

News From The Haven

January/February 2022



TEAM MEMBERS Maria Miess and her mom, Sheila Powers, model Fairview Haven apparel. Maria honored her mom with the shirt "My parent works at Fairview Haven."

ENTHUSIASTIC little volunteers (and their mothers) did a great job of cleaning up our grounds. Pictured (L-R): Cheryl Steidinger,

Alison Waibel, Kayla Steidinger. Second Row: Karalyn Slagel, Mandy Wenger, Thadd Kaisner. Back Row: Lydia Steidinger, Selah Waibel, LouAnn Steidinger, Cody Kaisner, Lucas Slagel and Kennan Plattner. More on page 10.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to Alma Stipp (pictured at center)!! Alma celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 18 with family and friends. Pictured (L-R) are: Alvin and Doris Loyd, Stephen and Julie Stipp, David Stipp, Vernice Garner and James Stipp.

An Apostolic Christian community where choice is valued, growth is encouraged and life abounds.



Reflections From Rick

—Rick Plattner, Director of Public Relations

As we close out the year 2021, our minds are swirling with so many thoughts. As we look back, we do recognize that we have so many blessings to count. Hopefully, we are all learning to take one day at a time and are understanding that we can make plans, but we don't really know what a day will bring forth. If our faith is in God and we follow the instructions in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth," we will find a peaceful place regarding whatever God's plan is for our lives.

We recognize that, in the last couple years, life has been harder for many. From illness to financial need to emotional distresses, we recognize that many of our team members are struggling. What can we do to help lighten the load?

We recently created an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that we have named HOPE (Helping Our team Prosper and be Encouraged.) We've found that Fairview Haven succeeds when our team members flourish in their jobs. Sometimes, a team member experiences some extreme challenges. Our goal is to be able to step in and assist those in need in a number of ways, including counseling, training, mentors, and especially financial assistance. Hence the acronym ... HOPE!

One goal of this program is to help team members bridge financial gaps during times of shortfall. We will provide interest-free loans with flexible payback schedules. Financial requests are available from our Team Services Coordinator (Kristin Slagel).

Our HOPE program was

funded by an initial donation and we hope that others will see the benefit in helping our team members in need. If you would be willing to donate money to this fund, we are certain that it will be put to good use. If God would move your heart to walk with us in this journey, you can make a donation to Fairview Haven's HOPE program.

In helping our team, we recognize we are benefiting also the dear residents who we are serving. This seems like a win/win situation.

If you would like more information, you are welcome to reach out to our team which includes, Kristin Slagel, Sally Fehr, Sandra Schneider, Lori Ifft, and Rick Plattner. We have a brochure that we can send you if you'd like.

Thanks for your continuing support. We wish you all a wonderful start to the New Year!

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HARVEST OF SHARING AND GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE

We wish to thank all our wonderful volunteers and donors that made our 2021 Harvest of Sharing Benefit an amazing success! We raised over \$176,000—which far exceeded any benefit we have held in the past.

With the online auction,

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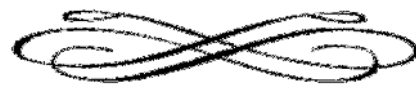


WE'RE SO grateful for a successful 2021 Harvest of Sharing! The event raised a record-breaking \$176,000. If you would like to see what each item brought, the information is still available on www.harvestofsharing.org. The first-ever drive-through Benefit Supper went amazingly well. Many thanks to the many volunteers and especially those who planned the details of the event. A special recognition to Lori Ifft, Quinn and Joan Zehr and Ben and Lori Leman for all your efforts! Pictured above are prep volunteers (L-R): Denise Coffey (back to camera), Jean Knapp, Kathy Slagel and Cherie Kaisner. At the very back are Quinn Zehr and Ben Leman.



