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WINTER 2025

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of **Tacos & Tequila** With Us!

Friends of Jewish Senior Housing (Friends) invites you to the 10th Anniversary celebration of Tacos & Tequila on Thursday, May 8th!

"The Tacos & Tequila Committee is already hard at work planning many surprises for this big anniversary milestone event," said Aimee Levin, Friends Chair. "Friends has accomplished so much over the past 9 years, and we hope everyone will come together to make our 10th year a smashing success. We can only accomplish good works when we achieve great fundraising goals. Our seniors are counting on us."

The 10th Anniversary of Tacos & Tequila will be co-chaired by Neal and Fran Cupersmith. "Fran and I believe that we can significantly improve the quality of life for our senior residents," said Neal. "We are committed to raising more funds than last year, and together we all can make a meaningful difference in their lives."

Each year Friends of Jewish Senior Housing is pleased to honor two individuals who have contributed so much of their time and their heart to volunteer projects. This year the Ethel J. David award will be given to David Spector, and the Sis Levy award will be presented to Sandy Kushner.

"Ethel J. David's remarkable legacy of service and lifelong dedication to making a difference is truly inspiring, and I am humbled to be recognized in her name," said David Spector. "Volunteering has always been deeply meaningful to me and supporting Friends of Jewish Senior Housing has been a rewarding way to give back to the community I love."

Sandy Kushner was very touched when told she was receiving the Sis Levy award. "I am truly honored," said Sandy. "Working at



Lions Gate has taught me the value of volunteering. As I retire and start my next chapter, I will have more time to devote to Friends of Jewish Senior Housing projects. I thank Susan Love, of blessed memory, for leading by example and showing me the true meaning of giving back."

"The prizes will be better than ever for our big 10th Anniversary," said Aimee Levin, Friends Chair. "We're so excited to bring the community together for an unforgettable evening in support of our seniors."

New sponsors for this wonderful event are always welcome. Sponsorships start at \$1,500.

If you'd like more information, please contact

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We look forward to seeing everyone on *May 8th!*

Become a Benefactor: Naming Opportunities at Lions Gate

Generous donors like YOU have made Lions Gate the thriving senior living community it is today. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, we have many different Naming Opportunities around the campus. If you have a unique idea for a way to honor a loved one, we'd welcome a conversation about it. One resident wanted to honor her husband by sponsoring the annual Veteran's Day program. Our Development Associate created a plan to bring that meaningful idea to fruition. A personal idea is a legacy your family will cherish. All money donated to Lions Gate is put toward capital improvements, expanding services and amenities, or investing to achieve future goals. Through your generosity, Lions Gate will be here to care for our seniors for many generations to come.

Here are just a few of the Naming Opportunities available on the Lions Gate campus:

- Skilled Nursing Resident Rooms: **\$3,600**
- Assisted Living Dining Room: **\$36,000**
- Independent Living Media Room: **\$36,000**
- Assisted Living Wing: **\$75,000**
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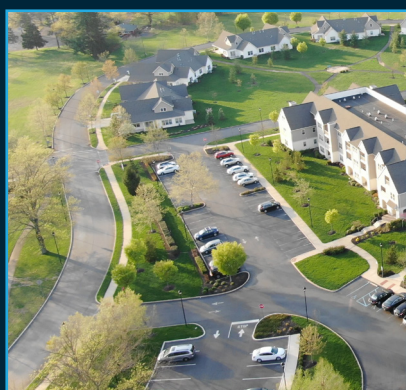
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We'd love to discuss the many Philanthropic Opportunities available throughout Lions Gate.
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The Annual Lions Gate Veteran's Day Program

Honoring Dr. Kenneth Rosen

Courtesy of Sheryle Rosen

Dr. Kenneth Rosen was many things — a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a respected ENT surgeon, and a proud veteran.

"Ken was in med school during the Vietnam War," said his wife, Sheryle. "At that time, doctors were required to give two years of military service. Under the Berry Plan, Ken was able to complete five years as an ENT resident and then joined the Air Force. He chose to be placed at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. Many of the POWs were brought to that base, and Ken treated a great number of them. After he served in the Air Force, Ken was very active in the Jewish War Veterans. He was always extremely proud to be a Veteran."

Ken and Sheryle moved to Lions Gate in 2016. "We enjoyed so many activities together," said Sheryle. "Ken especially loved the Veteran's Day program. It was very meaningful for him. All of the resident Veterans look forward to it. After

Ken passed in 2022, I wanted to honor his memory in a way he would have liked. Sponsoring the Lions Gate Veteran's Day program in his name felt like the right fit. I reached out to Sarah Zalcmann, and she took care of everything."

