## Resident Birthdays

- Maureen Roberts 4-4

## Staff Birthdays

- Lisa Partido 4-02
- Jeilen Antolin 4-12
- Angie Adzuara 4-14
- Sheila Olson 4-16
- Gladys Taccad 4-22
- Nikki Beach 4-26
- Mary Anne Abarientos 4-27
- Brian Weddel 4-27
- Mary Joy Malassab 4-28

We will recognize residents and staff with April birthdays at the Home Happenings celebration on Friday, April 27th.

### Scuttlebut...  
Sharie Manuel is expecting a baby boy! Father, Mark, and big brother, Markiss (age 4), along with Sharie, are so excited to meet the new little bundle of joy in the first week of June! Congratulations, Manuel family!

Please welcome Leahna Bagley as a new full-time RN II, and Nikia Valley as a new on-call CNA. We are all so glad that you have joined the Pioneer Home family!

Terri Moore will be our new Administrative Assistant. Terri is moving from Juneau with her husband, and they are both very excited for the change. We look forward to meeting her in the middle of April!

April Showers bring May flowers...
Welcome Dorothy ‘Dottie’ Olson

Dottie was born in Faunce, Minnesota, to Everett Harris and Edith Farr on November 13, 1932. She had three siblings: Richard Harris, Bob Harris and Roger Harris, all of whom have passed on. She is a High School graduate. Dottie has six children; Larry Beebe (North Pole, AK), Mickie Soule (Beaverton, Oregon), Rocky Beebe (Willow, AK), Barbara Powell (Craig, AK), Susan Beebe (Wrangell, AK), and Brandee Olson (Sitka, AK). Dottie has 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Dottie built and ran her own lodge in Wrangell, AK, for over 35 years. It was a huge event when her house burned down in Wrangell in 1971. She has had pets, some of them being a dog, a Scarlet Macaw, and a turtle. Dottie has travelled to Arizona, Washington, Oregon and Prince Rupert. Dottie’s favorite color is blue and her favorite flower is the blue carnation.

We welcome Dottie to R-House neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneer Home family!

Welcome Thomas Conley

Tom was born to Lawrence Conley and Margaret McGinley on January 27, 1944 in Pittsburgh, PA. He has three siblings: Joseph Conley (deceased), Judith (Pittsburgh, PA), and James Conley (Florida). Tom grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, and Richmond, WA. Tom received his MD from the University of Chicago and has been a practicing physician since then. Tom and Marylyn Conley were married on June 8, 1968. They have two children - Alexander Conley of Boulder, CO, and Anya Conley here in Sitka. Tom has traveled extensively in the past, to such places as Haiti, the Soviet Union, Kenya, Philippines, Europe, Thailand, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Ireland, and Paris. Tom is a Veteran and served as a Medical Officer and General Practitioner in the Navy. Tom has served on the Alaska State Licensing Medical Board. He was "Doctor of the Year" one year in Alaska. He served on the School Board when he lived in Ketchikan, Alaska, Wyoming, and here in Sitka. Tom had his own medical practice in Ketchikan, AK, and also worked for years as a Pediatrician at SEARHC in Sitka. Tom likes bright colors. He loves sweets and likes animals.

We welcome Tom to North Star neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneer Home family!
Welcome John ‘Jack’ Hermle

John Francis Hermle, Jr. was born in Juneau, Alaska, on January 2, 1936 to John Hermle, Sr. and Helen Hegberg. John had had one sister, Jean Mitchel, who passed away in 2016. John visited her annually in Polson, Montana, for at least two weeks, but sometimes for months. He has six nieces and nephews who include: Dennis, Roger, Rick, BJ, Lori and Cindy.

John graduated from Juneau Douglas High School in 1954. He attended Oregon State College and graduated in Business/Science in 1958. John worked for the State of Alaska in the Department of Labor, Department of Administration, and the Department of Education. He describes his work with the State as clerical; stating that he was just "another cog in the wheel". He was involved in the State's correspondence program when he worked for the Department of Education. John has also been a part of the Juneau Artist Gallery, known as "Jag", which is an artist co-op. John loves photography and has a grand collection of slides. John also liked to travel around the United States and he also lived in New York City for about 5 years where he studied photography.

We welcome Jack to Ocean View neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneer Home family!

