#### **RESIDENTIAL LIVING TRIPS**

#### HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE "Clue the Musical" **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7** 9:00 a.m. (TRIP)

The living branches coach will be traveling the Hampton, NJ to enjoy the hot served lunch and afternoon show, "Clue the Musical." The internationally popular game is now a fun-filled musical that brings the world's bestknown suspects to life and invites the audience to help to solve the mystery: who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon? Comic antics, witty lyrics, and a beguiling score carry the investigation from room to room. Even after the culprit confesses, a surprise twist delights the audience! The price of this trip which includes the served lunch, show and transportation is \$99.05 per person, to be billed on your statement following the trip. Sign up by calling or emailing Eileen Burks at 215 368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org the coach will begin to pick up at each entity beginning at 9:00 a.m.

#### PERKIOMEN TOURS & TRAVEL - CHESAPEAKE CITY, MARYLAND - SCHAFERS CANAL HOUSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025 9:00 a.m. (TRIP)

Perkiomen Tours & Travel will board residents and guests at 9:00 a.m. at Fisher Auditorium ONLY. We will be traveling to Chesapeake City, MD to enjoy a 11:30 a.m. seafood buffet at Schafers Canal House. Come enjoy the many breath taking views of the C & D Canal and enjoy the buffet, comprised of a variety of scrumptious seafood dishes. We will enjoy the two hour Johnny Seaton Show, featuring the rockabilly artist, Johnny Seaton. The price of this trip is \$148.00 which includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, tax and gratuity for lunch, show, and Perkiomen driver gratuity. You will be billed on your statement after the trip. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or <u>Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org</u> Approximate return to Dock Woods is 5:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to join us on this fun summer day trip!

#### WELLNESS CENTER

The walk-in Wellness Clinic is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:45-10:45 a.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. or by appointment at any other time. You can schedule a time to see Maria during her normal office hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Grandview Hospital Lab Services are available by appointment only for residents of Dock Acres, Dock Gardens, the Villas and residents of Dock Manor who have joined the Wellness Center. Please bring your lab and any therapy orders to Maria Popp in the Wellness Center at least 48 business hours before your requested appointment. Labs are drawn Mondays at 9:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Wellness Center Clinic. To make an appointment with the following doctors, please inform them that you will be seen at Dock Woods.

> Dr. Alexandra Parish and Dr. Stephanie Varghese **Montgomery Podiatry** Call: 215-361-5769 to schedule Brigitte Harken, CRNP, **TriValley Primary Care** Call: 215-723-7833 or Call Maria, the RL nurse, if you need to see Brigitte urgently. Dr. Madelynn Petrancuri and Dr. Holly Forst **Live Better Hearing + Balance** (Associates in Hearing) Call: 215-855-4217 Dr. Adam Millis, Optometrist Health Drive 888-964-6681 Jennifer LeBlanc, Massage Therapist 484-680-2372 to make an appointment

# A Living Branches Community Newsletter DOCKET

# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DAYS

Living Branches is celebrating three Strawberry Festival days on June 3, **4**, **5**, at the Living Branches Campuses. We invite you to enjoy all the exciting events planned throughout each day at the campus of your choice! There will be a variety of outdoor games, guitar music, ice cream novelties, Waffle Cabin Food Truck, special attractions such as Dr. Bubble, and a petting zoo, along with line dancing, delicious Strawberry Festival Food at the Bistro, square dancing, and the Brunner Bluegrass concert, plus a Strawberry Festival raffle door prize. On June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the Waffle Cabin Food Truck will be set-up in the Fisher Auditorium parking lot for \$3.00 cash per person for residents. You will pay cash only (no large bills). You will receive a ticket at the table and take it to the food truck to receive your delicious waffle topped with ice cream. Wear your sun screen, hats, comfortable clothing and shoes to join us at the outdoor games, line dancing and petting zoo. Be sure to mark your calendar; you don't want to miss all of these festive events planned for you at Living Branches. There will be shuttles available for the Dock Woods Events. Please check your calendar. Dock Woods schedule of events will be posted inside the Docket (page 2).