"Programming Director Kim Clemons always puts together a very heartfelt Veteran's Day program," said Sara Zalcmann, JSHHS Philanthropy Associate. "I hope other residents will come to me with sponsorship ideas. Together we can create a fitting tribute to your loved ones."

"Ken took his military service very seriously," said Sheryle. "It was a life changing experience for him. With this sponsorship, Ken will continue to be at the Veteran's Day Program in spirit."



Dr. Kenneth Rosen

The Lions Gate Director of Nursing Office

In Memory of Hazel McGinniss, RN

Courtesy of Janine & Mark Sobel

Hazel McGinniss was proud to be a nurse and devoted 60 years of her life to the profession.

"Back in the day, women didn't have a lot of opportunity to get an education or to have a career outside the home," said Hazel's daughter, Janine Sobel. "My mom graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as an RN, worked for a short time in a hospital as a floor nurse, and then worked the rest of her career as an office nurse for an ENT surgeon. She was always so proud to be part of the medical profession. Watching my mom work as a nurse throughout my childhood probably sparked my own interest in medicine and eventually led to my career as a psychiatrist."

After Hazel passed, Janine wanted to find a fitting way to honor her mother's memory. Her mother-in-law, Margie Sobel, was the one who suggested a sponsorship at Lions Gate that focused on a nursing location. "As soon as my mom, Margie,

suggested a tie-in with nursing, everything clicked," said Mark Sobel. "We donated money to name the Director of Nursing Office in the Skilled Nursing wing after Hazel. I think Hazel would be so proud to support the Lions Gate nursing staff in spirit. The quality of care at Lions Gate is excellent, and it is our honor to donate funds to support the care and well-being of our seniors. I hope everyone considers making a sponsorship donation to Lions Gate in memory of a loved one. It's such a meaningful way to honor someone special to you, and the funds will ensure that this wonderful community continues to care for our seniors for generations to come."



Hazel and Jim McGinniss

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Florence Siegel

Kyle and Tammy Smith

Mark and Janine Sobel

Keesie Spector

Randi and Craig Stoopler

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The Alder 1-Bedroom is a Cozy Retreat!

Everyone LOVES the Alder apartments at Lions Gate! This cozy 1 bed/1 bath floor plan comes with a patio or a balcony for outdoor relaxation, lots of kitchen cabinets and bedroom closet space, and an additional stowaway area to hold bulky goods.

“We want every new resident to make the Alder their own,” said Angela Stevens, Assistant Director of Sales & Business Development. “We help you customize your living space with a fresh coat of paint and choice of floorings (hardwood, carpet) throughout. You could have us paint every room a different color if you’d like! We go above and beyond to make new residents feel truly welcome.”

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Jazz Harpist, Gloria Galante, is an audience favorite

Jazz harpist, Gloria Galante, recently performed a fabulous winter concert that featured a mix of popular show tunes, familiar jazz hits and classical standards, and plenty of seasonal favorites. Gloria always includes an interactive Q&A with her concert. “I’ve been a music professor at the Wells School of Music at West Chester University for 38 years,” said Gloria, “so it’s my nature to treat a performance like a class where everyone in the room is engaged in the discussion. I’ve performed at Lions Gate many times over the years, and I look forward to spending time with the residents. They are very knowledgeable about music, so I build on that enthusiasm to teach them about the harp. They always have the most insightful questions!”

Resident Sybil Bernstein was very enthusiastic. “I’ve heard Gloria play many times,” said Sybil. “I loved it when she explained that harp students always name their instrument, so they build a relationship with it and want to practice. Gloria’s harp is named Auntie Em. So cute!”

“Gloria played for us on the world’s first carbon fiber harp, made in the same factory that makes Formula 1 racecars,” said resident Harvey Richards. “It only weighs 38lbs and can be plugged into amplification to sound as loud as a brass band.”

Gloria ended the concert by reciting this poem, “To be a harpist you need a lot of pluck, a long black dress, and a pickup truck!”



Gloria Galante

Check the Activities Calendar for the day/time of upcoming musical performances.

Residents Visit the Academy of Music to See *MJ The Musical*

Lions Gate residents often travel to Philly to see touring companies of Broadway shows. This month they enjoyed *MJ the Musical*, about the music and life of Michael Jackson.

"It was spectacular," said resident Lilyan Cralle. "The dancing, the costumes, and the sets were all unbelievable. I love our trips to see live theater. There is such a sense of camaraderie to the day. We all went to brunch together before the show at The Lamp Post Diner, chatted on the bus, and enjoyed door-to-door transportation. It was a wonderful experience!"

Resident Ina Kahn had just one word to describe the show, "PHENOMENAL!" said Ina. "They captured the ups and downs of his life beautifully. And when the actor portraying Michael Jackson did



L to R: Etta Cills, Joan Kaplan, Barbara Wilson, Ina Beckman, Lilyan Cralle, Judy Cohen, Ida Kahn, Keesie Spector, Lois Goldberg

the moonwalk, I said out loud, 'Finally!' That's what I've been waiting to see!"

