

News From The Haven

March/April 2022



BOSS IS GONE BEACH DAY—Since Dave went to the beach (without us!), we brought the beach to Fairview Haven! Tropical décor and treats, Hawaiian attire and a limbo contest made for a fun day! Pictured here (L-R): Anna McKeon, Kristin Slagel, Crystal Miller, Martha Meister, Sabrina Kestner and Don Gramm. See more photos inside.

HAPPY 90TH Birthday to Judy Kemp! She celebrated her birthday with a beautiful cake!



MARILYN FORTNA enjoys when her daughter, Joyce Forbes, and husband Ivan come to visit.



ANNA REIS, Ullena Offenbacker and Betty Ray enjoy their Faire Coffee at our Team Appreciation. See more on page 9.

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



Reflections From Rick

—Rick Plattner, Director of Public Relations

“And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” —Romans 5:3

Glorying in difficulty is hard to do. It obviously takes the grace of God.

As you might imagine, our work has been more difficult in recent years because of the pandemic. Sometimes the difficulty can lead to conflict and disunity.

But we were quite encouraged recently when our administrator left for a week in Florida. No, having him

gone wasn't the encouragement! What encouraged us is that—during a *Boss is Gone Beach Party* (yes, he gives us his full support for this, as long as we let him go to Florida!) — we asked our team what they most appreciate about Dave and what they miss most when he is gone.

Here is what some of them said:

—*I appreciate Dave's sense of humor and caring spirit. I definitely miss him when he's gone! Thankful you are here at Fairview Haven, Dave! We have parties when you're gone - but we really should have them when you get back!*

—*I like the assurance that everything will be okay. Having him gone leaves a little uncertainty.*

—*That he does do a lot for us. Thanks Dave!*

—*He is supportive of the whole Fairview Haven Team, he is always here and willing to help in any way he can. When I work Sunday mornings, he always makes sure he is here to take my place so I can go to church!*

—*Always wanting to do the right thing*

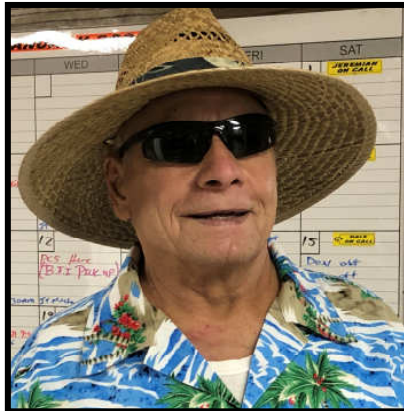
—*I appreciate how, when you talk to him, he always listens. Thank you!*

—*My slinking-past-his-office-because-I'm-late muscles are getting weak because they are not being used!*

—*He has the same 1st name as my husband. LOL! I'm glad that he takes a good humor with the kitchen staff.*

—*Dave is forgiving, flexible, generous, has a great sense of humor. I miss*

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WINNER of Best Tropical Wear contest was Don Welborn.

AT LEFT: Em Moyer was the winner of the limbo contest. Dorothy Rudin is watching her (seated at back in the photo).



BOSS IS GONE Beach Day included a contest for best tropical wear. Pictured here (first row, L-R): Kristin Slagel, Martha Meister, Bernadette Kimmons, Katherine Steffen and Dixie Steidinger. In the back row are: Anna McKeon, Hannah Drayer, Ullena Offenbacher, Lori Reis, Laura Kovach, Shannon Erwin, Sheila Powers, Debbie Millsap, Brandon Stoller and Dianna Kester.

Happy 100th Birthday, Marjorie!

Marjorie Mishler celebrated her 100th birthday on February 11!

Born February 11, 1922, Marjorie Estelle (Lewis) Mishler was the oldest child of Franklin and Velma (Young) Lewis. She had six siblings.

Marge's father worked for Funk Brothers Seed Company in Bloomington. As the oldest in the family, Marge's memories of growing up are mostly of helping her mother with the new babies in the family.

She attended several different elementary schools and graduated from Normal Community High School in 1941. She says, "I loved school and would've liked to go to college." She especially liked studying history.