### FATHER'S DAY ROOT BEER FLOATS AND **"BRITTANY BOYS"**

We invite you to join us in the Fisher Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13 as we celebrate all of the fathers here at Dock Woods. We have invited the "Brittany Boys," a five piece band, to entertain us as we serve delicious root beer floats to everyone attending this special occasion. Remember to wear your red, white and blue as we also celebrate Flag Day on June 14. All are welcome! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

#### SOUDERTON ALUMNI MEN'S CHORUS

You are cordially invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. concert in the Derstine Chapel on Tuesday, June 17 with the Souderton Alumni Men's Chorus. The chorus under the direction of Jon Leight, will be performing arrangements from their spring repertoire. Many of the chorus members are alumni of Souderton Area High School, along with some new members from our local community. Mark your calendar as this unique men's chorus has received outstanding accolades for their performances! A LOVE OFFERING will be received following the concert. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 6:20 p.m.

#### **DOCK WOODS**

### THE NEW GRAND **EGYPTIAN MUSEUM VIDEO TOUR WITH DR. STEPHEN R. PHILLIPS**

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Derstine Chapel as Dr. Stephen Phillips presents The new Grand Egyptian Museum Video Tour. Dr. Steve is the curatorial research coordinator from the Egyptian section of the Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Beginning in October 2024, after nearly two decades of planning, fundraising and construction, the world's largest museum devoted to a single culture fully opened 12 of its galleries to the public. This class first explores Egypt's development of its own museums within a backdrop of "who owns the past." The class concludes with a video tour inside this amazing new facility located near (and with views of) the great pyramids, supplemented with commentary and narration by our very own and talented, Dr Steve. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 3**

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Petting Zoo (OC Courtvard) 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Outside Line Dancing with OC Staff (FA Parking Lot near carport entrance) 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Guitarist Steven Barth & Ice Cream Novelty (Bistro Patio)

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Dr. Bubbles w/ Richard Close In front of Bistro Fireplace 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Strawberry Festival Lunch Menu for Residents & Staff (Bistro) 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Outdoor Games (Dock Manor Grounds)

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 5**

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Waffle Cabin Food Truck for Residents & Staff (FA Parking Lot) 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Perky **Promenaders Square Dancers** (FA Parking Lot) 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Brunner Family Bluegrass Concert (Derstine Chapel) 8:00 p.m. – Door prize raffle (Derstine Chapel)

#### SEATED CHAIR VOLLEYBALL FRIDAY, JUNE 6 2:00 p.m. (FA)

**OLD COMRADE CONCERT** BAND **MONDAY, JUNE 9** 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

You are invited to come enjoy the afternoon concert with the **OLD COMRADE CONCERT** BAND. This 25 member concert band under the artistic direction of Greg Kauriga, has been delighting audiences with their wide variety of music for over 34 years. The members are from the Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Following the concert a DONATION will be received. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

#### **MUSIC & DRUMMING FOR** FITNESS TUESDAY, JUNE 10 & 24 10:00 a.m. (0C3)

Bring a friend and join Personal Care residents on the third floor of Oakwood Court for an exciting 30 minutes of seated drumming set to fun and energetic music! The group will drum to summer songs by Bobby Darin, the Beach Boys, Harry Belafonte, and more. Drumming to music is an excellent way to work out while having fun with your friends.

#### VMSC-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PRESENTATION **TUESDAY, JUNE 10** 2:00 p.m. (FA)

Please join Diane Morrissey, Patient Services Manager for VMSC-Emergency Medical

Services, in the Fisher Auditorium to learn about subscriptions and how it can save you money if 9-1-1 services are needed. Following the presentation enjoy the treat that the organization has brought to share with you. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

#### **RL JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 2:00 p.m. (FA)

ALL residential living residents are invited to attend the monthly birthday celebration. If you are a June birthday celebrant, please call or email Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org by Tuesday, June 10 if you plan to attend and receive your birthday plant. This month we have invited vocalists, Bill Hatalski and Kass Bolles as the afternoon birthday entertainment. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST** FRIDAY, JUNE 13 8:00 a.m. (FA)

