



Community Connection

Silver Anniversary Edition

**New Horizons at Marlborough
Serving Metrowest Seniors For 25 Years**



Then . . .



2001



Now

Since opening its doors September 30, 1994, New Horizons at Marlborough has undergone many transformations. The 400 building entrance was originally a one-story structure that welcomed students of the former Madonna Hall School for Girls, run by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.



Fran Denzel has witnessed it all from a front-row seat. She brings a unique perspective as both a current resident and former Madonna Hall English teacher:

“I am delighted to be here, going on my 12th year. When I first walked into New Horizons, I tried to imagine the location of my old classroom—second floor, across from home economics—it was apartments! What was the convent is now the 406 wing.”

“I just came back from a lovely vacation. Usually, you’re unhappy when you return from vacation, but I looked around at my apartment and said, ‘Frances, this is home.’”

THE RESIDENTS: By October 1994, our original four residents had grown to 12. Our current resident population is 396. It is gratifying that so many residents have chosen to call New Horizons “home” for a very long time. Among them are the following 10, who have lived here for more than 15 years:



Emily DeRidder
23 years



Richard Cook
19 years



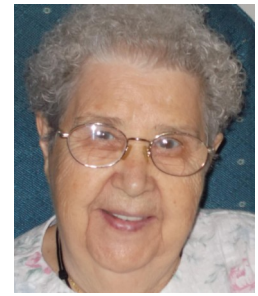
Florence Mannarino
18 years



Beverly Rinck
17 Years



Phyllis Rousseau
17 Years



Lydia Whitcomb
17 Years



Connie York
16 Years



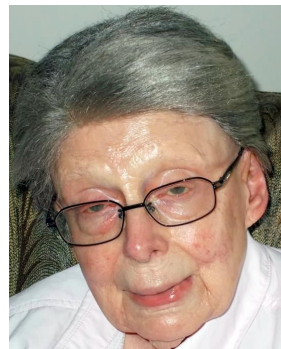
Ann Paterson
16 Years



Bud and Peg Keeler
16 Years



Marie Viklund
15 Years



Jacquelyn Murray
15 Years



GROWING STAFF: As our resident population has grown, so has our staff. In 1995, there were fewer than 30, as compared to more than 180 in 2019! Ask any staffers what they like most about working here, and they'll tell you, "the residents!" Senior Administrator **Sandy Aker** (pictured, top right) literally grew up here and is the only employee who has worked here since 1994. Maintenance Tech **Tom Mannell** (top right, with Sandy) was hired in 1997. His skills run the gamut, even including hand-feeding Rocky, our toothy resident catfish.

Associate Director **Cheryl Rank** has worked here for 14 years. The 16 colleagues below have been with us for at least 10 continuous years:

LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES

Sandy Aker, 25
Tom Mannell, 22
Rick Carlson, 18
Larry Bertucci, 17

Marcos DeOliveira, 14
Kristin Braga, 14
Brian Roderick, 13
José DaSilva, 13

Paul Bracken, 12
Cristina Barreira, 12
Don Rushford, 11
Mike Burnell, 11

Rodolfo Melendez, 11
Edith Ayala, 11
Edgar Morataya, 11
Matt Beland, 10



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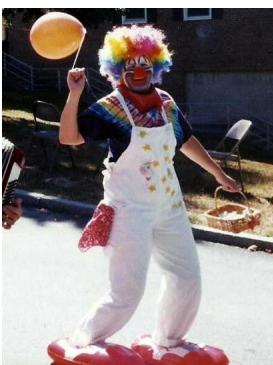
FAMILIAR FACES: Joy Esper (above, left) became New Horizons' first activities director in 1996. Joy is now a fitness instructor, and her companion, Juna, helps out with pet therapy. Ever-popular guitarist Jeff Thomas (third from left) was with us in 1996, and he's still going strong!



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES: Many traditions continue, such as the annual visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny (though the costumes have changed through the years).



Country Fair remains a perennial crowd-pleaser. Gone are the scary clowns, replaced by a friendly scarecrow. Pony rides have given way to a petting zoo. Residents and guests, join us September 8!





THE CUMMINGS' LEGACY

New Horizons at Marlborough is the second independent and assisted living community run by the nonprofit Cummings Foundation. (The first is New Horizons at Choate in Woburn.) Its co-founders, **Bill and Joyce Cummings**, fulfilled a vision for a retirement community that promotes the highest quality of life, and, above all, respects and preserves the dignity of its residents.



OUR CAMPUS is situated on land purchased by Cummings Foundation from the **Bouvier** family (who run the in-house pharmacy). This pre-370 Hemenway aerial image from 2001 clearly shows the 400 “hex.”



At the heart of the building is O'Connor Town Common. It was named in honor of **Bob O'Connor**, who served as New Horizons' executive director for 23 years.

THE FUTURE: Executive Director **Andy Eick** took over the reins from Bob in 2017. Andy and the rest of the leadership team—Associate Director **Kris Coppola**, Deputy Executive Director **Betsy Connolly**, and Associate Director **Cheryl Rank**, R.N.—look forward to shaping the next 25 years at New Horizons.



∞ Mark Your 25th Anniversary September Calendar! ∞

September 8	25 th Anniversary Country Fair/Grandparents Day	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
September 9	Hearing Clinic with Samina Khan	10:00 AM
September 11	Hearthstone Caregiver Support Group (<i>at Hearthstone</i>)	6:00 PM
September 18	Hearthstone's Eric Kessler on "Happiness"	2:30 PM
September 25	Minuteman Model "A" Club car show	6:00 PM
September 26	370/Cottages/Villas 25 th Anniversary Dress for Drinks	3:00 - 4:00 PM
September 27	25 th Anniversary: "The Singing Trooper" <i>ALL residents welcome!</i>	2:30 PM
September 27	25 th Anniversary Cocktail Party <i>ALL residents welcome!</i>	3:30 - 4:30 PM
September 27	25 th Anniversary 400 & 420 Dress for Dinner	regular seating times

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