Welcome Genevieve ‘Jennie’ Hinch

Genoeffa (Italian spelling of Genevieve) was born in Harrisburg, PA, on January 31, 1931, to John Miccila and Florencea Martone. She had three siblings; her eldest brother is deceased, Mike lives in Philadelphia, PA, and her sister, Elizabeth, lives in New Jersey. Jennie married Francis Hinch on September 8, 1956. Together they had one daughter, Mary Ann Hinch. Jennie moved to Fairbanks with her husband and daughter and ran an in-home daycare. Later they moved to Juneau where Jennie worked at Safeway for several years. Her daughter passed away in 2011 and her husband passed away in 2012. Jennie has a great sense of humor and extensive love for people. She enjoys groups, children, and babies. Jennie enjoys singing, dancing, and watching TV. She likes Family Feud, game shows, and mysteries.

We welcome Jennie to R-House neighborhood and the Sitka Pioneer Home family!
Day of Caring—Blatchley Middle School students show they care!
They will help us make ‘Moose Munch’ trail mix and join us for exercise and music!
April 20, 2018 @ 9:30am
(Main Lounge)

Spring Art Walk
SPH Gift Shop is one of the stops!
Bonnie Cotrell will play piano & refreshments will be served!
April 6, 2018 @ 5-8pm
(Gift Shop and Main Lounge)

Games with Pacific High students
Join students to play a game!
Fri. April 13, 2018 @ 9:30am
(Main Lounge)

Wearable Arts Screening
There will be a screening of the 2018 Wearable Arts Show, with outfits on display and snacks hosted by the Greater Sitka Arts Council.
Fri. April 20 @ 1:30pm
(Chapel)

Palo Alto Battlefield Presentation
by Park Ranger Karen Weaver
Wed. April 2, 2018 @ 1:30pm
(Chapel)

Mike Ito and Friends
Mr. Mike Ito was born in 1947 in Seijyo, Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Ito graduated from the Meiji University in 1970. He played banjo for a country music band at the University for 4 years. After he graduated, he left Japan for America. He stayed in California to find a job as a musician, while he studied to play fiddle. In 1978, he was offered a job of entertainer of the Baldknobbers Jamboree Show of Branson, Missouri. He performed on the fiddle, banjo and flat mandolin, as well as singing for 37 years at the Baldknobbers Jamboree Show in Branson. He retired in 2016 and now he enjoys playing with many different groups in across the US, as well as in Japan. Mr. Ito has shared the stage with artists such as Buck Owens, Willie Nelson, Conway Twitty, Waylon Jennings, B.B. King and others. He was featured in a national radio commercial for Dr. Pepper and has made special appearances on the ABC Morning Show, CNN, Miss USA pageant, NBC, Texas State Fair, and many other radio, newspaper and magazine features in the U.S. and Japan. Mike Ito has performed at the Buck Owens Show, Cotton Bowl, Grapevine Opry, Johnny High Country Music Review and in Las Vegas as well as internationally in Canada, Japan and Saudi Arabia. He was invited to perform at President Reagan’s reception ceremony and during President Bush’s campaign stop in Branson. He is the author of the book “America Viewed through Music” published in Japan.

We look forward to meeting Mr. Ito and hearing his music at the Sitka Pioneer Home.

Friday, April 6, 2018 @ 2:00pm in the Main Lounge
**Mother's Day Garden Box Planting**

Help plant the Front Porch Garden
It will be a diverse selection of edibles including herbs and vegetables. This variety of garden goodies will be fun to plant, grow and harvest from the comfort of our own front porch!

We will plant in the Main Lounge, then roll the garden out to the porch where it will benefit from the protection and warmth of the sunroom atmosphere while also getting fresh air.

When harvest time nears we will tour around the home to show how much everything grew!

**Friday, May 11, at 1:30pm in the Main Lounge**

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**The Brothers Snusgood**

"Why did the Norwegian wear two jackets while painting?"

"Because the directions on the paint can said 'put on two coats!'"
Thank You!!!

Greg put on a very nice demonstration of how to make scones. Greg also hosted an English High Tea with fancy treats, finger sandwiches and an assortment of beautiful china. Dayna donated a variety of special teas including locally harvested Labrador tea leaves. Thank you, Greg and Dayna!

Marge Ward donated a special print from her collection. The artist, Carl Kerr, was a very good friend of Marge, a long time Sitka resident, and he lived in the Sitka Pioneer Home. Thank you for sharing this painting; it will be treasured.

Julie Schmitts (piano), Ted Howard (Mandolin), and Lauren Wild (fiddle) entertained us with their lovely music and set the mood for our Rustic Western BBQ. Thank you for coming in to play for us!

Katsu made a special trip from New York to perform at the Sitka Pioneer Home! He did two lovely concerts for the residents and community members who attended. Thank you!

