

# Ron Smith Care Centre @ Elphin Lodge



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## Cheer, chums and chocolate

The excitement and laughter that echoed throughout Rand Aid's Ron Smith Care Centre (RSCC) on 14 April was proof that you are never too old to enjoy an Easter egg and bunny hunt!

All six RSCC wings went hunting for brightly coloured Easter eggs and a picture of a friendly bunny. The person from each RSCC wing that found it first, won a delicious chocolate bunny.

The afternoon was spent decorating Easter cupcakes. Residents and staff also enjoyed a full week of special Easter activities and crafts.



Lelo Manaka, Anastasia Thula and Bathabile Mthombeni

The winners of the chocolate bunnies were:

- Florence Ramsay (RL1)
- Bruce Richardson (RL2)
- Schalk Grobler (RL3)
- Maria da Silva (Woodlands)
- Anastasia Thula (Cedar Park)
- Maria Volschenk (Lakeside)



Germinah Baloyi and Florence Ramsay



Mona Knodell



Mariana Duvenage



Uno Gait



Pascaline Kamela and Schalk Grobler



Maria da Silva



Noma Malevu and Bruce Richardson



Staff and residents



Nellie Motshoene and Maria Volschenk



## Get to know me

### HERMANN BROSCHK: RIVER LODGE 3 RESIDENT

I was born on 10 March 1937 in JHB, the youngest of 5 children. My parents were from Germany and I have very fond memories of growing up in Braamfontein. I went to German school and then Marist Brothers. After matric, I obtained an electrical engineering degree at Wits and a BCom degree through UNISA. I first worked for a small electrical installation company, then ESKOM, BBC & finally AEG, where I became managing director. When they were sold to Alstom, I became a consultant there until I retired at 76. I met my wife Julianne when she was 18 (I wasn't much older) at a party in the southern suburbs. We have been married for 55 years and have 3 wonderful children and 4 beautiful grandchildren.



#### Passing thoughts:

I have always been a bit of a handyman around the house & enjoyed carpentry, making furniture, electrical & steel work. My wife and I enjoyed dancing and we would often attend rock 'n roll parties with music from the 50s and 60s and used to attend formal balls at the town hall. I was a very social person – loud, friendly and interested in people as individuals. I enjoyed reading about SA & war history, watching the news and sports on TV. Although work consumed most of my time & I travelled a lot on business, weekends were devoted to family. My happy place has always been our home in Orchards & I really miss our family life together. I've always believed that we should all try and live a happy, comfortable life and to be content with what you have been given and what you have achieved.

### MATILDA MABAPA: ENA RIVER LODGE 3

I was born on 9 June 1981 in a small, quiet village in Limpopo, the firstborn of 3 children. I am a Pedi girl & had a happy childhood even though I didn't know my father. My mom raised us on her own with support from my 4 uncles & grandmother. She was my hero. She never let the criticism of others for being a single parent stand in the way of giving her children everything they needed to grow into the best people they could be. After matriculating, I did courses in computer literacy, dressmaking and security but was not able to find work using any of these skills. I had to ask myself: 'What do I want to be in my life?' I decided to attend Nursing College to train as a care worker & then as an ENA. I began doing relief work for Rand Aid in 2018 and was promoted to permanent staff in 2020.



River Lodge 3 is the happiest place & it gives me much joy to care for our residents. I have been married to Sam for 11 years. We grew up together, attending the same school & church and we became friends as young teenagers. Our friendship and love began to grow and we had a traditional wedding in 2011. He is my best friend. I know him & he knows me. We have 3 beautiful children.

#### Passing thoughts:

I loved agricultural studies, so my happy place today is in my small garden, tending to my vegetables. I am proud of achieving my dream of being an ENA – helping others who can't help themselves. I would love to become a professional nurse, but my priority is to get my children educated. The Eden training motivated, inspired and empowered me to know that I can make positive changes on River Lodge 3 and in my life.

