

Ron Smith Care Centre @ Elphin Lodge



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Wintery weather but a warm welcome characterised Ron Smith Care Centre's spring celebration on September 20.

"Although spring has officially sprung, we faced cold, windy, weather on the day of our Spring Heritage Day celebration. That meant we had to move our celebration from the beautiful Woodlands outdoor garden area into the dining room," says Debbie Christen, the care centre's recreational and training services facilitator.

"Nevertheless, the event was cosy, colourful and joyful!"

International flags were strung from the ceiling, and sunflowers and flags adorned the tables, which brought sunshine and cheer to the indoor area.

Heritage happiness

The staff were decked out in their traditional costumes in all colours of the rainbow and represented the diverse African tribes and cultures of our nation and beyond. "They opened the programme with a lively cultural dance, which brought a spirit of energy and fun to the morning," says Debbie.

"The rest of the entertainment programme was filled with a wonderful line dancing performance by the Rodeo Girls, Rodeo Club Dancers, and Boot Scootin SA, interspersed



Resident Stella Murray.
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with Shams Muller singing a selection of country rock songs. At one point, the dancers got everyone moving to the song 'Singin' in the Rain,' she says.

"They also taught everyone how to do an easy line dance. All of the singing, dancing, and interactive activities triggered happy smiles and laughter."

Braaiied chicken kebabs, pap tart, pumpkin muffins, and Greek salad were served and nicely rounded off with sticky toffee pudding and custard sauce.

Staff members who would not be on duty on the day of the celebration, had their own mini-gathering two days before, and showed off their finery under a beautiful blue sky.

After seeing photos of the event, some of the families commented:

Well done! So much effort was put into making it an awesome event. Thank you.

Looks like another amazing celebration.

So lovely to see them having fun.

A sincere thank you for an excellent celebration. Hard work and much care.

So special – well done.

Outstanding.



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Happiness? The colour
of it must be spring green -
Frances Mayes

A nation's culture resides
in the hearts and in the
soul of its people
- Mahatma Gandhi.

Birthdays

RESIDENTS

01 Oct	Maria Dal Lago	(RL2)	99
04 Oct	Schalk Grobler	(RL3)	86
04 Oct	Cecily Ryder	(WL)	95
06 Oct	Dorothea Ferri	(WL)	95
06 Oct	Shirley McTaggart	(WL)	89
06 Oct	Walter Serebro	(RL2)	87
08 Oct	Vera Meyer	(RL3)	88
15 Oct	David Scott	(RL3)	81
17 Oct	Megan Weeks	(LS)	94
20 Oct	Barbara Welsh	(RL3)	87
23 Oct	Chris Wight	(RL2)	82
25 Oct	Myra Forfar	(RL3)	80
25 Oct	Brian Russell	(WL)	96
27 Oct	Vernon Mitchell	(RL3)	84
27 Oct	John Declan O'Callaghan	(RL3)	78
31 Oct	Pearl Porter	(WL)	92

STAFF

01 Oct	Sanele Ndlovu
03 Oct	Lindiwe Hlope
03 Oct	Nontobeka Mdolo
05 Oct	Lehlogonolo Manaka
06 Oct	Leanie Bessinger
07 Oct	Phindhile Radebe
08 Oct	Siziwe Manyamalala
10 Oct	Raisibe Ledwaba
13 Oct	Elliot Masina
13 Oct	Kedisaletse Maodi
13 Oct	Esmeralda Rusike
13 Oct	Catherine Tshinyadzo
20 Oct	Sihle Mashai
22 Oct	Raisibe Bodila
25 Oct	Madibere Madibane
26 Oct	Motsebore Sehlola
26 Oct	Debbie Beech
28 Oct	Mokgothi Shai
29 Oct	Emily Tshabalala
29 Oct	Mamoipone Maluka

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

FONDLY REMEMBERED

Georgina Clebury	Thelma Levitan	RL3
	Dulcie Gribble	RL2

WELCOME TO...

Elizabeth Boshoff	RL3
John Declan O'Callaghan	RL3
George Phillip Lai	RL2

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Phindhile Radebe, an enrolled nursing assistant (ENA) on the Woodlands wing, was September's employee of the month.

Phindhile has been with Rand Aid for more than five years and Sr Thili Madiba says that she is dedicated to her work and has grown in her position as an ENA and in her role as a team leader. "It was quite clear that after training in the Eden Alternative, she became more confident and continues to add value to the care given to our residents."

