPPS, HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

A DC native, Donna joined Knollwood in August 2020. She has an extensive background in health administration, including life plan communities, rehab centers, and hospitals. She enjoys tennis, board games, cooking, and writing. She is currently working on her first book.



# PETER LOEW, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Peter joined our community late last year. He brings more than 20 years of experience in the human resources industry, including 11 years in life plan communities like ours. Peter volunteers for Little Falls Village, which helps seniors who are aging in place.

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# WELCOME TO KNOLLWOOD

### **EUGENE AND ESTHER HERMAN**

Eugene and Esther met as undergraduate students in 1958 at the University of California, Berkeley. Eugene received a Master of Science Degree and PhD from the University of San Francisco, then briefly served in the U.S. Army before joining the U.S. Public Health Service. Currently, he works at the National Cancer Institute two days a week and enjoys playing the trombone. Esther received a Master of Social Work degree from Catholic University and had a rewarding career as a Social Worker and Child and Family Therapist. They have four children, three of whom live in the area, and many grandchildren. We wish you much happiness at Knollwood, Eugene and Esther!



### **ROLAND LIPPOLDT**

Originally from Kinsley, Kansas, Roland was a wheat farmer during high school and college. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Phillips University in Oklahoma. A summer job at the University of Kansas Medical Center led to his commission with the U.S. Public Health Service at the National Institutes of Health, where he conducted medical research for 50 years. Roland also earned a Master of Science Degree in protean chemistry from Georgetown University. Roland enjoys square dancing, travel, theater, classical music, and singing with his church choir. His son Stephen and grandson Aric live in Clear Springs, Maryland. Roland, welcome to Knollwood!



# JENNIFER URQUHART

A native Washingtonian, Jennifer lived 43 years in DC's Palisades neighborhood. After graduating from Smith College, Jennifer had a career with the National Geographic Society as a researcher and writer. Jennifer and her cat, Lucky, moved to Knollwood in November 2020. She has aphasia but fully understands what people say and is eager for conversation! Welcome Jennifer! We are so pleased you are here and look forward to getting to know you!





# ADF HAS A NEW LOOK

ADF has evolved considerably since our founding more than 60 years ago to serve female relatives of US Army servicemen. Today, as an innovative leader caring for men and women from all military services, we've updated our logo (above) to better represent what we do and whom we serve.

ADF is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1959 that provides housing, health, and wellness services to older adults who served our nation, regardless of financial status, through Knollwood, a residential community that we built, own, and operate.

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# YOUR SUPPORT BUILDS A STRONG FOUNDATION

### A NEW WAY TO DONATE

To help sustain and improve quality of life at Knollwood, ADF seeks donor support through various giving programs. New this year, we are creating an Honor Wall on the ADF website where you can donate in honor or memory of a loved one and your gift designation will be presented as a virtual brick as a tangible show of support. We are excited to share details next month on how you can participate.

### ADF GIVING SOCIETIES NEED NEW MEMBERS



The General Maxwell D. and Lydia Taylor Society was established in 1996 for people demonstrating their commitment to ADF's mission with a gift of \$50,000 (over five years).



The Rosamond Davis Legacy
Society recognizes supporters who
further the important mission of ADF
through a planned gift, bequest,
or donated admissions fees.

Interested in learning how you can improve life at Knollwood? Call James Michels, Vice President of Development, at 202-541-0492.

### A RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a committed ADF partner. Since 2017, AER has helped ADF care for Army service members and their families through financial support. In a December 2020 Signing Ceremony between ADF's MG McHale and AER's Chief Executive Officer LTG Raymond Mason, USA, (Ret.), the two foundations executed a new Memorandum of Agreement documenting AER's continued grant support for housing,



LTG Raymond Mason, USA, (Ret.) pictured far left with his team at ADF's 2020 Camaraderie Classic Golf Tournament

food, and medical care for Army spouses and their families facing financial hardship. The new agreement continues through 2023. Together, AER and ADF are caring for those who served.

# **ADF BOARD GAINS THREE**

We are pleased to welcome three new members to ADF's Board of Directors. Unanimously approved late last year, our newest members bring valuable expertise to help pursue ADF's mission and vision:



COL Lucretia M. McClenney, MSN, RN, USA, (Ret.) brings a tremendous background in healthcare.



MG Anthony C. Funkhouser, PE, USA, (Ret.) enhances our Board with deep expertise in engineering and facilities.



LTG Edgar E. Stanton, III, USA, (Ret.) offers extensive financial management experience.

DONATE ONLINE TO SUPPORT KNOLLWOOD AT WWW.ARMYDISTAFF.ORG

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STRONGER ★ SMARTER ★ SAFER

# **CECA FOUNDATION AWARDEES**

Congratulations to winners of the Ceca award, created to "Celebrate caregiver" excellence.

### SHANEYA GEOHAGHAN

Shaneya Geohaghan provides IT support to Knollwood residents. She hit the ground running when she arrived, busily helping people with their diverse electronic needs. She is extremely pleasant, very knowledgeable, and a real lifeline for residents who need help connecting virtually with their family members during this challenging COVID season.

Knollwood residents continuously say that Shaneya is a great listener and always patient, always helpful. She has fixed computers, clocks, phones, and more. She even helps out in the Make & Tech Lab, a new favorite for many residents. Always willing to pitch in and lend a helping hand, Shaneya is a real asset to the Knollwood team!



Shaneya with Knollwood's Chief Operating Officer, Col Paul Bricker, USA (Ret.)

### **GRACLYN ABOSI**

Graclyn Abosi is a nurse at Knollwood who excels at caring for others. One Saturday in November, Graclyn was on duty as the Clinic Nurse. A resident in the Hall was experiencing health difficulties, but refused to let anyone provide assistance. A family member arrived to take the resident to the hospital, but the resident still refused help. Calmly and graciously, Graclyn arrived on the scene. She called an ambulance, stayed with the resident, and ensured the resident safely transitioned into the capable hands of emergency medical personnel – even though her shift had already ended. Graclyn is to be commended for her deep care, demonstrated expertise, and willingness to go the extra mile.



Graclyn with Knollwood's Clinic Nurse, Margo Buda