

Who's There?



Knock knock. Who's there? October 31st. October 31st who? Did you know that October 31st is Knock-Knock Joke Day? It is no coincidence that this holiday coincides with Halloween. As children rove door-to-door asking "Trick or treat," they can offer knock-knock jokes as compensation for their candy and goodies. The origin of the knock-knock joke is anything but clear-cut, but clever historians have uncovered bits of American popular culture that present a convoluted history of its creation. Before the knock-knock joke, there was the "Do You Know" joke. Around the year 1900, it was common for joke tellers to ask something like, "Do you know Arthur?" To which the person would reply, "Arthur who?" The jokester would then reveal the punchline: "Arthurmometer!" This groan-worthy punchline, with its silly play on words, foreshadowed the sort of punchlines knock-knock jokes would become famous for. But where did the door-knocking imagery come from? In 1929, author Henry Bett wrote the book *The Games of Children: Their Origin and History*. In it, Bett describes a common game called "Buff" in which a player would tap with a stick and say "Knock knock," to which another player would respond, "Who's there?" Is it coincidence that by the mid-1930s the joke form and the children's game had been combined? Knock-knock jokes were suddenly everywhere. Businesses held knock-knock joke contests. Bands incorporated knock-knock jokes into their songs. In 1936, the nomination of Col. Frank Knox as the Republican vice-presidential candidate inspired radio stations and newspapers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to tell Knox-Knox jokes. Meanwhile, the *Kerrville Times* newspaper in Texas expressed sheer bafflement over the knock-knock joke phenomenon: "Who started it, where, and what it is called is a mystery." At the end of 1936, psychologist D.A. Laird called the compulsion to tell knock-knock jokes a mania and a sickness.



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We are also on the web. Our monthly newsletter and calendar are available on our website.

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October Birthdays

In astrology, those born from October 1–23 balance the scales of Libra. Libras are peaceful and fair, and value balance and symmetry. For this reason, they often champion justice and equality. Those born from October 24–31 are Scorpions of Scorpio. Scorpions are passionate, dedicated, and resourceful. Scorpions may seem intimidating, but they are just no-nonsense people who value honesty and loyalty above all else.

Senior Living Birthdays:

10/1- Sue Ann B.

10/3 - Jane C.

10/21 - George S.

Memory Care Village Birthdays:

10/24 - Dawn

10/27- Anna Mary

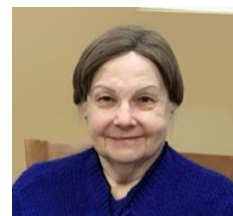
10/29 - MaryAnn B.

Both buildings host a resident birthday party as a combined celebration of all residents born in the current month. Check your calendars for the date and time to come and join us for some celebrating, singing, and of course...cake!

Meet Your Neighbors



SL: James Newquist - Jim is a nice guy with a quick wit and great sense of humor. Jim likes socializing with his friends, games and trivia. Jim and his wife raise show dogs.



MCV: Ramona Bell - Ramona is a nice beautiful lady who enjoys socializing, Arts & Crafts, games, trivia, movie day, helping others, and singing!

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Abington Manor at Morgan Hill Senior Living and Memory Care Village

Celebrating October

Country Music Month

Stamp Collecting Month

Positive Attitude Month

International Coffee Day

October 1

World Space Week

October 4–10

World Teachers Day

October 5

Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 11

Wear Something Gaudy Day

October 17

Freedom of Speech Week

October 18–24

World Origami Days

October 24–November 11

Cranky Coworkers Day

October 27

All Hallows' Eve or Halloween

October 31

A Message from Campus PHC Executive Director, LPN...

October already!! It seems we just blink and another month passes us by. I love this time of the year though with the fresh brisk air in the morning and the beautiful colors of fall. As we move forward trying to cope with our new lifestyle involving the changes Covid-19 has left us with, I'm pleased to say we continue to grow with positive changes here at Abington Manor Senior Living and Memory Care Village.

Over the past two years our third floor in our Senior Living facility has served as a Red Zone for our residents diagnosed Covid-19 to safely recover and it's time to spruce it up a little. The area is currently under renovation and will soon have a fresh new look.

We also have some changes in our nursing department in our Senior Living facility as Jolyn Church, Director of Resident Care has decided to leave us to pursue a different career in nursing with her last day being October 6th. We sincerely want to thank Jolyn for her time with us and wish her the very best moving forward.

As we say good-bye to Jolyn I'd like to introduce you to Kristen Fox, LPN as she will be stepping into the role of Director of Resident Care on October 13, 2021. Kristen comes with 5 years of Skilled Nursing and Management experience and comes highly recommended. Kristen is very excited to join our team and we look forward to working with her as she develops and strengthens our Wellness department.

As always – thank you for your support and patience as we continue our journey working to keep our residents and staff safe and healthy.



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From the Director of Services...

As fast as the heat came so comes the cool crisp air. As the heat will go on it is very important that the P-Tack units in our resident rooms are not used as storage or shelves for personal items. We will be assisting residents to move personal items as to keep us safe from any harmful situations that come from this.

While we had a little set back with Covid, our projects will now continue to move ahead. Senior Living will be resuming our building refresh project with the installation of new carpeting on the 3rd floor and new planking walls.

We will be converting some of our suites at Senior Living with new style carpet and accent walls as to give individuality and a custom feel to them.

Our dining rooms are open and sanitized after every seating and our building is sprayed monthly with a special disinfectant to keep everyone safe as an additional measure to keep us germ free.

I am pleased to announce some new staff additions to our great team. Bonnie is now our head housekeeper and Ernie has taken the position as maintenance person at Memory Care Village.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns with Services at either building, please feel free to reach out to me directly.



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Famous Dates in October

Oct. 1, 1908 – Henry Ford introduces the new Model T car. Cost: \$825.

Oct. 2, 1975 – Joe Frazier faces off against Muhammad Ali in the famous “Thrilla in Manila” boxing match.

Oct. 4, 1883 – The Orient Express debuts.

Oct. 6, 1927 – The first feature-length “talkie” movie, The Jazz Singer, premieres.

Oct. 29, 1929 – The U.S. stock market crashes.

What’s Lucky in October?

Lucky Color: Green

Lucky Animal: Shark

Lucky Letter: W

Lucky Day: Tuesday

Lucky Plant: Pumpkin

Employee of the Month



Karina Jordan - SL PCA



Grace Iwuafor - MCV PCA

Thank you both for your exceptional service and dedication to the residents of Abington Manor.

A Marketing Message...

The spooky season is here, which means the sun is setting earlier and the weather is getting crisp.

Both of our buildings have some availability and nobody wants to spend the cooler seasons alone.

Help us spread the word about our wonderful facility!

For more information, please feel free to reach out to me directly.



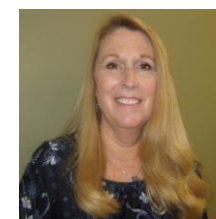
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The Fun We’ve Had in Senior Living Activities...

September started off with a Sing Along With Dan on the 1st and everyone really enjoyed themselves! When we went to in room only activities, we tried to keep everyone upbeat and busy with games and puzzles and music. We even had an in-room Ice Cream Party with build your own ice cream Sundaes!



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The Fun We’ve Had in Memory Care Village Activities...

Fun times outside on the patio, crafting and decorating for the new season “Hello Fall”, more singing and dancing, movies & pizza and ice cream day always enjoyed!!



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