This month the guest speaker for the men's breakfast is Mark Derstine, resident of Dock Woods. Mark will be sharing, "My 500 Year Spiritual Genealogy." It was 500 years ago in 1525 during the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Europe that a small group of reformers dared to say that Christian faith required adult belief and baptism instead of a church/state requirement of

### **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS AND UPDATES**

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#### **RESIDENTIAL LIVING TRIPS**

#### **RL DINE AROUND VERSANTE ITALIAN** RESTAURANT **THURSDAY, JUNE 19** 4:00 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Schwenksville, PA to enjoy dinner for the 5:30p.m. reservation at Versante Italian Restaurant. You will be seated at tables of 4 & 6 and receive separate checks with 20% gratuity added to your check. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

The coach will pick-up at each entity beginning at 4:00p.m.

#### **RL PICNIC SHUTTLE TO FISCHER'S PARK FRIDAY, JUNE 20** 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

The Living Branches coach will be transporting RL residents with reservations to the Bull Pen Pavilion at Fischer's Park, located on Bustard Road in Towamencin Township. The shuttle will begin to return to Dock Woods beginning at 2:30 p.m.

#### LANSDALE COMMUNITY CONCERT N.P.H.S. (Re-scheduled concert) **SATURDAY, JUNE 21** 7:30 p.m.

The re-scheduled concert for the Lansdale Community Concert held at the North Penn High School will be featuring the "4 Phantoms" singing selections from the famous Broadway Opera, Phantom of the Opera, at 7:30 p.m. There is NO transportation available from Living Branches, so we advise you to car pool with a neighbor or friend. Enjoy the concert!

#### **INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC** LIBRARY MOVIE: BECOMING JANE **TUESDAY, JUNE 24** 1:15 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be transporting residents to the Indian Valley Public Library to enjoy the 2:00 p.m. movie, "BECOMING JANE." This 2007 biographical romantic drama film depicts the early life of the British author Jane Austen and her lasting love for Thomas Langlois Lefroy. American actress Anne Hathaway stars as the title character, while her romantic interest is played by Scottish actor James McAvoy. Also appearing in the film are Julie Walters, James Cromwell, and Maggie Smith. The price of this trip is \$3.50 per person for transportation. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or

#### Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:15 p.m.

#### **OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY DAY** TRIP

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26** 8:00 a.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be transporting residents with reservations to Ocean City, NJ to enjoy a day trip. When we arrive we will be dropped off on 8<sup>th</sup> street at the Music Pier entrance. At 4:00p.m. we will depart for home to Dock Woods with an approximate return at 7:00 p.m. The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 8:00 a.m.

#### **LEHIGH VALLEY IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME THURSDAY**, July 3 5:00 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will travel to Allentown to enjoy our second scheduled game of the season at 7:05

p.m. Enjoy a baseball game between the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs and the Scranton Rail Riders (a Yankee affiliate). Upon arrival there will be time for you to purchase food and beverage. (NO CASH – credit cards only). After the game there will be a spectacular fireworks display, just in time, as we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>. The price of this trip is \$23.50 per person, which includes the game ticket and transportation. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215 368-4438, extension 44121, or

#### Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 5:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends to join you! We need to fill this coach!

#### **DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE** "WIZARD OF OZ" **THURSDAY, JULY 24** 9:00 a.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Lancaster to enjoy the hot buffet and afternoon show, "Wizard of Oz." Follow the yellow brick road and the timeless tale about Dorothy, a farm girl from Kansas, who travels over the rainbow to the magical land of Oz only to find that there is no place like home. The price of this trip which includes the hot buffet, show, and transportation is \$87.30 per person. Sign up by calling or emailing Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or

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The coach will begin to pick-up at each entity at 9:00 a.m. Approximate return to Dock Woods is 6:00 p.m.

