March 2025



The Insider

A Monthly Look Inside Aravilla Clearwater

March Festivities!

3/4 Safety Harbor Park 3/6 Resident Council Meeting 3/11 Coffee Shop 3/13 Philippe Park 3/17 St. Patrick's Day 3/18 Men's Bar Outing 3/20 Ladies Only Adventure

3/25 Ice Cream Outing

3/26 Resident Birthday Party

3/27 Steak n' Shake

Join our weekly afternoon Cooking Class every Wednesday at 2:00 in the Promenade.

Celebrate March Birthdays in the Promenade on the 26th starting at 2:00pm!

Happy Birthday to:

3/1 Marie E.

3/3 Anne L.

3/5 Robert F.

3/13 Kay R.

3/17 Patrick P.

3/27 Frances C.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!





Welcome, March—the month we proudly celebrate Irish American Heritage! Join us on March 17th at 2 PM in The Promenade for a festive St. Patrick's Day Celebration, where we'll be serving beers and snacks to delight your taste buds.

Remember to wear green, or you might just find yourself getting pinched! The color green is deeply intertwined with Ireland's identity, symbolizing its lush landscapes, famously known as the "Emerald Isle." In Irish folklore, green embodies luck, nature, and the mischievous spirit of leprechauns. Keep your eyes



Our Lucky Leprechaun Faith!



peeled for a leprechaun wandering through our community on St. Patrick's Day! Legend has it that St. Patrick himself used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to convey his teachings, which has made both the shamrock and the color green central symbols of this beloved holiday.

After our celebration, stick around for live music featuring Ray A. at 3 PM. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

2025 Putt Putt Golf Tournament



This month at Aravilla, we are excited to kick off our 3rd Annual Putt Putt Golf Tournament! Our competitive residents are enthusiastic and ready to dive into the season. Don't miss out! Join us for the tournament games every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Promenade.

Throughout our weekly matches, our dedicated activities team will meticulously

track all scores, culminating in a grand tally at the end of the month. Special prizes will be awarded to our top three winners—1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Get ready to putt and may the best golfer win!

Schedule of Events:

Event begins March 4th at 10 AM Games held every Tuesday morning at 10 AM Event ends on March 18th at 10:30AM



2025 Bowling Tournament Winners



2nd & 3rd Place Winners!



Last month, we proudly hosted our 3rd Annual Bowling Tournament at Aravilla Clearwater! A special congratulations to our champions of this month's tournament:

Bonnie S., David V., and Anna Marie L.



These tournaments not only provide a fun and engaging experience for our residents but also foster essential skills such as coordination and teamwork. They help boost confidence and self-esteem, enhance mental well-being, and strengthen the bonds of community support and connectedness. We look forward to more exciting events that bring us together!



Our 2025 Bowling Tournament-1st Place Champion, Bonnie!

*Stay connected with our Aravilla Clearwater family by liking our Facebook page! You'll have the chance to see special moments and unique photos of your loved ones. Join us today and be part of our community!

Resident Spotlight: Mary H.



Mary decorating Valentine's Day cookies!

We would like to take a moment to celebrate Mary H. as a cherished member of our Aravilla family. Originally hailing from Minnesota—the Land of 10,000 Lakes—Mary was born in 1937 and raised in South Minneapolis alongside her parents and older sister. She attended St. Helena's Catholic School in her early years and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1955. Shortly after graduation, Mary began her professional journey as a secretary to the president of the Minnehaha First National Bank.

Mary is a proud mother of four—two daughters and two sons, including one adopted child. Embracing the role of homemaker, she dedicated herself to her family and



Mary H.



her church, where she sang in the choir (even performing for the Pope!), taught religious education, and participated in church discussion groups. As her children grew older, Mary re-entered the workforce and eventually became an executive assistant at the Minnesota Press Club. Among her remarkable experiences, Mary worked for General Mills for over 25 years. She started by managing tour guides in the iconic Betty Crocker Kitchens and later became the official respondent for the nationally syndicated "Dear Betty" column.

Mary embodies the spirit of resilience and positivity—when life hands her lemons, she makes lemonade! Her favorite color is yellow, and she enjoys her coffee black. A few of her cherished sayings include: "The tendency to fume and fret never solved a problem yet" and "Worry is like a rocking chair; it never gets you anywhere!"

When you have the pleasure of meeting Mary, we encourage you to take a moment to say hello. Her wisdom and radiant smile are sure to brighten your day!