Marge got to know Ray Mishler when they were in high school. Later, they got together through mutual friends and began dating. After Ray enlisted in the Air Force, they were married on Nov. 25, 1944 in the Park Methodist Parsonage in Bloomington.

Ray took his basic training in Amarillo, TX. Ray wanted to be a fighter pilot and trained on B29s in Albuquerque, NM and Colorado Springs, CO. He was one of a select few who passed the cadet training, but by that time, there was no longer a need for pilots, so he went through radio training at Scott Field in St. Louis. He then served as a radio operator on a B29 crew.

Marge joined him when he was stationed in Colorado. After Ray was discharged in 1946, they took a trip to Wyoming to visit family, before they returned to Illinois.

The Mishlers settled down on a farm near Carlock. They started out life together in a log cabin, built by Ray, his brother and his landlord. Because lumber was scarce during and after the war

years, the men felled logs from the timber near the Mackinaw River and built the tiny cabin on the land owned by their landlord. Although in disrepair, the cabin can still be seen today, located near East White Oak Bible Church.

After Ray and Marge lived five years on that farm, the landlord wanted to turn over his farm to his recently married daughter and her husband. So, in 1951, the Mishlers moved to the Fairbury area. They farmed south of town for 40 years, where they raised cattle, hogs and grain. They loved being outdoors and working together on the farm. Ray also worked for the ASCS office and Honegger's mill.

Ray and Marge were blessed with three children: Linda (John) Gathman of Longmont, CO; Roger (Nancy) Mishler of El Paso and Robert Mishler of Champaign. They have two grandsons: Christopher Gathman and Ryan Mishler.

The Mishlers enjoyed memorable traveling opportunities over the years, including an Alaskan cruise and a trip out west to Glacier National Park, Lake Louise, the West Coast and California. They went to Texas several times and wintered in Florida for four years. While in Florida, they were eyewitnesses to history as they observed firsthand the explosion of the Challenger space

shuttle.

Sewing was Marge's favorite hobby.

She created many clothes for her daughter, including her wedding dress. She

MARGE also did some quilting, most notably a Tree of Life quilt which consisted of 900 appliqued pieces. Marge also belonged to CLSC (Chatauqua Literary and Scientific Circle) for many years. The Mishlers have also been involved with their church, the First United Methodist Church in Fairbury.

After 40 years of living on the farm, the Mishlers lived in Fairbury for 23 years. In 2015, they became some of our friendly neighbors in the Fairview Haven community. Ray passed away on Oct. 29, 2021.

We are happy to have Marge living in Fairview Suites where she shares her smiles and positive outlook with us all.



MARJORIE MISHLER

JOIN OUR PROFESSION OF CARING!

Summer CNA Certification Class is scheduled
June 13-July 29, 2022

Class will be online with clinicals at Fairview Haven

Please check with Lila Fehr for more info
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☺ Welcome to Fairview Haven ☺

Diane Hofer came for some rehab time. Diane is from Cissna Park.

Gridley resident **Henri Finck** was here for a time of recuperation.

We welcome **Marcella Meyer** to Blessings Way. Marcella and her husband, Frank, are from Colfax.

Eldora Coggins came from Fair-

view Suites to reside in Blessings Way.

Clement 'Bud' Rosenberger of Chenoa was here for a time before he passed away. His obituary is on page 4.

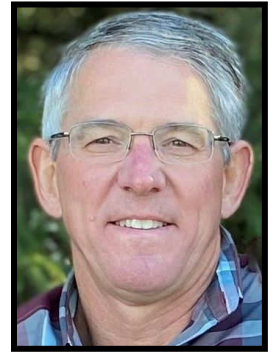
We welcomed **Art Walter** back to Fairview Haven from Serenity Villa.

Roger Bachtold was here for a brief stay. He passed away and his obituary is on page 4.

We welcome **Evelyn Neukomm** back for a time of recuperation.

Fairview Estates dweller **Carol Nussbaum** also came for some rehabilitation.

