



National Nurses Week Luncheon: from right Joyce Sterba MDS Coordinator; Stevi Korus RN; Socorow Bumanglag Assistant Director of Nursing; Jennifer Taylor LPN Green Houses; Dorothy Esposito RN; Jennifer Hickson LPN; Katherine Capio LPN; Maureen Cort Nursing Unit Secretary.



Activities Assistant Ellen Mikell spins the wheel of fortune in celebration of Nursing Home Week.



Helen Beute celebrates Nursing Home Week.

## GREEN HILL TRUSTEE REORGANIZATION AND INSTALLATION

The board of trustees at Green Hill Inc. held their reorganization and new member installation at the May 14th, meeting.

Ms. Lori Braender Esq., a Green Hill trustee for 17 years was elected as Chairperson. Lorie Gardner RN, BSN, a 2 year member was installed as Secretary and Valerie E. DePiro, a 3 year trustee remained as Treasurer.

Former Chairman Paul A. O'Connor Jr. MD returns to the board as Trustee joining members Christian Bastardi, Harris I. Cohen, Elizabeth Orton Davis, Walter Farley, Jaime Raskulinecz and Marc Scudillo.

"We thank Dr. O'Connor for his great leadership, and congratulate and look forward to much success with Ms. Braender at the helm," said Toni Lynn Davis, President of Trustees and Executive Director of Green Hill.



Lorie Gardner RN, BSN



Lori Braender Esq.



Valerie E. DePiro

### Green Hill Web Site Has Live Assistance

The Green Hill web site now has live assistance when you log on and click the Live Chat button in the upper right corner. Explore the site with support from a Green Hill representative. You can ask questions and make an appointment to tour the campus right from the convenience of your computer screen.

Visit [www.green-hill.com](http://www.green-hill.com) to check it out!

# Green Hill

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## NEWS FROM GREEN HILL, INC.

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community for men and  
women, founded in 1866 in  
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## GREEN HILL 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION LAUNCHED



In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Green Hill, The National Touring Beatles Stage Show BEATLEMANIA AGAIN was held at Green Hill in West Orange, on Sunday June 7th. The concert was the first in a series of free events and concerts at the

senior residence.

Under a sunny sky with a cool breeze blowing across the twelve acre property, Green Hill elders and West Orange residents rocked out together to iconic Beatle tunes, and enjoyed Strawberry Fields cookies and Yellow Submarine lemonade.

The next free concert, Motown Remembered will be held October 11th, and will include signature non-alcoholic drinks, desserts, raffles and give a ways. Check the Green Hill web site at [www.green-hill.com](http://www.green-hill.com) for more information.

In addition to the launch of the music series, the historical wall has been completed in the Legacy Building. The display includes photos, paintings, news clippings, invitations and annual reports from 150th



150th Anniversary historical wall in the Green Hill Legacy Building.



Green Hill staff play during the Beatlemania concert. From left Nick Korus Jr, Justin Campbell, President and Executive Director Toni Lynn Davis, Courtney Campbell, and Stevi Korus.

years of Green Hill operations from its inception as the Society of Relief for Respectable Aged Women, to the merger with the Home for the Incurables and Convalescents, to reincorporation as the Memorial Center for Women, and finally of the purchase of Green's Hotel and the name change to Green Hill.

The grand finale of the 150th Anniversary year will be the 150th Anniversary Gala to be held on April 28th 2016. Details are being developed for a wondrous evening filled with reminiscence from Green Hill's past and the exciting plans for Green Hill's future.



President/Executive Director of Green Hill Toni Lynn Davis with Beatlemania Again.

# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### JULY

**7/4 - 4th of July BBQ 12:30p.m.**  
Dining Services is hosting a 4th of July BBQ in honor of our nation.

**7/12 - NY Opera Forum presents Maria Stuarda by Donizetti 2:15pm**  
NY Opera Forum returns with a spirited rendition of Maria Stuarda by Donizetti.