"I loved it!" said resident Keesie Spector. "I'm a big Michael Jackson fan, so I was thrilled to hear this show was coming to Philly. The cast was so talented, especially the child actors."

Resident Etta Cills was very impressed with the skill of the dancers. "It was such a taxing role, and the actors they had portraying Michael Jackson at several different ages were all unbelievable," said Etta. "The show was just sensational!"

Check the Activities Calendar for the next theater trip and sign up with the Concierge.

Residents have a ball at the American Treasure Tour Museum!

Imagine the fun of exploring an attic stuffed with a hundred years of memorabilia. That's what residents experienced at the American Treasure Tour Museum!

"It was a very interesting day," said resident Len Feldman. "It's not a fine art museum. It's a 100,000 square foot warehouse stuffed top to bottom with pop culture collectibles. You take a tram tour through the place, and the driver points out all of the wacky, weird, and wonderful things this anonymous collector has amassed. It's really amazing. I think that I most enjoyed seeing the collection of old cars. There were some gorgeous muscle cars there. I also really enjoyed the collection of radios. I remember listening to radio programs with my parents, so seeing those old radios brought a smile to my face."

Resident Elena Winter was bowled over by the sheer volume of memorabilia. "I've never seen anything like it in my life," said Elena. "It was



L to R: Kim Clemons, Renee Rawlins, Joel Sheffield, Elena Winter, Len Feldman, Marcia Shapiro, Joy Hoffman, Ina Beckman, Claire Weiss, Ruth Gross, Muriel Adler, Lois Goldberg, Barbara Wilson, Lucy Sheffield.

impossible to take it all in. This museum is home to one of the world's largest collections of automatic music. The 100-year-old Wurlitzer's were just beautiful and still play. The doll houses on display were magnificent. And they had all sorts of old candies available for purchase in the gift shop that I haven't seen in ages. Of course, I had to buy some Necco Wafers just for old time's sake."

"It was a fun trip with fun people," said resident Ruth Gross. "I like to go on all the trips. We always have a great time together."

Check the Activities Calendar for upcoming trips and sign up at the Concierge Desk.

Residents Celebrate the Retirement of Concierge Carmelina

As the Lions Gate concierge, Carmelina Ehinger is the first face you see when you walk through the doors. Residents rely on her to address requests, answer questions, and solve problems day in and day out. The Concierge Desk is always buzzing with activity, and on January 10th the desk was particularly busy, as Carmelina clocked out for the very last time and started her retirement. Residents and staff gathered to celebrate her final day with a splashy send-off. There was champagne and hors d'oeuvres, and a wonderful vocalist who had everyone dancing in the aisles. There were lots of hugs, a few tears, and one very big surprise. Resident Council President, Harvey Richards, presented Carmelina with a gift on behalf of all the residents.

"We know you're going to love retirement, Carmelina," said Harvey. "We hope this gift will show you how appreciative we are of all you've done for us. You will be truly missed."

Carmelina was truly touched by everyone's kindness. "It has been my pleasure," said Carmelina. "8-1/2 years has gone by in a blink. I will miss everyone and promise to visit often."

The crowd cheered and sang Happy Birthday to transportation driver Michael Cruz AND Carmelina. Carmelina's last day at Lions Gate was also her 62nd birthday. As a final send off, Carmelina's husband, Steve, danced with her to her favorite song, *Piccolo Fiore Dove Vai*. They



Carmelina with resident Harvey Richards

will be jetting off to Italy to kick off Carmelina's retirement in style.

Resident Myrna Young wrote Carmelina a beautiful poem, that ended the party on a high note:

For our dear Carmelina we have gathered today
To wish good luck & health as you go on your way.
Just remember we love you and have a good rest,
And visit us often for you are the best!

Wishing Carmelina every happiness and all of life's blessings.



Carmelina and resident Myrna Young



Carmelina with Dave Thompson, Lions Gate CEO



Carmelina with Michael Cruz, Lions Gate transportation driver

Men's Chew & Chat Club Serves Up Great Food and Great Conversation

There's nothing better than grabbing lunch with a friend, and at Lions Gate, the Men's Chew & Chat Club makes it easy for the guys to make friends, learn something new, and nosh on some delicious sandwiches as they spend an afternoon in conversation.

David Schwarz is the volunteer who coordinates the presenters for the monthly Men's Chew & Chat gathering. "The Men's Chew & Chat presentations cover the gamut," said David. "We feature speakers talking about current events with a local community connection. We enjoy speakers that cover sports, science, topics related to Israel, the Holocaust, and the Jewish faith."

