

# The Queens Pioneer

## A Message from Tom ...

*"April showers bring May flowers" is a rhyme that was originally a short poem. However, there is meaning behind the words, as well. It is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed -- even an abundance of flowers in May. "April showers bring May flowers" is also a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.*

*Many of life's greatest things come only to those who wait, and by patiently and happily enduring the clouds and damp of April, you can find yourself more easily able to take in the sights and smells of May. After all, it's easier to love something if you begin with an optimistic outlook.*

*Here is to April, with the hope of warmer weather, sunnier days and greener grasses.*

*Also, during April, we celebrate the Easter Weekend starting with Good Friday on April 19th and finishing with Easter Sunday on April 21st, 2019.*

*Also starting on Monday April 1st, we are excited to announce a change up to our breakfast service. We will be testing for the next two weeks a breakfast service that in addition to some of the existing items on our breakfasts – cereal, toast, yogurts and fruits, we will also be adding and eggs (different styles), bacon, sausages etc. to the breakfast selection menu. Expect also to see items like freshly made Pancakes, French Toast and hot Oatmeal as some of the selection items. We will be testing this breakfast menu – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during the week of April 1st and April 8th. Please come down and give it a try and let us know what you think. There will be extra staff available during the day to help you along too.*

*Yours ideas and feedback have been very valuable and constructive, and participation will be the key to the ongoing success.*

*So welcome April! Another busy month. Keep active and stay healthy!*

Tom



### Your Management Team

**General Manager**  
Tom Ahlin

**Facility Services Manager**  
Darlene Kerr

**Administrative Receptionist**  
Veronica McDowell

**Nurse Manager**  
Gretel Wallace-Skuce

**Executive Chef**  
Carol Stevenson

**Housekeeping Supervisor**  
Tatjana Kajic

**Activities Coordinator**  
Spencer Wong

**Maintenance Coordinator**  
Andrew Costley

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## *A Message from Activities...*

*Hello All!*

*The Activities Team has been working hard to make more changes to how things are run in Activities.*

*This month we will be having two happy hours. Florin Clonta on April 19 and Steve Angel on April 26.*

*Our outing this month will be to Mo's Family Restaurant and will be on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a breakfast and lunch restaurant. Like sunset grill, the only thing Activities will be collecting is money for transportation. You will be now required to pay for your meal at the restaurant. This change is to allow everyone to have whatever they want without being constrained to one choice.*

*Judy will be back for an Easter Tea on Wednesday April 24. As per the suggestion of your fellow residents, I will have a box for collection in the Activities room. Anything collected will be given to Judy for the purpose of ingredients for the cookies she bakes.*

*With the warmer weather coming, it's good to be active and going out in the fresh air. We are planning to start a walking program for when the weather starts to warm up. If you are interested please see Spencer in activates. There is no official start date, but keep an eye out for posters/flyers when an official date is decided.*

*Finally with spring coming, we are going to be planting herbs and vegetables. This will be happening on Wednesday April 3 at 1:30 PM in the activities room.*

*On behalf of the Queens Avenue Activities team, let's continue to make the changes necessary to make the Activities Department successful.*

*Spencer*



### *April Birthdays*

*Josie V. Apr 9*

*Donna J. Apr 16*

*Lise F. Apr 17*

*Bernie M. Apr 16*

*John L. Apr 23*

*Laila Z. Apr 27*

*Isobel B. Apr 28*

*Sylvia N. Apr 29*

#### Featured Events:

Apr. 3 Planting herbs/vegetables AR

Apr. 2 Bus to Oakville Place

Apr. 9 Painting w/Karlene CR

Apr. 10 Dancing w/Derek AR

Apr. 24 Easter Tea Party BR

Apr. 19 Happy Hour w/Florin

Apr. 23 Community Meeting CR

Apr. 24 Outing to Mo's Family Restaurant

Apr. 26 Happy Hour w/ Steve Angel

Apr. 28 Suzuki Music Group

Apr. 29 Beaver Scouts board game night CR

