

FEBRUARY 2018

## Awaken Your Passion, Celebrating the "Arts"

Juniper Village at Bucks County welcomed in the 2018 New Year with glitz and glamour in our Country Club Lounge creating a festive night for all!

Explore our February Alive in All Seasons' theme celebrating the "Arts". Juniper's Art Show and Cocktail party is the setting for our residents' masterpieces on display in the Country Club Lounge. Meet and Greet the artists while Pat Patrizio narrates each painting and Claudia Pellegrini, violinist sets the background. All art is for sale with 25% of all proceeds benefitting Juniper Village at Bucks County's Music & Memory program.

On Valentine's Day, warm up to entertainer Don Scott and "Love Songs". Save the date, for a Sweetheart's Dance on February 16th with Steve Brown and Susan as the duo sets the mood for fun. Singles and couples are welcome to play games and win prizes as they learn new dance steps.

February offers opportunities to learn and team up with Bensalem High School volunteers in art technology. Learn how to find famous artist biographies on the internet, make your own art software, use Pinterest to create a Valentines wreath, and create a slide show of Primitive Art. The subject is Art, however our volunteers will patiently guide you step by step using computers, tablets, cell phones and lap tops.

Juniper has partnered with Bensalem Senior Citizens creating a Short Skit Club. Join in on the fun and find your hidden talent. Continuing education with weekly speakers will keep you informed and up to date on medical practices and information.

Don't forget to sign up for our Princeton University Art Museum private guided tour and be a part of a group panel discussion taking place in the museum galleries. Following the exhibit dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. Also, we will be venturing out on Juniper's bus to Bucks County Community College on February 19th, "Show Some HeART 125" a signature show displaying local artists from the community.



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## FEBRUARY 2018 THE VILLAGE VIEW



### Branching Out

A monthly contribution from our founder Lynne Katzmann

#### Passion, purpose, perseverance.... it applies the world over

I visited Vietnam because as a child, I was disturbed by the war the Vietnamese call the American War. I was afraid of the killing and maiming I saw on television but I was also confused. Why were we here, fighting against a people seeking their freedom to live and run their country the way they see fit? After all, didn't we do the same?

Hoa, the young man whose father and grandfather lived for years in the Cu Chi tunnels just 60km from what was then Saigon, was our guide to the village of Cu Chi and its large tunnel complex. Cu Chi is a shining example of what a rag tag group of patriots does without the money to wage war against a superpower. It demonstrates the ingenuity and resourcefulness of people with passion, purpose and perseverance. The hand hewn tunnels themselves are an underground village. They have no architect and no one person knows the way around the whole complex. Entrances to the tunnels are well disguised and with as many as five or six within a short distance. Nothing could destroy them, not the napalm which destroyed the vegetation, or the rain of bombs or smoke. What's more, the whole family was involved—fathers, mothers and children. The effort would not have succeeded as it did without the mothers and children who continued to farm the land to feed them all.

Were our American forefathers much different? They were renegades in their passionate beliefs, in their single purpose and they persevered in their fighting resolve to win their freedom.

During a recent presentation on our Juniper culture, I again spoke about our watchwords, passion, purpose and perseverance. We are a small and scrappy company, motivated by a passion to make the world a better place and willing to persevere to nurture the spirit of life—to work diligently to improve the quality of life in all seasons. We too use our ingenuity and work with relatively little but remain committed to a vision we believe in and are willing to fight for!

But do not let me romanticize war. I cannot condone the destruction of body, mind and spirit war causes regardless of the cause. Maybe—just maybe—the fact that people the world over seem to have passion for freedom, to live their best life may mean that peace among us is possible.

### Awaken Your Passion

In this second month of our Alive in All Seasons creativity quarter we set our sights on Art. With brush in hand we embark on an exploration of creative expression in the form of art. Join us throughout the month as we become aware of the art in our everyday surroundings. From the intricate patterns of snowflakes on our windows to the flourishes of color in the paintings that fill our community; we make note of the art that surrounds us each day.

In February we begin experiential art projects culminating in a resident art show later in the month. Join us as we experience art through art history and visiting artists from the greater community. Share our passion for art on an out trip to a local art museum. Learn more about the benefits of art with an art therapist. Combine technology with art while learning more about creating original works of art through software or VR. And don't forget to join us for this month's Connect4Life focus on Heart Health. We will all be wearing red as we Go Red for Women in support of the American Heart Association on Friday, February 2. Join us as we raise funds in support of the AHA's educational programs to increase women's awareness and critical research to discover scientific knowledge about cardiovascular health.

#### This Month at Bucks County

FEBRUARY 8TH AT 6:00 PM (CCL)  
JUNIPERS ART SHOW & COCKTAIL PARTY,  
MEET AND GREET THE ARTIST AS PAT PATRIZIO  
NARRATES WHILE CLAUDIA PELLEGRINI VIOLINIST  
SETS THE BACKGROUND

FEBRUARY 16TH AT 9:30 AM (CARD)  
MEN'S CLUB: COWBOY ART, VITAS HEALTHCARE,  
W/LLOYD GAYHEART

FEBRUARY 25TH AT 7:00 PM (CCL)  
ENTERTAINMENT: FUN & HIGH ENERGY WITH A  
DASH OF GLAMOUR, W/KEVIN GALM

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