*In loving memory of
Fairview Haven
residents who have
gone to rest in the
past year ...*

01/23/21 Delores "Dee" Rieger
02/09/21 Delores Nussbaum
03/06/21 Carol Koehl
03/14/21 Teresa Franey
03/25/21 Daisy Bellot
03/27/21 Juanita Walter
03/31/21 Ferne Onken
05/05/21 Allen Zimmerman
05/16/21 Mary Lou Schuler
05/18/21 Phyllis Eilers
05/23/21 Lawrence 'Pete' Bauer
06/01/21 Dorothy Dassow
08/14/21 Donald Rinkenberger
08/20/21 Elaine Kuntz
08/25/21 Wayne Anliker
09/20/21 Florence Rinkenberger
10/06/21 Mary Beckley
10/06/21 Dorothy Householder
10/15/21 Leona Nussbaum
10/17/21 John Stork
10/29/21 Alvin 'Ray' Mishler
11/07/21 Marilyn Kellar
11/09/21 Marilyn Knapp
11/16/21 Marcella 'Sal'
Markwalder
11/27/21 Bernice Cox
12/16/21 Kenny Helmers
12/21/21 Robert Perkins
12/25/21 Lola Steffen



Haneys celebrate 70th

Duane and Margaret (Gentes) Haney were married on Sept. 16, 1951 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chenoa. They are the parents of Daryl (Barbara) Haney, Chenoa; Denise (Al) DiGianfilippo, Scottsdale, AZ; Carol (Scott) Stansbury, Chenoa. They have eight grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, 15 great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Following military service, they resided and farmed in the Chenoa area for many years before moving to Fairview Estates in Fairbury in 2019.

Cards, visits and phone calls are requested by family, friends and neighbors and may be sent to Duane and Margaret Haney, #1 Fairview Drive, Fairbury, IL 61739.



DUANE AND MARGARET HANEY on their wedding day.



A PRECIOUS photo of twins, Lane and Lacey, children of team member Julie (and Ross) Steidinger, and Pat Hartman during a special team appreciation event this fall. We'll have more photos in the next issue.

☺ Welcome to Fairview Haven ☺

Jim and Joan Steidinger have settled back in here after living at Serenity Villa for a few years.

We welcomed **Betty Wiegand** and **Mary Bane** from Serenity Villa.

Donald Gramm joined our Fairview Haven family. Don and his wife, Rosie, are from Gridley.

Our amazing 103-year-old **Bernice**

Cox was here for a brief time before she passed away. Her obituary is on page 4.

Lola Steffen was here for a time before she passed away. She and husband, Henry, lived in Serenity Villa. Henry has moved into Fairview Estates.

John Francis 'Redeye'

Haberkorn came for rehabilitation. Redeye lives in Chatsworth with his wife, Joan.

Sharon Kelson was here for a brief stay. Sharon lives in Fairbury.

Donald Smith came for recuperation. He and his wife, Martha, live in Fairbury.

WE ARE THANKFUL to welcome Emma Dunahee RN BSN (center) as our new Director of Nursing. She is joined here by Administrator Dave Blunier and Assistant Administrator Brandon Stoller. A special thanks to Lila Fehr who served as our interim Director of Nursing for a time.



In Loving Memory Of . . .

Funeral services were held for **John W. Stork**, 84, of Roberts on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 at the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church. John passed away on Oct. 17 after a short residence at Fairview Haven. Surviving him are his wife, Eunice Stork of Roberts; children, Ann Stork, Bill (Shay) Stork, Barbara Stork, Lorrie (Rex) Shambrook, all of Roberts; Michael (Marie) Stork of Bloomington; Karie (Mark) Edelman of Fairbury; ten grandchildren; siblings, Elmer (Darlene) Stork of Chatsworth; Harvey Stork of Fairbury; Lena Jones of Forrest; Henry (Susan) Stork of Forrest; Wayne Stork of Fairbury; Helen Voeste of Forrest; Wilma (David) Kieser of Bloomington; two sisters-in-law, Susie Stork of Chatsworth and Gwen Stork of Fairbury. John was a lifelong farmer and served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church.

99-year-old **Alvin "Ray" Mishler** of Fairbury passed away Oct. 29, after having lived in the Fairview Haven community since 2015. A private family service was held. He is survived by his wife of 77 years, Marjorie Mishler of Fairview Suites; children, Linda (John) Gathman of Longmont, CO; Roger (Nancy) Mishler of El Paso; Robert Mishler of Champaign; and two grandchildren. Ray farmed near Carlock and then in Fairbury when he moved here in 1951. He eventually retired from the City of Fairbury water department at age 90. He was a member of the

First United Methodist Church. He served in the US Army Air Force from 1944-1946.

