

# Santa Marta

*A Life Care Senior Living Community*

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## History of Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd in the United States and on either April 22nd or the day the spring equinox occurs throughout the rest of the world.

Environmental activism during the 1960s inspired Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson to create a national celebration uniting the environmental movement. With the help of Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University, Nelson organized the first Earth Day on April 22nd, 1970, educating participants in the importance of environmental conservation. Attended by 20 million people across the United States, the event strengthened support for legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act.

In 1990, Hayes organized a global Earth Day, with more than 200 million participants in more than 140 countries. Earth Day now brings together citizens and activists from around the world to raise awareness and take action regarding such environmental concerns as global warming and renewable energy.



## SPRINGTIME ACTIVITIES

There's no better way to start the spring season than spending time outdoors! Consider these ideas for enjoying the season:

- It is baseball season! Catch your home team in action or take in your grandchild's baseball game!
- Plant some flowers for your windowsill or porch; tending plants can be therapeutic for those with green thumbs.
- Take the time to do some spring cleaning inside your home, you'll feel less stressed and much better once it's done.
- Put up a bird feeder and attract many bird species.
- Take a walk with your dog and join us for Yappy Hour!
- Dine out on the patio for lunch on a beautiful day.
- Simply enjoy the sights and sounds of the outdoors and the gifts of spring!



**April Birthdays**

- 1 Dixie Case
- 1 Jean Kozal
- 3 George LaHood
- 3 Mary Ryan
- 5 Pat Blake
- 6 Mary Jo Axtell
- 7 Jon Lohmeier
- 10 Mary Winne
- 15 Kathy Stewart
- 20 Bill Hughes
- 23 Lorie Dalton
- 28 Evelyn Holmes
- 28 Claudette Mayer
- 30 Dorene Finocchiaro