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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUED**

infant baptism for everyone. Their critics labeled them "Anabaptists" and later "Mennonites." Learn how Mark's spiritual genealogy and family genealogy has been shaped by this religious history. Please make your reservations with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

The price of the breakfast is \$8.50 per person plus tax. Ladies are welcome to hear the presentation at 8:30 a.m.

#### **JEFFERSON HEALTH OUTREACH MONDAY, JUNE 16** 2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

Please join a member of the outreach team from Jefferson Health for this month's topic, "Chronic Disease, Palliative Or Comfort Care, and Hospice." Learn about what is new and how to make your best-informed decisions for yourself and your loved ones! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

#### **CORNHOLE MONDAY, JUNE 16** 2:00 p.m. (FA)

#### **RESIDENTIAL LIVING PICNIC AT FISCHER'S PARK FRIDAY, JUNE 20** 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Be sure to wear your summer clothing and sunscreen and join us for the RL picnic to be held at the Bull Penn Pavilion at Fischer's Park located on Bustard Road on Friday, June 20 at 11:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. Make reservations for

lunch with Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org for the \$4.00 per person lunch which includes a hot dog, potato salad, watermelon, chips, and Rita's ater Ice. You will be billed on your statement after the picnic. \*\*\*Shuttle service is provided. More information about the times of the shuttles are found on page 6\*\*\* Be sure to sign-up!!! See you all there!!!

#### **"SUMMER" SEATED CHAIR BINGO MONDAY, JUNE 23** 2:00 p.m. (RR)

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES! Let your friends know about seated chair bingo and join us at 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Room as we enjoy a variety of bingo games on a new bingo sheet per game. Don't forget requests to be taken from our to bring along a marker or pencil, and a book to place your bingo sheet on. Please make your reservation by calling or emailing Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension, 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org

#### WINE IN THE WOODS **TUESDAY, JUNE 24** 4:30 p.m. (BISTRO PATIO)

This month we will enjoy Wine in the Woods outdoors and enjoy a variety of pizza slices as our appetizers. Just a reminder that this is a BYOB wine/social hour. Bring your own wine and take home your remaining wine after the social. Plastic glasses will be available for you along with other

beverages. Please make your reservations with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org Don't forget to wear your favorite summer attire! See you then!

#### **MUSIC WITH SETH "GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY**" FRIDAY, JUNE 27 10:30 a.m. (BISTRO OR BISTRO PATIO)

On with the show!! Please join me as we come together to sing and play some of the greatest musical numbers from Broadway shows of the 1940s-1970s. This musical journey to 42nd Street will include hits from The Sound of Music, Oklahoma!, My Fair Lady, South Pacific, Carousel, and more. We will also have time for "musical menu" of genres, so come ready to pick your favorite style of song to sing and play along. All are welcome to join in. No musical experience or skills required!!

#### SEATED CHAIR VOLLEYBALL FRIDAY, JUNE 27 2:00 p.m. (FA)

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#### **FUND DEVELOPMENT**

#### Leave a Legacy

Thank you for your generous support of the Living Branches Foundation. Your contribution to our benevolent care ministry is vitally important to many Living Branches residents. Estate gifts enable us to plan for the future support of our residents who need financial assistance for the long term. In recent years, Living Branches has provided some form of benevolent or unreimbursed care to over 100 residents each year. The Living Branches Foundation funds are typically able to provide grants of over \$1.6 million dollars from fund earnings to offset a portion of the costs of care. But that only covers about onethird of the actual cost, so there is still much more work to be done to grow the balances in our benevolent care funds.

By including the Living Branches Foundation in your will or trust, you create lasting security for residents and ensure their well-being for years to come. More than just a gift, your estate donation becomes a powerful legacy—one of compassion and generosity. Any percentage or amount makes a difference.

