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Featured Artist:
Kelli Rabke

The Holidays Are a Very Special Time on the JKV Entertainment Calendar



Jody Leshinsky, JKV's Life Enrichment Manager

2024 is here, and with the new year, the JKV Life Enrichment Department is busy scheduling a full complement of Arts, Cultural Events and Entertainment. It promises to be a new year full of enriching activities.

In this issue of *Gazette ACE*, we highlight some of the concerts and special events that made the Holiday Season so special at JKV.

The 37th Annual Edition of the Holiday Parade is featured starting on Page 6. The Parade is one of the most anticipated events on the JKV

calendar and involves participation from JKV Team Members, as well as residents, and many groups from outside the Village.

The JKV Choruses featuring The Village Chimers, The Villagers and The Choristers performed to a full house in their "Home for the Holidays" concert. Two surprise guest vocalists made this concert one to remember. See the photos and watch the video starting on page 12.

Share in the John Knox Village experience in this issue of *Gazette ACE*. View the musical highlights. Read about a prolific resident writer. Hear the piano offering from one of our multi-talented Team Members. Plan to visit JKV in the new year, by reviewing the entertainment available for the public on page 28.

John Knox Village is an inclusive and welcoming community which emphasizes the importance of the Arts, Culture and Entertainment (ACE). Call 954-904-0006 to arrange your visit.

JKV Is Expanding With Greater Opportunities for the Arts and Culture

These are exciting times around John Knox Village. Residents are still talking about the gala New Year's Eve Party featuring the Motowners held in the Cultural Arts Center (CAC). As the revelers entered the CAC, they immediately recognized that Westlake at JKV with its two residential towers: The View and The Terrace were nearing completion.

The walkway around the expanded and reconfigured Lake Maggie is nearly complete. The interior lighting of the new buildings is visible well into the night, as the finishing touches are made to the interior of Westlake at JKV.

There are 147 state-of-the-art sun-soaked apartments, two floors of covered parking, and a first floor filled with amenities that will be available to all residents, family members, and guests. The common-area niceties include:

- *BV's French Press and Wine Bar, a coffee and wine bar named after Cassels Tower resident Bruce Voelkel, who provided a very generous*

gift to the JKV Foundation

- *The bistro-styled Westlake Eatery*
- *A high-tech projection theatre*
- *Art, music, and fitness studios*
- *Tech learning center*
- *Library*
- *Sacred space*

The first new residents are scheduled to move into Westlake on Feb. 12. A number of

gorgeous apartments are still available and can be reserved with only a 10-percent deposit.

Visit JKV soon, and take a tour. Attend one of the upcoming shows listed on page 28. Call 954-904-0006 for information and to schedule your visit.



Jamisyn Becker, JKV's Marketing & Innovation Director

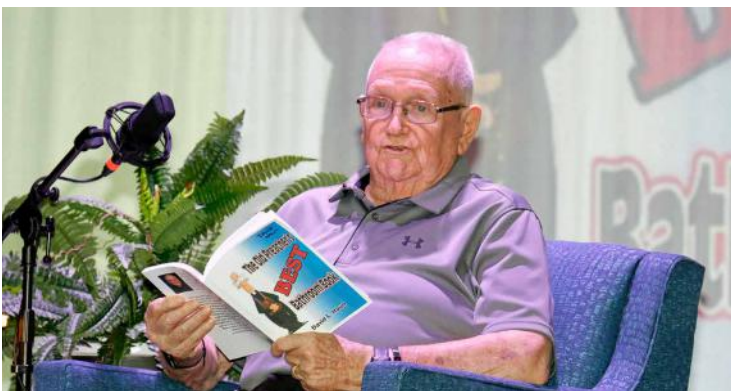
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Sounds of Broadway During The Holidays at JKV



Kelli Rabke took us on a musical journey across Broadway during the holidays.



Kelli Rabke and accompanist John Fischer sing a duet to Frank Loesser's "Baby It's Cold Outside."

The JKV Holiday Concert schedule offered a wide-ranging and varied collection of talent from local musicians, all the way to New York City's Broadway. On Dec. 4, songstress Kelli Rabke, with her talented accompanist John Fischer on piano, took us on a journey through some of Broadway's most memorable holiday hits.

Kelli has a long resume as both a singer and theatrical performer. She got her "big break" playing the role of Dorothy in Paper Mill Playhouse's acclaimed production of *"The Wizard of Oz."* Shortly thereafter, she was handpicked by Andrew Lloyd Webber to play the lead role of the Narrator in the Broadway revival of *"Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."* From there, she played her dream role as Eponine in *"Les Miserables"* on Broadway.

After years performing in regional theaters, features in TV commercials and voice-overs, Kelli left the bright lights of the stage to start a family.



Click above to view the YouTube video of Kelli Rabke performing "Home" from the musical "The Wiz."

She, along with her musical partner John Fischer, are now staples in the New York City cabaret world.

During their concert, Kelli and John took us back to some of the classic holiday songs from the '40s including: Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane's "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," and the Irving Berlin song made famous by Bing Crosby, "White Christmas."

John took center stage in a vocal and piano performance of Vince Guaraldi's compositions for "A Charlie Brown Christmas," followed by "You're

A Mean One Mr. Grinch," originally written and composed for the 1966 cartoon special "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

Kelli and John delivered a wonderful holiday performance reminding us that it is "Lovely Weather for a Sleigh Ride Together With You," and "Baby It's Cold Outside," when "It's Christmas Time in the City."

