



## February Newsletter 2019



# Vicinia Vibe!

Jammie's  
Gems

January was a busy month for us here at Vicinia Gardens.

Even though we had record breaking temperatures and tons of snow, we have stayed warm inside playing games and having fun. We even got into an indoor snowball fight game with soft white fluffy balls that we can throw at each other. We had a spectacular Tea Party and took the bus to the Mexican Restaurant Case Real.

The Men's Poker Night was a huge hit! They have been enjoying playing poker together. But don't worry, the Women haven't been left out. There are usually enough players to make a Men's table and a Women's table.

Also coming up this month, on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a presentation on India given by Megan Reish, a former employee of Vicinia Gardens and our Life Enrichment team.

Also, on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we are having a Representative from Young Living Essential Oil Company join us to teach about the importance of using essential oils for our health, and oils are also great for the elderly.

We love and encourage family and friends to join us and our residents on any activity, presentation, or outing. Please contact Ronella for any questions or updates!

Only 48 days until spring!!! We are having a great time here at Vicinia Gardens even with the bitter cold temperatures. We started the year with a fantastic New Years Eve party that had everyone celebrating the incoming year. As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a new pharmacy, Hometown. Not only are we transitioning to a new pharmacy, but we are also transitioning to a new electronic medication administration record. This new system will allow us to have better communication, records, and medication administration. I will be contacting families throughout the month to update paperwork and care plans.

# Learn About Your Neighbor

## Meet Irvin and Eleanor McCullough

Irvin was born in Plainwell and Eleanor was born in a farmhouse near Clarksville, MI. Irvin is the youngest of 4 children, while Eleanor was raised as an only child. Both of her brothers, one younger and older, passed away.

Irvin attended a 2-room school house in Orangeville, MI and graduated from Martin High School. Eleanor attended a 1-room school house thru the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated from Clarksville High School.

Irvin enjoyed playing football and Eleanor has always enjoyed playing the piano, and still does this for us at Vicinia Gardens.

Where their love story start... they met at a dance Hall in Wayland.

They have been married 63 years and they have 2 children, and 4 grandchildren.

Irvin spent time in the Navy, and then worked for Valley Metal in Plainwell. After the Valley Metal closed, he worked for Upjohn Company. He also spent time working in the onion fields near Orangeville.

Eleanor's profession was a school teacher. She started teaching in a 1-room schoolhouse for 6 years. After other teaching jobs, she taught young children at Plainwell Elementary for 28 years.

They enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, and even spent 2 months in Hawaii. They also visited Spain, England and Ireland.



## Meet Don and Bella Dubois

Don was born in Lakeview, MI and Bella was born in London, England.

Don grew up in a farmhouse as an only child and was raised by his grandparents. Bella was 11 when her parents passed away in 1941, her oldest sister stepped up to raise her. She has 2-half brothers and 2 half-sisters as well. She grew up in a Counsel House owned by the Government. She remembers WWII in England being bombed and having to go to the bomb shelters and rations after the war.

Don went to a 1-room country school for 5 years. He graduated from Lakeview High School. Don went into the Navy after high school. He worked in the paper mill for a while, then in 1966 went to work for GM and was one of the first 500 employed at the Kalamazoo Plant.

Bella went to Risley Avenue School in England. She finished school at the young age of 14. She got her first job at that same age and working in a sewing factor making baby clothes. Bella also played Rounders, which is like American baseball.

Their love story began when they first met on New Year's Eve in 1956. Don's ship was docked by the Big Ben Clock in England, and he and a couple buddies went to a dance hall. That's where they met Bella and a couple of her friends. They spent the evening enjoying the festivities around town. The next day they got together again and enjoyed several movies together and dinner. Don knew he was in Love right away! He always said, "they are just a couple of crazy love birds!"

Don and Bella have been married 61 years.

They have 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.



# Friendly Reminders: Updated\*

**Welcome Dogs** - As we welcome your loving pets, we want to remind our Vistors of our Pet Guildlines here at Vicinia Gardens. We need your animal's vaccinations on file. Please keep your dog on a short leash and respect our residents, staff and guests. Not everyone loves dogs as much as we do. Please clean up any "accidents" inside or outside the building. Most importantly, for the safety of our residents, we have the right to remove any pet at any time. We want an enjoyable visit for everyone, including your pet. ☺

**Family & Friends** - Please remember to sign your loved one out when they are leaving the building, and sign them back in when they return. When signing a resident out, let your loved one's Resident Aide know if they will be here for their next meal and if they need any medication while they are gone.

**Meals** - We welcome families and friends to join our residents for a meal, a small cost of \$3. Please let us know at least 24 hours in advance. Thank you!

**NOTICE:** We cannot use extension cords in our building. They are a fire Hazard and unsafe for our residents to have in their rooms. Please contact Bob, our Maintenance Man, if you have any questions or for alternative suggestions. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you!

**PHARMACY UPDATE:** Vicinia Gardens will be changing pharmacy providers on February 1, 2019.

Hometown Pharmacy will now be taking care of our Pharmaceutical needs.



## Resident Birthdays:

*None this month*

## Staff Birthdays:

*Corrine 2/11    Debbie 2/11    Kailey 2/11*

*Toni 2/20*

# Upcoming Events

**Light House Baptist Church Service:**

Every Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.

**Peace Service:** Every Monday @ 2:00 p.m.

**BINGO:** Every Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m.

**Lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken:**

Wednesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 P.M.

**India Presentation with Megan R.:**

Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 P.M.-

Family welcome to Join Us.

**M89 Movie Theater:** Wednesday,

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 P.M.

**Valentine Party:** Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 P.M.

**Sam & Pat Roach Performance:**

Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.

**Trip to Walmart:** Wednesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 P.M.

**Men's Lunch Outing:** Friday, Feb.

22<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:00 P.M.

**Trip to Salvation Army:** Wednesday,

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 P.M.



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