### VERNON MITCHELL: RIVER LODGE 3 RESIDENT

I was born in Boksburg on 27 October 1940, the middle child of 3 boys. I attended Krugersdorp High School, where I was Head Boy in Grade 12 and also the captain of the rugby and cricket teams. After matric, I worked underground on a mine for 2 years and then trained as a quantity surveyor, advising on financial and contractual matters for the construction industry. I then purchased my own building and construction company and became a master builder. I was responsible for the construction of many major office blocks, hospitals, motor showrooms, and the upgrading and renovations of many shopping centres. My wife Leslie is a retired high school teacher. I met her when she was in her first year of teaching in Westonaria and we have been married



for 57 years. We have a wonderful daughter, Candice and 4 lovely grandchildren. I loved our family home in Constantia Kloof.

#### Passing thoughts:

My favourite colour is blue. I have always been a devoted Christian, so my favourite book has always been the Bible. I used to enjoy listening to Jazz & watching rugby, cricket and soccer on TV. I supported Manchester United. My favourite foods are healthy, home-cooked meals, but I also enjoy red meat and ice cream! I used to love eating out, driving my RAV 4 and being with family and friends. I really miss my wife and children and the active life I once had. I used to love going for holidays to the South Coast and enjoying the beaches. I have always believed that there is a right way to do everything, and I was therefore always a bit of a perfectionist!

## Birthdays

### RESIDENTS

03 May Joy Klopper (RL1) 93  
07 May Clyde Herman (CP) 84  
07 May Paddy Lowe (LS) 83  
09 May Shirley Abrams (RL3) 87  
11 May Tilly Bryant (RL2) 88  
17 May Benno Lunt (RL2) 83  
23 May Argentina Smith (WL) 81  
24 May Patricia Dale (RL3) 85  
25 May Jacobus Sosef (LS) 95

### STAFF

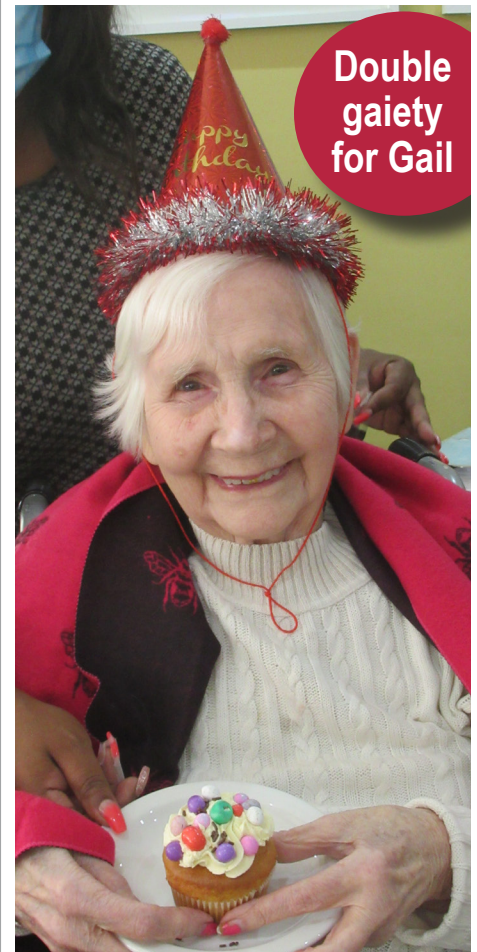
04 May Nandipha Ngesi  
04 May Grace Ratisani  
06 May Elizabeth Peterson  
06 May Tshengisile Khoza  
07 May Singathwa Siboto  
15 May Thizwivhoni Ramavhoya  
24 May Viloshnie Naidoo

### Welcome to

Gail Munczinski RL2

### Fondly remembered

Ettiene Geyser (RL3) Leon Shuker (RL3)  
Eric Roediger (LS) Noel Tilney (RL3)



Double  
gaiety  
for Gail

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Gail Harmer who celebrated her 85th birthday on 14 April while enjoying RSCC's Easter festivities!**