



LIONS GATE

Lifestyle. Care. Community. Tradition.

Inspirations

WINTER 2022-2023



LOVE was in the air at the Susan Love Family Golf Classic!

Hundreds of people enjoyed a gorgeous day on the greens, taking part in the 2nd Annual Susan Love Family Golf Classic. It was a day of good food, good fun, and good memories of a beloved mother, daughter, aunt, and friend — Susan Love.

“The sun is shining today, and the air is filled with lots of LOVE,” smiled Aimee Levin, Committee Chair for Friends of Jewish Senior Housing. “It is a privilege to chair this event, and honor Susan’s memory. We miss her every day.”

Whether taking part in the Chip ‘n Putt contests or just enjoying a round of Mini Golf with the kids, golfers of all ages followed their day on the greens with a delicious

lunch at the food trucks.

“My mom would be thrilled at all the people here,” said Ashley Freedman, Susan Love’s daughter. “I am so touched at how many people truly loved her.”

“Susan wanted seniors to have a

better life,” said event sponsor, Michael Freedman, “and she wanted to bring families together. This golf event perfectly captures all the love and happiness she brought to others.”

“It is so heartwarming that the community continues to be so supportive of the Love family,” said Judy Love, Susan’s mother. “I am so grateful to everyone who continues to champion Susan’s quest to provide compassionate care and dignity to all seniors.”

“For Susan, her work was her passion,” said David Farber, Susan’s fiancée. “She made Lions Gate her priority 24/7. She was an incredible human being, and this golf event is a testament to how many people loved and respected her.”

“Susan was selfless,” said Sandy Kushner, Susan’s friend and co-worker. “She lived a life of giving. This event truly honors her by paying it forward to those in need. She had a big heart, and this big event speaks to that generosity.”

This year’s Susan Love Family Golf Classic was a great day for all, and we look forward to next year’s Classic, to be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023. See you on the links!



Standing: Ashley Freedman, Aimee Levin, Dave Thompson, Brian Zell, Judy Love;
Seated: Lisa Goldwasser, Meredith Becker.



Kessie Spector, Ina Kahn, Dave Thompson, Alice Bronstein, Betty Witson.

SAVE THE DATE!



TACOS & TEQUILA

MAY 4, 2023

Next year’s event promises to be a terrific night of awesome food, great friends, and SPECTACULAR fundraising!

- Tequila tastings and margarita bar
- Delicious Mexican cuisine
- Live mariachi band
- Dozens of auction baskets
- The Big Tamale Raffle
- And so much more!



If you’d like to become a sponsor, please contact Lisa Goldwasser (856) 679-2189 • LGoldwasser@LionsGateCCRC.org

The Lions Gate Future Residency Program

Lions Gate is one of the premier senior living communities in New Jersey, boasting a full slate of services and amenities as well as a full continuum of care — Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Rehabilitative Care. While our occupancy is at an all-time high, we're always happy to connect with those who have a serious interest in joining the Lions Gate community. Introducing The Lions Gate Future Residency Program — a unique two-tiered priority reservation program that puts you on the inside track to becoming a Lions Gate resident.

The Lions Gate Future Residency Program

GOLD LIST

\$1,000 DEPOSIT

Join the preferred waitlist for two different apartment floor plans of your choice. When any floor plan becomes available, you will receive priority notification before the public.

DIAMOND LIST

\$3,000 DEPOSIT

Join the preferred waitlist for three different apartment floor plans of your choice. When any floor plan becomes available, you will receive priority notification before the public.

BENEFITS:

- All deposits are fully refundable.
- You may change your floor plan preferences at any time.
- You may upgrade from the Gold level to the Diamond level at any time.

Future Residency Program participants have unlimited use of the Lions Gate Fitness Center, and may attend as many Lions Gate classes, concerts, events, and religious services as you would like. You're also welcome to join us for dinner in our formal dining room once a month. You'll receive invitations to our quarterly "Meet Your Future Neighbor" cocktail parties, with lots of food, fun, and door prizes. And keep an eye out for a special holiday gift delivery, courtesy of Lions Gate.

(NOTE: All services and amenities available once Covid restrictions are lifted.)

Come home to Lions Gate...

We hope to call you "neighbor" very soon.



Join the Lions Gate Future Residency Program TODAY!

Contact Angela Stevens: 856-679-2357 or ASTevens@LionsGateccrc.org

2 Great Floor Plans: Alder & Sycamore

Find Your Perfect Home Sweet Home in These Two Floor Plans

Everyone is moving into Lions Gate! While inventory is limited, there are still several beautiful apartments available as well as one cottage. Whether you're interested in a 1-bedroom/1-bath apartment or would rather go with a 2-bedroom/2-bath cottage, you can rest assured that every setting is meticulously clean, beautifully maintained, and always well-appointed. You're going to feel at home right away!



