



Notable Quotable

“Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

~ Mother Teresa

August Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between August 1 and August 22 take on the lion star sign of Leo. Leos are dignified, strong, and powerful, making good leaders and honorable friends. They're also ambitious—reaching for the stars, working hard, and accomplishing their goals. Those born between August 23 and August 31 are Virgos, known for being industrious and efficient.

Happy Birthday to our Residents born in August!

- Sheryl H, 08/04
- Benjamin K., 08/04
- Joan M., 08/12
- Kathy G., 08/12
- Maryann E., 08/15
- Minnie H., 08/17
- Cheryl C., 08/21
- Nediljka B., 08/28
- Kenneth S., 08/30
- Jessie T., 08/31

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deliver the same message about friendship, courage, and finding your way home.

The story's appeal has lasted in part because it offers both adventure and comfort. As author Ray Bradbury once said, "Oz is what we would hope and like to be," a place where villains aren't so villainous and hope always wins out.

The Wizard himself is a memorable figure, too. When his

secret is revealed, he admits, "I'm really a very good man, but I am a very bad wizard," reminding us all that sometimes good intentions matter more than magical powers.

So this August, why not revisit Oz? Dust off the book, queue up the movie, or share the story with a grandchild or other young friend. After all, as Dorothy reminds us, "There's no place like home"—and for many, Oz will always feel a little like home, too.

Employee of the Month

Join us in congratulating our Life Enrichment Coordinator Allena Garcia Bernal for being voted Employee of the Month! She started working at Heritage Village 4 years ago and she loves activities! When she does not work, Allena enjoys listening to music, singing, dancing, visiting consignment stores, art galleries, and travelling. She also has an extensive collection of vintage items that she likes to showcase to residents and listen to the memories they share with her.



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Journey Back to Oz

August marks a celebration for fans of *The Wizard of Oz*—the 86th anniversary of the beloved film's release on August 25, 1939. In addition, the 125th birthday of the classic book, first published in May 1900, was celebrated earlier this year. Whether you first met Dorothy and Toto on the page or the silver screen, their journey down the Yellow Brick Road continues to charm audiences of all ages.

L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was a sensation from the start, quickly becoming a staple in American children's literature. Over the decades, the story has inspired sequels, stage

plays, and, most famously, the 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland as Dorothy. The film dazzled audiences with its Technicolor magic, memorable songs, and a cast of unforgettable characters: Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and, of course, Toto (who was played by a female dog named Terry).

The book and the movie differ in small ways—Dorothy's slippers are silver in the book but ruby red in the film, for example—but both (cont. on p. 4)



Black Cats in a New Light

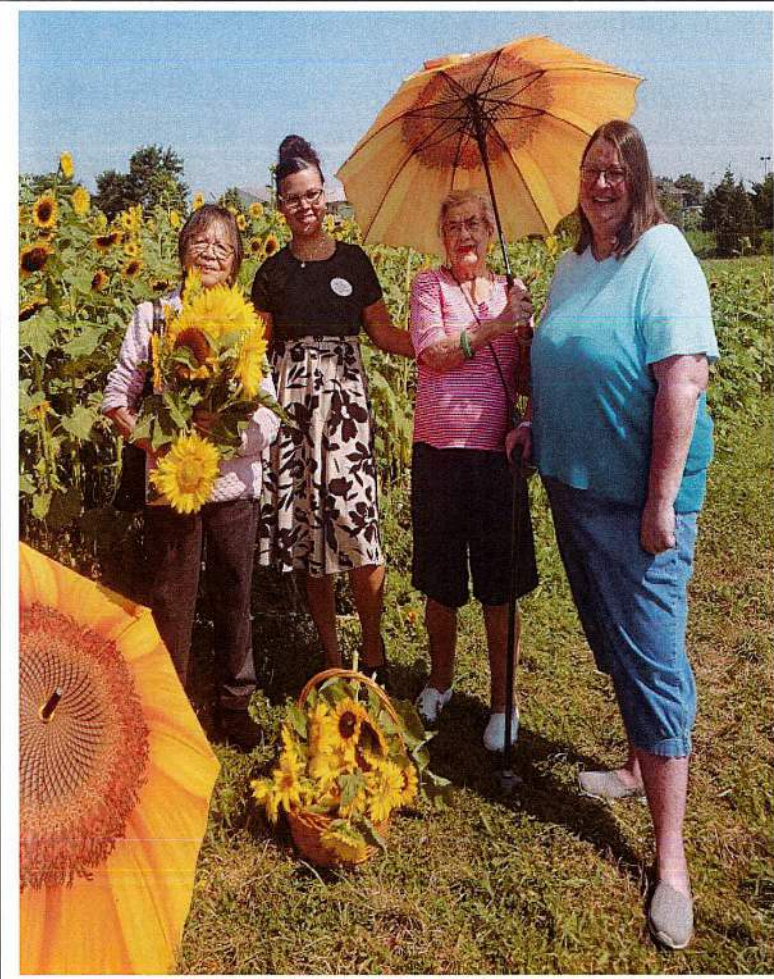
Does a shiver run down your spine when a black cat crosses your path? Do you instantly think of bad luck at the sight of this *feline noir*?

Black Cat Appreciation Day on August 17 is your chance to revise your superstitious notions. For example, in Scotland, Great Britain, and Japan, black cats are

considered good luck and signs of prosperity. Some believe that a woman who owns a black cat will have many suitors. Long ago, sailors would choose a black cat as their ship's cat to protect their ship and bring good fortune.

Shelters posting black cats for adoption offer another reason to appreciate black cats: they go well with any outfit.

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