

# **Our Library**

Have you checked out our Library yet? Our Library is located on the first floor next to the Dining Room and Main Street and is open to all residents. If you come to check out a book, we just ask that you return it when you're done. This month we are featuring authors that have a last name that starts with A. For example, Jeffrey Archer, Jean M Auel, Bella Andre, and Gabi Adam. We have tons of novels to choose from. Come check out our Library!

# **April Birthdays**

In astrology, those born between April 1–20 are Aries, the Ram. Rams are adventurous go-getters and full of enthusiasm, charm, and energy. They make dynamic pioneers and adventurers—undeterred when the going gets rough. Those born from April 20–30 have the star sign of the Bull of Taurus. Bulls show steady, dogged persistence in achieving their goals. Once goals are reached, they enjoy being rewarded, especially with beauty and peace at home.

Mary Robertson	April 5
Mary Falke	April 8
Virginia McCullough	April 11
Rita Rojas	April 11
Betty Schubert	April 17
Clare Schmidt	April 19
Pat Kenealy	April 28

This month we are traveling to Greece! Below are some fun facts about Greece.

# Islands, Islands, Everywhere!

Greece has over 6,000 islands, but only about 227 are inhabited, each with its own unique charm.

# **Home of the Olympic Games:**

The first Olympic Games took place in Greece in 776 BC, and the marathon race gets its name from a famous run between Marathon and Athens.

## **Athens: The Oldest City:**

Athens, the capital of Greece, is one of the oldest cities in the world, with a history spanning over 2,500 years.



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# **Celebrating April**

April Fools Day

April 1

Passover
April 12–20

National Vitamin C Day

April 6

National Farm Animal Day

April 10

National Pet Day

April 11

National Dolphin Day

April 14

National Exercise Day

April 18

Easter April 20

Earth Day April 22

National Pigs in a Blanket Day

April 24

National Pretzel Day

April 26

















#### **Residents of the Month**

#### Judy Bleyenberg

Judy was born on February 5th and grew up with her family in Northeast Kansas City, where she lived her whole life until coming here to OLOM. Judy and her two siblings went to school and church at St Stephens Baptist Church and remembers having a lot of fun as a kid. Her favorite thing to do was acrobatics in her front yard. Judy later married and had one son and three daughters. Over the years Judy worked in a plastic factory where they made all types of bottles and plastic containers. She has also worked at a restaurant as a waitress, at National Bella Hess, the post office, and Woolworth. We asked Judy if she had any advice for us and she stated, "Always look into your heart to answer questions to problems you run across."

## **Bob Jones**

Bob was born on February 6th and grew up with his family in the Brookside area and attended the St. Peters Parish. One of Bobs favorite things to do as a child was going to Union Station to watch the trains come and go. He also enjoyed rabbit hunting and playing baseball. Bob went into the service for five years when he was 20 but ended up going back to school for criminal justice and became a police officer. He met his wife Alice at a party and this year in June they will be married for 54 years, together they have four children. Bobs favorite season is Fall and his favorite foods are prime rib, steak, and hamburgers. Bob told us, "I love my meat!"

#### Marilyn Kelsey

Marilyn was born on March 25th and grew up in Loose Creek Missouri with her family, which consisted of five kids. Marilyns siblings used to tell her that she was spoiled because she was the only one of them that was born in a hospital, the others were born at home. She later married and lived in Minot North Dakota because he was in the service. They were married for 55 years and together had two boys. She spent her time being a stay-at-home mom and she also transcribed for a court reporter. Marilyn loves to see trees and flowers blooming, so her favorite season is Spring. We asked her if she had any advice for the younger generation, and she said, "Get rid of electronics. Live to be yourself and live to be happy because life is too short."

## Pat Gradwohl

Pat was born on August 8th and grew up in Springfield Missouri, until she was 12 years old, then she moved to Liberty Missouri. Pat has four siblings and is the youngest, so she calls herself the "spoiled brat." As a child she remembers loving to ride horses. She never owned one, but her neighbors had a horse that she got to ride. Over the years Pat was married a couple of times and ended up having three kids which blessed her with eight grandkids and eleven great grandkids. Pats' favorite season is summer because its swimming weather and when she was a kid she loved not having to go to school. Pat said that if she had a superpower, she would just want to be able to heal people.

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