THE VILLAGES GAZETTE

"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."
- Irish Blessing

The Story of St. Patrick's Day

The celebration on March 17 started in 1631 when a Feast Day was established to honor St. Patrick. He had been Patron Saint of Ireland who had died around the fifth century—12 centuries before the modern version of the holiday was observed.

It's said that St. Patrick was born Maewyn Succat, but that he later changed his name to Patricius (or Patrick), which derives from the Latin term for "father figure," after he became a priest. That supposed luck of his is the root of all the themed merchandise for modern St. Patrick's Day.

"I am certain in my heart that all that I am, I have received from God."
– St. Patrick

Add to Your Calendar:

3/4: Mardi Gras
3/5: Ash Wednesday
3/9: Daylight Saving Time
3/14: Pi Day
3/17: St. Patrick's Day
3/20: First Day of Spring
3/30: National Vietnam War Veteran's Day

March Birthdays

Resident Birthdays:
Richard Kupris 3/3
Florene Luppe 3/26
Homer Kocher 3/30

Staff Birthdays:
Tahlah "Tay" Norrod (Caregiver) 3/4
Briana Brown (Business Office Manager) 3/11
Carrie Jones (Housekeeper) 3/29
Jalica Quarles (Caregiver) 3/30

Did You Know?

BIRTHSTONES - AQUAMARINE & BLOODSTONE

Up until 150 B.C., March was the first month of the year! There are still traces of this old system in our modern calendar. According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was 10 months long, beginning in March and ending in December. December was the 10th month as it was named for the number 10 in Latin (decem), and September was named for seven (septem). January and February were the exceptions as they were two nameless months called "winter".

BIRTH FLOWERS - DAFFODIL & JONQUIL
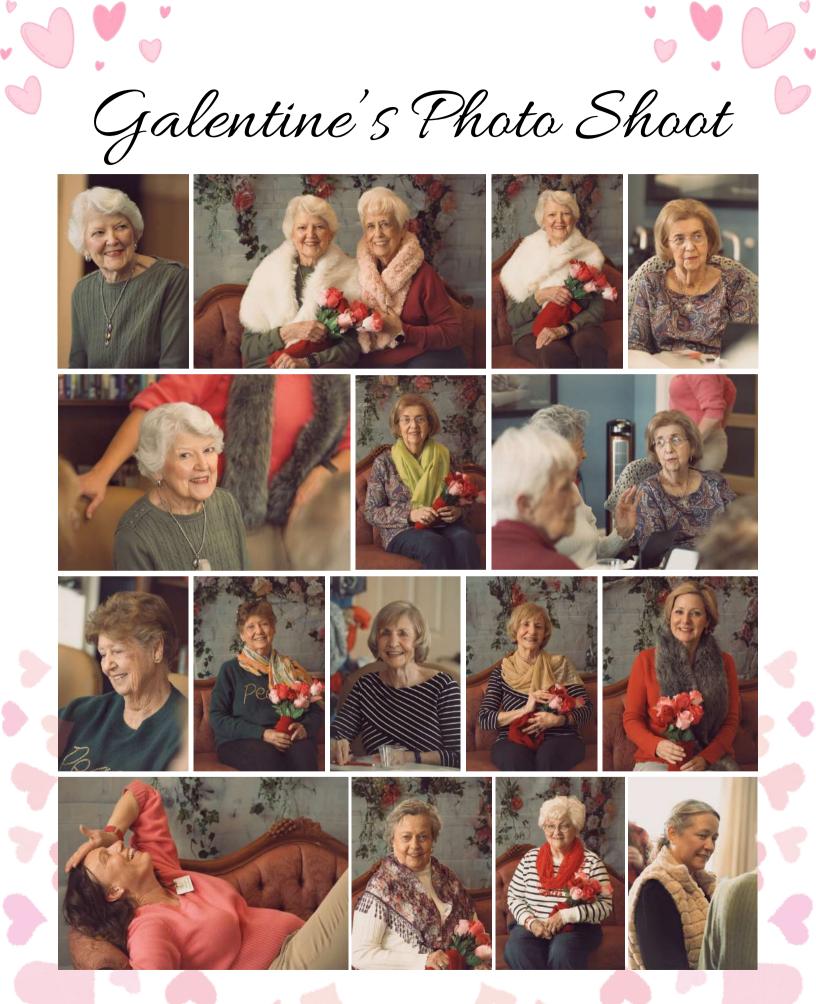
Galentine's Photo Shoot

"Though miles may lie between us, we are never far apart, for friendship doesn't count miles, it's measured by the heart."