

The View

ORCHARD VIEW

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May this St. Patrick's Day
find you with green in your
pocket and a little Spring in
your step!

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Orchard View Mission Statement

Enhancing quality of life through comprehensive care in a safe, home-like environment.

Visit us at - www.orchardviewcare.ca

A March Message from the Administrator & Director of Nursing

March brings longer days and a sense of renewal, and it feels like a good time to reflect on the progress we continue to make together at Orchard View.

For me, this month marks just over six months in the role of Administrator. I would like to sincerely thank our residents, families, staff, board and community partners for the trust and support you have shown during this time.

Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of our residents and families, learn more about the day-to-day realities of long-term care, and work closely with Jill and our entire team. What stands out most is the dedication, compassion, and professionalism of the people who work here. We have a strong team, and I am proud of the culture we are continuing to build together.

Our focus remains on strengthening processes, supporting staff, and ensuring resident-centered care guides our decisions. There is always more to learn and improve, and we are committed to continuous progress while maintaining a respectful and supportive environment for residents, families, and one another.

We are also pleased to share that our new Orchard View website is nearly ready to launch later this month. The updated site will better reflect our services, our team, and the experience we strive to provide every day.

Help Us Share Our Story

As part of our website launch, we are inviting current and past families to share a short testimonial about their experience at Orchard View.

If Orchard View has made a difference for you or your loved one, we welcome you to share your experience. Testimonials can be emailed to us (office@orchardviewltc.ca) or dropped off at the office.

Your feedback helps future families better understand the care and community we aim to provide.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We remain committed to listening, learning, and working together to provide the best possible care for our residents.

With appreciation,

Lynn Clark
Administrator

Jill Brewster
Director of Nursing

March whispers of new beginnings,
where winter's chill fades and the
promise of spring stirs in every breeze.

Winds of March

Winds of March,
 we welcome you.
There is work
 for you to do.
Work and play
 and blow all day.
Blow the winter
 cold away.

March

Never mind March, we know
You're not really mad
Or angry or bad.
You're only blowing the winter away
To get the world ready
For April and May.

March

"March is the month of whisperings
Of what has been and what's to come
When winter's snow may dust the earth
But blink and find it gone
And in its place, a subtle change
That speaks of warmth and waking blooms
Of sun-drenched fields and daffodils
For spring will be here soon.

Laura Jaworski

March is Here!

By Lenore Hetrick

When the bare, grey boughs
 Creak and bend,
When the tall trees toss like wild,
 When there is a roaring
 Around the chimney
That frightens every small child!
 When the clouds in the sky
 Rush swiftly past
In shapes that you would fear,
 Then there cannot be
 The slightest doubt.
March! Wild March is here!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POEM

By Jean Blewett

There's an Isle, a green Isle, set in the sea,

Here's to the Saint that blessed it!

And here's to the billows wild and free

That for centuries have caressed it!

Here's to the day when the men that roam

Send longing eyes o'er the water!

Here's to the land that still spells home

To each loyal son and daughter!

Here's to old Ireland—fair, I ween,

With the blue skies stretched above her!

Here's to her shamrock warm and green,

And here's to the hearts that love her!

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be always at you back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Celebrate St. Patrick

Close to the beginning of spring

Comes the day of March Seventeen

On which we celebrate a man named St. Patrick

By wearing the color of green.

St. Patrick was born in Great Britain

In the year 385

As a missionary he went to Ireland

Where he thought Christianity could thrive.

He taught the Holy Trinity using a clover

Ireland named him their Patron Saint

He usually dressed wearing robes

And lived a life that was quaint.

So when it's St. Patrick's Day we remember

A good man with kind admiration

On March 17th we honour St. Patrick

With parades, marches and celebrations.

Buy Robin Zelaye

Important Announcement

Orchard View Long Term Care, a non-profit organization in Galetown, has a 20-year history of being guided by a volunteer Board of Directors dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents. As we move forward, we are seeking new Board members who can bring enthusiasm, fresh perspectives and expertise to help us realize our vision of being a leader in fostering a nurturing environment for residents, families, employees and our community.

As a Board member, you will be required to attend our monthly meetings and participate in committees aligned with your interests. If you are passionate about supporting seniors, strengthening community care, and contributing to meaningful change, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to express interest, please forward your information to BoardChair@orchardviewltc.ca and our Board Chair will be in touch. Please consider helping us shape the next 20 years!