True to her "Wizard of Oz" Dorothy roots, Kelli ended the concert with the song "Home."

"When I think of home, I think of a resting place, a place where there's peace, quiet and serenity."



37th Annual JKV Holiday Parade

A Tradition that Began in the '80s Continues



The Security and Transportation teams used the "Toy Story," as their source of parade inspiration.

One of the most anticipated events on the John Knox Village calendar is its annual Holiday Parade. The Parade has a long tradition featuring floats and displays from Employee Depart-

ments, local high school bands, local government officials, local businesses, and motorcycle units from the Broward Sheriffs, and emergency trucks from the Pompano Beach Fire Department.

The annual parade began in the mid-'80s, and this year's Parade was the 37th edition.

Always planned in early December, the Parade has been an annual event, except for its suspension

HR Director Wendy Bednarcik with Foundation CEO Mark Dobosz.

Executive Assistant Jody Puishys as Raggedy Ann.

Marketing & Innovation Director Jamisyn Becker.





The A-Team (Administration) was a festive cast of characters, including President Sal "The Grinch" Barbera (far right), and CFO Doug "Darth Vader" Folsom (far left).

during the COVID-19 pandemic years of 2020 and 2021.

Residents, friends and families joined with employees and their families to line the streets of the Village to enjoy the nearly one hour parade, covering more than a mile route.

The 2023 Parade Units

More than 20 parade units and hundreds of employees, residents, and revelers from outside

JKV participated including: The Broward Sheriff's Office motorcycle units, local politicians and Dirk DeJong's Classic Car, the Dillard High School March Band, the A-Team, JKV's Dining Staff, stilt walkers from Variety Entertainment, the Maintenance Department, local businesses: License to Chill and Moody Plumbing, Ft. Lauderdale's ArtServe, the JKV Healthcare Team, a horse drawn carriage with Isings Travel, MODS

(Museum of Discovery and Science) STEMobile, members of the JKV Choirs, the JKV Security and Transportation Departments, the Ft. Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF), PNC Bank, JKV's Marketing Team and Moss Construction, Rejuvenate Salon and Spa, the Pompano Beach High School JROTC Honor Guard, Pompano Beach's Fire and Ocean Rescue departments, Pompano Fire Museum's Antique Fire Truck,

Ft. Lauderdale's Dillard High School Marching Band provided the holiday music.





The Sales and Marketing teams joined with Moss Construction to create this magical Barbie-themed float.

With tireless behind-the-scenes work from the Production and Life Enrichment departments, the "Biggest Little Parade" went off without a hitch...except for the

hitch holding the horse-drawn carriage.

The theme was "JKV in Toyland," and Village departments created wonderful floats and

entries all vying for the prestigious "Best in Parade" first-place bragging rights.

Stay tuned for the 38th Annual Edition in December 2024.

Local government officials joined the Parade (l to r) Pompano Beach Commissioners Barry Moss and Alison Fournier, Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher and Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin.





Holiday Parade judges (seated L-R) Tom Keenan, Diane Dalsimer and Mark Levey join Life Enrichment Coordinator/Parade Emcee Jacquée Thompson as the entries paraded in front of them under The Woodlands' Porte cochere. Behind them are Village Choir members, who sang several holiday tunes.



Santa directs the parade assembly.

Santa arrived riding on the Pompano Fire Museum's Antique Fire Truck.



The Motorcycle Unit from Broward Sheriff's Office.

Residents lined the streets of JKV to get a great vantage point to watch the parade.





Santa and his elves from the local business, License to Chill join the parade.



Team Members representing Gardens West, Seaside Cove and The Woodlands are all smiles during the Holiday Parade.

Photo below: Members of the Dining Services team enjoyed themselves during the Holiday Parade.





The Life Size Toys from the JKV Buildings and Grounds Department



The horse drawn carriage from Ising's Travel.



A '57 Chevy carrying the FLIFF crew with Barbie.

Click on the image below to view the YouTube video and go "Behind the Scenes" with Mike Chaney.

Behind The Scenes Of The JKV Holiday Parade

With Mike Chaney



The women and men of the JKV Choristers sing "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

The JKV Choruses Concert

Three Resident Groups Showcase Amazing Musical Talent

The magic of the holidays was wrapped and bowed with the "Home for the Holidays" concert on Dec. 19 in John Knox Village's Cultural Arts Center. Appropriately named, the "Home" concert

featured three of JKV's resident musical groups: The Village Chimers, The Villagers and The Choristers, who performed for an audience of fellow residents, family and friends.

Under the Musical Direction of Birgit Djupedal Fioravente, the concert featured the brilliance and dedication of the many resident women and men who eagerly participate in these musical groups.

The history of the choruses and choral music is a rich tradition at JKV. It was more than 15 years ago, when The Villagers, the organized group of men singers, was formed by the late Ron Davis.

Ron had a vast knowledge of music education experience. For nearly 20 years, he was the Supervisor of Music for Broward Public Schools.

The Villagers began in 2006,

The Village Chimers melodically ring out the "Little Drummer Boy."





Guest vocalist Fernando Gonzalez, a member of The Latin Divos, joins JKV Spiritual Life Director Rachael Gallagher in a duet accompanied by the JKV Choristers.

when Ron was in the hospital. During his stay, Ron received phone calls from fellow residents singing to wish him 'Happy Birthday.' Ron thought to himself "These guys can sing! And maybe there were other guys in The

Village who would also want to sing." From that epiphany, The Villagers were born.