**7/14 - Women's Club BBQ 5:30p.m.**  
The ladies of Green Hill gather for a summer BBQ of hot dogs and hamburgers.

**7/20 - Ice Cream Social 2:15p.m.**  
July is Ice Cream Month. We are having an Ice Cream Social with assorted flavors of ice cream, hot fudge, sprinkles, whipped cream, and cherries to celebrate.

**7/22 - Kris Phipany musical entertainment 2:15PM**  
Kris Phipany will serenade the community with songs across the decades.

### AUGUST

#### CRUISE WEEK

*We celebrate the summer with a cruise to different ports across the world.*

**8/3 - Captain's Send Off 2:15pm**  
We kick off Cruise week with the Captain's Send-Off Cocktail Party with live music and refreshments.

**8/4 - Austria 2:15pm**  
Experience Austria through a chocolate tasting while listening to classical music.

**8/5 - Tahiti 2:15pm**  
Tahiti comes to life in music and Tahitian inspired refreshments.

**8/6 - Australia 2:15pm**  
Experience the outback while attending a reptile show.

**8/7 - Casino Day in Macau 2:15pm**  
This trip is not complete without a chance to spin the wheel at this casino destination.

**8/23 - NY Opera Forum presents Pagliacci by Leoncavallo and Il Tabarro by Puccini 2:15pm**

### SEPTEMBER

**9/14 - NY Opera Forum presents Elektra by Strauss 7:00pm.** NY Opera Forum returns with the intense selection of Elektra.

**9/20 - Grandparents Day 1-4pm**  
Please join us on Sunday, September 20th for Green Hill's Annual Grandparent's Day Celebration. We will have live entertainment, refreshments, carnival games, a petting zoo and pony rides, and much more.



Green Hill's Intergeneration Program Hosts West Orange High School Junior Henry Gardner. Gardner performs for the resident cocktail hour event.



Visitors Brian and Amy Bechell with mom Lorraine Haber enjoy the show at Green Hill.



Minerve Lazare, Alfredo Rivas, Kaitlyn Davies (Top) and Celia Bryan, Harry Katz, Kathleen Crocco (Bottom) enjoy a fun filled night at the Senior Frim hosted by the West Orange High School on April 16, 2015.



Laurie Miscia and Judy Pawlowski enjoy a beautiful afternoon with mom Shirlean Russo.



Green Hill Assistant Executive Director Judy Wittler enjoys the concert with mom Dee Bursch and niece Kelly Karbasian.



Marketing Director Stephanie Hogan and Marketing Assistant Addie Goldberg host the Open House event on April 26th.

## TONI LYNN DAVIS INDUCTED AS VICE CHAIR FOR LEADING AGE NEW JERSEY



*Congratulations to our executive director Toni Lynn Davis, on her installation as Vice Chairperson of Leading Age on May 29th. Her two year term begins on July 1st. She previously served as Treasurer of the board.*

*"It has been a great honor to serve on the executive board of Leading Age New Jersey," said Toni Lynn Davis. "Leading Age NJ is a forceful advocate for not-for-profit senior care organizations in the state and dedicated to advancing quality aging services and practices for elders."*

## Give us your review!

Families and residents of Green Hill can now provide reviews through our SeniorAdvisor.com review feature on our web site. Log on to [www.green-hill.com](http://www.green-hill.com) or visit [www.senioradvisor.com/local/green-hill-retirement-community-west-orange-nj](http://www.senioradvisor.com/local/green-hill-retirement-community-west-orange-nj).



## MEDICARE OBSERVATION DAYS

Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT) has introduced H.R. 1571, to require all time a Medicare beneficiary spends in the hospital to be counted toward the three-day stay requirement. The bill has 55 bipartisan cosponsors. The comparable Senate bill is S. 843, introduced by Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), with 10 cosponsors also bipartisan.

