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The Jewish Home Jewish Senior Services **Mozaic Senior Life**

It's official!! After months of effort, planning and now implementation, the organization that we all love and have known for 50 years is officially **Mozaic Senior Life!!** As explained in the last issue of *Chai Lights*, we sought a new name to brand all our programs and services with a name that reflects the diversity of our Residents, clients, and staff so that everyone will know who and what we are for the next 50 years. Having evolved and grown as an organization that now serves people in so many ways it is critical that we are able to communicate with a single name – a proud voice for our dedication to exceptional senior care. Our flagship skilled nursing facility will be **Mozaic Jewish Home** to sustain our history, tradition, and culture that is paramount to our commitment to quality. Our community services will be Mozaic Home Care, Mozaic Hospice, Mozaic Adult Day Program, etc. so that it becomes clear over time that they are all part of the same organization. Our newest project, Mozaic Concierge Living, is a Life Plan community in development in Stamford (more in the article below).

To help tell our story and celebrate our history, we have begun to capture 50 stories that are reflective of our 50 years of service. These will be shared throughout the community and in future issues of *Chai Lights* as “50 @ 50”. I am asking anyone and everyone to submit those stories to us to help us capture the memories – of your loved ones, of a special experience with staff, of an event, or anything that is meaningful to you as part of the Jewish Home/Mozaic family! Please send them directly to Susan Freed at sfreed@mozaicsl.org.

To the countless Residents, clients, volunteers, donors, families, staff, regulators and legislators, and everyone who played a role in the past 50 years – thank you for all that you do!

Here is to the next 50 years!



50th Anniversary timeline hanging in the front hallway.

Stamford Project Progress

We are excited to announce that **Mozaic Concierge Living** is quickly taking shape. Site plans have been submitted to the City of Stamford and we are in Design Development with the Architecture Interiors Team at Perkins Eastman, the firm we have partnered with.

The Mozaic Concierge Living “Coming Soon” sign has been ordered and the Preview Sales Center will be opening in the fall at 260 Long Ridge Road, right next to the property. We are ready to meet with our depositors and prospective members. The Sales Center will feature a seminar area with virtual tours, a scale model of the community, a model kitchen, and a display of finishes from which to choose as it comes time to make selections for a residence.

We would like to introduce Janice Kohn, Sales Counselor and Shawanna White, Marketing Coordinator. Both have joined the Mozaic Concierge Living sales team and together we are committed to offering exceptional service and expertise to our clients while providing information that will assist in making an educated decision when considering Mozaic

Concierge Living.

The sales team has already secured 100 Priority Reservation Deposits, and are excited to continue to add more interested families to the list. Priority Reservation Deposits are \$1,000 (fully refundable) and invite Members to have a “First Look” at floor plans, community layout, and pricing in the fall with the added benefit of selecting and customizing a residence before construction begins. In addition, Priority Members enjoy the best pricing (discounts and premium refundable entrance fee), two complimentary months, a generous upgrade or moving allowance, and much more.

The sales team hosts monthly presentation luncheons to interested prospects at various locations in and around Stamford and Greenwich, sharing detailed information about Mozaic Concierge Living. **If you would like to join us and learn more, please contact Amy Ferrarie, Director, Sales and Marketing at info@mozaiccl.org or 203-396-1140, mozaicconciergeliving.org.**



Amy Ferrarie, Shawanna White, and Janice Kohn

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Chairperson and President's Remarks



Jon August

This issue is dedicated to our 50th anniversary and the launch of our new brand identity – **Mozaic Senior Life!** After 50 years of excellent service to the community as The Jewish Home and Jewish Senior Services, we have found a way to integrate all of the programs we offer under an integrated name that better reflects who we are – serving ALL of the Residents, clients, volunteers, and staff in our community. **Mozaic**

Jewish Home will continue to be our flagship nursing home to reflect its important legacy, and all of the other entities, eg. Mozaic Home Care, Mozaic Adult Day Program, Mozaic at Home, etc. will bring continuity and brand recognition to everyone that we are privileged to serve.