Shortly after The Villagers began, noted resident songstress, the late Dr. "Diva" Harriett Mertz formed a ladies singing group –

The Noteables. For years, both The Noteables and The Villagers were mainstays on JKV stages and venues in the greater community, performing for appreciative audiences.

Today's choral versions of the

The men of the Villagers sing, "We Need a Little Christmas," from the Broadway Show "Mame."





The Villagers directed by Birgit Djupedal Fioravante and accompanied by pianist Carolyn Morgan.

Pictured below was featured guest baritone Fernando Gonzalez. He is a member of the popular group: The Latin Divos.



men's Villagers, and the new mixed male and female voices of The Choristers, are joined with the tuned percussion musicians known as The Village Chimers.

The Chimers perform on toned chimes that produce a soft and melodic sound, somewhat like bells, that is ideal for the angelic music of the holidays.

The "Home for the Holidays" concert began with a selection of four seasonal favorites that got the audience in the mood for all the music to come. The Chimers opened with "What Child Is This" and "Silent Night," and finished their set with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

It was time for The Villagers to take center stage. With musical accompaniment by pianist Carolyn Morgan and percussionist Mark Schubert, The Villagers let us all know that "We Need a Little Christmas."

After The Villagers sang through their program, the Choristers took center stage. Musical Director Birgit had a surprise, actually more than one surprise, for the audience.

Pictured below, in a special appearance that thrilled and surprised the audience, was JKV Spiritual Life Director Rachael Gallagher.





The Holiday Concert was accompanied by pianist Carolyn Morgan.



Musical Director of the Village Choruses, Birgit Djupedal Fioravente brought the night's show to a close, with a Merry Christmas to all.

First, JKV's Spiritual Life Director Rachael Gallagher joined The Choristers as Mrs. Claus and showcased her magnificent voice and stage talent. Then baritone Fernando Gonzalez, a member of the famed Latin Divos joined the

entourage as a featured vocalist. The nearly two-hour show ended with thunderous applause as Rachael and Fernando, with background vocals by The Choristers, rocked the stage with an energetic performance of the

1970 holiday hit by José Feliciano, "Feliz Navidad." It's true, Christmas comes but once a year, but with the JKV Choruses, it's Christmas Magic every time they perform.

[Click on the image below to view the YouTube video of the JKV Chorus Concert.](#)





Keith Parent, Deborah Osborne, Carrie Brooke and Michael Marks are the Noel Choir.

The Noel Choir at the CAC

Bringing Traditional Holiday Music in a Victorian Fashion

With more than three decades of musical harmony, the Noel Vocal Quartet has delighted audiences through stage concerts, as strolling carolers, and performing

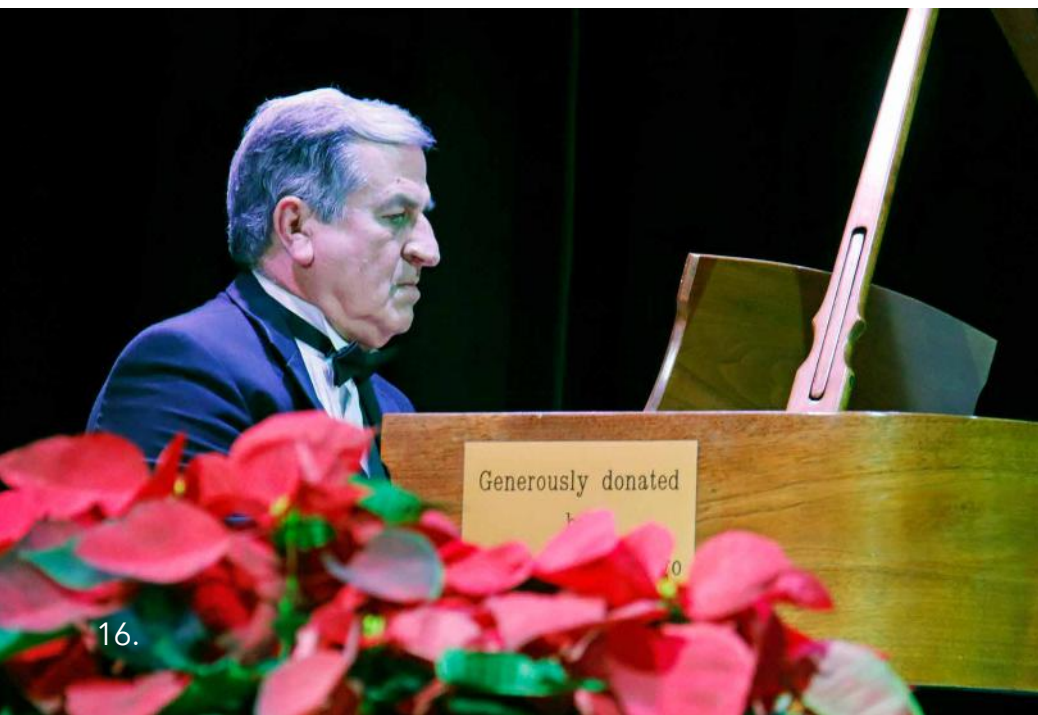
at private events and Princess Cruise Lines shows. Recognized by their Victorian costumes and diverse Christmas repertoire, they also explore sacred, patriotic and

love songs. Their A cappella style, gives the Noel Choir a unique touch.