On the Bulletin Board: Nelson Zehr



NELSON ZEHR

EDITOR'S NOTE: A suggestion was given recently that the Fairview Haven board members should be featured in *News From the Haven* so that our readers can learn to know them. This was a great suggestion as we are certainly grateful for our board members who volunteer their time and efforts for the ministry of Fairview Haven.

Nelson Zehr is current president of the Fairview Haven board and his term ends this summer. We are thankful for his service on the board for the past ten years (2012-2022).

Nelson is a grain and livestock farmer near Fairbury. His wife is Amy and they have three children: Laura (Andy) Manz, Micah (Brittany) Zehr, Abram (Kara) Zehr and seven grandchildren. Nelson's parents are Warren and Dolores Zehr of Fairbury.

Hobbies: My favorite pastime is making music with my family and church family. I enjoy singing four-part men's quartet, playing stringed instruments with my family, and acapella singing with my family and church family. I enjoy writing, drawing, and reading when I have opportunity.

Aspects of Fairview Haven I've appreciated: One of the most interesting and inspiring events during my time on the board of directors (BOD) was the development of our memory support assisted living home, Serenity Villa. The

process began in 2014 when we surveyed the FVH community and received 90%+ support to research and develop memory support care at FVH. The resolution to move forward with a building project was approved at the June 2016 BOD meeting. Construction began in July of 2018, at which point almost 100% of the funding for the estimated \$4.4M project had been donated or pledged. It was a very humbling experience to witness the outpouring of financial support for the project. God's timing in the moving of many generous hearts was surely felt and deeply appreciated.

One of the more challenging times on the BOD has been and continues to be, providing adequate support to residents, staff, and administration as they struggle to navigate through the many unknowns and subsequent restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are very grateful for the understanding and patience of staff and resident families who have gone beyond the call to serve and sacrifice during these interesting and trying times!

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In Loving Memory Of . . .

A funeral service was held for **Kenneth Ashman**, 79, of Chatsworth on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022. Kenneth passed away Jan. 17 after a brief time in Fairview Suites. Surviving him are his daughter, Jolea (John) Kalvin of Hampshire; and two grandchildren, John (Jak) and Joryn Kalvin. Kenneth was a carpenter and a long-time Chatsworth Town Board member.

Larry Lancaster, 84, of Fairbury passed away Jan. 22, 2022, after having lived in the Fairview Haven community since 2018. He is survived by his wife, Jan Lancaster of Fairbury; brothers-in-law, Pete and Dave Pasero and sisters-in-law, Chris and Stephanie Pasero and Joyce Dutton; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Phil and Danielle Bane and their children, Emily, Becca and Nile. Larry had a long career teaching English to high school students in Fairbury. He enjoyed playing golf with his buddies and gardening with the neighbor children (the Banes).

Chenoa resident, **Clement "Bud" Rosenberger**, 94, passed away

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, after a short stay at Fairview Haven. A graveside service was held Feb. 1, 2022. Survivors include a son, Clayton (Sue) Rosenberger; a sister, Justine White, all of Chenoa; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Bud was a lifetime farmer and served as the Yates Township Road Commissioner for 40 years.

Belen Secoquian, MD, 88, of Fairbury passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. She was part of the Fairview Haven family since 2018. Her funeral Mass was held Feb. 19, 2022 at St. Andrew Catholic Parish in Fairbury, where she was a member. Surviving are her husband, Dr. Cesar Secoquian of Fairbury; one son, Ivan Secoquian of Fairbury; two daughters, Tanya (Reginald) Williams of Tracy, CA and Natasha (Daniel) Lauer of Chicago; three grandchildren; and one sister, Imelda (Lucio) Abad, Toronto, Canada. Belen was from the Philippines. She received her medical degree from Manila Central University in 1961. She and Dr. Secoquian moved to the United States in 1966, finally residing in Fairbury in 1975. Belen assisted her

husband in his medical practice at his office in Fairbury from 1985 until retiring in 2005. She was especially skilled in golf and won several awards while a member of Indian Creek Golf & Country Club.