Lions Gate CEO, Dave Thompson, is a regular at the Men's Chew & Chat Club. "This club gives men a chance to gather, consider new ideas, and form friendships through that shared experience," said Dave. "The turnout is great every month, and the discussion is always invigorating."

Resident Marty Raffner is impressed with the quality of the presentations. "I come in with my



Back L to R: Donald Wallenobrien, Marty Raffner, Marvin Waxman, David Schwarz, Harvey Richards, Howard Cohen, Steve Anderson, Abe Ferdas, Dave Correa, Lew Schwarz

Front L to R: Dave Thompson, Stan Buckman, Irwin Orel, Harold Don, Gilbert Goldberg

own opinions," said Marty. "And I leave well-informed with a new way of thinking. You really can teach an old dog new tricks!"

The Men's Chew & Chat Club shows that an open mind and good sandwich can change the world!

Resident and Life-Long Activist Celebrates Historic ERA Amendment Progress



Lilyan Cralle with
NJ Senator Cory Booker

Lions Gate resident Lilyan Cralle has been an activist for 60+ years and has been deeply involved in the ERA campaign since the 1970's. "Today is an historic moment," said Lilyan. "Before President Biden left office, he declared that he considers the Equal Rights Amendment 'the law of the land' and has cleared the

hurdle to become the 28th Amendment. While certifying the amendment will ultimately be decided in court, to me this is still a big deal. Over the years, I met with Quaker suffragist Alice Paul, who is credited with getting American women the right to vote and is the author of the Equal Rights Amendment. I hope everyone pauses today to realize the ERA is a fundamental right!"

The Equal Rights Amendment reads, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." This amendment not only guarantees equal rights to women, but also to people who experience discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Lilyan has been a Lions Gate resident for almost 2 years and now spends much of her time as an active member of the AARP-NJ Advocacy Team. "I have been an AARP Advocate Volunteer for 10+ years, working on behalf of issues important to seniors," said Lilyan. "Lowering the cost of prescription drugs and keeping social security benefits available to all seniors are two causes that will make a big difference to so many. Tikkun Olam is a Jewish value that means 'to repair the world'. Being an activist is a way for me to repair the world and help others."

Way to go, Lilyan! We applaud your life-long efforts to make improve the lives of women and seniors.



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Friends of JSHHS Makes Contribution to Meet Our Match Campaign

The mission of Friends of Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service is to support Jewish seniors in need. Friends Committee members work tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds through events like Tacos & Tequila and the Susan Love Family Golf Classic. This year they were very proud to contribute a sizable portion of their fundraising monies to the Meet Our Match campaign.

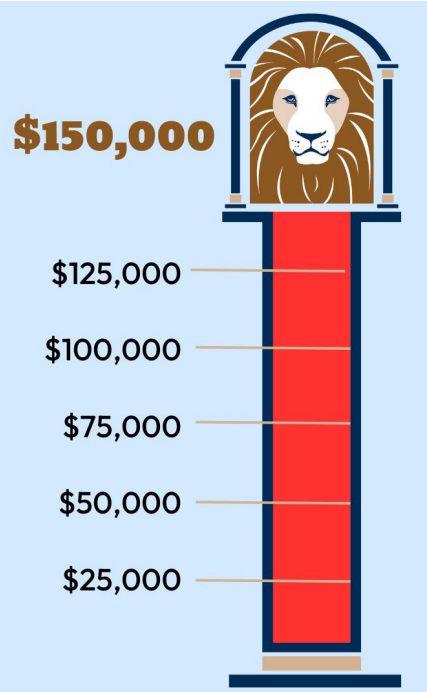
"On behalf of the Friends Committee, it is with great pride that I present a check for \$30,000 to the Meet Our Match Campaign," said Aimee Levin, Friends Chair. "The Committee voted unanimously to make this significant contribution to help Lions Gate meet the fundraising goal and unlock a matching grant of \$150,000 from the Saltzman Foundation. I'd like to thank all of the members of the Committee for their unwavering support of Lions Gate Health Center residents as well as Saltzman House residents over the years. Caring for seniors is a cause that we're passionate about, and donating to this campaign was a wonderful way to end 2024."

Sarah Zalcmann, Development Associate for Jewish Senior Housing, was part of the fundraising team. "The 2024 Meet Our Match Campaign received 160+ individual gifts," said Sarah. "The campaign received broad support from Lions Gate residents and their families, Lions Gate board members, as well as donors from the greater community."

"We'd like to thank the Friends Committee for their generous donation," said Meredith Becker, Lions Gate COO. "The Saltzman Foundation Grant gives us the opportunity to continue to care for ALL residents, allowing everyone to live here with grace and dignity."

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We invite all who donated to the Meet Our Match Campaign to join us.
YOU made all the difference in unlocking the **\$150,000** Saltzman Foundation Grant!