

Concordia Retirement Center of Bella Vista Resident, Lela Sandfort, Awarded Proclamation from the City of Bella Vista as She Celebrates 103 Years

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SUMMARY

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Ms. Lela was recognized with a proclamation from the City of Bella Vista for her longevity. She was delighted to have Mayor Peter Christie attend her birthday party and personally award her with this proclamation.

“Ms. Lela is our social butterfly here at Concordia. We threw her a big birthday party with wonderful people and beautiful decorations because she deserves it! We decorated the room with butterflies to represent how much of a social butterfly Ms. Lela is,” Sharon Bettis, Concordia Retirement Home’s Life Enrichment Coordinator, said. “Concordia would not be the same without her. She is so sweet and friendly and always lights up a room.”

Ms. Lela was born in Covington, Ohio, on March 10, 1913. She went to school to be an executive secretary and later worked at Smith Wagner and Shallabarger Chevy Co.

She was married to John Sandfort on November 12, 1938. “I went to a dealership to sell my car when a man walked in wanting to pay cash for it. He started talking to me about how often I change my oil. I went on and on telling him about how well I took care of my car. I must have impressed him because he said he not only wanted to buy the car, but he also wanted to take me out,” Ms. Lela said as she explained how she met her husband. The couple later had twin boys, John and David. They have one grandson, Stephen, and one great-grandson, Branden, who just turned two.

Ms. Lela said her secret to life is, “Always have a positive attitude in everything you do.”

About Concordia Retirement Center

Situated on 26 beautiful acres at 1 Concordia Drive, Concordia Retirement Center is an assisted living community in Bella Vista, Ark., that offers independent living and assisted living services in a safe, attentive, homelike atmosphere. The facility, which is located in the beautiful Ozarks of Northwest Arkansas, is committed to serving the greatest generation with honor, respect, faith and integrity. More information is available at concordiaretirement.com or by calling (479) 855-3714.

Concordia Retirement Center is part of a family of senior living communities throughout the Southeast owned and/or operated by Legacy Senior Services, LLC, of Cleveland, Tenn. The parent company specializes in offering independent living, assisted living, and Alzheimer's care services. It was founded in 2002 by Barry Ray and Bryan Cook, senior living industry veterans. More information is available at legacyss.com.



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ABOUT CONCORDIA RETIREMENT CENTER - BELLA VISTA, AR

Located on 28 beautiful acres of rolling woodlands, Concordia offers a full range of social activities and helpful services in a secure, attentive, homelike atmosphere. Our [independent living](#) and [assisted living facilities](#) included seamless access to on-campus skilled nursing and memory care.



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