



A monthly newsletter dedicated to our residents and family members.

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Three veterans receive wartime service medals at Mulberry Gardens

Many people remember their 21st birthdays. However, few individuals celebrate like Marjorie McKennerney did on her 21st in 1944: she enlisted in the U.S. Navy. “We were all very patriotic at that time. We all wanted our country to win the war,” she said, explaining why she felt compelled to serve during World War II.

On May 22, in recognition of their patriotic service, she and two other U.S. Navy veterans were honored at the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Ceremony held at Mulberry Gardens.

Other recipients were Edward Talan, also a Mulberry Gardens resident, as is McKennerney, and Kenneth Leslie, an Arbor Rose at Jerome Home resident. Each received a letter and certificate from Thomas Saadi, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. “Thank you for your selfless service. The freedoms we enjoy today are a result of your sacrifice,” the letter read in part, referring to each individual as a “true American” and “Connecticut hero.”



Photo by Rusty Kimball

From left, Marjorie McKennerney, Kenneth Leslie, Wayne Rioux, Edward Talan and Sherri Vogt.

McKennerney was stationed in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Navy’s Bureau of Ships where she performed secretarial work, a career she continued after her discharge.

Talan served in the Medical Corps with the U.S. Marines. After boot camp he did his advanced training at Portsmouth Hospital where he worked with medical staff during a malaria outbreak. He See **Veterans**, page 3

Mulberry Gardens ‘rocks’ thanks to the Cub Scouts

We have an exciting activity coming our way. Mulberry Gardens will be starting a rock painting club for whoever wants to join. It’s as simple as painting a rock!

This idea came from Cub Scout Pack 8 from Derynoski Elementary School in Southington. They are regular visitors to Mulberry Gardens,

most recently bringing holiday cheer with their caroling.

Several decorated rocks, courtesy of the Cub Scouts, were delivered to us a few months ago. Some had flowers on them, others had hearts and ladybugs and still others had inspirational sayings. See **Rocks** on page 2

Save the date! Friday, June 14 is the 2019 Ms. Senior

Welcome, new residents

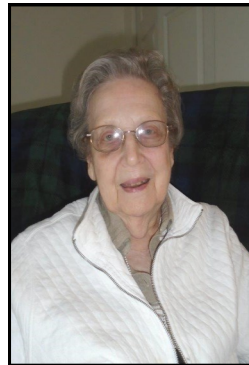
Claire Albert



Claire was born on Oct. 1, 1933 in Rhode Island then moved to Southington. She worked as an office manager at Jet Tool & Cutter Manufacturing and J.J. industries in Bristol. Claire has nine children and 27

grandchildren! Her hobbies include working on puzzles and reading.

Alice Young



Alice was born on Aug. 30, 1929 in Shelton. She has also resided in Wallingford and Meriden. She and her husband, Stuart, share one child, Jeff. Alice was a secretary at C.N. Flagg Co., Wallace Silversmiths, and Gardner-Kirby Ins., and was also a homemaker.

Her hobbies include baking, sewing (needlepoint), reading, golf and watching the UConn girls play basketball.



Cub Scouts and family members serenade residents during the holidays.



The painted rocks bring inspiration and smiles to those at Mulberry Gardens.

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They were all so unique and beautiful!

During the winter season the rocks were stored indoors waiting for the spring to arrive. Once the weather got warmer, we spread these lovely rocks along our walkway. Since then, we have seen many smiles from our residents. Many have commented on how it has brightened up

their day. That was the response we were looking for!

We wanted to take this good deed and pay it forward by bringing smiles to others. We're hoping whoever finds our Mulberry Gardens rocks will have their day brightened by the colorful pictures and inspirational quotes. Who knows, it could change someone's day and/or their outlook on life!



To see our latest news and photos, visit Mulberry Gardens of Southington on Facebook!

Mulberry Gardens Pageant - emceed by Scot Haney!

SNAPSHOTS: Mulberry Gardens makes memories



Above: Members of the Marian Heights Adult Day Center visit Gouveia Winery in Wallingford on a spring day. They include, front row, from left, Wiktorija W., Anna W. and Pela B.; back row, from left, Valmond L., James D. and Larry B.



Above: Members of the Adult Day Center get into the Cinco de Mayo mood with the music of Ashly Cruz.

Right: Mulberry Gardens nursing staff receiving congratulations during National Nurses Week include, standing from left, Ingrid Kausyla, RN (nursing director), Jennifer Petrozza, RN (nurse designee), Heather Albrycht, LPN; seated, from left, Candice Smith, LPN (Adult Day Center) and Stacy Francis, LPN.



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was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California and traveled to Hawaii and Japan. Upon discharge, this Hospital Apprentice First Class attended Quinnipiac College and American International College and taught social studies for 35 years in Waterbury.

Leslie, a Korean War veteran, served three years, one month and 11 days during which he was stationed on Icebreaker USS Edisto and Aircraft Carrier USS Tarawa, among other assignments. His duties included taking weather readings and sending them to headquarters, helping plot weather maps, and sending and tracing weather balloons.

Jacquelyn Gaulin, Mulberry Gardens executive director, said, "Today and every day we are grateful for our military personnel and the families who supported them."

Mulberry Gardens June Birthdays

<u>Residents</u>		John B.	June 3
Beverly S.	June 2	Sal C.	June 9
Patricia L.	June 9	Judy O.	June 11
Marge S.	June 14	Pat. H.	June 26
Denis E.	June 27		
Theophile D.	June 28	<u>Marian Heights</u>	
		Duntia P.	June 10
		Pela B.	June 15
		Ernie L.	June 19
<u>Adult Day Center</u>			
Joan O.	June 2		

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June Events

June 5

1:30 p.m. Entertainment
with Airborne Trio



June 12

1:30 p.m. Music with Ashly Cruz

June 14

1:30 p.m. Ms. Senior Mulberry
Pageant Day!

June 16

1:30 p.m. Father's Day
entertainment with David Eberly

June 20

1:30 p.m. Music therapy with
Maggie

June 25

6 p.m. Entertainment with
Tom C.

Volunteers welcome!

Mulberry Gardens is looking for volunteers who would like to work with our residents and members of the Adult Day Center. Activities may include assistance with recreation, events, arts and crafts, evening bingo and more. Socialization and friendships are a bonus! There are no required hours.

Learn more by calling Donna Johnson, activities director, at 860.276.1020.

Respite care available at support group

Living with Alzheimer's disease or a related memory disorder can be challenging for families and caregivers. Mulberry Gardens offers a free support group for families and caregivers on the second Tuesday (June 11) of every month, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Facilitators provide suggestions, community support and a safe environment to listen or share thoughts and feelings. Jenn Doty, social worker, leads the group. Respite care for loved ones in our Adult Day Center is available with prior notice. To register or arrange care, call Marie Terzak, retirement counselor, at 860.276.1020.