

# Ron Smith Care Centre

## @ Elphin Lodge



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Delight was the result of week-long Easter fun at Ron Smith Care Centre. The programme was chock-a-block with activities, including painting, baking, games and arts and crafts.

Residents had the opportunity to make Easter bunnies from knitted squares, decorate cupcakes, paint or colour in images of Easter, and take part in a quiz.

The Easter egg hunt was a hit, with residents who tracked down the pictures of the Easter bunny each winning a large chocolate bunny. Fun was also had at the lucky draw on Good Friday. Those who drew a 'Happy Easter' card won half a chocolate egg filled with a delicious assortment of chocolates and truffles. On Easter Sunday, residents enjoyed hot cross buns for tea, followed by a roast chicken lunch. They could also enjoy church and shul services over Easter and Passover.



## Get to know me

### DRIENIE HORLACHER: LAKESIDE RESIDENT

I was born in JHB on 9 December 1947, the last born of 5 children. We had an unusual upbringing and family life, as both my parents were deaf & mute. My eldest brother learnt sign language & we communicated with our parents in this way.

My sister Cathy contracted polio & was crippled. She attended the Hope Training Home for the physically disabled where she received an excellent education. Cathy passed on a lot of her knowledge & learning to me. She always did well in everything,



despite her physical limitations. She was such an inspiration to me. After I matriculated from Helpmekaar

High School, I got a job as a short-hand typist & eventually worked for SABC in the radio department. I later worked for several years as an accounts assistant.

I met my husband Wolfgang when at a dance. We were married for 27 years and had 2 children; 4 grandchildren & 2 great-grandsons.

#### Passing thoughts:

My favourite colour is red. I love dancing and had 2 brothers who could dance well. I enjoyed reading classics and thrillers and watching movies, cooking shows, nature programmes & Strictly Come Dancing. Since coming to RSCC, I have taken up painting with a passion.

### SIHLE MASHAI: LAKESIDE ENA

I was born on 20 October 1990 to a Sotho-speaking family in Limpopo, the first of 3 children. My mom was the caretaker of a building in JHB, so my granny raised me. She was very strict! I woke up at 5am every morning to prepare for school. After school, I had to do housework & then homework. Sundays, we went to church. My granny encouraged us all to study hard & I liked school and got top marks. After matric, I went to nursing college, first training as



a care worker & then as an ENA. My first job was at Life Roseacres Medi Clinic. In 2018, I joined Rand Aid as a reliever. I became

staff in 2022 & love the residents at Lakeside. I have been with my partner Themba for 12 years and we have 2 beautiful daughters.

#### Passing thoughts:

My favourite colours are blue, black & yellow. I enjoy reading love stories & advice columns & watching the TLC TV channel. I am a good problem-solver & feel that there is always a solution, as long as you sit down & talk. Doing the laundry, spring cleaning, listening to music & dancing are my simple pleasures & help me to relax. God comes first and I begin & end each day with prayer.

## Amazing Ellen turns 100

Lakeside resident Ellen Quinn celebrated her 100th birthday on 17 April at a party at RSCC's Woodlands lapa, with her son Richard, from East London, and her grandson, Simon, from Cape Town. Her daughters-in-law, other family members and friends joined the party.

She married Edmund Quinn during WWII. He served in the air force in North Africa and Europe, while Ellen worked in Johannesburg as a hairdresser. After the war, the couple started their family. They lived in Edenvale and then Bedfordview, before moving to Potch. They had three sons and were happily married until Edmund's death over 30 years ago, when Ellen moved to Elphin Lodge retirement village. She lived there for 28 years, before moving to Ron Smith in 2020.

"My mother was chairperson of the Potch Boys High PTA and famous for attending and catering for sporting events. She was an accomplished gardener, who won prizes, and loved embroidery and knitting," says Richard.

Ellen has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



## Birthdays

### RESIDENTS

07 May Paddy Lowe (LS) 84  
09 May Shirley Abrams (RL3) 88  
09 May Ansie Oberholzer (RL3) 76  
11 May Tilly Bryant (RL2) 89  
13 May Stella Murray (RL2) 95  
23 May Argentina Smith (WL) 82  
24 May Patricia Dale (WL) 86  
25 May Jacobus Sosef (LS) 96

### 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

\*Staff members must please remember to collect their birthday chocolates from reception.

### Fondly remembered

Robert Davidson RL2

### Welcome to

Beryl Potgieter - RL3  
Marion Simmons - RL2  
Dawn Smith - LS



Employees who are greatly appreciated: Lerato Masoga and Iris Radebe with their certificates. Pictured with them is Leanie Bessinger.

## Domestic workers in the spotlight at RSCC

RSCC's domestic workers of the month accolade was awarded to Lerato Masoga and Iris Radebe in March.

They were chosen for the award because they really have made a difference on River Lodge 3.

The wing always smells fresh and they are always hard at work cleaning.

They never need to be asked to clean specific areas, they just do it automatically.

They are also very kind to the residents and always have a smile or kind words to share with them.