

Mass-ALA Membership News



With change comes chaos, with chaos comes change.

Helen Tidman

The above quote was one of my grandmother's favorites and since I couldn't find the exact quote as she used to say it, I decided to give her credit. She was a very special person - kind, caring, compassionate, and could tell naughty jokes with the sweetest smile.

The reason I chose that quote is that for the past two years, you have dealt with a lot of change that has definitely been chaotic. But from that chaos came change that changed how you run your communities. With that change, you made your communities safer and healthier for all of your residents and staff. Bravo!!! You are all rock stars.

2022 Membership Dues

Mass-ALA 2022 dues invoices were sent via email and snail mail on December 7. If you have not received this information or have questions, please contact me at mchamberlin@mass-ala.org or 781-622-5999, ext., 110. Please remember that your 2022 Mass-ALA membership dues must be paid by **January 31, 2022**.

Assisted Living Communities' Updates

I sent a request out in mid-November for you to send in photos of the Halloween and Veterans Day events that took place at your communities this fall. WOW, did you respond! I wish I could use every single photo so many of you sent in. Unfortunately, due to space limits, I can only use two photos, one Halloween and one Veterans Day, per community. Your Halloween photos made me laugh. Your residents looked like they were having such fun. The Veterans Day photos were moving and a wonderful tribute to those who served our country in a variety of ways. Now for the photos!!

Mary Ann Morse at Heritage sent these wonderful photos of some of their residents who are veterans.



The Vermont Chapter of the quilting group 'Quilts of Valor' donated more than a dozen handmade patriotic quilts to the Veterans at **Heritage Woods Senior Living** on Thursday, November 11th, in honor of Veterans Day.



The Assisted Living Center – Salisbury sent in a wonderful photo of the women who served who now reside at their community. They also sent in this wonderful photo of a very elegant, but ghostly, spirit from their Halloween celebration.



The **Victorian Assisted Living** community in North Chatham sent in some wonderful Halloween photos.



Here are some of the great employees enjoying themselves.

At the **Allerton House at Central Park** community, for Halloween, they enjoyed live entertainment then headed to their Pub where they served cocktails, candy, and cupcakes. For Veterans Day, a group of residents attended the

local town parade, then participated in a ceremony back at the community honoring all of our Veterans with a photo and medal display, as well as a slideshow presentation.



At **The Residence at Cedar Dell**, in addition to celebrations for their residents and staff, they hosted a Pet Halloween Costume Contest this year. Voting took place in person for their residents, staff, and visitors and on Facebook throughout Halloween weekend. Here are the winners:



First Place Libby the Witch



Second Place Minnie the Cowgirl



Third Place Scrappy the Squirrel

At **River Mills Assisted Living**, they celebrated Veterans Day by officially presenting their newly-completed Veterans Wall. The resident in the picture below at the Wall, Richard, also a Vet, was instrumental in the making of the Wall, from the planning of it to the making of the signs.



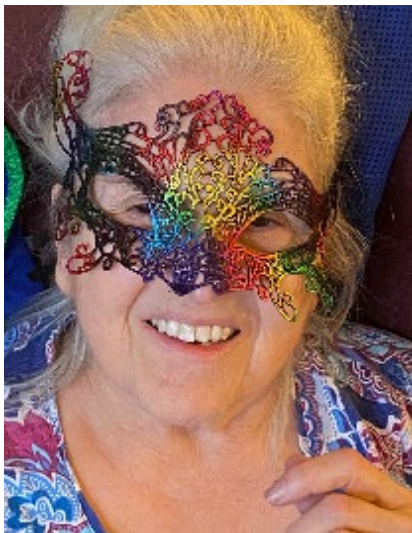
Grove Manor celebrated Halloween with their residents dressed in wonderful costumes and shared delicious treat bags. On Veteran's Day, they honored their veteran residents with a musical presentation, cards from school children, and a beautiful flag cake.



