

April 2019

Fiddick's Forum

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Celebrating April

Global Astronomy Month

Poetry Month

Jazz Appreciation Month

Golden Rule Week
April 1-7

No Housework Day
April 7

Barbershop Quartet Day
April 11

Scrabble Day
April 13

Easter
April 21

Hug an Australian Day
April 26

William's Fair Shake

Historians believe that the famous playwright William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564, and then died on that same date in the year 1616. Some argue that too little is known about Shakespeare to prove he was a famous writer, yet a wealth of records of his life exist.

William Shakespeare's father, John, was a prominent figure in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon. John was a successful glove maker, tanner, and wool dealer as well as a respected city councilman and town mayor. William Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, also came from a prosperous family. Her father ran a successful farm near Stratford. The Shakespeare family's wealth, sadly, did not last. By the time William was about 10 years old, his father's business had collapsed, and they were forced to mortgage even Mary's inheritance. Perhaps this is why young William attended a rather unremarkable local school and completed his education at the age of 14.

William Shakespeare desired to be more than the son of a farmer, so he left Stratford for London, where he became an actor. He progressed from acting to playwriting and eventually became the owner and manager of the very venues where his plays were performed, the Globe and Blackfriars Theatres. As Shakespeare's fame grew, he caught the notice of the noble classes. His drama company became the official troupe of both Queen Elizabeth I and King James I, and his works were regularly performed before the royal court. Shakespeare's success won him the respect of his peers and garnered him vast wealth. As a show of his success, he returned to Stratford-upon-Avon to purchase the largest house in the town. Where Shakespeare's father had lost a fortune, William had built one. Surprisingly, a definitive collection of Shakespeare's plays wasn't compiled until after his death. In 1623, two members of his troupe published the so-called *First Folio*, which remains to this day one of the most important works in the English language.

Message from Mike

I am thinking that our long and not very nice winter has passed on through and I hope spring is on its way..... I was glad to see that a lot of our residents had decorated for St. Patrick's Day, and I hope that everyone enjoyed our St. Patrick's Day festivities and our green beverages.

The residents are getting eager to be out in the courtyard for their daily walks, gardening and to sit in the sun... Since Easter is just around the corner hopefully there will be some spring flowers which will put a smile on everyone's faces.

I would like to thank all of our Residents and their families for allowing us to care for their loved ones, as it is our privilege. The Fiddick team are appreciative and thankful for being given this opportunity. If we can do anything more for anyone, please do not hesitate.



Kindly yours,

Michael Fiddick,
Administrator

Family Council

Our next Family Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 24th at 4:00pm** in the Victoria Way Conference Room.

We will be discussing upcoming spring/summer events and other facility updates.

"A Family Council is an organized, self-led, self-determining, democratic group composed of family and friends of the resident of a Long-Term Care Home. The main purposes of a Family Council are to improve the quality of life of Long-Term Care residents and to give families and friends a forum for sharing their experiences, learning and exchanging information."

- Family Councils Ontario

Surveys

Every family should have received a copy of the "Fiddick's Nursing Home Family Survey 2019" this month. If you did not please contact Shelly or Carly to get your copy. These can be handed in anonymously to the MAA desk or mailed back.

Geriatric Fashions

Geriatric Fashions will be here on Tuesday, April 30th from 10:00am until 3:00pm. They will be set up in the Ruby Hall Activity Room.

This is a great chance for you to come take your loved one shopping without leaving the building. They have all kinds of clothing, undergarments, adaptive clothing, slippers, etc. If you cannot make it on this day but wish to have something purchased for your loved one, please contact Carly Gill at 519-882-0370 or at bmcgill@fiddicksnursinghome.com or contact the unit manager.

You may receive a call prior to Geriatric Fashions being here if your loved one requires any clothing items or adaptive clothing. The staff will be able to order these items for them or if you wish you can come in with your loved one to pick out and purchase these items. Residents are able to try all of the clothing on and additional sizes can be ordered and delivered to Fiddick's if they are unavailable on that day.

Please contact the Activity Department if you have any questions.

Volunteers

We are always welcoming new volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in helping to improve the quality of life of our residents please contact Carly Gill at 519-882-0370 or at bmcgill@fiddicksnursinghome.com

All Volunteers will be required to complete a volunteer application. Student's looking to fill community service hours are welcome to apply.

We have many ways you can volunteer within our home such as clean-up and maintenance of our resident gardens, helping at BINGO or providing 1:1 visits with residents.



Reminders

For any new items being brought into the home for your loved one, please drop off at the MAA desk so they can be properly labeled.

We do have a lost and found located in the Retirement Home that you are able to go through at any time for items that have turned up and are not labeled.

Please contact Nicky Pool if you have any concerns regarding Laundry or Housekeeping

*** Due to allergies please do not bring latex balloons into the facility.***

Fiddick's Nursing Home Welcomes...

*Winston Jacobs
Gloria Noris
Rita Cote
Thomas Moore
Melba McRae
Cornelia Vanhooft*

And mourns the loss of...

*Alice Fell
Don Morrice
Thomas Moore*



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April Resident Birthdays

Retirement Home

Mary Beth Lucas - April 17th
Corry Vanhooft - April 17th

Ruby Hall

Fran Stockklauser - April 14th

Victoria Way

Jim Chute - April 18th

Barclay Lane

No April Birthdays

Fairbanks Court

Betty Wilkins - April 12th
Helen Tetreault - April 25th

*Join us for our April Birthday Party on
Thursday, April 25th with musical
entertainment from **Cam Marshman!** As
always, cake and refreshments will be
served. We hope to see you there!*



April Birthdays

In astrology, those born April 1–19 are Rams of Aries. Like rams, Aries charge forward with courage, confidence, and enthusiasm. They embrace action, take risks, and will fight for their goals. Those born April 20–30 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls are stable, reliable, patient, and determined. They will work hard and finish the job no matter what gets in their way, but they expect to be rewarded!

Buddy Ebsen (actor) – April 2, 1908
Washington Irving (author) – April 3, 1783
Maya Angelou (poet) – April 4, 1928
Bette Davis (actress) – April 5, 1908
Billie Holiday (singer) – April 7, 1915
David Letterman (TV host) – April 12, 1947
Henry Mancini (composer) – April 16, 1924
John Muir (naturalist) – April 21, 1838
Glen Campbell (singer) – April 22, 1936
Ella Fitzgerald (singer) – April 25, 1917
Samuel Morse (inventor) – April 27, 1791
Harper Lee (author) – April 28, 1926
Duke Ellington (bandleader) – April 29, 1899

April Special Events

April 1st - April Fool's Day

April 8th - Entertainment with Mirth & Memories (Gary McGill)

April 21st - Easter Sunday

April 25th - Birthday Party with Cam Marshman

April 30th - Geri Fashions