

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kuldip G.	April 2	Amrit O.	April 18
Violet L.	April 8	Steenbergen J.	April 23
Cleo H.	April 14	Katherine F-H.	April 27
Ricardo G.	April 15		

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## Birthday Tea

April 8 | Wednesday  
1:30 pm in Rose  
with Steven Marriot



### 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.  
[patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca)

### SPRING FUNDRAISER

Watch your email for more information and order forms for the spring fundraiser. The residents will be helping the recreation team plant hanging baskets. Both sun and shade hanging baskets will be available. The baskets will be available for pick up in time for Mothers Day. Pick up will take place Friday, May 8, between 1:30-4:30 pm and Saturday, May 9, between 10 am and 4:30 pm.



Highlight outstanding stories of teamwork at staff meetings and other gatherings.

FOR ALL BUCHANAN STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

**T.E.A.M. WORK**  
Together Everyone Achieves More

*"Working together with one mind & purpose"*

**APRIL TEAMWORK SUGGESTION**

### RECREATION DONATIONS

The Rec Department is looking for the following donations which will support the Christmas Craft Sale this December.

**New:** Bath and body products (luffas, lotions, nail files, body-wash and lotions), Tea towels and dish cloths, mugs that match, wine glasses, charcutier boards and serving trays, baskets, decorative buckets (can be used). These items will be used to put together our gift baskets for purchase during the craft fair. If you have any other household goods you think might be of use in our baskets please contact Trish Foley, Recreation Coordinator at [patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca).

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

-Martin Luther-

### BUCHANAN LODGE



Mackenzie put a whoopie cushion on the teacher's chair. Makayla told the teacher that a bug was in her hair. Alyssa brought an apple with a purple gummy worm and gave it to the teacher just to see if she would squirm.

Elijah left a piece of plastic dog doo on the floor, and Vincent put 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 put us in detention!

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

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# Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

APRIL 2026



Magnolia loving the snow in March

## Precious Memories



Now that's "getting your green on"!



Our very experienced staff looking a little "green"!



St. Patty repped well by our Willow Team



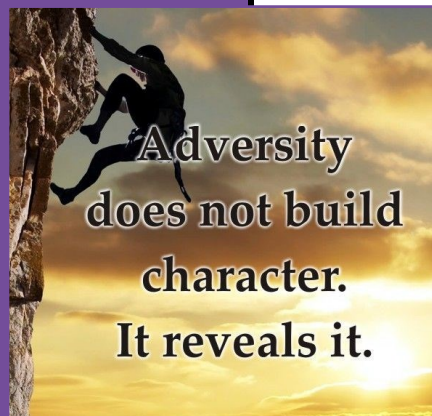
Our very coordinated Camelia Team



Urban Safari shows off God's creative handiwork

# Thought for April

Sometimes, adversity can introduce us to some folks who are downright inspirational. You just have to look deeper to find them.



## ADVERSITY REVEALS CHARACTER

Six years ago, our April Buzz devotional focused on the COVID-19 pandemic. It seems so long ago now but the fear back then was very real and very memorable. We saw some errant responses to adversity (e.g. political missteps, cover-ups, hoarders, looters, scammers), but we also saw brave people step forward to help the most vulnerable. Buchanan Lodge was fortunate to have folks like that here. We were able to continue visits through garden gates, windows, and using technology like WhatsApp and Zoom. Our care staff were so diligent and thorough that we escaped the worst of the pandemic with no outbreaks. It was a joy to see the selflessness, the sacrifice, and the genuine love that was on full display throughout that tumultuous time. James Lane Allen was right: "adversity does not build character; it reveals it!"

Einstein added this insight: "adversity introduces a man to himself." Sometimes, adversity can introduce us to some folks who are downright inspirational. You just have to look deeper to find them. They are often hidden in the middle pages of our newspapers or squeezed into the final minutes of the nightly newscasts, but they are worth the wait. Here are some examples I noticed during those defining years:

- ◊ Front line health care workers risking their own health, working double shifts, and distancing themselves from their own families to protect others
- ◊ Retired doctors & nurses returning to work, putting themselves in harm's way
- ◊ People honouring their sacrifice with signs in windows, chalked messages on their driveways, and the "joyful noise" of pots and pans at 7 pm every night
- ◊ Folks in hospital parking lots singing, cheering & honking their horns in support
- ◊ Neighbours, churches, community groups shopping and making meals for seniors and others who couldn't get out of their homes
- ◊ Gas station diners offering free self-serve dinners for truckers hauling needed supplies across our country
- ◊ Politicians crossing party lines to come up with solutions
- ◊ Resourceful manufacturers modifying their equipment to make medical supplies and equipment
- ◊ Ordinary people giving generously of their money, time and talents to help others

Jesus led by example in how to walk sacrificially through extreme hardship and then emerge victorious. We can do the same if we follow Him. He once said to His disciples and to us: *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!* (John 16:33). Concluding this season of self-sacrifice (known as Lent) by celebrating Good Friday and Easter is a reminder to all of us where good character comes from. Have a blessed Easter everyone!

~ Chaplain Rob Buzza



- April 2 - Thursday | 1:30 pm | Easter Celebration | MPR
- April 4 - Saturday | 1:30 pm | Pete Campbell | Camelia
- April 8 - Wednesday | 1:30 pm | Steven Marriot | Rose
- April 9 - Thursday | 10:00 am | Pete Campbell | Magnolia
- April 11 - Saturday | 1:30 pm | Alastair | Willow
- April 16 - Thursday | 2:30 pm | Mellowdares Choir | MPR
- April 18 - Saturday | 1:30 pm | Greg Alcock | Magnolia
- April 20 - Monday | 1:30 pm | Steven Marriot | Camelia
- April 21 - Tuesday | 10:00 am | Alastair | Rose



Welcoming new staff into the Buchanan Family!

Applicant	Position	Date of Hire
Randhawa, Keerit	HCSW	2026.02.02
Sarceno, Jerilyn	LPN	2026.02.13
Grunder Terefe, Rahel	LPN	2026.02.09
Compass, Shantae	HCA	2026.02.17
Secter, Sara Rose	HCA	2026.02.23
Singh, Amritpal	HCA	2026.02.17
Grantosa, Angelica	HCA	2026.03.06
Mencia, Veronica	AW	2026.03.31



High Tea in Rose Garden  
April 15 | Wednesday | 1:45-2:45 pm



Scenic Drive  
April 30  
Thursday  
1:30 - 3:30 pm



Easter Tea Celebration  
April 2 | Thursday | 1:30 pm | MPR



April 9 | Thursday | 1:30-3 pm | all houses  
Choose from 3 different ice cream flavors!

## SPIRITUAL HEALTH Spring Schedule 2026

- Mondays**  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS  
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am
- Tuesdays**  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS  
Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am
- Wednesdays**  
MASS - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 11 am  
COMMUNION - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 11 am
- Thursdays**  
CHAPELS  
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am
- Sundays**  
Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am