

April 2024

# Meaford Messages

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## Celebrating April

### April Fools Day

*April 1<sup>st</sup>*

### Music with Jim & Mary

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>*

### Music with Michelle

*April 9<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>*

### Music with David Lathem

*April 11<sup>th</sup>*

### Events for Life

*April 15<sup>th</sup>*

### Hymn Sing with Ruthann

*April 15<sup>th</sup>*

### Earth Day

*April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

### Resident Council

*April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

### Walk for Alzheimer's

*April 24<sup>th</sup>*

### Music with James Skarnikat

*April 25<sup>th</sup>*

### Town Hall Meeting

*April 30<sup>th</sup>*

Hello Residents, Families and Friends,

Happy Spring! The warmer temperatures are upon us, and we are looking forward to getting back outside for walks and visits in the courtyard in the near future. To celebrate the warmer weather we are running another raffle draw in support of MEDA, the draw consists of a propane fire table, Bluetooth speaker and lots of other goodies to make the first long weekend of the year a fun one! Our cruise week was a massive success and we want to thank everyone for their support as we transformed the home into the SS Meaford Maiden- the residents had a spectacular time and are still talking about their sunny vacation! As a reminder we are always looking for volunteers to do friendly visits with residents and assist with programs- if this opportunity is of interest to you or someone you know, please reach out to Director of Programs, Wendi Cochrane [wcochrane@peoplecare.ca](mailto:wcochrane@peoplecare.ca)

Stay well,

Bethany Rupp  
Executive Director

**NEW:** A group just for you! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month starting April 3rd for our 'Admission Support Group'. Learn things like what to expect with Long Term Care, adjustment, Power of Attorney, local supports and meet other families going through the process too.

April 3rd @ 10:30AM in the Chapel

April 17th @ 5:30 PM in the Chapel

#### **Reminders:**

When taking loved ones on a Leave of Absence, please notify the Charge Nurse from their unit, ample time to have medication ordered to be able to send with POA.

Meaford Long Term Care has 24-hour nursing care. When an emergency occurs and a resident needs to see a physician, the Charge Nurse on their unit will inform the Clinical Nurse and in turn will notify the Physician or in some cases the Nurse Practitioner. For non-emergent medical issues, the Charge Nurse will complete a referral and the physician will review them when they are in for rounds.

## Welcome Home

Harold  
Gordon  
Patricia  
William  
Tod  
Jack  
Carolyn  
Sheryl



Erica - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rose Marie - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Meg - 12<sup>th</sup>  
George - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Joan - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Clare - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Robert - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Deani - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Isabell - 20<sup>th</sup>

### From the Desk of IPAC Mac

**HH Rates:** No changes. Residents are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer – especially prior to meals.

**Vaccine Rates:** No changes. Pneumovax vaccines will be administered to all eligible residents in the coming weeks. More information anticipated in regard to another recommended COVID vaccine for spring 2024 – stay tuned.

**Outbreak Summary:** No OB to review – lets keep it that way!

**Ministry/Policy Updates:** March 4, 2024 – Masking mandate resolved, and staff are no longer required to wear a mask while in a resident area. No other changes noted.

### Walk for Alzheimer's

Thank you for supporting the Alzheimer's Society in raising awareness and funds that will make a difference in the lives of people living with dementia, their caregivers and families. We are participating in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's in Meaford on Wednesday April 24 @ 10:30 to help raise money on behalf of the Alzheimer Society, so they can meet the growing demand for programs and services. If you are able to help out and walk with your love one, please let the recreation department know by Monday April 22.

Thank you for whatever donation you can make. No matter how small or big, you are making a difference in the lives of people affected by dementia.

Thank you again for your generous commitment and support. Below is the link to the Walk for Alzheimer's donation page.

[https://support.alzheimer.ca/site/TR?px=1784313&pg=personal&fr\\_id=4841](https://support.alzheimer.ca/site/TR?px=1784313&pg=personal&fr_id=4841)

### In Memory Of

Rosemary  
Shirley  
Bert  
John  
James  
Tony  
Joseph

*Our deepest thoughts and sympathies go out to the family and friends*