

JANUARY 2020



Grand Oaks  
ASSISTED LIVING BY THE VNA  
PALM CITY

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

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ACTIVITY MANAGER:  
Heather Morris

## A WORD FROM YOUR *administrator*



Dear Residents,

What a beautiful holiday season we had at Grand Oaks of Palm City! We were bustling with entertainment and visitors from the community. Our

holiday party was a huge success as we sang, ate and watched the joy of our little ones with Santa. Thanks to all! Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Employee Appreciation Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Activity Professionals Week is January 19-25th. This year's theme is "Lighting the Way" through imagery, history, art projects, recipes, spirituality and music. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Heather and her team for their continued hard work and

for helping our residents maintain their highest level of well-being.

Lastly, don't miss the repeat performance from Ashley Cooper the entertainer January 20th at 3 p.m.!

Thank you for making Grand Oaks of Palm City your home. We love and appreciate every one of you. My wish for all of us is good health, great happiness and lots of fun and laughs in 2020.

Sincerely,

*Laurie Allen*



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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### ELSIE L., *Caregiver*

Elsie is our Employee of the Quarter! She was born in Haiti but moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1984. Her father printed newspapers while her mother owned a grocery store. Prior to becoming a caregiver, Elsie was an insurance agent. She shares four children and nine grandchildren with her husband who is a security guard. The couple met in Brooklyn have been married for 34 years!

In search of warmer weather, Elsie and her family moved to Miami, Florida in 2005. From there, she moved to Port St. Lucie. She has worked at Grand Oaks for two years. She said her favorite part about working here are the residents and the staff.

"They've become my family," she says.

When Elsie is not at work, she enjoys going to church, keeping up with the news in Haiti and hanging out with her family.



## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

### ESTHER L.

Esther, who is 98 years young, grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her father worked in a factory while her mother stayed at home. She attended South Division High School. After graduating high school, she met her late husband who was engineer for the city. Esther later went on to study accounting in business school. She has two daughters, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren!

After living in Milwaukee all her life, Esther moved to Grand Oaks in October 2019 to be closer to her daughter. She said that so far, she has been pleased with everything.

"The people are very nice. They are always available – I really appreciate the staff," she says.





### THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL

## *Filet Diane*

Petite filet pan-seared and flambéed with brandy, topped with mushrooms, shallots, Dijon, green peppercorns and a touch of cream.

## *Orations* BY OLGA

To be still and know who we are, and use what we got, and be the greatest gifts in life.

### DECK THE HALLS WINNERS:

- June M. - Most Creative
- Joan T. - Most Elegant
- Pat T. and Cynthia B. - Best joint effort for making their corner of the hall beautiful

### UGLY SWEATER WINNERS:

- Denisse C.
- Ginny P.

## *Guess* THE RESIDENT



Find out who it is on the back of the newsletter!

## *Happy Birthday*

JAN.  
09

Juan S.

JAN.  
11

Barbara G.















# Participate

## IN OUR MONTHLY EVENTS.

Refer to this month's calendar for more information and exciting activities!

JAN.  
19-25

### Activity Professionals Week



JAN.  
20

### Ashley Cooper the Entertainer

@ 3 p.m.



JAN.  
25

### Chinese New Year Begins