**April Anniversaries**


- 1 Skip & Mary Jo Axtell

**PUN CORNER**

**Q:** What's the key to a successful April Fools' Day prank?  
**A:** Making sure it "fools-fills" everyone!  
**Q:** What did one flower say to the other?  
**A:** "What's up, bud?"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1</p> <p style="font-size: 48px; font-family: cursive;">April</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 Flex &amp; Stretch - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      1:00 Shopping at Whole Foods Market - BUS                      1:00 Bocce Ball - FC                      2:00 Community Outreach: Fleece Tie Blankets - AR                      2:00 Buddy Swim - Pool                      6:30 Bunco - CR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Water Works! - Pool                      10:00 Shopping - Walmart                      11:00 Tai Chi - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      1:00 Bocce Ball - FC                      1:00 Ladies' Bridge - CR                      6:30 Open Bridge - CR</p>
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<p>14</p> <p>Ping Pong Table Available Until 1:00 p.m. - FC                      8:30 Mass - CH / Ch. 1981                      11:30 Pianist, Ruben Pascottini - BOT                      2:30 Line Dancing - FC                      3:00 BYOB Gathering - LT                      4:00 Favorite Films - THR</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Outing to Hollywood Casino - BUS                      9:00 Flex &amp; Stretch - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      1:00 Bocce Ball - FC                      2:00 Buddy Swim - Pool                      6:30 Bunco - CR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Water Works! - Pool                      10:00 Shopping - Walmart                      11:00 Tai Chi - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      1:00 Bocce Ball - FC                      1:00 Ladies' Bridge - CR                      6:30 Open Bridge - CR</p>
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<p>9:00-4:00 Adoration-CH 17                      9:00 Flex &amp; Stretch-FC                      10:30 Chair Yoga - FC                      11:30 MASS                      12:00 Ping Pong-FC                      1:00 Dementia Support Group-AR                      1:00 Hand &amp; Foot Canasta-CR                      *Dinner Out - To Be Decided*                      3:00 Bible Study-AR                      6:30 Bridge-CR</p>	<p>9:30 Water Works! - Pool 18                      11:00 Tai Chi - FC                      11:00 Bank Outing                      11:30 Rosary - Life of the Unborn - CH / Ch. 1981                      1:00 All Faith Worship - CH / Ch.990                      7:00 Trivial Pursuit - CR</p>	<p>9:00 Flex and Stretch - FC 19                      10:30 Chair Yoga - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      11:45 Popcorn                      12:00 Ping Pong - FC                      12:30 Mahjong - CR                      1:00 BINGO - AR                      4:00 Happy Hour - LT                      6:30 Mexican Train Dominoes - AR</p>	<p>Ping Pong Available All Day                      9:00 Shopping - Price Chopper                      1:00 Ladies' Bridge - CR                      4:00 Mass - CH / Ch. 1981</p>
<p>Massage Therapist-Sign Up 24 in Mailroom *Appt Only*                      9:00-4:00 Adoration - CH                      9:00 Flex &amp; Stretch - FC                      10:00 Resident Council - AR                      10:30 Chair Yoga - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      12:00 Ping Pong - FC                      1:00 Hand &amp; Foot Canasta - CR                      3:00 Bible Study for All - AR                      6:30 Bridge - CR</p>	<p>9:00 Ladies' Breakfast - BOT 25                      9:30 Water Works! - CANCELED                      10:00 Browsing Books - AR                      11:00 Tai Chi - FC                      11:00 Bank Outing                      11:30 Rosary - Life of the Unborn - CH / Ch. 1981                      1:00 All Faith Worship - CH - BOT                      5:00 Pianist, Ruben Pascottini                      7:00 Trivial Pursuit - CR</p>	<p>9:00 Flex and Stretch - FC 26                      10:30 Chair Yoga - FC                      11:30 MASS - CH / Ch. 1981                      11:45 Popcorn                      12:00 Ping Pong - FC                      12:30 Mahjong - CR                      1:00 BINGO - AR                      4:00 Happy Hour - LT                      6:30 Mexican Train Dominoes - AR</p>	<p>Ping Pong Available All Day                      9:00 Shopping - Hen House                      1:00 Ladies' Bridge - CR                      4:00 Mass - CH / Ch. 1981</p>
			<p><b>ROOM KEY</b>                      AG - Art Gallery                      AR - Activity Room                      BOT - Botticelli's                      CONF - Conference Room                      CR - Card Room/CH - Chapel                      DT - Della Terra                      FC - Fitness Center                      GH - Grand Hall/LIB - Library                      LT - LaTaverna                      THR - Theater/Media Room</p>

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## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

We are welcoming back a very special guest....ASHLEY COOPER! If you don't know him, Ashley is an amazing entertainer and vocalist and much more! He will be here on Friday, April 5th performing his brand new show at 2:00 p.m. in Della Terra. If you have not seen him perform before, you are in for a treat, you won't want to miss it! You can find this month's Dinner Out Restaurant on the Newsletter Insert. We will have a monthly Food Drive starting this month from Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 21st, you can drop off your donations in the Mailroom. We will have our quarterly Birthday and Anniversary celebration for the months of April, May and June on Wednesday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. in Della Terra. Our monthly Brunch Buffet will be on Sunday, April 21st starting at 11:00 a.m. For those who are curious, Yappy Hour will be making a return starting in May!



## FEBRUARY'S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Director of Human Resources, Sarah Wamser with Floor Technician, Álvaro Santillanes

Please help congratulate Álvaro Santillanes, as he was chosen as February's Employee of the Month! He has been rewarded for his continuous hard work. Álvaro has been working at Santa Marta for 13 years, going on 14 as of this year. He is our Floor Technician, which means he uses specialized equipment and chemicals to make sure our floors are looking top tier. Álvaro says he has loved working here since the beginning of his career and has enjoyed doing this kind of work for the residents. He never hesitates to stop and say hi to the residents and staff while passing through the hallways. Álvaro says being an employee here makes him feel very special with all of the appreciation that he receives from both the residents and staff. He says he will always love coming into work, because of the way he is appreciated. Thank you for all that you do Álvaro!

