APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 Kuldip G. Mila C. laffer No Violet L.

Sohrab S.

April 3 April 3 April 8 April 13 Cleo H. April 14 Ricardo G. Amrit O.

April 15 April 18 Katherine F-H. April 27



RESPECT



Welcome to our new staff hired so far this year!

Maintenance	01/13/25
НСА	01/20/25
Recreation	01/27/25
НСА	02/06/25
НСА	02/14/25
Unit Clerk	02/14/25
HCA	02/24/25
Recreation	03/25/25
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Take the time to listen to those who can respond but may not be able to do so quickly.



Looking for donations of stuffed animals for Bingo prizes. These can be dropped off with Visitation or brought to the Recreation Office in Magnolia.





RESPECT

suggestions are

new each month.

Check them out!

Resident Council Meeting - MPR Tuesday, April 29, 10 am



Stay tuned in coming weeks for more on our pilot project: "Cozy Café". We want to have a self-serve café area across from the Chaplains office in the front lobby. For a few hours, 2-3 times a week, we would



The Recreation Team is once again planning a dog show for Friday May 23 at 10 am in the MPR. If you or someone you know would like to have their dog participate in our show or if you would like more info about how our dog show works, please email patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca. In our last show in September we had 14 dogs bringing love and joy to our residents.

DOG

open this seating area to family members and their loved ones, with mellow music playing, and self-service coffee, tea, hot chocolate, flavoured coffee creams, and sweet treats available. We may also include pudding type snacks for those on specialized diets. This could be a donation café to help supplement our Recreation programs and events. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please drop by our office located in Magnolia house, or email patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca

BUCHANAN LODGE

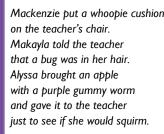


Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

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Elijah left a piece of plastic dog doo on the floor, and Vincent but some plastic vomit in the teacher's drawer. Amanda put a goldfish in the teacher's drinking glass. These April Fool's Day pranks are ones that you could use in class.

Before you go & try them, though, there's something I must mention: The teacher wasn't fooling when she but us in detention!

By Kenn Nesbitt From the book: REVENGE OF THE LUNCH LADIES

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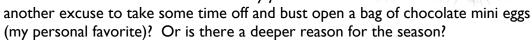






Thought for April

Good Friday and Easter are next up on our calendar of annual events. Are they just



The symbols of Easter speak of new life. The name "Easter" likely comes from the ancient word for spring and the Germanic goddess of spring and fertility, "Eastre" (the root of the word "estrogen"). Her earthly symbol was the rabbit, for obvious reasons. Other symbols like eggs, chicks, and flowers also remind us of new life.

Does the promise of new life, illustrated by the arrival of Spring and the Easter celebration, apply to our lives? I still remember an episode of the TV show, "The Good Wife," which posed a similar question. Peter, the good wife's unfaithful husband, sought spiritual help from a pastor for purely political reasons. But the pastor suddenly made it personal when he asked, "Do you believe Jesus died for your sins?" Peter answered honestly, "I don't even know what that means!"

The truth is, it means everything. When Jesus died on the cross (Good Friday) and then came back to life (Easter), everything suddenly made sense. There is a God and He really did create life. You and I and all humanity are the reason for creation. Despite what others may say and what we may sometimes think, God really loves us and wants us to know Him personally. He explains all of that, the real meaning of life, in the Bible, His love letter to all of us. And at the very heart of that message is lesus.

While others are trying to create ways to reach up to God (we call that religion) God has already reached down to us. It's really not about what we can do to impress God – His standards are too high. Instead it's all about what God has

already done for us in sending Jesus. Jesus took upon Himself the spiritual and physical consequences for our failures. He died in our place and then came back to life so that we can experience "new life" too.

That's what the pastor was trying to get Peter to understand. If he could begin there, there's the potential for a fresh start as a loving husband, as a trustworthy father, and maybe even as a reputable governor. I know I'm talking about a TV show and the story unfolded differently, but what Jesus did for us is really true and it really works. He said, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe? (John II:25-26). Well - do you? ~ Chaplain Rob Buzza

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LIVE MUSIC

April 5 - Saturday, Camelia, 10 am, Pete

April 7 - Monday, Magnolia, 10 am, Alastair

April 10 - Thursday, Camelia, 1:30 pm, Dave

April 14 - Monday, Willow, 1:45 pm, Steve

April 17 - Thursday, Magnolia, 10:30 am Birthday Tea, with Pete Campbell

April 30 - Wednesday, Rose, 1:30 pm, Pete



CHINESE FOOD
Wednesdays at noon
April 9th - Rose & Willow
23rd - Magnolia & Camelia



MEN'S BREAKFAST Friday, April 11 at 8 am Rose & Willow - MPR

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BUCHANAN

Bus Trips

We now work with a bus company to take the residents on outings. With the limited number of seat and wheelchair spaces, the rec team will keep records to ensure equal opportunity. Family is also welcome to join their loved one on these trips: May 5, June 17, and June 30, all 9:30 am -12 pm.

Handi dart and Wheelchair Taxi

In case you didn't know, family can also book the handi dart or a wheelchair taxi to take your loved one out. Good places to go include New Westminster Quay, Royal City Mall, Queens Park, & Anvil Centre.

Family and friends are always welcome to join their loved one for the special lunches. Please email patricia.foley@salvationarmy at least I day prior.



Families Gardening Together

For any family members interested in planting in the garden this year - please contact Trish or the recreation staff to reserve a section in the garden.

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ATTENTION FAMILIES

The Tover interactive game console will be set up in the MPR (MultiPurpose Room) April I & 2, as well as April 6, 7, & 8, so families can try it out with their loved one. Trish, our Rec Coordinator, will be available to show you how it works.

Please come to the recreation office or have reception call Trish and she will come to the MPR to demonstrate how to use this innovative piece of technology with your loved one.