The House also has passed H.R. 876, the Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility, or NOTICE Act. The bill requires hospitals that hold any Medicare beneficiaries for longer than 24 hours under observation to provide the beneficiaries with oral and written notification of their outpatient status and its potential implications for eligibility for Medicare coverage of subsequent post-acute care.

"These two seemingly contradictory bills are causing a lot of confusion among Medicare beneficiaries who think that because they or their loved one was in the hospital for three days they are covered under Medicare Part A," says Toni Lynn Davis, Executive Director and President of Green Hill Inc. "Patients find out they were technically 'under observation' for more than one day and do not qualify for Medicare coverage, requiring them to pay the costs privately. At an average of \$390 a day this can be a very startling realization. Many patients will not stay for observation or therapy but will return home because they cannot afford to pay these out of pocket fees. This legislation will create additional health care issues and costs as the elder at home is not getting the care they need, not moving about, often getting worse, which often requires a return to the hospital for a longer duration and at greater expense for the hospital".



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

According to United Health Foundation's annual report, as reported by Kathleen O'Brien NJ Advance Media for NJ.com, New Jersey ranks 26th in the nation for senior health. UHF's report identified low weight of the state's senior citizens as the largest ranking identifier, with NJ 43rd in this area. NJ is also ranked as 19th for obesity in seniors.

Being active in one's community is a factor ranked by UHF and NJ is listed as 43rd again for volunteering. Ms. O'Brien wisely notes that seniors who are involved in activity are happier, have lower rates of depression and retain cognitive function longer than those who are isolated.

NJ ranks last for the amount of time seniors spend in intensive care units, and 46th for the number of senior deaths that occur in hospital. These are very frightening statistics.

The challenges that all seniors face, especially those in New Jersey, is that care is often not structured holistically. A senior citizen needs an advocate who focuses on the whole person. This advocate may be a family member or another person who can monitor their daily needs and health. Someone who can make sure they are eating enough and correctly. Help keep them involved in their community by inviting them out to activities or volunteer opportunities. Drive them places if the senior no longer can drive, like the market, or to activities and doctor appointments. The advocate can make sure a senior is taking their medications correctly, are getting their vaccinations, that their home is clean and tidy, and that they are bathed.

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*Toni Lynn Davis*



Having a person to monitor and assist in the quality of life of our seniors will greatly reduce incidents of weight issues, depression, and unrecognized illness, or denigration of cognitive and other health issues.

Many seniors can't afford home care but don't want to leave their homes. Many families live far from their seniors or don't have the physical capacity to provide daily care. Once a senior is in distress, or deteriorates to the point of hospitalization, the ICU can be appropriate medical intervention. Yet a personal advocate when a senior is hospitalized can reduce days of stay. Keeping our seniors out of the hospital with proper personal care whether in their home, or in a group community is the best way to reduce ICU stays and hospital deaths.

To help combat these horrifying New Jersey statistics about our seniors Green Hill has expanded its care programs to include Green Hill @ Home, which provides elders at-home personalized services, and caring support as needed for short term, or long term periods. Green Hill @ Home providers are highly trained and certified nursing home care professionals. Services provided are as broad as bathing, dressing and

grooming to shopping, meal preparation, light housekeeping, transportation, correspondence and bill paying, and participation in activities, to medication and treatment reminders, occupational or physical therapy, hospital stays and personal support in long term care facilities. Green Hill @ Home provides elders with a friend who will help them enjoy a healthy and positive quality of life.

To learn more about Green Hill @ Home visit [www.athome.green-hill.com](http://www.athome.green-hill.com) or call 973-325-6015 to schedule an appointment. Green Hill @ Home is another effort by Green Hill to combat just the kind of challenging statistics concerning our elders that the United Health Foundation makes us aware of in their annual senior report card.



**Remain Happy,  
Safe & Independent @ Home**

Green Hill @ Home provides a variety of help that can make staying in your home a viable and healthy choice, including personal care, household assistance, transportation, healthcare assistance, physical and occupational therapy as prescribed, and companion visits.

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