As we look back on a relatively mild winter, we reflect on the challenges we are facing in 2023. After three full years of the pandemic, we continue to deal with a myriad of issues associated with Infection Control. While testing and treatments have made COVID-19 more comparable to other viruses, we all have fresh wounds related to the damage that it caused. Equally important, we are still working to recover from the impact that it has had on our labor pool along with so many employers. Of note, we have hired more than 250 individuals in the past year (approximately 20 per month) to fill open positions due to natural turnover, and to help our desire to meet the ever-growing demand for our community-based services. Wages were increased significantly in 2022, and will be again in 2023. We have implemented countless strategies to help with recruitment and retention and provide many recognition opportunities for staff to make sure that everyone knows how valuable they are to the organization.

Several members of the management team were able to attend the Annual AJAS Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida in March this year. Over 300 colleagues from Jewish Homes across North America gathered to learn, share insights and continue to support each other. Our CEO, Andrew Banoff, facilitated and presented a session entitled *The Strategic Value of Our Business Portfolio, Retaining Our Position in the Market*, with colleagues from New York City and Virginia Beach. He also presented the Mission Moment at the start of the conference, showing

our 13-minute video about our experiences through the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, the closing session was presented by Ritz-Carlton Service Excellence as we continue our journey to support the Ladies and Gentlemen that care for our loved ones. Once again, we are proud of our role in this important national association.



Andrew H. Banoff

Over the past few months, we have returned to almost pre-pandemic levels of activity – including our wonderful in-person celebrations such as the Centenarian Brunch Event, Resident Art and Talent Shows, the Spring Holiday family gatherings for Passover and Easter, and so much more that you will read about and see in this issue of *Chai Lights*. You will also see the many events recently held and being planned by our wonderful Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club. Please find ways to join us at these special events.

Finally, you will continue to read more about the exciting development of Mozaic Concierge Living in Stamford, our new Life Plan Community that is currently in the design and pre-marketing phase. We have had more than a dozen informational luncheons to gauge potential interest and more than 100 people (or couples) have signed up with our Priority Reservation Program! We are now building the Sales Center at 260 Long Ridge Road (adjacent to our site) and hope to have that open this fall to begin accepting 10% deposits on specific Residences. The schematic design phase was completed as planned at the end of March and we rolled right into design development with our architects/interiors team from Perkins Eastman. This is an exciting and critical planning opportunity for our future – as we seek to offer another level of care (Independent Living) for those who are seeking to plan for their own personal futures.

With our eternal gratitude for all that you do.

Jon & Andrew

Schedules for Seniors By Isabel Barbieri

In November of 2020 my grandmother, Carol Menard, suffered a debilitating stroke at home. After spending time at St. Vincent's Medical Center, she was transferred to Mozaic Senior Life (then Jewish Senior Services) to complete her recovery. As it was during the height of COVID lockdown, no visitors were allowed, so my brother Luke and I communicated with her via FaceTime. We often noticed that she was confused as to when she would eat lunch or even what day it was. We decided that she should have something to refer to that outlined when her activities would occur and with this idea, our volunteer organization **Schedules for Seniors** was created. Dry erase boards were transformed using multicolor tape and magnets, adhesive numbers and letters and messaging such as "Have a Nice Day!" on each one. Once delivered, she used it every day and it helped ease her anxiety as she could anticipate the day's activities. Her speech therapist, Jaclyn Bellaby, loved the idea so Luke and I decided to continue to make more for the other Residents to use. To help defray the cost of the materials for the boards, we applied for a grant from the non-profit *Girls Fund for Tomorrow* which our cousins, Madison and Kendall Menard, created in 2015. When my brother Luke went to college in August 2022, I took over the board production and our mission. To date, we have assembled and delivered 30 schedule boards! I am honored to be recognized for my contribution and will continue these donations as a loving tribute to our grandmother.



Annual Campaign

"My mother lived with my family for 21 years and we never expected her to leave our nest. As she aged, we adapted our lifestyle to support her needs. I've experienced firsthand how the care at The Jewish Home transformed my mother's and my life for the better. Now, that I am not my mother's "everything" I'm able to be her daughter again."

– Randi Oster, Current Family Member

The community's generous support has helped us to sustain our mission of providing a safe, secure, and beautiful Jewish home, while also bringing the quality programs and activities to Residents that are so vital in enhancing their lives. These gifts to the Annual Campaign also help to ensure that despite an ever-challenging healthcare environment, combined with a growing aging population, we can continue to take care of our community's seniors for this and future generations. In one unexpected moment, you or someone you love may require healthcare assistance. Mozaic Senior Life is here to help when that moment happens.



Please consider making a gift to the Annual Campaign today by scanning the QR code, calling 203-365-6407, or logging on to mozaicsl.org and click donate. Thank you.

