

Monthly Review

A monthly newsletter for residents and family members of Jerome Home and Arbor Rose

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Jerome Home and Arbor Rose honor long-time employees

More than 30 employees of Jerome Home and Arbor Rose were recognized with Longevity Awards at a celebration held on May 16. Staffers who had worked there from five to 25 years were honored. Among them were the two executive directors: William Menoche, Arbor Rose; and Lori Toombs, Jerome Home, both of whom have achieved 10 years. Two employees, Susan Kuchman, human resources director, and Lyudmila Voytovich, certified nursing assistant, reached their 25-year



Photo by Rusty Kimball

Employees achieving milestones receive awards during the Longevity Ceremony.

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Arbor Rose veteran among honorees at Wartime Service Ceremony

It is more than 65 years since the Korean War ended. However, Kenneth L., an Arbor Rose at Jerome Home resident, can still recount many stories of his wartime service. He had the opportunity to share his memories at the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Ceremony held May 22 at Mulberry Gardens of Southington, an assisted living and memory care community located at 58 Mulberry St.

Kenneth served “three years, one month and 11 days” during which he was stationed on the Icebreaker USS Edisto and Aircraft Carrier USS Tarawa, among other assignments. His duties included taking weather readings

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Arbor Rose resident Kenneth L., center, receives congratulations from Sherri Vogt, left, and Wayne Rioux, Hartford HealthCare at Home veterans liaisons.

News from Arbor Rose and Jerome Home

- In July, a My InnerView Survey will be sent to residents and families. We appreciate and value your response.
- Cookouts are held every Friday through Aug. 31
- The Gardens Renovation is almost complete.
- New lighting has been added to the resident parking area for convenience and safety.
- A new fan and light have been installed in the courtyard gazebo for added enjoyment.
- New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart visited our community on May 3 with the Mobile Mayor’s Office to update our residents on important New Britain news.
- In May, we took a “Join the Herd” trip to Bradley Mountain Farm in Southington to feed the goats.
- Some of our celebrations included Mother’s Day and Memorial Day.
- Save the Date: July 4 barbecue for residents, staff and families.
- Upcoming summer events include a Walnut Hill Park concert, Connecticut River cruise and Family Night – Virtual Dementia Tour.

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Veteran from page 1 and sending them to headquarters, helping plot weather maps, and sending and tracing weather balloons. His rank was AGAN (Aerographer’s Mate Airman). Highlights of his military service were seeing the “Land of the Midnight Sun” while on the Edisto and visiting the South Atlantic on the Tarawa, he said.

He and the two other recipients, residents of Mulberry Gardens, received a letter and certificate from Thomas Saadi, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sherri Vogt, veterans liaison, Hartford HealthCare at Home, pinned the service medals on each honoree as Wayne Rioux, also a veterans liaison, read their bios detailing their accomplishments.

Will Menoche, Arbor Rose executive director, has a message for the veterans: “Thank you for committing your life to defend the United States of America. Thank you for sacrificing your time, family, friends and health in order to serve. Thank you never feels like quite enough to say for all you sacrificed. You are the warriors! Your service to our country has not been forgotten or overlooked. The consequences of putting on the uniform are reflected in who you are, no matter how many days you served, where you served, or how long ago you served our country.”

Staff profile:

Tiffany Kuczynski,
Assistant Director of Nursing

Tiffany Kuczynski, RN, oversees the entire CNA department of more than 90 employees and with the director of nursing helps with oversight of the 120-resident population. She started as a CNA in 2005, then earned her LPN and graduated from Capital Community College Associate RN program in 2015. She has also worked as a staff development nurse and infection prevention nurse. “I strive on implementing the highest standards of care at Jerome Home and make sure our customers have the best experience they can throughout their stay.”



welcome! Call Donna Valente at 860.356.8284.

Snapshots of life at Arbor Rose and Jerome Home



Jerome Home resident Eleanor S. gardens with the assistance of Marta Komosinska, recreation staff.



Angie B., a resident of The Gardens, wished for dancers to come visit Arbor Rose. On May 18, dancers of all ages from Studio 3 Dance Center in Newington performed for residents in Arbor Rose and Jerome Home. Many of our residents could reminisce back to when they were dancers. Have a wish? We have a Wish Box located on the banquet table outside of the Arbor Rose Dining Room.

Milestones from page 1 mark. Kuchman began working at Jerome Home in a temp position in 1993 and regards the residents as her extended family, she said. "You know you've been here a long time when children of former residents are now becoming residents themselves," she joked. "But it also says a lot about Jerome Home when they want to come to us because of how well we treated their family members in the past."

Additional honorees included five years - Mary Burgos, Amparo Castaneda, Eva Clark, Claudia D'Onofrio, Denise Ferreira, Ronald Hearn, Christine McEachron, Courtney Rockhill, Frances Rogers, Lizeth Senior-Hazel and Alexandria Weber; 10 years - David Brown, Irena Dabrowska, Patrice Eleveld, Virginia Flores, Elzbieta Kolc, Kelli Makara, Grazyna Mikucki, Brenda Nunez, Susann Pavano, Marilyn Szymanski, Violetta Tokarczyk; 15 years - Krystyna Davis, Martina Haynes Esnard, Barbara Korycinska, Stacy Puzio and Susan Skarzynski.

The executive directors said that the fact so many employees have been at Arbor Rose and Jerome Home for years is a testimony to their dedication to the residents and the communities. Congratulations!

Our bee has arrived in New Britain

The Arbor Rose and Jerome Home "Right Choice" Bee recently arrived in New Britain as part of the "Bees Across New Britain," a project of the City of New Britain and Greater New Britain Arts Alliance. This public art project was inspired by New Britain's rich tradition of "worker bees" and in the same spirit as West Hartford's "cow parade."



Our bee will definitely generate a buzz when it comes to live at our community later this summer.

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Dementia Support Group resumes at Arbor Rose

Every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease in the United States. In Connecticut, there are 78,000 people living with the disease and 178,000 caregivers, according to the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Caregiving takes a huge emotional, physical and financial toll on families. But support groups can offer caregivers a place to share experiences, learn coping skills and feel welcome.

Arbor Rose offers a free dementia caregivers support group on the second Tuesday of each month (next meetings: July 9 and Aug. 13), from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at 975 Corbin Ave. Topics may include communication techniques; legal and behavioral issues; and financial problems. Facilitators listen, guide the conversation and provide information about community resources in a confidential setting. This group is facilitated by Ali Weber, MSW, Arbor Rose resident services coordinator, and Susan Grimes, transitional care coordinator, Hartford HealthCare at Home. For more information or to RSVP, call Weber at 860.356.8281.



We would love donations of any large-size 300 to 350-piece puzzles! Thank you! Call Donna Valente at 860.356.8284.



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Nicole Archambault-Benson, *Admissions Director*
at:



For a free lunch & tour of Arbor Rose, contact:
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