During their Dec. 9, JKV concert, the Noel Choir entertained the audience with many traditional English, Welsh, French and German hymns and carols. From "Here We Come A-Wassailing," to "Deck the Hall," "Angels We Have Heard on High," to "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and "Joy to the World," these are the songs many of us remember singing in church on Christmas morning.

In addition to the traditional European Christmas hymns, the Noel Choir also included American spirituals: "Go Tell It on the Mountain," and "Rise Up Shep-

Accompanist Chuck Stanley directs Ft. Lauderdale's Nova Singers.





The entire ensemble performs for the appreciative John Knox Village audience.

ard and Follow," as well as more modern secular songs like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "Let It Snow."

The four members of the choir each have enjoyed long associa-

tions as singers with local groups.

Soprano Deborah Osborne has many friends at JKV and is a regular visitor. She has lent her voice to various Ft. Lauderdale church choirs and is a member of the Nova Singers.

Alto Carrie Brooke has recently retired as a teacher of Elementary Music. She has served as Assistant Director for Florida's Singing Sons, and has held various roles in churches across Broward County

Tenor Michael Marks is a section leader in the Christ Church United Methodist chancel choir in Ft. Lauderdale.

Bass Keith Parent began his musical journey in a church choir at the age of six. From that start, Keith has evolved into a lifelong role as a soloist and choir leader. He regularly showcases his talent with the Nova Singers.

At the end of the concert, the audience joined in to participate in sing-alongs under the piano

accompaniment of Chuck Stanley.

As all sang, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," the joys of the festive season brought smiles to the audience of appreciative JKV residents, friends and family.





The Motowners (l to r) Derrick Hadley, Shantel Baker, Raymond Poitier, Angel Gaye, Theodore Marshall, Parakeya Coleman and Raeford Melton celebrated New Year's Eve at the John Knox Village Cultural Arts Center.

Rockin' into the New Year

The Motowners Deliver the Best of Detroit's Contribution to Rhythm & Blues

JKV's New Year's Eve party in the Cultural Arts Center was a gala affair. A full service cocktail reception was followed by a surf and turf dinner – an appropriate way to end 2023, but the night's festivities were just beginning.

Entertainment was presented by The Motowners:

A group of seven talented vocalists backed by four rhythm and blues musicians. The show was a fantastic tribute to the many artists and great songs from the classic Motown years, as the group performed smash hits by The Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner and many more.

The group was founded by the producer and main lead singer Derrick Hadley in 2005 to bring legendary music and love songs to fans everywhere. Their unique and family-friendly show is a favorite and their classic group sound and approach never loses its universal appeal. The group has toured extensively performing at outdoor events, cruise ships, casinos, and adult communities. In October 2012, they performed for Michelle Obama and enjoyed a private photo opportunity with the former First Lady.

With their extensive musical biography, the Motowners transported JKV revelers back to the rhythm and blues music they remembered, sang along with, and danced to in the '60s, '70s and beyond.





Dancing into the New Year are JKV residents (l to r) Sandy and Jed Sprague, Sandra Gordon and Russell Calvet, and Babs and Dr. Harold Siegel.

It did not take long for the first set of couples to make their way to the dance floor to "Get Ready" by The Temptations and to relive the joys of the Detroit sound.

Joining Derrick Hadley on stage were the men: Alto Raymond Poitier, tenor Raeford Melton and baritone (the Lou Rawls of the group) Theodore Marshall. Their repertoire and choreography took

us through "My Girl," "Ain't to Proud to Beg," "Love Train" and many more.

The trio of ladies were reminiscent of the Supremes, and Martha and the Vandellas. The ladies included altos Shantel Baker and Angel Gaye, and soprano Parakeya Coleman.

In the showstopper of the evening, Shantel Baker left the stage

and gathered a dozen of the ladies from the audience to join her in an energetic song and dance a tribute to Tina Turner's "Proud Mary."

It was a memorable New Year's Eve to close out a fabulous 2023 of Arts, Culture and Entertainment. 2024 promises to have many more great concerts on the event horizon.

Click on the image below to view the YouTube video of New Year's Eve at JKV.





David Haun presented his first book, "Jack and the Really Big Beanstalk" to JKV residents during a book signing party in June 2019.

JKV Resident Authors Seven Books

David Haun Fulfills a Lifetime Goal During His 20 Years at JKV



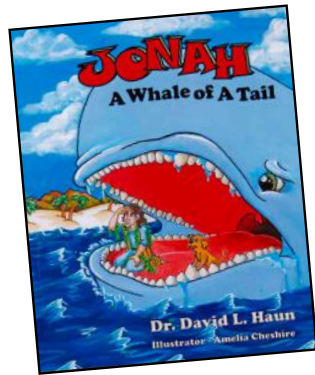
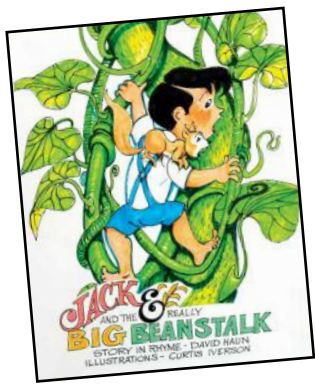
David Haun and his wife Twylah are longtime John Knox Village residents. Having been one of the first couples who moved into the then-new Heritage Tower apartment building, the Hauns have been active in community life. During their more than 20 years of residency, they have served on committees, volunteered their time and talents in Village services, and have pursued their lifelong goals.