Long-time Colfax resident, **Marilyn Kellar**, 86, passed away Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021. A private family service was held. She had been part of the Fairview Haven family since 2018. She is survived by her daughters, Kim Streenz of Colfax and Lea Ann (Larry) Watson of Lexington; and sons, Rodney (Teri) Kellar of Colfax and Todd (Cheryl) Kellar of East Peoria; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Marilyn was secretary for Octavia School District and Ridgeview High School. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax.

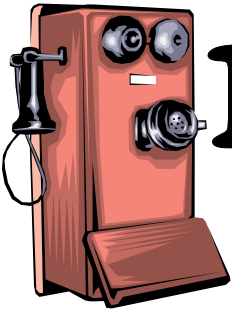
Private funeral services were held for 85-year-old **Marilyn Knapp** of Cissna Park. Marilyn passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021. She was in the Fairview Haven family since 2020. Marilyn is survived by her sister, Lucille Knapp of Fairview Haven; two brothers, Wesley Knapp of Cissna Park and Aaron Knapp of Rankin; and nieces and nephews. Marilyn worked at Read's Auto Dealership in accounting. She was a member of the Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church.

The funeral of **Marcella 'Sal' Markwalder**, 92, was held Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 at the Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church. Sal passed away Nov. 16 after living at Fairview Haven since 2015. Surviving are two daughters, Marcia (Ron)

Yergler of Cissna Park and Sara (Terry) Reutter of Pittsboro, IN; one brother, Don Kaufmann of Bloomington; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Sal was a member of the Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church.

Bernice Cox, 103, of Fairbury passed away Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021. She had lived in the Fairview Haven community since 2015. Her funeral was Nov. 30 at Forrest Apostolic Christian Church. Surviving are her daughters, Gloria (Lyle) Ebach and Gail (Kenneth) Kafer, both of Fairbury; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; sister, Velda Huetten of Fairview Estates; sisters-in-law, Gladys Koehl of Fairview Estates and Janita Koehl of Ohio. Bernice worked as a cook at Fairbury-Cropsey School for 19 years. She was a member of the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church.

Kenneth Helmers, 84, of Anchor passed away on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, after living at Fairview Haven since May 2021. His funeral was at Grace Church of the Nazarene in Bloomington on Dec. 21. Kenny is survived by his wife, Anna Helmers; four children, Kenneth Jr. (Regina) Helmers, Kay (Martin) Williams, John (Delores) Helmers, Amy (Lars) Pedereson; nine grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; siblings, Doris Payne and Gene Helmers. Kenny was a lifelong farmer in the Anchor area.



Party Line

A CHRISTIAN

Contributed by Wilma Walder

Several years ago, a preacher accepted a call to a church in Houston, TX. Weeks after he arrived, he rode the bus from his home to downtown. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it."

Then he thought, "It's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? The bus company gets plenty of fare—it will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep it."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "You gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town?" "Yes," he replied.

"Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you church on Sunday," the bus driver replied.

When the preacher left the bus, he literally grabbed the next light pole, held on and said, "Oh, God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a chilling example of how people watch us as Christians and are willing to put us to the test! Always remember, you carry the name of Christ when you call yourself a Christian.

HIS LAMP

His lamp am I,
To shine where He shall say;
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day;
But for the dark places of the earth,
Where shame and wrong and crime have birth,
Or for the murky twilight gray
Where wandering sheep have gone astray,
Or where the lamp of faith grows dim
And souls are groping after Him.
And as sometimes a flame we find,
Clear-shining, through the night
So dark we cannot see the lamp —
But only see the light —
So may I shine, His love the flame,
That men may glorify His name. —Annie Johnson Flint

If you have any poems or short inspiring articles to contribute for *Party Line*, please send to Sally Fehr (sfehr@fairviewhaven.org) or drop them off at the Social Service office. They will be printed as space is available.

Personnel Profiles

Sarah Steidinger RN is an anchor on our nursing team in the evenings. Sarah started out as a CNA at Fairview Haven for two years and returned after nursing school. She's been working as a nurse for seven years.