Atria at Maplewood Place sent in this wonderful photo of resident, Gloria Prezioso, who dressed as "Madam Butterfly" for their Halloween Costume Party. She won the prize for Best Costume. Gloria is very active at 101 years of age and attends 2 fitness classes a day and loves to walk outside in the sun.



Bridges by EPOCH at Mashpee residents celebrated Halloween by painting pumpkins and attending a mask party. They also honored their residents who served our country.



The Residence at Great Woods had an eventful Veterans Day. Old Colony Hospice hosted a Veteran's Cafe; they handed out certificate, pins, and personalized blankets. They then headed out to the center of town to watch the Veteran's Day parade and celebrated that afternoon with treats and cocktails !



New Horizons at Marlborough shared some wonderful photos of their Halloween events. New Horizon's resident, 100-year-old Arthur Butler, a WWII veteran, was featured on Channel 4 and in the MetroWest Daily News. If you missed the story, click [here](#) to watch it.



NOTE – if your community is planning fun events in celebration of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, for your residents, **PLEASE, PLEASE**, be sure to send me photos and a short description of these celebrations so I can feature you in the next edition of The Voice. As always, be sure to send me photos that have been approved by the residents and/or their families, for publication.

New Members

WELCOME to our four new Business Partners, they are:

- ❖ **Assisted Living Locators** guides families and simplifies the process of deciding when, how, and where the best senior living community is for a consumer to live. There is no cost for their services. www.assistedlivinglocators.com/semass
- ❖ **New England Community Medical Services** is a collaborative practice of Physicians and Nurse Practitioners that provides medical care to patients in a variety of settings: Assisted Living, Sub-Acute, and Long-Term Care facilities. Their individualized medical care is brought to patients in a wide region, from the Merrimack Valley to the greater Boston area. www.necms.healthcare/.
- ❖ **Pelmeds Pharmacy** is a closed-door, full-service pharmacy that specializes in medication management services, compounding (human & vet,) specialty products, specialized packaging, and delivery service. Their customers range from residential schools, group homes, palliative care/hospice, assisted living residents, individual patients, and pet owners/veterinarians. www.pelmeds.com

- ❖ **Siemens Smart Infrastructure** is dedicated to giving you the most efficient fire and life safety solutions, products, and services you need to protect people, assets, and buildings...from data centers and hospitals to campuses and high-rise buildings. Siemens Technology Certified technicians install, service, and expand both Desigo® and Cerberus® PRO systems. www.usa.siemens.com/firecity

WELCOME to our three new Pre-Provider assisted living community:

- ❖ Two new EPOCH communities are being built in Lexington. They are:
 - **Bridges at Lexington** and **Waterstone at Lexington**. Both EPOCH communities are scheduled to open in 2022.
- ❖ Northbridge companies have broken ground at their newest community, **The Mariner Marblehead**. The Mariner is scheduled to open in early 2023.

WELCOME to our new members! We are excited to have you as a part of the
Mass-ALA community!

Mass-ALA has a Helpline and a Career Center

I wanted to remind you of two important **member benefits**:

- The first benefit is the **Mass-ALA Helpline** to help you with those questions that pop-up about regulations or procedures at your community. You can reach the Helpline by calling Mass-ALA at 781-622-5999 x103 and talking with our Director of Education, Laurie Cashman, or via email at lcashman@mass-ala.org or feel free to reach out to me at mchamberlin@mass-ala.org or 781-622-5999, ext. 110.
- The second member benefit is our **Job Board**, which can be found on the Members Only page of our website. Once you have logged in, click on the Career Center link at the top of the page and follow the directions to post a job at your community. If you need assistance with logging in or posting your job, give me a call at 781-622-5999, ext. 110. All jobs that are posted on our Job Board can be viewed by all job seekers by simply going to our website and clicking on Career Search at the top of the home page on our website, mass-ala.org.

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season. Thank you for all you do and your membership with Mass-ALA.