

POET'S CORNER

It's in the air; it's everywhere!
Just look around and see
There's red and green on everything
And carols are being sung
It's Christmas don't you know
(In Houston, we don't have snow)
But a cheerful spirit is here
So join in this happy place
Put on your smiley face and
Say MERRY CHRISTMAS and
God bless you to those you meet

CHRISTMAS TIME AT PARKWAY PLACE
BY: LEN HICKS

"Art is a reflection of God's creativity, an evidence
that we are made in the image of God."





COMMUNITY NEWS

Inspiring Happiness.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pat and Ray Foltz joined the Parkway Place family in April 2025, moving from Heritage Grand in Katy, where they had lived for nearly 17 years. Ray grew up in a German family from Cincinnati, Ohio, while Pat comes from an Italian family in Yonkers, New York. Their love story began one summer when Pat was visiting her sister in New Jersey. While out with friends one evening, she felt a tap on her shoulder and there stood a tall, blue-eyed, blond-haired man named Ray. He proposed just a few minutes after they met, and though Pat laughed and said she needed a church wedding (as any good Italian girl would), that spontaneous spark turned into a lifelong love story. Ray and Pat married in 1964 at St. Denis Church in Yonkers, New York, and soon after embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. Ray, who was serving in the Army when they met, transferred to the Air Force after their wedding, which took them to Tacoma, Washington. From there, their military journey continued to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and

several other states, eventually taking them overseas, where they lived in Europe for three years. While stationed in California, Pat and Ray adopted their first son, Travis, and later welcomed their second son, Trent, while living in Biloxi, Mississippi. After retiring from the military, Ray continued his career with the Federal Aviation Administration, managing electrical operations and air traffic systems at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, an accomplishment he considers one of his proudest achievements. Pat devoted her time to raising their family and later worked as a special education teacher in Arkansas. Together, Pat and Ray have five grandchildren (two girls and three boys) and a lifetime of stories from their travels and adventures. Pat treasures her experience of climbing the Great Wall of China, while Ray looks back fondly on his career with the FAA. These days, they enjoy going out to the movies, dining out, and continuing to explore life together side by side at Parkway Place.



UPCOMING EVENTS



DECEMBER 1-12 | TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS JOY

Come make memories with us! The holiday season is here, and we're celebrating nonstop! From festive workshops and live music to cozy gatherings and special surprises, there's something magical happening every day.



DECEMBER 2 | THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON LED BY MS. LAVONNE COLLINS

Join us as we light the Christmas tree and welcome the season with holiday cheer, led by Ms. LaVonne Collins. Enjoy beautiful piano carols and festive mini-performances that bring the holidays to life. This is one celebration you won't want to miss!



DECEMBER 15 | CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A festive evening awaits at Parkway Place with live Christmas entertainment and a holiday dinner buffet for residents and their families. Please RSVP at the Front Desk.



DECEMBER 19 | OUT TO LUNCH: CLEBURNE CAFETERIA

We're heading out for lunch at Cleburne Cafeteria! Come enjoy good food and great company.



DECEMBER 20 | CAROLING WITH NATALIE WHITE

Feel the wonder of the season as Natalie White fills every hallway with sparkling, enchanting Christmas melodies.



DECEMBER 31 | NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Celebrate the arrival of the New Year at Parkway Place with dinner, live entertainment by Bill Parish, and a sparkling champagne toast to ring in 2026 in style!

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A BRILLIANT TANGO PERFORMANCE BY MRS. LAVONNE COLLINS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paula Evans 12/04
Mims Lee 12/17
Robert Burell 12/18
Marilyn Burell 12/18
Kathy Sterne 12/18
Rosiana Lee 12/21



Ella Phipps 12/22
Rose Patronella 12/22
Sue McGown 12/23
Marjorie Butterworth 12/26
Charles Murray 12/28
Susan Jemigan 12/29
Carol Mudd 12/29



ASSOCIATE OF THE MONTH - MILAN STARCEVIC

Milan Starcevic is our November Associate of the Month! Milan has worked at Parkway Place for 24 years! Milan is dependable, kind, courteous and always has a smile to share! A few of the residents that nominated Milan had this to say: "Milan is ALWAYS friendly, explains what he is doing to fix something and is SO POLITE", "Very Accommodating", "He goes over and above and he is good at whatever he does", "Wonderful Personality", and "Always responds right away"! Thank you, Milan, for all that you do for Parkway Place! We are beyond lucky to have you as a part of our team!



OUTINGS, FESTIVALS, MUSIC, AND ENDLESS FUN AT PWP

And Simeon held Baby Jesus in his arms as he prayed and waited for the Consolation of Israel. Consolation – Comfort. Jesus spoke to the disciples concerning the Holy Spirit in John 14-16. One of the words to describe the Holy Spirit is that he is the Paraclete. Para - alongside of, and Kalein - Called or to come to one's aid. One who comes to walk beside. Jesus states, I must go so another will come. Another of the same kind. Another suggests one who is already here, Jesus, our advocate. He is there to defend and to support. He must leave so the Spirit must come. The Holy Spirit comes and is described as the comforter. Yes, he comes alongside and mends our hurts, hugs us when in need, and wipes away our tears. He comes as consolation. Comforter in Latin comes from two words: Com - with, and Forte - strength. He also comes in strength. 'The comforter is not here to console us after the battle, he is there to strengthen us for the battle.' He is here so we can make it through the conflict. Paul adds that we are more than conquerors 'Far more than overcomers.'

So, the next time you want to say, 'I cannot,' remember that Jesus never said we could. On our own we fail every time. He invites us to walk with Him in life, with strength, for we have one who comes along side of us. Life is a battle, but He is the One that will fight for us, through us, and in us. This Christmas season recall the prayer of Simeon as the prayer of your life. The Consolation of Israel now dwells in the hearts Christ followers. May the Joy that was born in a manger always be cradled in your heart.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CHAPLAIN JOHN BENDER



A HEARTFELT TRIBUTE HONORING THE COURAGE, SACRIFICE, AND STORIES OF OUR PWP HEROES