The funeral of **Roger Bachtold**, 82, was Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Living Word Church in Roberts. Roger passed away Feb. 21, 2022. Survivors include children, Dorothy (Dennis) Goodman of Sabetha, KS; Lorraine (Joseph) Bider of North Richland Hills, TX; Sarah Bachtold, Roger (Debbie) Bachtold, Joseph (Cathy) Bachtold, all of Fairbury; Jon (Melinda) Bachtold of Foley, AL; and Mathew (Jill) Bachtold of Springhill, KS; twenty grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; five brothers and sisters, Miriam (Ben) Metz of Francesville, IN; Herbert (Jan) Bachtold, Roberta (Wayne) Broquard, Gloria (Wayne) Drayer, all of Fairbury; and Sam (Betty) Bachtold of Roscoe. Roger was a successful businessman in Fairbury for many years. He was a member of Living Word Church in Roberts. He served in the United States Air Force.



Party Line

INSTEAD OF A CIRCLE, MAKE A 'U'

Selected

Sometimes I feel like I don't fit in the same way other people do. Sometimes I feel like there is a group who maybe doesn't really want me there. Sometimes I wonder why I wasn't invited. Sometimes I walk up to a circle of people and I don't know whether to force my way in or to be awkward hanging around on the outside, waiting until I can leave and go home to the safety of my sofa.

Circles are great if you're on the inside. But circles can be awfully cruel if you're left on the outskirts, looking for a way to get inside.

They can be exclusive. They can be exhausting. They can be cliquish. They are far, far too common.

Stop building circles and build a U. Leave room for everyone. Make a way so anyone can walk up and feel like they have a place to stand.

Leave room for good people who look different than you, who like different things than you, who come from different places than you. Differences were never made to divide us. They were made to build us and to teach us, to fill in the gaps where our own gifts come up short.

Have your few trusted friends. Keep them close and spend time with them. Share your secrets with them. You can't be best friends with everyone.

But you can notice everyone. You can make room for everyone. You can be kind and generous and

thoughtful and sympathetic to everyone. You can smile to everyone. You can make eye contact with everyone. You can probably even offer a simple 'hello' to everyone.

When you are at an event or any public setting, lift your eyes and look for the lonely. Chat with the new. Invite the introverts who will never invite themselves. Hug the hurting. Make room for more.

If you've ever felt that excruciating feeling of walking into a new place, of being surrounded with new faces, of being left out of group texts, of being excluded, don't let those experiences go to waste. Turn it around and use them for something good.

Use it to recognize the hurting among you. Use it to recognize the lonely. Use it to recognize the left out. And then use it to reach out with an invite, or reach out a hand or some kind of nice gesture.

It's not an easy thing to do—getting out of your comfort zone, getting over yourself enough to help someone else, getting out your saw and your hammer and nails right there in the middle of a crowd to build a bigger table. It's not easy. If it was easy, everyone would do it.

We're all guilty. We've all done it at some point. We've all been unaware. So there is no purpose in being angry and there definitely isn't any purpose in tearing people down for

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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

We introduce our new Director of Nursing, **Emma Dunahee RN BSN**. Emma started out volunteering at Fairview Haven in the sixth grade. She says: "I enjoyed spending time with the residents and watching how everyone who worked at Fairview Haven tried their best daily to give the residents the best care possible. Volunteering at Fairview Haven is what made me want to be a nurse. I'm thankful to

be part of a team that supports one another."

Emma worked as a CNA here, starting in December 2017. She graduated from nursing school in May 2021 and started working as a nurse. In October 2021, she accepted the position as Director of Nursing.

Emma is married to Jeremiah Dunahee and they currently live in Groveland. They are expecting their first child in June. Her parents are Mike and Tracy Fogarty and she has two brothers, Collin and Grant.

Emma loves to garden and can during the summer. In the winter, she enjoys reading and crocheting. She loves cooking and baking year-round!



EMMA DUNAHEE



Thoughts from Dave's Desk ...

Dave Blunier, Administrator

and financial hardship.

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We're thankful for the recent news release that Governor Pritzker intends to drop the mask mandate in Illinois on February 28.