Erma’s Big Move
Erma (right) and Rolly share a snuggle as we joined to share our well wishes before Erma transferred to Juneau Pioneer Home.

We all miss you, Erma, and hope you are doing well!

With love,
Your Sitka Pioneer Home Family

Friends and furry companions are plentiful here!

Friends
Eden Moments

Scone Demo

English High Tea (with Judy's lovely Russian Samovar)

Games with Pacific High Students
Our Eden Alternative journey focus for April, May, and June...

Principle Ten:
Wise leadership is the lifeblood of any struggle against the three plagues. For it, there can be no substitute.

Look for the new lesson in the green folders on each neighborhood!
Your input is valuable!

Meetings:
Resident Meeting: Wednesday, April 11th @ 1:00pm
Certified Eden Associates: Friday, April 27th @ 10:00am

Home-wide Eden Neighborhood Team Meeting:
Friday, April 6, 2018 @ 1:00pm in the Main Lounge
Agenda: Review Tiger’s Whisker worksheets and introduce Principle Ten.

*Look to the Certified Eden Associates for support: Dayna Arnold (CEE), Skye Workman (CEE), Patty Ady, Mona Allen, Shari Carroll, Chris Davison, Betty DeCicco, Dolores Doggett, Saori Handy, Kathy Inman, Rolly Jeske, Pat Kehoe-Pendell, Jill Kollerup, Minda Manuel, Lisa Partido, Grace Roller, Katy Rouse, Denise Salter, Sharon Stitz, Becky Tremain, Brian Weddel, & Fredi Young

Volunteer Luncheon!
What a fun Pizza Party! We were so glad to spend this time with the volunteers. Those who didn’t make it for the Pizza Party are welcome to join us another time, so come on by!
The Fourth Annual **SPH Indoor Iditarod Relay Race**

The lead dog and musher start with their sled full of supplies…

...then they go around the loop stopping at checkpoints along the way. At each checkpoint there is a task. Bean bag toss (twice), roll the dice and answer a trivia question…

...For each point scored at a checkpoint they get to remove an item from their sled…

...Each team member takes a turn (which turns this race into a relay). They hand off the sled and a pair of mittens each time they finish a loop. Loops continue until all of the supplies are gone from the sled!

...the team with the fastest time wins! From left: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!
St. Patrick's Day Horse Race—Derby Day!

The festivities kick off with a betting booth...proceeds go to the winning team who will host a pizza party on their neighborhood! There are 5 horses in the race. Each horse represents one of the neighborhoods of the Home.

In winning order for 2018 (from left):

**WIN**  North Star—‘Shamrock’ (Jockey: Jean —Trainer: Chris)
**PLACE** Ocean View—‘Tillie’ (Jockey: Sue —Trainer: Susie)
**SHOW**  R-House—‘Sunny’ (Jockey: Anna —Trainer: Jill)
Garden Park / Sunset View—‘Brown Beauty’
(Jockey: Fredi —Trainer: Becky)
Northern Lights—‘North’n Lightning’
(Jockey: Galen —Trainer: Rolly)

Audience participation is a huge part of this race; they roll the dice so the horses know how far to move along the track! Thank you to all the dice rollers!
RUSTIC WESTERN  BBQ  DINNER

When you go to the Regional Basketball Tournament and run into some out-of-town family while you’re there...
Resident Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 7th 2018 @ 1:00pm (Main Lounge)

Attending:

Food Forum:
The crew is baking fresh breads daily. Okra and Hominy grits have been added to the menu cycle. English High Tea in main lounge is upcoming along with a scone baking demo prior to the event. Getting geared up for volunteer appreciation Pizza Party. We will serve corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick’s Day. Western BBQ menu is flank steak and BBQ chicken with corn on the cob, coleslaw, etc.

Old Business:
March - Iditarod Relay Race (9th), Scone cooking demo (13th), English High Tea (14th), St. Patrick’s Day Horse Race (16th), Rustic Western Dinner 23rd), Katsu Piano Concerts (28 & 29th).
April – Mike Ito and Friends (6th), Spring Art Walk (6th), Day of Caring Blatchley students volunteers (20th),

Agenda Items:
New residents: Robert James, Dottie Olson, and Thomas Conley.
Discharges: Erma Norlund moved to Juneau Pioneer Home
Looking forward to having herring eggs when they come in.

New Business:
Look forward to getting the Eden Warmth surveys as Activities staff hand them out in the next month.

Administrator's update:
Dayna was not available to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Skye Workman, Recreation Therapist I
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