

# THE TRUMPETER

JUNE 2024

## Celebrating June Birthdays

### Residents

4 – Shawn Phillips

25 – Della DeCooman



### Staff

2 – Janet Hroch

8 – Anna Logan

17 – Sarah Miller

19 – Amelia Clark

20 – Tiffany Ann Jones

24 – Kris Beck

24 – Ashley Malayer

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## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Asbury Towers

November 1 will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Asbury Towers Retirement Community, and we have several activities planned to celebrate six decades of service in greater Putnam County!

On Friday, July 5, Carriage Rides in a horse-drawn open carriage will happen from 5 to 8 p.m. Rides are free for Asbury residents. This coincides with First Friday in downtown Greencastle.

A 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala is set for Friday, November 1 at DePauw University's UB Ballroom. A sit-down dinner with guest speakers, music and a video are in the works. More information will be announced in September.

Other events in the work during this 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year include a bus in the County Fair Parade, and National Sisters Day in August to celebrate our founding Three Sisters. Stay Tuned!

## Our New Executive Director, Monti

We would like to welcome our new Interim administrator to Asbury Towers, Monti Montgomery.

Monti comes to us with over 25 years of experience in healthcare management. Starting as a regional marketing director for skilled nursing homes in Western Kansas, Monti advanced to become an Administrator. He continued this role as he advanced from Western Kansas to Indiana, Ohio and Colorado.

Monti has served as an Administrator, Regional Director, sat on committees for Kansas

Health Care Association and the Indiana Health Care Association and has been a Certified Dementia Practitioner.

Monti graduated from Fort Hays State University in Kansas. Growing up on a family farm in Western Kansas, he grew up in 4-H, becoming the sixth family member to serve as President for the local club. Monti became active in the Kansas Jaycees and became a District Vice President for the Kansas organization, then continued with his public service as he served on Executive Boards for Hospice and

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## In the Company of Fairies



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*There are hundreds, if not thousands, of different types of fairies found in folklore and legends.*

In his 1904 play *Peter Pan*, playwright Sir James Matthew Barrie wrote that when the first baby laughed, the laugh broke into a thousand pieces, and each piece became a fairy. Whether you find fairies nothing but folklore or believe that they actually flutter about the woods and glens, International Fairy Day is June 24.

Indeed, many cultures believe that fairies do exist. In January 2014, residents of Iceland protested the building of a new road for fear that it might disturb the fairies and elves living amongst the rocks. The Icelandic Road Administration is so familiar with protestations regarding construction and fairies that they provide locals with a five-page document detailing precautions they take so as not to disturb these miniature mythical folk.

Perhaps Iceland's only rival in its belief of fairies is Ireland.

Most people are familiar with Ireland's leprechauns guarding pots of gold at the end of rainbows, but fairies are just as common. Fairies, say the Irish, are fallen angels who were not as evil as Satan and so were not banished to hell but to Earth. Fairy culture is so pervasive in Ireland that a certain mushroom is called a fairy mushroom, a type of grass is called fairy flax, and the bells of the foxglove plant are called fairy bells. Fairy mounds, called raths, are believed to be magical fairy dwellings. Visitors to Ireland can take guided tours of these mysterious places.

Fairies have also become part of legend in Italy, Japan, and America, where children summon the tooth fairy by placing a lost tooth under their pillows. On average, a tooth in America is worth \$5.84—still far less than a pot of gold.



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*History shows that the handshake was practiced as far back as the fifth century.*

## A Firm Tradition

Don't underestimate the power of a handshake. Scientists have discovered that "a handshake preceding social interaction enhanced the positive impact of approach and diminished the negative impact of avoidance behavior on the evaluation of social interaction." Furthermore, not just any old handshake will do. A firm, confident, and friendly handshake lays the foundation for a positive social experience.

Many believe that the handshake originated as a gesture of peace and an offering of good will. Two people would demonstrate that they held no weapons by clasping their bare hands. Now if only the promoters of World Handshake Day (celebrated on June 21) and National Handshake Day (celebrated on June 26) could get together, shake hands, and agree on one day to honor the handshake!

## Up and at 'Em!



"Oopsy daisy" is a related expression.

Open your eyes, leap out of bed, and face another glorious new day! That's the philosophy behind Upsy Daisy Day on June 8.

The first known record of the phrase *upsy daisy* is from an 1862 book by C. Clough Robinson entitled *The Dialect of Leeds and Its Neighbourhood*: "Upsa daisy! A common expression when a child, in play, is assisted in a spring leap from the ground." While in this

expression *daisy* is a cute way of saying *day*, it also gives us the image of a child lying down in a bed of daisies. Funny, then, how the flower name *daisy* also refers to the word *day*, as in *day's eye*. Daisies close their petals at night and then open them in sunlight, exposing their yellow center like an eye opening. So, on June 8, leap out of bed, take a trip to the florist, and surround yourself with daisies.



## Hat-making fun

Did you know that hat-making, or millinery, is the design, manufacture and sale of hats and other headwear?

A person engaged in this trade is called a milliner or hatter. During a recent crafting event here at Asbury Towers, several residents tried their hands at making decorative hats.

They turned out well, and the makers enjoyed modeling their creations!



### Notable Quotable

“It’s not the load that breaks you down, it’s the way you carry it.”

~ Lena Horne (born June 30, 1917)

## June Horoscopes and Birthdays

If you were born between June 1–21, you are a Twin of Gemini. Geminis make communicative and lively companions. Intellectual and imaginative, they are the ones to sit near at a party. Those born between June 22–30 are Crabs of Cancer. Crabs love family and nurturing others. They may be emotional, kind, and gentle, but they are never soft. Cancers are strong-willed and tenacious in their search for peace and homeyness.

- Pat Boone – June 1, 1934
- Rafael Nadal – June 3, 1986
- Suze Orman – June 5, 1951
- Happy Rockefeller – June 9, 1926
- Dai Vernon – June 11, 1894
- Boy George – June 14, 1961
- Stan Laurel – June 16, 1890
- Prince William – June 21, 1982
- Meryl Streep – June 22, 1949
- Dianne Feinstein – June 22, 1933
- Larry Blyden – June 23, 1925
- Slim Pickens – June 29, 1919
- Lena Horne – June 30, 1917

### Executive Director

Brothers/Big Sisters. Monti had worked for Sterling Healthcare Management for several years before moving his family to Colorado to semi retire and continue as an interim Administrator for Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living communities.

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In his free time, he enjoys restoring cars and antiques, landscaping and construction. He also enjoys his blended family which includes 3 biological sons and 3 adopted children, and he is currently hosting a Columbian refugee.



### Celebrating Mothers!