ALDER

1 Bedroom / 1 Bathroom
684 Square Feet

When you walk in the front door of The Alder, you immediately feel at home in the cozy foyer, complete with coat closet. The living room/dining room looks out on the airy balcony, which is the perfect place to relax on a lazy afternoon. The master bedroom is open and roomy, complimented by a huge closet and full bath and laundry. The welcoming kitchen features full-size appliances, and beautiful cabinetry.

SYCAMORE COTTAGE

2 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom
1518 Square Feet

Sycamore Cottage is a semi-detached home that includes a garage and patio, with a beautiful porch that stretches across the front of the residence. Step inside to the L-shaped living room/kitchen/dining room, with a lovely patio right off the dining room that's perfect for grilling. Both bedrooms feature generous closet space, with additional storage in the hall closet as well as a large closet in the laundry room. The 1-car garage even has room for a workbench.



Give Angela Stevens a call today at (856) 679-2357, to make an appointment to take a tour of the Alder or the Sycamore. These beautiful residences are just two of the many housing options available today at Lions Gate!

It's a USO Party to Honor our Lions Gate Veterans!

This year more than 55 Lions Gate veterans and residents gathered to commemorate Veteran's Day with a USO Party. Lions Gate is proud to have 24 veterans in residence: Millard Braunstein, Stan Buckman, Roy Cills, Howard Cohen, Melvin Cohen, Arnold Conn, Pearl Drelich, Morris Dworkin, Leonard Feldman, Philip Goodman, Norman Goodman, Robert Hays, Harvey Horowitz, Morton Kanovsky, Murray Matez, Edwin Naythons, Irvin Orel, Marve Prowisor, Lawrence Ross, Frank Schade, Alan Smith, Jerry Stein, Muriel Troy, and Rod Zumbro.

This year's USO Program was a celebration to honor all the entertainers and musicians that supported our troops overseas. The show featured "Bob Hope" and his cavalcade of stars. Many in the audience took to the dance floor as entertainers sang all the biggest hits from Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, and Elvis Presley.

"I really enjoyed the entertainment," said Lions Gate resident, Harvey Horowitz, who was an Army veteran, stationed in Korea. "It was very moving to have Cantor Jana start the program with a prayer, and it was meaningful



to me to end the event with all of us singing 'God Bless America'. It really made the day special."

"Today was wonderful," said Judy Horowitz, a Lions Gate resident. "I appreciate that Lions Gate takes the time to honor all those who served."

Thank you to all our service men and women. You mean the world to us, and we honor your sacrifices today and every day.

Residents Sample New Menu Options at the Taste of Lions Gate Event



At Lions Gate, 20 lucky residents get to sample new menu options at the monthly Taste of Lions Gate event. "Each month I debut a new recipe and see how the residents like it," said Chef Morris Schonhiutt. "They get the excitement of a live cooking demonstration, and I get the candid feedback. We keep

the tasting group small, but the recipe has to be one that can be made on a larger scale to feed all 300 residents. And because we are a kosher kitchen, we have to be mindful of kashrut law. I'm a Corporate Executive Chef with Sodexo and I have a background in kashrut law. I have worked in

many other kosher kitchens at senior living communities across the country. Lions Gate has a wonderful group of residents, and they are so enthusiastic at our Taste of Lions Gate gatherings. It's a pleasure to hear their feedback on new recipes."

At the latest Taste of Lions Gate gathering, Chef Morris whipped up an amazing chicken stir fry over rice. "The Taste of Lions Gate is usually just a sampling of a new recipe," said Len Feldman, Lions Gate resident. "But today he gave us a full lunch. It was such a treat! I think this recipe would be a great addition to the regular menu."

"I really enjoyed it," said Barbara Lavin, Lions Gate resident. "It smells heavenly."

"It was very good," said Elena Winter. "It was tasty and very flavorful."

The Taste of Lions Gate event is held on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM in the dining room. We hope you'll join us next month for another delicious tasting — be sure to sign up early!

Meet the Lions Gate Audiologist

Meet Dr. Ruth Brenner, the audiologist for Lions Gate residents. “I’m proud to have been Lions Gate’s audiologist since the first day this campus opened in 2007,” said Dr. Brenner.

Dr. Brenner offers a full slate of audiology services for residents. “There are lots of different hearing environments at Lions Gate,” she said. “If a resident has difficulty hearing with background noise (the dining room), if they have difficulty hearing in a group setting (card room), if they have different hearing ability in each ear, or if they have ringing in their ears (tinnitus), I urge them to come in for a hearing test. If the hearing test reveals that they could benefit from the assistance of hearing aids, I sell a full array of hearing aid products, which I continue to service for the length of the warranty. Hearing aids need to be regularly cleaned and checked, and I provide those services for residents whether they purchase their hearing aids from me

or not. And depending on the make and model of the hearing aids, I have the software to adjust many of them.