SLICE OF LIFE



1. Work Activity Center Resident Appreciation (morning) - Left to Right: Steven Snow, Toni Marcy, Hilda Schwartz, David Mendelson, Lucy Shola, Marc Frankel, Mary Sleeper, James Rodier, Joann Rossi, Wanda Henderson, and Michelle Weiner 2. Pat Repko enjoys some doo wop fun in Adult Day 3. Ramona Godbolt, Homemaker from Assisted Living, cooking up something special in the kitchen with Resident Jeffrey Kruse 4. Women's Auxiliary Purim Oneg 5. Visitors, staff and Residents enjoyed the Resident Art Show in March 6. Shelton High School students enjoy time with Assisted Living Residents 7. Kara Rodriguez, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, (left) chats with Resident artist Bill Carney at the Resident Art Show 8. Israeli dancers entertain the Residents 9. Joann Rossi and staff from Mozaic short-term rehab entertained at the Talent Show 10. Burton Hathaway plays piano at the Talent Show 11. In commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr Day, staff and Residents gathered for a walk, and 12. a prayer service led by Rabbi Stephen Shulman 13. Resident Men's Club luncheon 14. Mozaic Board member Nancy Magida and Ellen Ashkins, Director, Resident Life, deliver Temple Israel's Mitzvah Day projects for the Residents 15. Talent Show Resident group sings the National Anthem 16. TCS congregants deliver florals to brighten up Mozaic Senior Life 17. Work Activity Center Resident Appreciation (afternoon), left to right: Gene Dutchess, Roberto Pate, Nickee Meropoulos, Arnold Fischer, Rheba Newman, and Helen Mongelia 18. Virginia Leffert connects with Q, a visiting therapy dog 19. Beverly Pilkington from Mozaic Memory Workshop enjoys flower arranging 20. Mozaic Adult Day clients enjoy the patio



FOUNDATION

2023 Spring Luncheon and Boutique

Guest speaker, Clea Newman Soderlund, youngest daughter of Joanne Woodward and the late Paul Newman, Philanthropist, and Ambassador to the SeriousFUN Children's Network shared her love for her parents and passion for summer camps around the globe for children with serious illnesses, at the Women's Auxiliary Spring Luncheon & Boutique on Monday, May 1 at The Inn at Longshore in Westport. Over 160 members and friends of the Women's Auxiliary attended the event, co-chaired by Lydia Gerard and Vanessa Rosenberg. The event raised \$35,000 to support Resident programming.



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2023 Boutique Vendors

Adorn Accessories
Bee Love Project
The Chintz Giraffe
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The Good Morning Book

Hopscotch
JJ Paperie Co.
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The Lady Ming Collection
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Two B's Accessories
Wonnaful

Honey Cakes and Latkes: How Food Memories Nourish the Soul

The Women's Auxiliary in partnership with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation, Kosher Like Me, and Jewish Federation of Greater Fairfield County, hosted a powerful and memorable program at Chabad of Westport on March 16. Food writer Liz Rueven and Dr. Maria Zalewska, Executive Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation, in conversation with Holocaust survivors, Tova Friedman and Eugene Ginter, took a deeper look behind a collection of their heirloom recipes and shared their incredible stories of survival.



Celebrating 50 Years of Service to Seniors
Women's Auxiliary of Mozaic Senior Life

FALL GALA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

Jim Bennett
Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award

Joan Kuriansky
Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service



Mother's Day Happiness

Resident Blanche Arpie enjoys this year's Mother's Day gift of potted flowers from the Women's Auxiliary.

FOUNDATION



The Men's Club of Mozaic Senior Life GEORGE LIPTON

ANNUAL *golf* INVITATIONAL

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 • ASPETUCK VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, WESTON
Lunch • Afternoon Golf • Pickleball • Cocktails • Auction • Dinner

THANK YOU TO OUR LUNCHEON SPONSORS



37th Annual George Lipton Golf Invitational

This year's Lipton will take place on Monday, June 26 at Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston. The day will start off with lunch, then shot gun start for a scramble golf tournament. A pickleball clinic and tournament will be taking place later in the afternoon. The tournaments will be followed by cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, and awards. This year's Lipton co-chairs are Neil Lippman and Howard Twersky. For more information, a full list of the sponsors, or to attend the event, please contact Dayna Hayden at 203-365-6409 or dhayden@mozaicsl.org or mozaicsl.org/donations/mens-club-donations/george-lipton-golf-invitational.