March Birthdays

Residents

Kevin Francis - 4
Audrey McIntyre - 7
Betty McIntyre - 9
Dominique Paradis - 17
Edna Johnson - 25

Staff

Kim Sark - 5
Nancy Daamen - 9
Melanie Hay - 21
Frannie Piper - 22
Devon McIntyre Fletcher - 26



February Birthdays

Alice - 5
Caroline - 19



“The View”

We were delighted to celebrate Alice's 100th Birthday with her and her family on February 5th.



Breakfast club this month was almost back to the original with all men but not yet.

"The View"



Chinese New Year was February 17th the year of the Horse, so we enjoyed a lovely dinner of Chinese food .



We had a group singing some beautiful Gospel music for us on Sunday February 22. We hope they come again.



"The View"

We celebrated Valentine's Day with our couples enjoying a lovely dinner together in the boardroom, then entertainment from Philip Drillen in the afternoon.



Memorials

In Loving Memory



*Our deepest sympathy go out
this month
to the family and friends of
Betty Mason.*

*Betty will always be remembered for
her quiet nature,
her love of dogs,
her nickname of "piss whiskers"
and
her love for her family.*

In Loving Memory



*Our deepest sympathy go out
this month
to the family and friends of
Talmage MacLean.*

*Tal will always be remembered for
his enjoying hickory sticks,
his love of hunting & fishing,
being stubborn
and
his love for his family.*



Orchard View Resident/Family Council minutes

The monthly meeting of the Resident/Family Council was held on February 23, 2026 at 2:30pm on the West wing.

In attendance: R. Usher, R. Tibbs, P. Hilton, D. Patterson, V. Blaney, D. Paradis, A. Law, C. McLaughlin, J. Connolly, D. Wiseman, R. Harrison, G. Baughman, K. Francis, M. Sharpe and R. Bennett.
Family members: none

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our new members followed by the reading of the minutes of last month's meeting.

Old Business

100th Birthday Party – February 5th Alice really enjoyed her day with her family and entertainment for everyone.

Breakfast club – a large number of men and a few ladies enjoyed the big homemade breakfast.

Valentine's Day – 9 of our married couples enjoyed a lovely dinner together in the boardroom on Valentine's Day and entertainment in the afternoon.

Chinese New Year – February 17 we enjoyed a nice plate full of Chinese food.

February birthday party – with the UNB students was cancelled due to weather.

Gospel Music – we had a new group come and sing for us thanks to Basil and his friendship.

New Business

March Birthdays – 5 this month.

March Birthday Party – hosted by the Lincoln Catholic ladies on March 11th.

St. Patrick's Day – working on a special menu and hopefully some entertainment and maybe some green beer.

Daylight Savings – March 8th, springing forward.

First Day of Spring – March 20th. We are looking forward to this.

Breakfast Club – French toast and sausage is a request.

Breakfast Outing – will find out when breakfast is in Queenstown or Upper Gagetown.

Outing for lunch – hopefully by April but it depends on the weather.

Opportunities for Improvement

Radio in the dining room too loud. Or something besides rock music.

The meetings were adjourned with the next meetings being sometime in early March 2026.



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Calendars & decorations Cards 2pm	3 Catholic Church 1:30pm	4 Fun & Fitness 10am Kevin's B-day	5 Bingo 10am	6	7 Make Homemade Bread Coffee & conversation Audrey McI's B-day
8 Daylight Savings Popcorn & Movie 2pm west <i>International Women's Day</i>	9 Cards 10am Betty M's B-day	10	11 Legion visit 10am Birthday Party 1:30pm	12 Anglican Church 10:30am Balloon games 1:30pm	13 Goody Cart 2pm	14
15	16 Cards 10am Hymn Sing 3pm	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day Musical entertainment 1:30pm Dominique's B-day	18 Bingo 10am Crafts 1pm	19 Fun & Fitness 10am	20 	21 Make Homemade Bread Coffee & conversation
22 Breakfast club 8am	23 Cards 10am Resident/Family Council meeting 3pm	24	25 Bingo 10am Knitting 1pm Edna's B-day	26 Fun & Fitness 10am	27 Baking 10am Tea Time 2pm	28
29	30 Cards 10am <i>National Doctor Day</i>	31 Month End				National Nutrition Month