As your hearing changes over time, you want to adjust the hearing aids to get the most nuance of sound and range

as possible. I do 6-month follow-up appointments with patients after the initial hearing aid fit, so patients continue to get the most out of their aids. Hearing loss is a slow process. We all compensate for changes in our hearing, and don’t even realize it. Hearing aids only work as well as your ears, so that’s why you need a hearing test to ascertain how much aids can help you. You’d be surprised at how hearing aids can change your life.”



Dr. Brenner is at the Lions Gate Wellness Center on Thursday afternoons twice a month. Call (856) 985-7770 for an appointment. Hope to see you soon!

Keep that Pep In Your Step with the help of the Rehabilitative Therapy Team!

We invite residents to attend our monthly “Ask the Therapist” presentation!

“We have so much to offer!” said Patricia Gaskill, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Lions Gate. “Our staff includes physical therapists, occupational therapists, and a speech therapist. Our COO, Meredith Becker, had the idea for the ‘Ask the Therapist’ presentation so residents could learn about all of the rehabilitation services available to them.”

“The more residents take advantage of the Rehabilitative Team’s services to improve their health, the more activities they can enjoy here. It’s a win-win,” said Meredith.

“When residents come to us for physical therapy, we can help improve walking quality, as well as standing and sitting balance,” said Patricia. “We also focus on fall prevention. If you do experience a fall, we focus on recovery and strengthening, so your body heals in the safest way possible. With occupational therapy, we focus on functional mobility — using a cane, a walker, or a scooter. We go over techniques and adaptive equipment for bathing or dressing when you have upper body mobility or strength issues. And with speech therapy, we can help with speech



The Lions Gate Rehabilitative Therapy Team

deficits or swallowing issues. Speech therapy also helps with communication and memory, following directions, word finding, comprehension, and orientation. Residents asked our team to do a Wheelchair and Walker Clinic for them. We assess and clean adaptive mobility equipment and offer information on repair or replacement of equipment if needed. Check the calendar for the day/time of the next ‘Ask the Therapist’ presentation. We have terrific new presentations planned for 2023. Hope to see you there!”

Memoir Writing Class

What is a one-of-a-kind gift you can give your children and grandchildren that doesn't cost a cent? Give them the story of your life!

"Writing a memoir is like taking people on a journey through your life," said Elena Winter, Lions Gate resident and memoir writing class host. "A memoir isn't an autobiography. It's a collection of short writing pieces that share a memory, relate an experience, or communicate your viewpoint."

Elena moved to Lions Gate in April 2022 from Rhode Island, where she had hosted a Memoir Writing class for several years at the community library. She offered to bring the class to the Lions Gate community, and had several people immediately sign up. "Many people are intimidated by writing," said Elena, "but I tell them all it takes to write a memoir is that they be honest and genuine. We share what we write with the group, but we don't offer critiques. We just offer support to each other. You really get to know the people in your writing group. It's a wonderful way to make new friends."



Back Row (L to R): Eva Vlessing, Elena Winter, Sybil Bernstein
Front Row (L to R): Michele Brill, Yeva Rubenstein

"Believe me, your children and grandchildren will find the writing pieces that you give them to be fascinating," said Elena. "To be able to read more about your childhood with your parents and grandparents breathes new life into their understanding of you. It's really the most precious gift you can give them."

The Memoir Writing class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, twice a month.

The Guys Have a Lot to Say at the Monthly Men's Chew & Chat

David Schwarz has been part of the South Jersey Men's Club for years and wanted to bring that same camaraderie to Lions Gate. "Lions Gate residents are such a smart, educated group, and I thought the guys would appreciate a speaker series just for them," said David. "And that's how the 'Men's Chew & Chat' group was started five years ago. Dave Thompson, the Lions Gate CEO, is very supportive of our group, and always comes to our monthly gathering. Our group is interested in all sorts of topics, so I try to curate a very diverse speaker line-up over the year. We've had everyone from a Constitution Center docent to a historian from the Battleship NJ come and speak. This month, our speaker is Randy Acorcey with a multi-media presentation on "Abandoned Rail Transportation in Cherry Hill."

"It takes a lot of detective work, but my fellow railroad enthusiasts and I have traced the many lost and abandoned railroads of South Jersey," said Randy. "The Philadelphia Marlton & Medford Railroad ran for 50 years from 1881-1931. It's this particular railroad line that really helped settle the South Jersey region."



The Men's Chew & Chat regulars make it a priority to attend each monthly gathering. "I like to have time to kibbitz and have discussions with the men," said Len Feldman, Lions Gate resident. "The lunch is great, and they always have interesting speakers. I love it!"