Sarah says; "I love the aspect of helping and working in the community I live in. I see people that used to help and guide me when I was growing up come here with their parents or loved ones and they have that connection with me already. I can go into most rooms

and just say my last name and I become less of a stranger to them. I enjoy the fact that I help the same people every day and help them live life to the fullest. I have the ability to know them outside of the revolving door that are hospitals. The home environment leads to being able to add personal touches which sparks joy for me and others. From playing the piano, drawing little doodles for the residents, knowing a snack someone likes or how they prefer their coffee or preferred medication time, this makes it a home and more satisfying than a hospital job."

Sarah lives in Fairbury with her dogs. Her parents are Paul and Dawn Steidinger. She has a sister, Amy, and two wonderful nephews, Logan and Nathan. In her spare

time, Sarah enjoys knitting, cross-stitching, training her dogs, painting, drawing, playing the piano and online gaming with friends.



Thoughts from Dave's Desk ...

Dave Blunier, Administrator

Often as we go through trials and difficulties in life, we console ourselves by saying "This, too, shall pass." I'm not so sure I can convince myself of that when it comes to the challenges faced over the past two years at Fairview Haven. How well I remember the memes of the day one year ago as we anxiously awaited the opportunity to turn our calendars over to the new year and we could triumphantly say good-bye to the year 2020.

Well, here we are, one year later and we are anxiously awaiting to say good-bye to 2021! As we say good-bye to 2021, though, I don't want to miss the good that has come amidst the agony and desperate moments.

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During 2021, we were privileged to serve 43 new residents throughout the campus of Fairview Haven. Sadly, we bid our final farewell to 27 of the residents we had the opportunity to serve

and with mixed emotion (so thankful most were able to recuperate), sent 17 of our residents back to their homes in the community. We were also blessed with 39 new team members who have been called to serve in the mission of Fairview Haven.

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We're thankful for the progress of our newest entity, Connections of Fairview Haven. Connections has really taken off and we are getting great reviews from the many seniors in our community who are benefiting from the home services provided. It is evident that our Connections Coordinator, Arla Wheeler, has found her calling and we're thankful to be the beneficiary of this.

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I am also grateful for the transition of Brandon Stoller to the Assistant Administrator role and the addition of Emma Dunahee as our Director of

Nursing.

God is never late! It is always affirming to look back on circumstances and realize the truth behind that statement. While we don't always understand how He works, He is always at work. We are grateful that he placed upon Emma's heart a desire and conviction to join the Fairview Haven team as our Director of Nursing.

Little did we know that when Emma was volunteering back when she was still in high school that He was prepping her for the career He had in mind for her today.

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Over the past two years, our team has been stretched to the max. Yet, whenever there is a bump in the road, I see our team rise to the occasion over and over again. Yes, we've lost some team members along the way, but we are still #fairviewhavenstrong!

I continue to see and hear the passion to serve everyday within the walls of Fairview Haven. Our community is blessed to

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Photo Puzzler



"The family pictured in the Nov/Dec '21 News From the Haven is that of Richard and Colleen Walter. Pictured from left are: Danny, Katie, Julie Runyon, Sam, Mark Runyon, Trent Runyon and Alan." —John and Sally Schaffer of Fairbury



"This is a picture of my special cousins, Uncle Rich and Aunt Colleen Walter's family ... Mark and Julie Runyon and son Trent, Sam, Katie, Danny, Alan Walter." —Marsha Fehr of Fairbury

"This one is easy — a sweet picture of Richard and Colleen Walter's family! (L-R) Danny, Katie, Julie (Runyon), Sam, Mark holding Trent Runyon and Alan." —Janice Meiss, Fairbury



Clues: This photo was taken for Christmas 1958. These young people are the children of one of our residents. The younger girl lives in Fairbury and is known in the community from working at the Dominy Library. She volunteers at Fairview Haven. The young man grew up to be a local lawyer. He passed away a few years ago. The older sister lives in Bloomington. This family is known for their Christmas tree farm. (With all these clues, hopefully we'll get some guesses!)