Prior to moving to JKV, they had lived in Wilton Manors for 35 years. Most of those years they worked—Twylah as a teacher and David a pastor. Twylah's mother, Marie was living at John Knox Village, so they moved as soon as they were age qualified, and have loved their involvement in the life of JKV.

During his years at the Village, David had an unfulfilled goal. He wanted to become a published author. He told the Gazette ACE, that ever since he was a little boy, he had wanted to write.

"My mother and I used to sit on a swing, when I was in first or second grade, we'd make up stories, we'd make up poems," David said. For all the many years after sitting with his mom on that swing, David still wanted to author books, "But never thought I would have the ability to publish until I moved to John Knox." Writing and pub-

(Photo left) Twylah and David Haun with David's book, "The Old Preacher's Best Bathroom Book."



lishing his own books was David's dream and goal in life.

"The possibility of the dream coming to life presented itself one day in the lobby of Heritage Tower," he said. "A notice of an invitation to residents to write down their dreams and fasten them to the wall. I wrote my dream – that I might write and publish five books before I died.

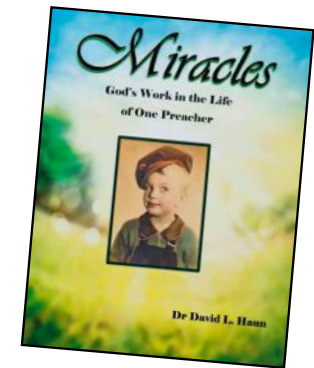
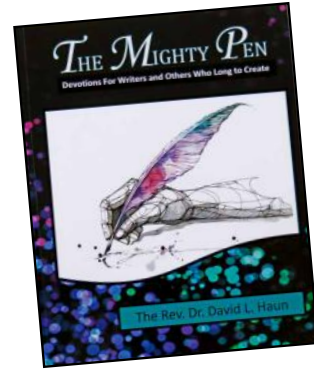
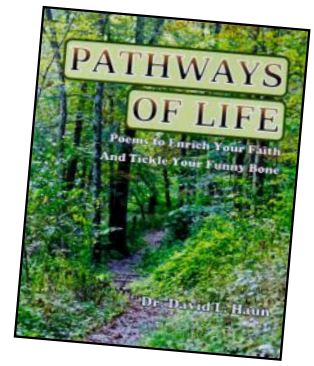
'Shortly after that I saw that Marty Lee [contributing writer and photographer at JKV] was offering to help residents publish their life story through a class called 'Silver Scribes.' Marty said if we'd write it, he will put it together and get it published on Amazon.

"I asked Marty, if he would help me publish a children's story. He said he would—but I'd have to find an artist. So, I prayed for one, and in a matter of days I met Curtis Iverson, living right here at John Knox Village and discovered he was an artist. Those chance meetings lead to the creation and publication of my first book, 'Jack and the Really Big Beanstalk.'

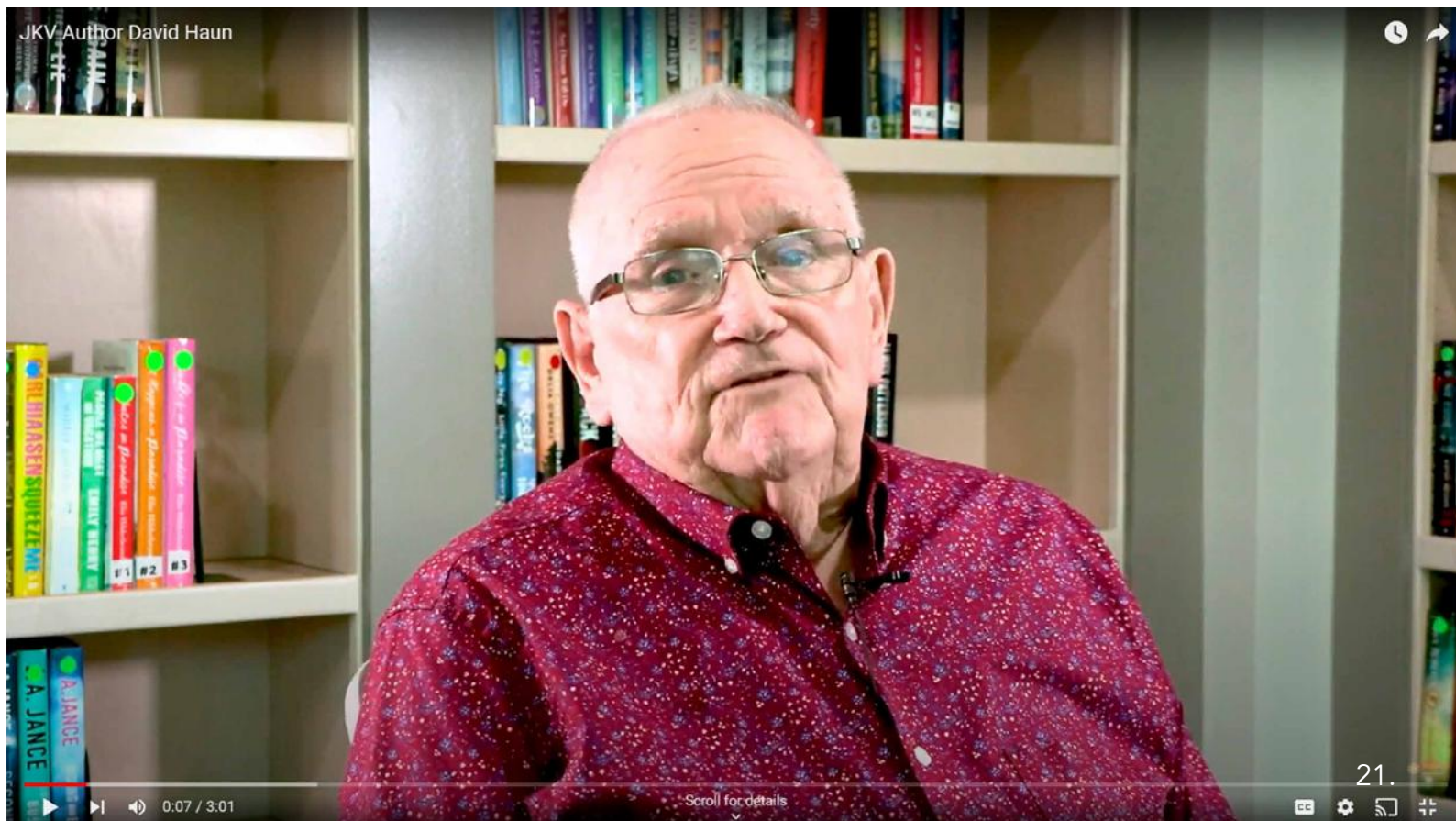
"After Jack was published, I had two other children's stories, and didn't know how to get them published. Then my daughters called and said, 'Dad, you write the stories and get the illustrations [for the two children's books] and we'll get them published on Amazon.'"