The Men's Chew & Chat meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon, at the back of Commons Hall. Dave Schwarz has a host of wonderful speakers lined up for 2023, so be sure to sign up for the next gathering. See you then!

LIONS GATE UNIVERSITY: CURRENT EVENTS

Get the latest scoop on current events with Jeanette Axelrod!



Jeanette Axelrod has always been a newshound. “The world is a fascinating place,” said Jeanette. “Why not spend time learning all about it?”

Jeanette graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, earning a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. “If I had it to do all over

again,” said Jeanette, “I would go to The Wharton School of Business. Over 40 years ago, I started my own natural pet food manufacturing business. I had eight children, and two of my sons had cognitive deficiencies. There was no adult education options for them, so I started a

business that could employ them. My business was the first in the world to manufacture natural cat and dog food. In the July 1983 issue of Family Circle Magazine there was a feature article on myself and my two sons, and the innovative business we had created. The more I learned, the more the business grew. I guess that’s why I like staying abreast of current events. The more you know, the more you can grow as a person.”

Jeanette is one of the original residents of Lions Gate, and has been hosting the weekly Current Events class since 2007. “We cover world events,” said Jeanette, “news relating to Israel, and US politics. We’ve discussed everything from the 2007 iPhone debut to the current crisis in Ukraine. Time passes, and we’ll never run out of things to learn about.”

Join Jeanette every Monday at 3pm for her Current Events class, and take part in the lively discussions that tackle the latest breaking news from all around the world!

LIONS GATE UNIVERSITY: WORLD HISTORY

History Class is a hit with residents!

Would the class “Duels, Fools & Scoundrels — Civil War Officers Who Made History For All The Wrong Reasons” pique your interest? How about an in-depth look at the Jewish Mafia during Prohibition? Or maybe a deep dive into Lincoln assassination conspiracy theories captures your curiosity. It’s all here and more as part of Herb Kaufman’s history classes at Lions Gate.

“I just love history,” said Herb. “No matter the topic, I strive to make all of my history presentations both entertaining and educational. I teach history at numerous senior living communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and Lions Gate is one of my favorite communities. The residents here are all so smart, and interested. They ask great questions, and we have terrific discussions. It’s a joy to teach here!”

Herb has created 40+ different lecture series, complete with PowerPoint presentations and often with historical memorabilia. “The Lions Gate residents always ask me

what I brought for Show & Tell this week,” Herb laughed. “I am an antique collector, and I think including authentic memorabilia for everyone to hold really adds something

special to a presentation. This week our class focused on Philadelphia’s impact on the Civil War, and I brought a sword manufactured in Philadelphia that Union cavalry soldiers used in battle. The residents loved it!”

Stop into Herb’s history class every other Wednesday at 1pm. You never know what fascinating history fact you’ll talk about!





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Students & Seniors Share Laughs and Wisdom at the Better Together Kellman Gathering

The joy of spending time with a Bubbe and Zayde is at the heart of Better Together, an intergenerational program pairing students from Kellman Brown Academy with seniors living at Lions Gate. "This is the 7th year of Better Together," said Shira Weinstein, Director of Student Services at KBA. "Today's gathering is our kick off for the year, so we're doing a 'Speed Friendship' activity, where each pair chats to find common likes/dislikes, share advice with each other, and make a bookmark for each other with words to live by. We pack a lot into the hour. So much happy energy!"

Lions Gate residents Judy and Jerry Franklin were paired up with KBA students Raphael Sananes, Julian Quintero, and Shia Bierig. "We have so much in common," said Raphael. "We all like sports, board games, and ice cream!"

Lions Gate resident Barb Lavin was paired with KBA student Elizabeth Faye Shmuts. "We both like talking on the phone, playing games, coloring, and reading," said Elizabeth. "We have all the same interests!"

Lions Gate resident Rita Seiden was thrilled to be paired with KBA students Molly Levy and Layah Nyquist. "One thing that is different between all of us is that I grew up spending my summers at the beach in Atlantic City," said Rita. "But the girls spent last summer at sleep away camps. They told me all about the wonderful things they do at camp."



As they were chatting, the students and seniors created a bookmark for each other. Lions Gate resident Judy Pyle made a bookmark for her student, Emanuelle Mellul, that was especially empowering. "The bookmark I gave her said, 'Every woman should have a profession and be independent,'" laughed Judy. "And the bookmark that Emanuelle made for me is lovely. It says, 'Always be kind and stay happy.'"

As the gathering drew to a close, everyone was gifted with a goodie bag of cookies and snacks. "When I would spend the afternoon with my Bubbe, she'd always pack me a nosh to take home," said Shira. "It was a sweet way to end the day. May all of you have sweet memories of today."