

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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A word from your **ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Residents and Families,

As we welcome the New Year 2026, I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your kindness, generosity, and continued support truly make Grand Oaks Palm City a special place to call home.

Thank you to our residents for your generous contributions to the Employee Fund and for the beautiful gifts shared with our staff during our Christmas celebration. Your thoughtfulness means more than words can express and bring great joy to our entire team. We are also deeply grateful to our wonderful vendors for their continued partnership, support, and dedication to our community.

We are especially excited to share a very special milestone this month. Our beloved resident Dolly Werner will be celebrating her 100th birthday on January 20th! We look forward to honoring Dolly and celebrating this incredible milestone with her as she reaches this truly wonderful age.

As we begin the new year, please know that we are actively working on new and exciting activities to enhance your daily life and create even more opportunities for fun, engagement, and connection. We look forward to sharing these with you very soon. We are also excited to celebrate Activity Professionals Week from January 19th through January 23rd. Please join us in showing appreciation to our incredible Activity team, who work tirelessly to bring joy, creativity, and meaningful experiences to our residents every day.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Pizza Party on January 23rd, and we are thrilled to announce that our friend Ashley Cooper will be returning at the end of January with his wonderful performance. We can't wait to enjoy another fantastic show together!

Thank you for being such an important part of the Grand Oaks Palm City family. We look forward to a joyful, healthy, and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm regards,

Anita Topping
Anita Topping
Administrator





CHEF'S } CHICKEN
SPECIAL } DIANE



Breast of Chicken, Pan Seared and Flambéed with Brandy, finished with Mushrooms, Shallots, Dijon, Green Peppercorns, and a touch of Cream



Happy
BIRTHDAY!

JAN
13

Robert "Bob" G.



JAN
20

Marguerite W.

JAN
25

Gloria C.



JAN
25

Marjorie M.

JAN
26

Maxine C.

JAN
30

Shirley M.



JANUARY 2026
QUIZ CORNER

1. How many sides does every snowflake have?
2. What phenomenon brings freezing air from the North Pole?
3. When does winter officially start in the Northern Hemisphere?
4. What's the largest snowflake ever recorded?
5. Where are the first Winter Olympics held?
6. What color are polar bears?
7. What year did Alaska become a state?
8. What are the birthstone and birth flower for January?

answers on back cover



GUESS THE
RESIDENT



*Find out
who this
is on the
back of the
newsletter!*



New Move-Ins
WELCOME!

- Janet Mac.



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SUBJECT TO CHANGE



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT } SYLVIA M.



Sylvia grew up in Ormond Beach, Florida, alongside her three brothers, Marvin, Keith, and Cody, who have since passed away. One of her favorite childhood memories is going to the beach with her mother and siblings. Sylvia fondly recalls that her mother was allergic to the sun, so their beach outings often began around 4:00 p.m., when the sun was setting and the air was cooler—simple moments that created lasting memories.

Sylvia attended Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, Florida, and later earned her college degree in Accounting and Bookkeeping in Jacksonville, Florida. After completing her education, she began her career at a French novelty store in Jacksonville, where her dedication and hard work helped her advance to the role of Credit Manager.

When Sylvia's mother became ill, she made the heartfelt decision to return to Ormond Beach to be closer to her family. There, she began a new chapter working at an elementary school as the Principal's Secretary, a role she proudly held for 30 years before retiring.

Following retirement, Sylvia lived at The Ponds Assisted Living Facility in Ormond Beach for eight years before joining our Grand Oaks Palm City family in May 2023. Sylvia has never been married, but she treasures her close-knit family, including two nephews, two nieces, three grandnieces, and one great-grand-niece.

Something that may surprise many is Sylvia's deep love for travel. She has explored the world and visited incredible destinations such as Australia, Italy, Egypt, and the Holy Land—a true adventurer at heart!



When asked what she loves most about living at Grand Oaks Palm City, Sylvia shared how much she appreciates the wonderful staff, noting how everyone is always willing and eager to assist. She especially values the kindness and care shown by the kitchen staff, nurses, and CNAs, who help make her feel supported and at home every day.

We are so grateful to have Sylvia as part of our community and thank her for sharing her beautiful life story with us.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

JANIS KERWIN



This month, we are proud to recognize Janis Kerwin, our warm and welcoming Receptionist, who has been a valued member of the Grand Oaks Palm City team since we opened in 2016.

Janis grew up in Farmingdale, New York, alongside one brother and three sisters.

One of her favorite childhood memories is growing up in a close-knit neighborhood filled with friends. She also fondly remembers camping with her family during the summers along the Delaware River in New Jersey, creating memories that she has stayed with her throughout her life.

Janis attended and graduated from the State University of New York at Farmingdale. Before joining Grand Oaks, she worked for Northrop Grumman on Long Island as an Administrative Assistant. In 1995, Janis and approximately 150 co-workers were transferred to the Stuart facility, where she served as the Administrative Assistant to the Facility Manager, gaining extensive experience and demonstrating her dedication and professionalism.

Janis does not have children of her own, but she is very close to her niece and nephews, whom she considers like her own children. She loves spending time with family and enjoys traveling, playing golf, and reading in her free time.

Something interesting about Janis that many may not know is that she is a Stephen Minister at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City. Through this ministry, she also brings communion to those who are unable to attend church, reflecting her compassionate spirit and commitment to serving others.

When asked what she enjoys most about working at Grand Oaks Palm City, Janis shared that she loves getting to know the residents and learning their life stories, which she finds truly meaningful and rewarding.

We are incredibly grateful for Janis and the kindness, dedication, and heart she brings to our community every day.





Calendar Spotlight



Our Roots Run Deep

IN OUR
COMMUNITY

January 15th } Monthly Birthday Party
3:00pm



January 20th } Dolly's 100th Birthday Party!
2:00pm



JANUARY ANSWERS

1. Six
2. The Polar Vortex
3. The Winter Solstice
4. 15 inches wide
5. Chamonix, France
(1924)
6. Not white! Their skin
is black, and their fur is
hollow and transparent
7. 1959
8. Garnet (stone) and
Snowdrop (flower)

Guess the Resident Answer: William (Bill) King