Please send your guesses to: Editor, *News From The Haven*, 605 N. Fourth, Fairbury, IL 61739; or e-mail to sfehr@fairviewhaven.org or drop off at Social Services.

IN MEMORY

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Funeral services for **Robert 'Bob' Perkins**, 89, were held Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church, Fairbury. Bob was part of the Fairview Haven family since 2019 and lived at East Haven Condos prior to moving here. He passed away Dec. 21. Surviving are his daughters, Linda Beckhoff of Farmer City, Patty (Gary) Hofmann and Bobbi Jo (Charlie) McKeon, both of Fairbury; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for **Lola Steffen**, 75, of Fairbury, was held Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 at Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church. Lola passed away on Christmas Day 2021. She and her husband, Henry, have been living in the Fairview Haven community since 2016. She is survived by her husband, Henry, their children, Tami (Neil) Bahler, Tricia Steffen and Troy (Rebecca) Steffen, all of Fairbury; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Lou Ott of Eureka and one brother, Glenn (Mardell) Ott of Sarasota, FL. Lola was a homemaker and worked in Fairview Haven life enrichment team, and a long-time volunteer. She was a member of the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church.

Connections of FVH Report

As the holidays come and go, we sometimes get wrapped up in all the busyness and don't take the time to reflect on the reason for the season: The birth of our Lord and Savior.

This makes me reflect on how Jesus wants us to love others as He does. So how do we do this?

I believe the caregivers that serve our community do such an amazing job at showing the love of Christ to our clients. They are not only giving exceptional care but also building growing relationships with their clients. They become part of the family. These caregivers, as well as the clients, look forward to the time and friendships they get to share together.

We currently have 28 clients extending from all the counties that we serve, with Fairbury containing the largest amount. Our goal is to be able to have caregivers that live in all the communities that we serve, along with getting the word out about our services to help those in need live a life without the worries of completing daily tasks. Home care has an array of services that we provide, from housekeep-

ing to transportation, and much more.

I personally feel blessed to be a part of this team and would like to thank all the caregivers for what they do! They go above and beyond for the clients.

We have such an amazing team and would like to add more to our homeware family! If you are interested or know someone that wants to become part of our team contact Arla Wheeler at 815-692-6703. No certification is required.

Here are a few thoughts from our caregivers:

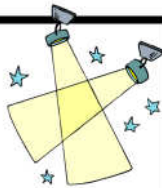
"Encouraging reflection to inspire our clients is a blessing of homeware. God works miracles every day whether we see them or not." In Christian Love – Debbie Bachtold

"I love being able to chat with the clients and getting to know them! I also find it very special knowing that our service allows the clients to remain in their home as long as possible!" — Katie Ricketts

"By doing what you love, you inspire and awaken the hearts of others!" —Lisa Price

—Arla Wheeler, Connections Coordinator

Volunteers in the SPOTLIGHT ...



THANK YOU to Juanita Fritchley's family for encouraging our team with drinks on a difficult day! Pictured (L-R): Evelyn and Tessa Herr, Debbie Nussbaum, Abby and Lily Eisenmann.

Hobby Corner

Featuring the hobbies and interests of residents



Henry and Lola Steffen enjoy cuddling puppies.

DAVE'S DESK

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have such a strong team at Fairview Haven and I am thankful to be part of that team!

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Turning our attention to the year 2022, what will our new challenges be? We will continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic — at least in the early part of the year, if not the whole year.

We continue to be challenged with a shrinking work force and the need to recruit and retain the highest quality caregivers for our team. With the significant rise in cost of living, we recognize the need to keep up with paying our team a fair and adequate wage. This will present us with huge challenges.

In a nonprofit business, there are only two ways to increase wages - 1) increase revenue or 2) decrease expenses. The administrative team at Fairview Haven is constantly looking at new opportunities to not only serve our community but also to build our

revenue base. In addition, we continue to look at new ways of doing things to reduce our expenses. There is always a delicate balance, as we refuse to compromise our commitment to provide superior quality of care to the people we serve.

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We need your help!

First, we desperately need your prayers:

•Prayers that we can continue the work God has called us to perform.

•Prayers that God will direct our administrative team and that we can continue to trust an almighty God when, at times, things don't make sense.