All Access Backstage Pass @Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport

Over 30 members and friends of the Men's Club gathered on Thursday, April 20 for another successful outreach event at the HHC Amphitheater in Bridgeport. Everyone in attendance enjoyed delicious food catered by B'Tayavon of Mozaic Senior Life. Guests received the backstage tour from Howard Saffan, owner, and creator of the Amphitheater. He told stories of the construction process, where the bands hang out, eat, and "party", and gave us the opportunity to stand on the stage where many great musicians have performed. Special thanks to Howard for his generosity and time sharing his labor of love with us.



Celebrity Breakfast

The Men's Club is pleased to host its next Celebrity Breakfast on Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 AM at Mozaic Senior Life, co-chaired by Mitchell Adelstein and Lou Zuckerman. This year's guest speaker is Gerry Cooney, a former pro boxer and #1 heavyweight contender who will share his story of perseverance and hope from both in and out of the ring. An invitation is shared through waiters. For more information or to attend the event please contact Dayna Hayden at 203-365-6409 or dhayden@mozaicsl.org.



Featuring Gerry Cooney

CELEBRITY BREAKFAST

Generously underwritten by:



Special Shabbat Celebrations

The Women's Auxiliary sponsors three special Shabbat celebrations each year, themed for Chanukah, Purim, and Israel. The Purim Shabbat Celebration was held on Friday, March 3 which included noisemakers, crowns, and colorful lais for all. The Israel Celebration on Friday, May 12 began with a festive sing-along and D'var Torah given by our Israeli Shaliach, Ofek Moscovich who joined us along with members of the community for a special Israel @75 Shabbat service led by Residents and family members. It concluded with a fun Q & A with Ofek.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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For more information about volunteering at Mozaic Senior Life, please call 203-365-6495 or email volunteer@mozaicsl.org.

For Further Information

...on how to become involved with the Women's Auxiliary or the Men's Club, please contact Dayna Hayden, Development Director, at 203-365-6409 or dhayden@jseniors.org.

Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership dues are \$36, Life Membership is \$250, Sterling Life Membership is \$500 and Gold Life Membership is \$1,000 (all Life Memberships are payable over three years).

Men's Club Annual Membership dues are \$75, Life Membership is \$1,000 and Lipton Fellow Membership is \$2,500 (both payable over three years).



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lifestyle Care Program

Mozaic Senior Life is excited to be hosting a Lifestyle Care Program for our staff, Residents, and members of the greater community. The weekly program runs from April through October and includes discussions, exercises, and diet guidance. This is an evidence-based program recognized by the CDC and facilitated by a certified Lifestyle Coach, Fitness Instructor, and Registered Dietitian. Overseen by a Medical Doctor, the program is designed to decrease the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, and complications of type 2 diabetes. There have been many positive outcomes from previous sessions of this nationally known program, including weight loss, lower A1C values, and reducing or eliminating the need for medications for high blood pressure. As the program progresses, our current participants are looking forward to gaining insight from the information provided, adopting new health and lifestyle behaviors, and tracking their individual progress. Stay tuned for our current participants' success stories!



Lifestyle Care Program participants doing Tai Chi.

Elder Care Services Fair

Mozaic Senior Life held an Elder Care Services Fair on March 29, open to the entire community to share information about all services offered. Department representatives were on hand to connect with attendees, answer questions, and offer resources. Attendees found all the presented information useful and appreciated the staff being on-site. Also in attendance was Senator Herron Keyon Gaston who represents parts of Bridgeport and Stratford.



Employee Spotlight – Lyn Maack



Lyn Maack

We are pleased to introduce Lyn Maack, LPN as the new Care Coordinator for members of the Mozaic at Home program (formerly Senior Choice at Home). Lyn has previously been a valued member of our home care staff, serving as the Client Services Coordinator for Mozaic Companions & Homemakers, the non-medical home care agency. Lyn's role with our home care program positioned her to interact with many of our Mozaic at Home members, so shifting to the Care Coordinator role is a natural progression for Lyn.

Lyn brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Her nursing career has included roles in assisted living and memory care, private duty home care, working with a private concierge physician, and managing a wellness center.

Raised in Watertown, MA and Florida, Lyn has four children and two grandchildren. She and her husband, Eric, live in Middletown and enjoy spending time at sporting events, visiting vineyards, gardening, creating a koi pond and going for rides on their motorcycle.

