The Orchards rings with song: Meet The Choraleers

If you walk by The Orchards Community Room on any given Monday afternoon you will hear the piano playing, people singing and a lot of enthusiasm coming from a group of 16 residents known as The Choraleers! This group meets weekly to rehearse under the direction of Kathy Kopcha for an upcoming public performance.

The reason they do it is simple: It’s because they love to sing and share their love of song with others.

Kathy, who has been The Orchards music director since 2010, shares her talent and expertise with the residents to put together a yearly show-stopping venue. She is extremely educated in the field of music. Kathy holds a Bachelor’s of Science and Master’s Degree in music education. She began as a music teacher in the public school setting and thereafter has been teaching private piano lessons for the past 35 years. In addition to her dedication to The Orchards family and her private lessons, she is an organist at St. Thomas and Mary Our Queen churches.

In preparation for each performance, Kathy comes to the group prepared with new ideas and suggestions always enlisting the input of each member before a theme and song selections are decided upon. She is dedicated, patient and committed and holds the respect of every person. The Choraleers are diligent in attending each rehearsal and work very hard to put on a memorable performance for all to enjoy.

Some past performances have been “The Sound of Music,” “South Pacific,” a country music show, patriotic songs, and medleys from “Fiddler on the Roof,” “My Fair Lady,” and “Oklahoma,” to name a few. The Choraleers are presently working on a show with songs based on peoples’ names. They are having fun with their songs selections and have a few surprises in store for their audience.

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### Sunday(s)
- 10:00am CATHOLIC MASS on TV & Communion
- 3:00pm SETBACK Cards
- 3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation
- 6:30pm CARDS
  - Community Room
  - Card Corner

### Monday(s)
- 10:00am “GET FIT” w/ Christine - Community Room
- 1:00pm CHORALEERS Practice - Community Room
- 1:30pm BRIDGE CLUB
  - Veranda Dining Room
- 2:30pm BINGO
  - Community Room
- 3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation
  - Country Kitchen
- 6:30pm CARDS
  - Country Kitchen
  - Card Corner

### Tuesday(s)
- 9:30am Non-Denom SERVICE w/ Pastor Victoria Truano
  - South Living Room
- 12:15pm BOWLING @ Brunswick Lanes
- 1:00pm “GET FIT” w/ Christine - Community Room
- 1:30pm WELLNESS CLINIC
  - 3rd Floor
- 3:00pm HAPPY HOUR - Pub
- 6:30pm CARDS - Country Kit.
- 6:30pm BINGO - Comm. Rm

### Wednesday(s)
- 9:30am ROSARY
  - Private Dining Room
- 10:00am “GET FIT” w/ Christine - Community Room
- 10:30am BIBLE STUDY
  - Rev. Brown
  - Private Dining Room
- 6:30pm SETBACK CARDS
  - Card Corner

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Events listed on the top of the calendar are weekly functions at The Orchards. Residents are requested to check for any change in schedule or location if necessary. Trips are available and encouraged to attend out trips. Trip details are as follows:

- **10:00am Out Trip - JFK**
- **Out Trip - Walmart**
- **Out Trip - Christmas Tree Shop & Lunch**
- **Out Trip - Lewis Family**
- **Out Trip - Boscov's Meriden**

For more information, please refer to the calendar or contact the organizers.
### April 2018

Here is the schedule of events for the month of April. The activities include: **Las Vegas Night** on the 4th, **Texas Hold Em** on the 11th, **Kiddie Korner** on the 12th, **Poker Walk** on the 27th. **Volunteer Luncheon** will be held on the 5th. **Card Games** will be held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th. **Happy Hour** will be held on the 3rd, 5th, and 7th. **Bingo** will be held on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th. **Memory Card Game** will be held on the 2nd. **Tai Chi** will be held on the 10th. **Music with Don Szamier** will be held on the 19th. **Volunteer Entertainment** will be held on the 18th. **Volunteer Appreciation** will be held on the 19th.

If it rains, some of the outdoor activities may be canceled. Residents will be notified of any changes as necessary. All residents are welcome to attend. Outdoor events are weather permitting.
As newcomer Dave K. stated, “Anytime I can sing it brings me pleasure” and Mary Z. commented, “I am so pleased that The Orchards has this and I am very happy to be a part of it. I love music and it’s an hour of being happy singing.”

We welcome anyone who likes to sing and is willing to attend Monday afternoon rehearsals to join us. I eagerly await The Choraleers performance on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there too!