As a reminder, at this point, this does NOT apply to healthcare facilities. Our team will continue to mask for source control at this time, and anyone entering our building will have the same requirement. Nothing will be changing at Fairview Haven until further notice.

Residents can welcome visitors, with the following protocols:

-Anyone entering the building must be screened in at the front desk.

-While visiting, visitors must remain in the resident's room (or designated visiting area) and are not permitted to visit in common areas.

-Visitors must wear a face covering during the entire visit unless they are actively

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We are thankful to report that Monday, February 14 was 14 days with no new positive COVID test results at Fairview Haven! This means that we are done with our outbreak – at least for the moment. We are thankful that only one resident in the FVH care center tested positive for COVID during this outbreak. Our team did an amazing job of mitigating the spread of the virus and, while we were in a LONG outbreak with lots of cases among our team members, we had very few acquired while at work.

We don't know when or if this pandemic will ever end, but we continue to keep our eyes up and trust in our Lord to carry us through whatever is asked of us.

In addition to the COVID crisis, we are experiencing a staffing shortage like we've never seen at Fairview Ha-

ven. Our team is weary. They are all working so hard to maintain our high standards for quality of care.

I would like to ask for the following prayers:

1. That God will sustain our current staff by giving them strength to endure whatever comes their way.

2. That God will call individuals to the ministry at Fairview Haven. We are in need of applicants for just about any area. Is God calling you?

3. That God will protect our home (residents and team) from contracting the COVID virus. We're thankful that the numbers are on the downward trend again, but we still have many regulations to watch.

4. That God would give me and the management team wisdom to lead this team through the many challenges of COVID regulations, staffing shortages

Photo Puzzler



"There were so many great clues. This picture is of the Goold children—



Joni, Jay and Ann." —Nancy Fry of Scottsdale, AZ

"These three children are: Joan Smeltzer, Jay Goold Ann Arendell, children of John and Mary Ellen Goold."

—Jan Nussbaum of Fairbury

"I know the Photo Puzzler! I think it's the first one I've known since Dave Blunier, age 3. ☺ It's Mary Ellen Goold's children with Joan Smeltzer on the left. I had the privilege of getting to know her when I helped out with covid testing!" — Kara Blunier of Fairbury

Clues: Henry Steffen put in many hours scanning photos from the past years at Fairview Haven. Thanks to him, we have many photos to share with you now.

In November 1986, these dedicated volunteers were grilling chicken for the first Fairview Haven Benefit Supper. The second from the left lives in Forrest and the man at right lives in Fairbury. Two of the people have passed away. One person is unidentified in the photo so we don't have any info about him. A father and two sons are in this photo. Any ideas?

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



BOARD

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FVH newsletter, *News from the Haven*, is something I appreciate and always look forward to receiving. The various articles, editorials, and features are informative and inspiring, and never do you read an issue without a smile or a laugh! Oftentimes I'll read through it on a couple different occasions to make sure I didn't miss something. Anyone who reads it and studies the photos gets a true sense of the Christian culture that is sought in prayer and practiced in deed, on an everyday basis at FVH!

Encouragement for the FVH team: Fairview Haven has a reputation for very high-quality care; this recognition centers around our amazing staff. Whenever we have opportunity to interact, I realize how talented and gifted they are at reaching and caring for our seniors. God has provided very dedicated and caring staff in every department at Fairview Haven. This unique characteristic makes it an enjoyable place to live and to work. The rewards and benefits of being committed to this type of service and care for others goes beyond the scope of this life. Unlike a monetary paycheck, the value of these acts of love and kindness

will not be forgotten in the ages of all eternity; they are forever recorded in God's 'book of life.'

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water ... he shall in no wise lose his reward. (St. Matt 10:42)

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (St. Matt 25:40)

Challenge for the FVH team: Remember what makes the house of Fairview Haven a "home." Try to provide

a sense of "home" for our residents at a time in their lives when they need "home" the most. Some of the things that "home" provides include; privacy, comfort, quiet respite, refuge in times of physical, emotional, and spiritual struggles, nutrition for the body, mind, and soul, and meaningful and supporting relationships.