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# Santa Marta Activities

## Dates to remember:

### Monday, April 1st:

- 1:00 p.m. Shopping at Whole Foods—BUS  
2:00 p.m. Community Outreach: Fleece Tie Blankets—**CANCELED**

### Tuesday, April 2nd:

- 10:00 a.m. Shopping at Walmart—BUS

### Wednesday, April 3rd:

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts with Brian—CR  
1:15 p.m. Book Club—AR

### Thursday, April 4th:

- 2:30 p.m. Life After Heart Attack Presentation by Dr. Alan Forker—AR

### Friday, April 5th:

- 2:00 p.m. Entertainer, Ashley Cooper—**BOT**

### Saturday, April 6th:

- 9:00 a.m. Shopping at Price Chopper—BUS

### Monday, April 7th:

- 11:30 a.m. Harpist, Wesley Snell—BOT

### Monday, April 8th:

- 1:00 p.m. Outing to Hobby Lobby—BUS

### Tuesday, April 9th:

- 10:00 a.m. Shopping at Target—BUS

### Wednesday, April 10th:

- 3:00 p.m. Blessings Abound Drop Off—GARAGE

### Thursday, April 11th:

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—BOT  
2:00 p.m. Romeo & Juliet Presentation by Fran Schilling—AR  
5:00 p.m. Pianist, Ruben Pascottini—BOT

### Saturday, April 13th:

- 9:00 a.m. Shopping at Hen House—BUS

### Sunday, April 14th:

- 11:30 a.m. Pianist, Ruben Pascottini—BOT

### Monday, April 15th:

- 9:00 a.m. Outing to Hollywood Casino—BUS

### Tuesday, April 16th:

- 10:00 a.m. Shopping at Walmart—BUS

### Wednesday, April 17th:

- 1:00 p.m. Dementia Support Group—AR  
2:00 p.m. April/May/June Birthday & Anniversary Celebration—DT  
4:30 p.m. Dinner Out to Wandering Vine—BUS  
\*Please see details on back\*

### Saturday, April 20th:

- 9:00 a.m. Shopping at Price Chopper—BUS  
1:00 p.m. Computer Group—AR

### Sunday, April 21st:

- 11:00 a.m. Brunch Buffet—BOT  
11:30 a.m. Pianist, Jaclyn Rylee—BOT

### Monday, April 22nd:

#### **EARTH DAY**

- 1:00 p.m. Outing to Revocup Coffee—BUS  
2:00 p.m. Community Outreach: Fleece Tie Blankets—AR  
5:00 p.m. Pianist, Tim Whitmer—BOT

### Tuesday, April 23rd:

- 10:00 a.m. Shopping at Target—BUS  
2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group—**IL Conference Room**

### Wednesday, April 24th:

- 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Massage Therapist: Susan Myers

\*Appointment Only\*- Sign up in the Mailroom

- 10:00 a.m. Resident Council—AR

### Thursday, April 25th:

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Breakfast—BOT  
10:00 a.m. Browsing Books—AR  
5:00 p.m. Pianist, Ruben Pascottini—BOT

### Saturday, April 27th:

- 9:00 a.m. Shopping at Hen House—BUS

### Sunday, April 28th:

- 11:30 a.m. Pianist, Candace Evans—BOT

### Monday, April 29th:

- 1:00 p.m. Shopping at Trader Joes—BUS

### Tuesday, April 30th:

- 10:00 a.m. Shopping at Walmart—BUS



## COFFEE & DONUTS WITH BRIAN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD  
10:00 - 10:30 A.M.  
CARD ROOM

## Dinner Out to THE WANDERING VINE



Wednesday, April 17th  
Bus leaves at 4:30 p.m.  
Sign up at the Concierge desk  
\*Seating is limited\*

Please note the following:  
No Meal Sharing  
20% Tip Required  
-Please pre-order your meal as menu  
will be available at the Concierge desk  
on Wednesday, April 3rd

## *April, May, June* BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH  
2:00 P.M.  
DELLA TERRA



## BRUNCH BUFFET

SUNDAY,  
April 21st  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