Now with his daughters' assistance, David has embraced his goal, and to date, has published seven books.

David's writing ambition is an example of the creative opportunities offered at the Village. Whether your aspiration is painting, music, writing, stained glass, woodworking or any other artistic endeavor, JKV has the time and place for you to refine the creations of your dreams.



Click on the image below to view the YouTube video on David Haun's goal to write books.





Accepting the Pinnacle and Beacon awards are JKV Team Members: Jamisyn Becker, Kim Morgan-Vagnuolo, Marsha Dixon and Gloria Gantes.

JKV Once Again Receives Distinguished 'Best in Wellness' Awards

Kim Morgan-Vagnuolo

Gazette ACE Contributor



John Knox Village is thrilled to announce that it has again been honored with the 2023 ICAA NuStep Pinnacle and Beacon Awards, solidifying its position among the Top 5 and Top 25 "Best in Wellness" senior living communities in North America.

South Florida's premier continuing care life-plan retirement community has been recognized annually with these awards since 2019. Once again, the acknowledgments underscore JKV's commitment to fostering a wellness-centered culture that benefits all residents and staff within the community.

The ICAA NuStep Pinnacle Award and Beacon Award are a joint initiative between the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), an organization at the

forefront of leading, connecting and defining the active-aging industry, and NuStep, a prominent manufacturer of recumbent cross-trainers widely used in healthcare, senior living, and fitness.

Colin Milner, CEO, and founder of the ICAA, emphasizes the evolving importance of wellness in senior living communities. Milner told the *Gazette ACE*, "Wellness has evolved from being a programming option to becoming a way of life. And these communities are setting the pace for the rest of the industry to follow."

According to Jamisyn Becker, JKV's Director of Marketing & Innovation, "At John Knox Village, we prioritize programming that embraces wellness as its key focus to nurture physical vitality and

Pictured to the left is Colin Milner, CEO, and founder of the ICAA.

maintain a culture of connection. By prioritizing holistic well-being, we cultivate not just healthier bodies but also stronger bonds, fostering a community where every individual thrives.”

As the older adult population continues to grow and individuals seek a better, longer life, the significance of where one chooses to live becomes increasingly essential. JKV inspires the industry, leading the way with its comprehensive wellness culture.

For the past 56 years, JKV has set the bar when it comes to delivering an all-inclusive resort lifestyle designed for living life to the fullest at each stage of retirement by emphasizing fitness and overall well-being with world-class programming, state-of-the-art amenities, healthy & delicious dining, long-term medical care for all residents, and so much more.

The International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) connects and defines the active-aging industry, supporting professionals in developing wellness cultures for adults over 50. The association focuses on active aging, helping older adults live life as fully as possible within all dimensions of wellness.

NuStep, LLC designs, manufactures and distributes recumbent cross-trainer exercise equipment. NuStep products empower users of all functional abilities and fitness levels to engage in exercise that builds strength, enhances independence, and improves health outcomes. NuStep sponsored the Pinnacle and Beacon Awards recognizing senior communities and centers transforming lives through whole-person wellness programming.



JKV resident Mary Busenberg exercises in the JKV Fitness Studio.



*(Above) As a JKV Community Partner, Musicfor America is a regular visitor performing music from jazz to the classics.
(Below) Colin Milner, CEO of the ICAA provided a wellness presentation to JKV Team Members and residents in the Village Centre Auditorium.*



Wellness matters, no matter the setting

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JKV's Dynamic Dining Duo

Defining the Culinary Arts

Rob Seitz

Gazette ACE Editor

One has crisscrossed the country chasing his culinary passions. The other has crossed the Atlantic pursuing his.

After years in high-end pedigree dining venues in Europe and the U.S., they have both landed at John Knox Village and together they make up the Village's Dynamic Dining Duo.

Lance Sanson, Vice President of Campus Dining, and Executive Chef Frederic Delaire are from worlds apart; however, they are similar in their desire to provide the highest caliber dining experience for the 1,000 residents who call JKV home.