•Prayers that our team can have the grace and courage to keep fighting the enemy when the workload is too heavy, when the burdens are overwhelming!

•Prayers that God will call the right people to this mission and that His people will heed the call.

•Prayers as to how God can use you to help in this mission.

Second, we need your financial support.

I am amazed by the generosity that we have seen over the past two years as we have struggled with COVID. For one example, our most recent Harvest of Sharing benefit was a record-breaking event and brought in over \$170,000!

While Fairview Haven has a great team of employees who go above and beyond every day to ensure superior quality of care, we couldn't do it without your financial support. We couldn't operate this ministry without the financial support we receive on an annual basis. So, thank you, for partnering with us and please know that your financial support is vital to fulfill the mission of Fairview Haven!

Third, *we need you!*

In recent months, we had an individual approach us to say that she feels God is asking her to come work for us. She had no healthcare background, no certifications, just a willingness to serve the way God wanted to use her. This individual has been a tremendous blessing to our team.

Is God calling you to this ministry? Please know that we understand not everyone will be called, but, if you are, we'd love to help you answer that call! We can testify that you will be abundantly blessed by serving in this ministry!

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VOLUNTEER VOICES

TRISH STEIDINGER, Volunteer Coordinator



Currently, we have a need for an evening volunteer receptionist one Friday evening a month. The hours for this position would be 5:30-7:30 pm. This volunteer is on hand to open the locked entry door when someone arrives and to oversee the screening of visitors and team members. We would also like to have some substitute volunteer evening receptionists. These volunteers fill in for regularly scheduled evening reception volunteers that are not able to come in on their evening.

The Covid requirements for these volunteers is either to be fully vaccinated and have documentation on file of this, or to have an approved

religious or medical exemption request on file with us. Unvaccinated volunteers who have an approved exemption on file are required to test when they come in or once or twice a week, depending on current regulations. A facemask over mouth and nose is required for the entire time of volunteering, and eye protection (face shield or goggles) are required whenever someone approaches the reception desk or if the volunteer needs to go past the reception area into Fairview Haven for any reason. Please consider if this would be a good fit for you.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team in any capacity, or have questions about becoming a volunteer, please contact Trish at 815-692-6726, 815-848-5599 or tsteiding-er@fairviewhaven.org.

New Faces!



We welcome the following members to our team: Alexis Poe and Elly Hill, Fairview Estates caregivers; CNA Shelby Fitz; Katie Ricketts, Connections caregiver; Taylor Wiedmann, Kathy Farrell and Ashley Varney, Serenity Villa caregivers.

Memorial Fund Report

Contributions were received in the past few months in memory of:

- Leona Nussbaum
- Shirley Kuenzi
- Ray Mishler
- Sal Markwalder
- Duane Rathbun

- John Stork
- Marge Meyer
- Barb Schaffer
- Marilyn Knapp



FVH Good Neighbors at work



GOOD NEIGHBORS of Fairview Haven recently sent a work team to Catalyst Ministries in Bloomington. Catalyst Ministries helps people who have been trafficked. Our work team was (L-R): Anna McKeon, Anna Reis, Crystal Miller, Trish Steidinger, Kristin Slagel and Arla Wheeler.



GOOD NEIGHBORS of Fairview Haven delivered some love and encouragement (and snacks! ☺) to the team at St. James Medical Center. From one healthcare team to another, we wanted to encourage them after the past two stressful and disheartening years and thank them for caring for our communities.

AT LEFT: Diane Rieger shows another Good Neighbor project ... scented soaps made at Serenity Villa and sold at the Farmers' Market as a fund-raiser.

REFLECTIONS

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constituents were able to bid from anywhere and to easily track the items which they were bidding on. We recognize that our bidders are paying far more than market price for the items they receive.

Thanks also to the over 1,800 supporters who purchased carry-out meals! We are surrounded by cheerful givers. We thank you and we thank God for moving hearts and for His abundant provision.

