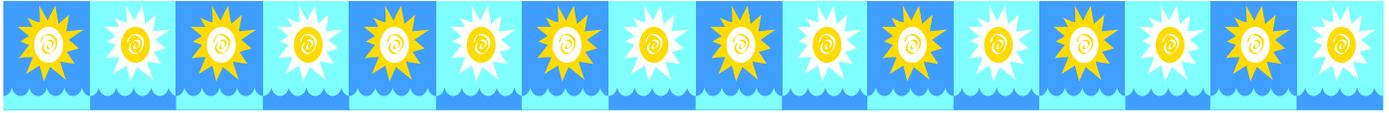
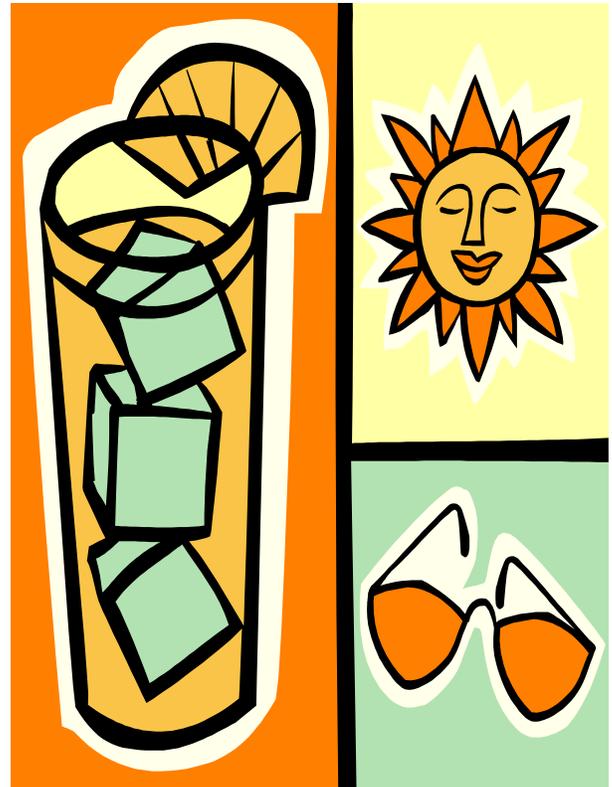


Villa Maria Lifetimes



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***Mark Your Calendars:
Villa Maria's Annual
Resident/Family Picnic
Thursday, September 5th from
4-5:30.***



Upcoming Events

July

- 15th Red Hat Group 1:00
17th Special Music: Inez Rath 11:00
22nd Special Music: Country Auggies 1:45
24th Sock Hop/Car Show 11:30
26th Monthly Birthday Party:
Steve K. 2:00

August

- 6th Special Music: John Anderson 2:00
13th DL Cloggers 11:00
15th Redhawks game 12:30
19th Special Musci: Jerry Jacobson 2:00
20th Service of Rememberance 11:30
23rd Monthly Birthday Party:
J & J Schmidt 2:00
27th Special Entertainment:
Ron & Twila Evans 2:00

September 5th ... Villa Maria Picnic 4-5:30...

Ongoing Activities

- Regular Bingo 2:00 (Tues, Sat)
Card Bingo 2:00 (Fri, Sun)
Catholic Mass 2:00 (Weds)
Protestant Services 2:00 (Thurs)
Communion Service 12:00 (Mon, Fri)
Singing 11:15 (daily)
Special Coffee Hour with Tracy 1:00 (Tues)

Pet visit and dog show.

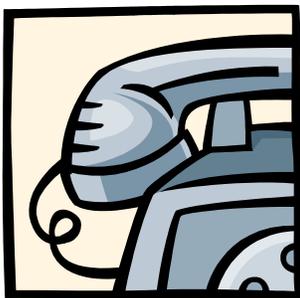


Cleaning/Organizing

With summer here it's a great time to clean out your loved ones closets, removing spring/winter items or items that are worn and replacing with in season items. Remember when bringing in new items to label them

New Phone System

The Villa is going to be offering a new phone system to residents. More information will be available through the casemanagers in the coming weeks.



Volunteer Update

Thank you to all of our volunteers in celebration of national volunteer week April 21-27 we invited our volunteers to come for a fiesta themed party with a taco bar. We have a wonderful group of volunteers. As summer slowly creeps upon us we will need more help with taking care of the plants and going for walks with residents outside. The time you give is a great help to our staff. If you're interested in helping out please feel free to get an application at our front desk.



Volunteer banquet.



Gary the bingoman.



Brian and Cindy.

Spiritual Corner

I have always appreciated the passage from Luke 12:27-28. It reads: "Consider the lilies, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these." But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much will he clothe you, O you of little faith!"



This passage mentions the lilies, which make me think of beautiful blooming flowers that appear in the Spring(some years later than others!!). I sometimes feel sad in the fall when the ground freezes, the plants seem to die, and the snow eventually covers everything. Sometimes I fear for the plants and flowers-that they will not be able to survive the harsh winter cold. Yet every spring, they blossom more beautiful than ever! What an amazing thing! God seems to have His hand on them and along with the sunshine and rain He provides, His love, beauty and care for His creation are evident.

I often think of this as it relates to our residents at Villa Maria. These verses point us to the way God takes care of His own in this

world. They speak of a peaceful dependence on God to provide for our needs rather than a restless, tiring striving and wearing ourselves out. It speaks of a wise caring for our souls, not just our physical bodies and possessions. It speaks of rest, even in the midst of a busy life. And it speaks of the absence of worry.

Recently, one of our residents lost her long time roommate. These two ladies had been best friends, studying their devotional books and Bibles daily, holding hands and praying, sharing their loves together. Both recognized how the hand of their Father had perfectly matched them up and brought them together to be roommates. As the bereaved one who is left visited with me, we talked about how wonderful their relationship had been and I told her "God takes care of His own." She could not have agreed more. What a wonderful feeling to know that when we belong to Him, we are in the palm of His powerful hand!

When the sun pours warmth and light from the sky, it causes everything to grow and blossom, to come to life. This is a picture of our Creator and Father, who wants to do the same things in our souls and lives.

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