God bless each one for your labors of love and give grace to press on in His ministry of serving at Fairview Haven!

VOLUNTEER VOICES

TRISH STEIDINGER, Volunteer Coordinator



We are thankful that we currently have a sizable number of volunteers coming in to help at Fairview Haven! We appreciate each one and thank you for the selfless giving of your time.

Soon, we would like to bring back volunteers to do some deep cleaning at Fairview Haven and Serenity Villa. These volunteers will clean the shared areas of the buildings. This will be different than in the past, as only one room will be cleaned per day, and we will schedule only up to five cleaning volunteers at one time. Also, this will

be done only if local Covid numbers are at an acceptable rate. If you would be interested in helping, please contact me and I will begin a list of volunteers for this purpose. Thanks for your patience as we navigate changes, regulations, and the rate of illness in our community.

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.

Volunteers in the SPOTLIGHT ...



HEIDI BACHMAN and Micki Zimmerman sort pies at the 2021 Harvest of Sharing.

Hobby Corner

Featuring the hobbies and interests of residents



Evelyn Freeland enjoys helping out and keeping busy. Here she and Darla Meiss prepare silverware.

DAVE'S DESK

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eating or drinking. Eating or drinking may only occur in the resident's room.

-We are still only permitted to have performances indoors that involve five people or less.

We understand these regulations are difficult for our residents and their families. They are difficult for us to enforce, as well. However, we have no choice. We must follow these guidelines to be in compliance with IDPH and CMS. Please help us by following the guidelines when you visit the Fairview Haven campus.

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On a completely different note, we are excited to share with you that Fairview Haven has entered a new partnership with PTS (Professional Therapy Services) to manage our new in-house therapy department. We're thankful that we were able to retain a few of our team members from Select Rehab and are excited about some new faces we will be seeing here at Fairview Haven.

In addition, PTS is helping us devel-

op an outpatient therapy gym which will enable us to provide therapy service to seniors in our local communities, in addition to those dwelling on the Fairview Haven campus. The new gym will offer monthly memberships for those who

wish to stay fit.

We will eventually be offering rehabilitation services as well, which is an upgraded service for our therapy department. We're excited about the changes coming. Watch for more information!

PARTY LINE

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building circles. Chances are, nobody is being mean. Nobody is being intentional. Chances are, they simply aren't thinking. And we've all been guilty of not thinking before. But that doesn't mean it's OK. That doesn't mean we should keep our blinders on. That doesn't mean we should continue constructing our closed-off circles.

Be the kind of person you wish someone had been to you.

MAKE A 'U.'

Circles were made to be broken, but 'U's were made to include everyone, to keep growing bigger and better and stronger.

'U's were made for us all.

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He drew a circle that shut me out —

Heretic, a rebel, a thing to flout.

But Love and I had the wit to win:

We drew a circle that took him in!
-Poem by Edwin Markham

New Faces!

We welcome the following members to our team: CNA Dawn Sargeant; Kayla Erickson, Connections caregiver; COTAs Janelle Rassi, Lori Roth, Kimber Edelman, Theresa Rafferty; Callie Eisenmann and Clay Eisenmann, dining services; RN Leslie Zimmerman; and Serenity Villa caregivers, Paige Steidinger and Addi Mauser.



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REFLECTIONS

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his brains and memory!

—*He is a great piano player*

—*I miss his laugh. And picking on him.*

—*I appreciate that he will listen with an open mind. He is willing to help out where needed. He has been the best person to lead this "crazy ship" the last two years. He allows us to PARTY when he is gone!!*

—*I appreciate his prayers and care for us! Thanks!*

—*His smiling face!*

—*He knows the answers when we need them. He does a great job!*

—*I appreciate his willingness to help out, answer questions, and listen. I also know to turn to him for answers to my questions.*

—*Appreciate all the sacrifices Dave has made for Fairview Haven especially since covid. Thanks for being a great boss!*

We think it is pretty clear that Dave is much appreciated and that we have a pretty contented and unified team. That could not be possible without the grace of God and the wonderful support and prayers of you, our supporters. Thanks for continuing to walk with us in these trying times.

