

# The Gables Messenger

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## The Gables Emerges From COVID Stronger Than Ever

Signs are everywhere that The Gables is getting back to where it was pre-COVID: Residents are hosting visitors, social gatherings and activities are up and running, and the dining room is once again open.

The elation over making it successfully through the pandemic can be felt in the halls and common spaces. Now that residents and staff have been vaccinated, there is the hopeful sense that the fraught-filled unknown days experienced at the beginning of the pandemic are behind us. And no matter what awaits, residents and staff know we can make it through any future challenges.

“The reopening of the dining room was a strong testament to all the sacrifices made by so many this past year,” said Melissa Greenfield, Executive Director. “The pandemic really showed that as a community we all care about one another.”

Following the reopening of the dining room, resident Victoria Crain stated, “It’s so wonderful to be dining with our neighbors again and hearing voices all around us. Our chef’s wonderful food is enjoyed even more coming fresh from the kitchen!”

The Gables is definitely blooming this spring and there is much to look forward to in the days ahead.



Resident Victoria Crain enjoying her first dinner back in the dining room.



Left to Right: Art Costello, Executive Director Melissa Greenfield, Executive Chef Keith Paquin, and Frank Santamassino on opening night.

# Meet Our Newest Resident



*Dick Moore*

Dick was born in New York City and grew up on Long Island. He went to high school at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts and after graduation attended Yale University where he received a degree in French literature. Dick served in the U.S. Army as a staff officer. When he came back east, he received a master's degree from Columbia University's Teachers College and an MBA from the Simon Business School at the University of Rochester.

Dick's early life included teaching high-school French and hiking in the Adirondacks. He was an information technology consultant for over three decades in Cambridge, MA. He then taught college-level English as a Foreign Language and prepared taxes before moving to Vermont. He is a professional knife, scissor and tool sharpener and you might have seen him at the Rutland Farmers' Market and Lenoci's Leather Repair.

Dick's has a partner (Nanci), two daughters, one son and seven grandchildren (two who play in a local band and a granddaughter who is a nationally ranked horse-woman).



**Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is.**

*Jessica Harrelson*