Lance's hospitality career began at the famed Chantrelle restaurant in Eugene, OR, while Chef Frederic was working, watching, and learning from his grandfather, a well-known baker in southwest France.

Lance's resume boasts stints at the prestigious Pepi's Restaurant and Bar in Vail Village, CO, where he did tableside cookery and fine wine decanting. Fast-tracking to the late 1990s and Lance worked with food service industry innovator and leader Bill Anton at Anton Airfood, where he opened the first wine bar in JFK Airport's International Terminal One and was charged with transitioning airport food into airport dining.

Most recently, Lance headed the Guest Services at Life-Plan Continuing Care Retirement Community Moorings Park, in Naples, FL.

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Executive Chef Frederic Delaire (L) and Vice President of Campus Dining Lance Sanson are John Knox Village's Dynamic Dining Duo.

He sees similarities from there to JKV: "I created a Hospitality Training Platform called Diamond Dining, which combined compassionate care, values with resident understanding and table service to individuals who had not worked in dining before."

Lance also partnered with his Certified Executive Chefs to create the first senior living accredited campus for training culinarians to be trained as chefs who could not afford school.

Meanwhile, across The Pond, Chef Frederic was studying at the La Palme School for Culinary Arts in France. After school, Chef started his journey at the 2-Star Michelin restaurant

L'Aubergade in Puymirol, southwest France.





The Pearl is one of two dining venues located in the JKV Pavilion.



The Glades Grill (above) offers casual dining adjacent to the Aquatic Complex.

Struck by wanderlust after four years, Chef Frederic traveled to Germany to work with German Chef Christian Lohse at the restaurant Die Windmule in Westphalia. In 1997, he returned to France to join the team at the famous Michelin Star restaurant Jules Verne, located on the second floor of the Eiffel Tower, in Paris.

In 1999 Chef packed his bags and flew to South Florida. Among his stops as Executive Chef prior to joining JKV were at the Historic National Hotel on South Beach and Loews Miami Beach.

Chef Frederic has participated in the South Beach Wine & Food Festival for 13 years, collaborating on spectacular dining events, including the Tribute Dinner and Southern Brunch.

"The reason I am here is because of the man across the table," Chef Frederic told the *Gazette ACE* during a recent lunch at one of the Village's dining venues, the Seaglass, while pointing towards Lance. "He has a vision for John Knox Village, and I want to be a part of that. This is an exciting time to be here, and I look forward to helping make positive changes to the dining experience."

The Seaglass (below) is a popular dining venue located in the JKV Pavilion





Anthony Primavera, JKV's Video Production Coordinator is equally comfortable at the keys of a piano, as he is behind the lens of a video camera.

JKV's Renaissance Man Delights Residents with Classical Piano Performances

Kim Morgan-Vagnuolo

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John Knox Village's Anthony Primavera is a Renaissance man. As Video Production Coordinator for the Village, he is a wizard behind the camera.

He can also transform any surface into a work of art as evidenced by a life-like painting of Benny, the Bernedoodle puppy owned by Jamisyn

Becker JKV's Director of Marketing and Innovation, which proudly hangs on her office wall.

But perhaps his greatest passion comes from pulling up a bench in front of a finely tuned—preferably Steinway—grand piano and delivering beautiful music from those 88 keys.

Anthony has already gained many admirers on campus, having performed at two birthday parties for residents, played in all four JKV apartment tower lobbies, and was the featured pianist for the recent Resident-Staff Talent Show, where he received a standing ovation for his rendition of "Prelude in G Minor," by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

The South Florida native is in the midst of planning, preparing and practicing for an outdoor concert on campus titled: "Classical Music Under the Stars," this spring.

Anthony started playing piano at the age of seven at the prestigious Morla Music Academy in Palm City, FL under the watchful eye of Rosana Torres, a certified Suzuki Piano teacher, and President of the South Florida Chapter of the Suzuki Association.

"By age 12, I fell in love with the music of [Frederic] Chopin and learned the "Minute Waltz," which was a

JKV Marketing's Birgit Pedra with Anthony Primavera, playing the roles of Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta from the movie "Grease," during the 2022 JKV Holiday Parade.





JKV resident Toni Anderson with Anthony Primavera during a recent JKV event.

breakthrough for me at the time. It became a piece I performed in a church. At age 14, I advanced my studies under the tutelage of the Steinway Artist Tao Lin and his wife, Catherine Lan."

The prodigiously talented husband-and-wife team of Lin and Lan, can be seen making musical magic during concerts in the area, occasionally with the South Florida Symphony.

However, when Anthony was attending high

school at Marjory Stoneman Douglas, he lost interest in playing the piano. While he found other interests to keep him occupied, Anthony never left piano completely.

"I continued learning pieces in my spare time by my favorite composers such as [Wolfgang Amadeus] Mozart and Chopin. Piano remained a casual hobby until I moved to Orlando and found a gig playing piano at a restaurant twice a week. The food wasn't very good, so I mainly stuck with the wine."

Working at John Knox has been instrumental in motivating to learn new pieces, which he has wanted to play but lacked the motivation.

"Currently, I'm preparing the notoriously difficult Chopin 'Ballade Number 1,' which I hope to perform in the summer. In the meantime, I'm planning a "Nocturne Concert" in spring to perform under the stars at the gazebo behind JKV's Cassels Tower. An outdoor concert would be the perfect place to play nighttime music like "Moonlight Sonata" and Debussy," he told the *Gazette ACE*.