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GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE

Dear Ones: Sorry to be repetitive, but we continue to need your prayerful and financial support in these times. Due to staffing issues (some covid-related), we are forced to temporarily reduce our census, which lowers our revenue. Couple this with the number of loved ones who are required to access their Medicaid benefits (which only pays a percentage of the actual cost of care) and we can find ourselves struggling with funding.

We are thankful for your support to the Good Samaritan Fund which assists our loved ones in being able to finish out their days with dignity. We ask God's blessing upon each prayer breathed and each dollar sent. It is encouraging and helps us continue in the battle of providing the home that these loved ones deserve.

The Ecclesiastical writer noted in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow:..." Thanks for helping us stay out of the ditch!

Memorial Fund Report

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

- Anna Schmidgall
- Kenny Helmers
- Larry Lancaster

- Lola Steffen
- Bob Perkins

Appreciating our amazing team!



BRANDON STOLLER, Riley Casner and Julianne Wellwood enjoy their Faire Coffee and pumpkin doughnuts. BELOW: Dave Blunier orders his Faire drink.



BETTY RAY is recognized for 20 years of service and Dave Blunier for 15 years.

BELOW RIGHT: Crystal Miller and Jeni Gerber received 10-year awards. Others not pictured were: Sandra Schneider, Kyle Steidinger and Laura Kovach.



AWARDS for five years of service were presented to (L-R): Deb Garlock, Amanda Bee, Erin Carruthers and Hayley Vedder. Not present were: Billie Waddell, Lisa Gillespie, Monica Embry, Sheila Powers, Laurie Cliffe and Susan Steinsultz.

We appreciated our team at a special event in October, hosted in the maintenance shed. Faire Coffee from Peoria came to create custom drinks for us and Dave and his family made warm homemade pumpkin doughnuts.

Kaye Lynch and Dixie Steidinger were recognized for 40 and 35 years of service, respectively. Both were not present for photos. See photos below for others recognized for years of service.

We again held a contest for MOST Awards. Team members voted for the various categories as follows:

Most compassionate—Susan Steinsultz;
Most likely to lend a helping hand—Emma Dunahee;

Most likely to help a resident go outdoors—Connie Wlos, Katie Fehr;

Most likely to make me laugh—Margaret Kaskavage;

Most likely to share a smile (smiling eyes behind a mask 😊) — Amanda Bee, Nikol Martin;

Most focused on ‘Person First’ care — Megan Wilder, Andria Dibble;

Most likely to connect with families—Anna Bahler;

Most likely to lend a listening ear — Sandra Schneider, Loree Steidinger;

Most likely to forget copies at the copy machine — Dave Blunier;

Most likely to be seen at work day or night (dedicated) — Sheila Powers;

Most likely to empty the candy jars and sample the treats — Brandon Stoller, Courtney Webb;

Most innovative—Shannon Erwin;
Most likely to be a cheerleader (covid and beyond) — Kris Moyer, Lila Fehr;

Most likely to carry out our vision statement (Putting the Gold back into the Golden Years) — Rick Plattner, Billie Waddell;

Most likely to be seen with a coffee cup — Lori Ifft.

Humorous prizes and much teasing accompanied the awards ceremony! 😊 Photos of the MOST awards can be seen on Fairview Haven’s Facebook page.



Scenes From The Home ...



JUANITA FRITCHLEY had a creative way of participating in the limbo contest. Em Moyer is behind Juanita. Holding the rope is Bernadette Kimmons. Others pictured are Lucille Knapp, Dorothy Rudin, Pat Perkins, Joy Zimmerman, Duane Kilgus, Laura Kovach.

BELOW: Serenity Villa team shows their tropical spirit with grass skirts. From L-R are: Abby Bergstrahl, Shelby Weaver, Kaye Lynch, Barb Hall, Excel Harris and Ellen Golden.



OUR Christmas was a little different than normal again this year. We shared gifts after lunch.