Lyn describes her greatest satisfaction as being able to help people in her role as a nurse and looks forward to supporting our Mozaic at Home members to achieve their highest level of wellness possible. **For more information about Mozaic at Home, please call 203-365-6451 or mozaicathome@mozaicsl.org.**

Fairfield University Students at Mozaic

Recently, 22 Fairfield University nursing students engaged with Mozaic Jewish Home Residents currently in hospice over the course of a semester. A difficult topic, yet the University encourages students to understand the impact of sociological and psychological factors related to end-of-life. This learning opportunity allowed them to observe and participate in end-of-life interactions with not just the Mozaic Hospice staff, but the patients and their families. Each student was deeply impacted by the semester's experience and showed their gratitude via heartfelt notes.



High-Tech Toilets

Mozaic Senior Life is now piloting a "smart" toilet seat, from ToiLabs called TrueLoo™. This secure, HIPAA-compliant product works as an early indicator tool to identify and prevent common urinary and bowel ailments. Nurses access a dashboard to see collected data that can indicate a change from usual bowel or urinary habits that may be indicative of a problem. **If you are interested in having this technology in your home, contact Elizabeth Zicari, Vice President, Community Services and Business Development, at 203-365-6451.**



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New Mozaic Leadership



Raquel Terry

Raquel Terry joined Mozaic Senior Life in April 2023 as Social Worker Designee for Mozaic Rehabilitation Center. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and later moved to the Bronx. Raquel took cosmetology in high school and worked as a stylist for seven years. Following that, she started a career with the NYPD in the school safety division. While with the NYPD, Raquel completed a bachelor's degree and started her move to Connecticut. Raquel began her career in social work ten years ago. She is married with three children and enjoys cooking, cleaning, and dancing. Please join us in welcoming Raquel to Mozaic! **For more information on Mozaic Rehabilitation Center, please contact us at 203-365-6483 or admissions@mozaicsl.org.**



Calvin Anglin

Calvin Anglin joins Mozaic Senior Life as Regional Director, Mozaic Companions & Homemakers. He brings with him a wealth of experience and diverse interests. In 2018, after spending several years working on the operations and entertainment teams at Walt Disney World, Calvin decided to return to Connecticut to join Compassionate Home Care, his family operated medical agency. His family is originally from Jamaica and have lived in Stamford for over 25 years. Calvin attended Christian Heritage in Trumbull and then Andrews University, a small private school in Michigan, where he graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Film and Theatre. His time in the arts taught him a lot about the connection between empathy and collaboration, two important principles when it came to opening his own private duty agency called Compassionate Personal Care, which eventually merged with Mozaic Companions & Homemakers. Extremely grateful for his opportunities in healthcare, Calvin is also thankful for his experience in the theme park, and in his free time enjoys working on small films as a way to scratch his creative itch. He is very excited about joining the Mozaic team and furthering the company's reputation of providing exceptional service to the community. **For more information on Mozaic Companions & Homemakers, please contact us at 203-396-1130 or homecare@mozaicsl.org.**

Senior Care Week '23

National Skilled Nursing Care week was celebrated May 15-19 this year. The theme "Cultivating Kindness" is inspired by the many acts of kindness that happen in skilled nursing care centers every day. Research has found that practicing compassion and kindness not only can improve health and well-being but can also strengthen human connections and bonds.

Throughout the week, appreciation was shown to the entire staff and working volunteers as they were treated to a free meal from the Super Duper Weenie Truck and a cold treat from Jim's Ice Cream Truck. Third shift employees and those working with clients in their homes received gift cards for a meal compliments of Mozaic Senior Life. The week finished with a fun-filled raffle.

Thank you to MarshMcLennan Agency for their continued generosity and support to Mozaic Senior Life and employees.



Caring Hands Awards

Each year Leading Age of Connecticut presents The Caring Hands Award. This award is a recognition of the contributions individuals make in enhancing the quality of life for older adults. The focus is on honoring those who exemplify the highest standards of compassion, commitment, and excellence. Please join us in congratulating this year's Mozaic Senior Life winners, Maria Pires, CNA and David Magner, EML Program Coordinator.