Anthony now owns an upright piano and squeezes in at least one hour of practice every day in his Pompano Beach home.

Click on the image below to view the YouTube video showcasing Anthony Primavera's years of classical piano training in his rousing rendition of "Prelude in G Minor," by Sergei Rachmaninoff.



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Wed., Jan. 17 @ 7 p.m. JKV Broadway Series – Music of the Knights

The JKV Broadway Series continues with a celebration of three of Britain’s most legendary songwriters! This evening features a thrilling musical celebration of three of Britain’s legendary songwriters. Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney – who are not only knights – they also happen to be three of the most successful songwriters of all time.

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Village Arts Circle	\$16
Non-Resident	\$26



Tues., Jan. 23 @ 7 p.m. Jazz & Java – The Origins of Swing

The Jazz and Java Series, presented by the Gold Coast Jazz Society, invites music enthusiasts and history buffs alike to embark on a captivating journey through the evolution of jazz. Held in the intimate setting of a jazz club, each installment of the series offers an immersive atmosphere that recreates the ambiance of a bygone era. “The Origins of Swing” delves into the early roots of jazz and the birth of the swinging rhythms that captivated audiences worldwide

Tickets

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Non-Resident	\$26

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Fri., Jan. 26 @ 2 p.m. Jazz History Lectures: The Evolution of Jazz

Swinging Through Time: Tracing the Evolution of Jazz is an enthralling jazz history lecture series featuring the illustrious Dr. Chuck Bergeron who has enjoyed a remarkable four-decade career as a highly sought-after bassist. Dr. Bergeron will feature: Duke Ellington: “Music Is His Mistress.” Duke Ellington, pianist, bandleader and arranger was one of the most prolific composers of the jazz world. He led his band for more than half of a century and composed thousands of scores for his big band. You will learn more about



this phenomenal and innovative jazz musician when you attend his jazz lecture.

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JKV Resident	Free
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Tues., Feb. 6 @ 7 p.m. The Jersey Tenors

The Jersey Tenors are the newest Opera/Rock Mash-up sensation, creating an explosive blend of iconic Opera classics alongside Rock ‘n’ Roll greats like Queen, Elton John, and Bon Jovi – to name but a few. But remembering their roots, they highlight



Click on the above YouTube video for a preview of the Jersey Tenors.

some of Jersey's finest like Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Frank Sinatra, Bruce Springsteen, Kool and The Gang, and even Jersey Girl Whitney Houston.

Tickets

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Quadrilles, biguine, ragtime, and blues with collective, polyphonic improvisation. The Glyn Dryhurst Dixieland Band is South Florida's leading band dedicated to this genre of music and on Fat Tuesday, will transport you to New Orleans.

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Tues., Feb. 13 @ 7 p.m.
The Glyn Dryhurst
Dixieland Jazz Band

Dixieland is the name given to the style of jazz performed by early New Orleans jazz musicians. The name is a reference to the "Old South," specifically anything south of the Mason-Dixon line. Dixieland, which was developed in New Orleans, is one of the earliest styles of jazz music. The style combined earlier brass band marches, French

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For inquiries about these events, don't hesitate to contact the John Knox Village Life Enrichment Department at 954-783-4039.

Coming in March:

March 4: Broadway Series – Blockbuster Broadway

March 20: Jazz Vocalist and Guitarist Allan Harris

Thurs., Feb. 22 @ 7 p.m.
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The Florida Grand Opera Studio Artists spent the full season per-



Concert by Jazz Luminary Allan Harris: March 20 in the JKV Cultural Arts Center



Aptly described by the *Miami Herald* as an artist blessed with “the warmth of Tony Bennett, the bite and rhythmic sense of Sinatra, and the sly elegance of Nat ‘King’ Cole,” Allan Harris is a Brooklyn-born, Harlem-based vocalist, guitarist, songwriter, and band leader. With an impressive discography boasting 14 recordings as a leader, Harris has established himself as one of the jazz world’s most acclaimed vocalists, possessing a potent combination of dynamic vocal abilities, impeccable phrasing, and powerful emotional resonance.

Recognized for his outstanding contributions to jazz, he is a three-time winner of the New York Nightlife Award for “Outstanding Jazz Vocalist,” a *DownBeat* “Rising Star Jazz Vocalist,” and a winner

of the prestigious 2022 “Sarah Vaughan International Vocal Competition.” He has also been honored twice as the “Best Male Jazz Vocalist” by *Hot House Jazz Magazine*, received a Back Stage award for “Ongoing Achievement in Jazz,” and was recognized with France’s Palmares Award for the third Best Jazz Vocal Album.

Known for his captivating stage presence, Harris is a natural entertainer who has graced concert halls, theaters, jazz clubs, and festivals worldwide. *The New York Times* has hailed him as “a protean talent,” while *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *Glide Magazine*, *Jazz Times*, *DownBeat*, and *Vintage Guitar*, have praised his extraordinary abilities. Allan Harris is a luminary of jazz, captivating audiences with his remarkable voice, exceptional guitar skills, and heartfelt performances. His dedication to preserving the rich legacy of jazz while exploring new musical frontiers continues to inspire and resonate with listeners worldwide.

Be sure to mark Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. on your entertainment calendar and plan to hear the vocals and guitar of this legendary entertainer. To reserve your spot for this concert or to explore our full schedule of upcoming performances at JKV, please visit www.johnknoxvillage.com/events/.

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Click on the image below for the YouTube video: Allan Harris singing the Nat King Cole classic “Unforgettable.”





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