It would be great to rest on the success of this benefit, but we realize our needs in providing for residents are ongoing. As time moves on more and more souls are finding their resources

diminished and our needing to turn to state funding to provide for care needs. As you are aware, while we are thankful for the Medicaid program, there remains a great shortfall in the funding they offer. You, our dear supporters, by the grace of God, are the bridge that allows us to continue to provide in a manner that is consistent with quality care.

God is faithful! Thanks for helping us in this mission of caring. Blessings on each one!

DIANNA KESTER (right) celebrated 40 years of service at Fairview Haven in December 2021. Dianna works in life enrichment. Thank you, Dianna, for your dedication and care!



Scenes From The Home ...



VOLUNTEERS who helped us with cleaning up our grounds recently are (L-R): Leigha Plattner, Bryn Waibel, Emma Steidinger, Cora Steidinger, Shaelyn Steidinger and Elsie Steidinger.

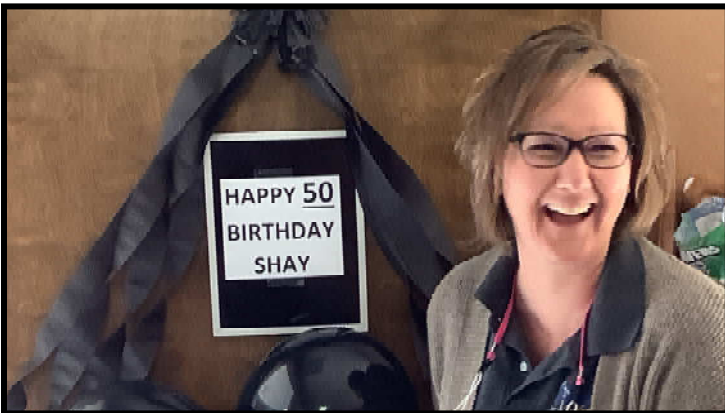


JIM STEIDINGER celebrated his 90th birthday with his family. Here he is pictured with his wife, Joan.



LAURA KOVACH and Laura Knapp (both Laura Ks!) wore matching melon-colored checked outfits one day,

AT LEFT: Teammates in the business office didn't let Shay Wessels forget that she was celebrating her big 5-0!



VOLUNTEERS scurry to fill orders for a double line of vehicles in our drive-thru carry-out Harvest of Sharing Benefit Supper. You can see an amazing drone video of the drive-thru meal on our Facebook page.



LOREE STEIDINGER and her family came to make fresh apple cider with us. Here, they are preparing the apples.

AT LEFT: Marilyn Tate enjoys a treat from Dairy Queen with son, James and daughter-in-law, Carrie Tate.

The **SCOOP** *at* **SERENITY**



J O Y C E BLUNIER, Judy Anliker, Evelyn Freeland and Judy Kemp are decorating sugar cookies.

BELOW: We enjoyed a wiener roast in front of Serenity Villa.



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THE LAST LAUGH ...

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless and perplexed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

06 - Ethel Wiegand
09 - Nancy Hauptli
18 - Mary Bane
25 - Judy Kemp
27 - Pat Perkins

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

09 - Elda Mae Rieger
10 - Ruth Wessels
11 - Marjorie Mishler
12 - Velda Huette
17 - Donald Fehr
26 - Eldora Coggins
28 - Joyce Blunier
28 - Joyce Crews

It is the policy of Fairview Haven to give equal opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, marital status, disability, national origin or age.

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS:

JANUARY — Lily Blunier (1); Carlie Hutchison (3); Christy Raby (9); Teri Arteman (9); Jeremiah Rinkenberger (11); Melina Mora (16); Loree Steidinger (19); Taylor Wiedmann (24); Summer Huber (25); Katie Ricketts (29); Julie Rabe (30).

FEBRUARY — Abby Kerrins (3); Beth Bork (4); Rick Plattner (5); Connie Bahler (5); Tricia Seeman (9); Kyle Steidinger (11); Michelle Ciulla (12); Destiny Rothert (14); Nelly Brand (14); Jeana Waibel (17); Excel Harris (18); Taryn Rodriguez (21); Diana Hockenberry (22); Cindy Keeley (22); Audrey Leman (23); Elly Hill (23).

” CLOSING QUOTE

I don't know if people are doing their best, but my life is better when I believe they are doing their best.

-Brene Brown