From left to right: Larry Condon, Senior VP & Administrator, Sara Witherington, Director, Mozaic Adult Day Program, David Magner, EML Program Coordinator, Maria Pires, CNA, Nancy Meliso, Assistant Director, Nursing, and Kara Rodriguez, VP & Chief Human Resources Officer.



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

June 2023

APRIL IS Celebrate **DI** **RE** **CT** Month

"IT IS TIME FOR PARENTS TO TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE EARLY ON THAT IN DIVERSITY, THERE IS BEAUTY, AND THERE IS STRENGTH."

— Maya Angelou

MOZAIC Senior Life

EMBRACE EQUITY

Gender Equality Month is celebrated every year in March. The whole month is dedicated to celebrating the social, political, cultural, and academic achievements of women in the world.

Moziac Embraces DEI

The Mozaic Senior Life Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) team has been actively working on implementing initial goals. To date the team has updated the Mission/Vision/Values to ensure inclusivity. Recently, a confidential employee survey was launched. The goals for the survey include understanding how we are doing with regard to DEI and what actions we can take to create a more diverse, inclusive work environment. Employees will be invited to share open, transparent feedback in the survey to ensure the best work environment for all. Additionally, the Employee Handbook is being reviewed to ensure the Mozaic culture is apparent in the policies.

TOP 10 REASONS

To Work at Mozaic Senior Life

1. Supportive Atmosphere
2. Employee Appreciation/Recognition
3. 5-Star CMS Rating
4. Family-Oriented
5. Community Reputation
6. Unique Household Model
7. Nurse-Resident/Patient Ratios
8. Flexibility
9. Newest Facility in Connecticut
10. Full-Time Medical Staff on Site

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Jon August

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Family Mail

I can't tell you enough what a great, life-changing experience it has been for dad (and for me) to have him attend Mozaic Adult Day (especially after COVID lockdown for so long). Every time he returns home, he tells me how much he enjoyed the fun activities and games, the men's group, and the wonderful staff that take such great care of him and the others. Thank you so much for making his whole experience so smooth and enjoyable for him.

**- M.S., Adult Day Program
Family Member**

Thanks to the wonderful staff for honoring my mother and all the other centenarians at the recent celebration. My mother could not stop talking about the "beautiful affair". It was a beautiful celebration and my husband and I felt very fortunate to be able to join mom for such a special event. Thank you to everyone who contributes to mom feeling respected, cared for, and treated with dignity!

**- Family of H.M.,
Long-term Care**

Save the Dates

JUNE

- **MONDAY, JUNE 26**
Men's Club
George Lipton Golf Invitational
Aspetuck Valley Country Club
Weston, CT

SEPTEMBER

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**
Men's Club
Family Day Picnic Celebration
Mozaic Senior Life
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
Men's Club
Celebrity Breakfast
Mozaic Senior Life

OCTOBER

- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**
Women's Auxiliary
Annual Fall Gala
Rolling Hills Country Club
Wilton, CT

13 Seniors Celebrate 100 or More Years of Life!

Distinguished guests, family, and friends joined 13 Residents and clients of Mozaic Senior Life on Sunday, March 5 to celebrate their 100th (or more) birthday. The joy and celebration were felt as this was the first post-COVID, in-person gathering for the Annual Centenarian Brunch in Bennett Hall. And as luck would have it, it also happened to be Dr. Harold Batt's actual 100th birthday. Special guests in attendance included Senator Richard Blumenthal, State Legislators Sarah Keitt and Marilyn Moore, and Trumbull First Selectman Vicki Tesoro.

There is much wisdom to be learned from Centenarians. They reflected on life and shared some thoughts:

I've always enjoyed cooking, knitting, and gardening.

- Sarah Agro

Some of my favorite activities over the years are going to the library and I always enjoyed golf, bridge with my wife, and poker for the money!

- Harold Batt

You can tell if someone is a good person by how they talk. Their demeanor.

- Virginia Dumitre

The love of family is something amazing I've experienced in my lifetime.

- Robert Jones

I like to think everyone is a good person. We all have faults.

- Helen Mongelia

I love spending time with my family.

- Shirley Montner

You too can live a long life. Cooperate with your better half and love life.

- Lucy Ricco

It's important to forgive people. Call the next day. Communicate.

- Hilda Schwartz

I was a seamstress, loved it and could always find work.

- Fani Steinberger

Something amazing during my lifetime was landing a man on the moon.

- Jay Tittman

To live a long life, don't smoke and laugh a lot.

- Nancy Wettenstein



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