ABOVE: Joy Zimmerman shows her Christmas gift to Erin Caruthers.

LEFT: Sisters Sharon Kelson and Colleen Walter enjoyed their gifts.



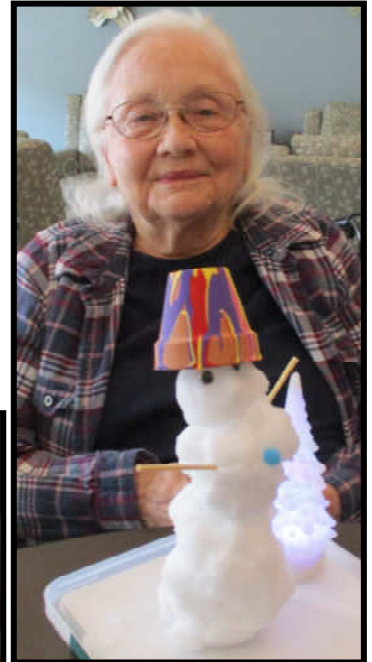


MANY delicious Christmas treats came from the Serenity Villa kitchen. Making caramels here are (L-R): Beth Ifft, Judy Anliker, Joyce Blunier and Joyce Crews. And, at right, Evelyn Freeland.



JUDY KEMP and Janice Nussbaum are intently crafting.

BELOW: The ladies enjoy tea and treats (from L-R): Helen Voeste, Joyce Blunier, Evelyn Freeland, Judy Anliker, Judy Kemp, Eunice Rich, Ruth Wessels and Joann VanAntwerp.



MARILYN TATE helped build a tiny snowman—we had plenty of building material!



OUR TEAM sang Christmas carols all around the campus. The group included (L-R): Sandra Schneider, Crystal Miller, Emma Dunahee, Emma Eisenmann, Loree Steidinger, Val Kaisner, Jeana Waibel, Anna Bahler, Connie Wlos and Anna McKeon.

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THE LAST LAUGH ...

It's every airplane passenger's nightmare—getting stuck near a crying baby. I was manning the ticket counter at a busy airport when the sound of a sobbing infant filled the air. As the next passenger stepped up to the desk, he glanced at the tot and rolled his eyes. "Don't worry," I said to him cheerily. "Chances are that baby won't be on your flight." Head shaking, he grimly replied, "Oh, I bet he will. That's my son."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

11 - Alice Steidinger
16 - George Steidinger
23 - Eunice Rich

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 - Carol Nussbaum
07 - Judy Anliker
09 - Rich Aberle
17 - Edna Steidinger
18 - Phil Hilti
20 - Marjorie Witzig
22 - Ruth Metz
24 - Mary Knapp
27 - Judy Edelman

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS:

MARCH — Bailey Younker (1); Erin Carruthers (3); Julie Hunt (3); Misty Bryant (6); Megan Wilder (7); Bonnie Oelschlager (7); Lisa Price (8); Kyle Stoller (9); Crystal Miller (9); Hannah Henrichs (10); Lori Roth (11); Arla Wheeler (14); Elizabeth McBride (16); Crystal Boner (17); Keshia Buscher (20); Don Welborn (20); Desirae Knavé (24); Jenny Wood (26); Shelby Weaver (26).

APRIL— Kayla Erickson (1); Sarah Steidinger (2); Lisa Gillespie (3); Jane Rosendahl (3); Sandra Schneider (3); Tana Schulz (4); Brandon Stoller (5); Susan Steinsultz (6); Melody Wiedmann (6); Sabrina Kestner (8); Dale Wessels (12); Sara Eggenberger (13); Paula Ward (15); Julie Carter (17); Lila Fehr (20); Nina Welps (22); Bobbie Lusk (22); Leanne Bahler (23); Sydney Rothert (25); Anna McKeon (25); Jen Lessman (26); Betty Ray (26); Lisa Herr (27); Lisa Monge (29); Hannah Drayer Mygatt (30).

” CLOSING QUOTE

One doesn't have to operate with great malice to do great harm. The absence of empathy and understanding are sufficient.
-Charles Blow