To learn more, contact: Colin Ingram at 215-723-9881, ext. 44304

#### Honoring our Legacy Giving Donors

Legacy Giving donors were honored at special luncheons in May at both Dock Woods and Souderton Mennonite Homes. The donors and prospective donors heard from Ed Brubaker, our President and CEO, about how their contributions support and help residents who need financial assistance for the long term. If you are interested in learning about or becoming a Legacy Giving donor, please contact: Colin Ingram at 215-723-9881, ext. 44304

#### **Online Donations Gladly Accepted!**

Just a reminder! Living Branches Foundation continues to accept donations online at livingbranches.org/donate. The Foundation's primary goal is to raise funds for the benevolent care ministry which enables us to care for all residents, including those who have been wise stewards of their money but have outlived their resources. We appreciate your support.

#### **GIFT SHOPS**

#### **Acorn Shop**

Check out the new spring items. Dr. Squatch brand soap and deodorant are 25% off. Gift certificates for any amount are available at the shop as well. The Acorn Shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### **Gifts & Treasures Shop**

Stop by daily to see new items! Please, do not hesitate to check this out!! All furniture is 25% off. For residents who have birthdays this month, you will receive 50% off one item (furniture not included). Gift and Treasure Shop hours are Monday through Friday,1:00 to 3:00p.m. and Saturday,1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### **Nook Shelf**

Be sure to stop at the Nook Shelf located outside of the Acorn Shop to see what awesome thrift items are on sale. Please pay for these items in the Acorn Shop. If the Acorn Shop is closed, you may pay with exact change or check made out to Dock Woods and hand in at the Welcome Center. Check the TV in the hallway and/or the binder on the Nook Shelf to see what furniture items we have available for sale.

#### SARA SPOTLIGHT

## What do I do if my SARA is alerting (flashing red) and I did not intentionally set it off?

If you accidentally set it off on campus please stay in place and campus personnel will be contacting

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#### you shortly.

If you accidentally set it off while you are away from campus, the SARA system will not recognize that your SARA is alerting. Please contact your campus receptionist to have someone reset your SARA.

Be WYSE on campus

Wear Your SARA Everywhere

#### LIVING U

This month, Living U finishes off its spring semester with an outdoor expedition. On June 5, we will enjoy a "Birding by Boat" kayaking adventure around the coves of the Green Lane Reservoir and learn about the bird species in this habitat. For more information, contact Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator at extension 44204.

#### **NO SOLICITING POLICY**

In the interest of maintaining a safe environment and preventing inconvenience to others, solicitation of residents is not allowed at Living Branches by residents, staff, non-residents, or nonstaff. Residents and/or staff should notify the administrative office if they are aware of solicitors or door-to-door sales persons on the grounds.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Are you looking for new ways to contribute to the Dock Woods community? We are in need of a volunteer to assist residents with the watering of some newly planted bushes outside of their apartments. The schedule is flexible and would depend, of course, on the weather. We are also looking for water givers in Dock Terrace on Mondays. It could be every Monday, every other Monday or once a month. If either of these opportunities interest you, please contact Jennifer Wilson at 215-368-4438, ext. 44189 or jennifer.wilson@livingbranches.org for more information.

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

My daughter got a box of flower bulbs for free off the internet last year. All she had to do was go pick them up. She brought the box of bulbs home and put them in the ground along our fence line.

We forgot all about them until one day in March we were playing with our dog, Sunny, and noticed that there were tall green leaves every few feet along the fence. My daughter is away at school so, I sent her pictures of the leaves every few days and we wondered together what kind of flower might be about to bloom from each plant.

Soon, we noticed something wasn't quite right.
There were only a few plants that had buds on them. The rest just had long green leaves.
Eventually, we had three beautiful plants with daffodil blooms and one gorgeous tulip bloom.
The rest produced no flower.

According to Google, this happens when the bulb is not planted deep enough in the soil. Isn't that so true! Just like those bulbs, we too need to be planted deep in the soil of Jesus' love in order to bloom.

Consider these words of Jesus in the Gospel of John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

As you enjoy the beautiful gardens on each campus this Summer, consider the nourishing soil that helps the flowers to grow and thrive. How are you being nourished by the soil of Christ's love so that you too can grow and thrive?

Pastor Deb Neild