

# News From The Haven

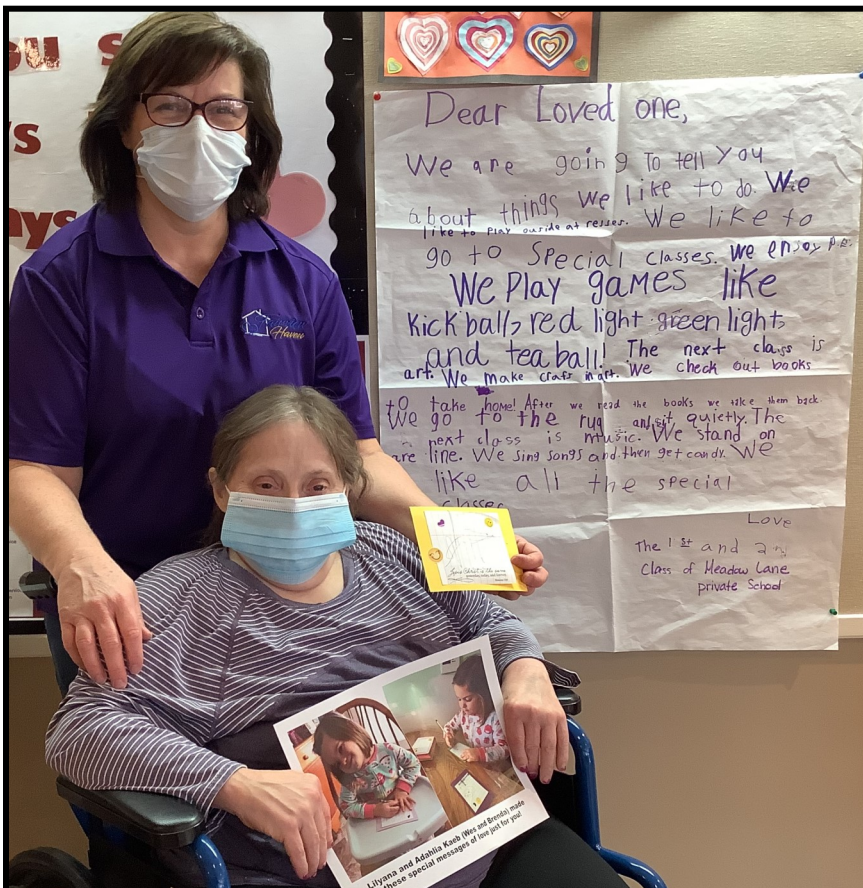
March/April 2021



**TAYLOR BACHMAN** and Roger Arends share Christmas smiles. See more Christmas pictures on pages 3 and 10.



**OUR CELEBRITY**—Dorothy Householder waits in the visiting parlor for her interview with *The Pantagraph*. Dorothy was featured for her 103rd birthday. See our blog or Facebook page for a link to the article and video of her interview online.

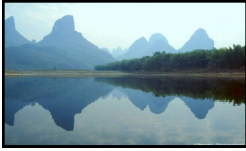


**CAROL LEMAN** and MaryEtta Mullen were some of our covid testing volunteers. See more on page 4.

**AT LEFT:** Anna McKeon and Martha Meister show the sweet messages sent to us by children. On the bulletin board behind them is a large letter from Meadow Lane Private School.

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# Reflections From Rick

—Rick Plattner, Director of Public Relations

COVID-19 has taught us a lot about ourselves. It has probably exposed things in our nature that we don't care for. It has certainly showed us we have no desire to be an island and go it alone. We definitely need each other. That has proven true repeatedly at Fairview Haven. We really need to trust and depend on each other to function as a team. When we do that, things go well and we are blessed.

The world has a lot to say about relationships, but so does God's Word. A phrase that appears frequently throughout the New Testament is: *one another*. *One another* refers to two or more individuals and reflects a relationship among them. How are we interacting with others? If we go to God's Word, we learn that there are *one anothers* to avoid and *one anothers* to embrace.

Some of the *one anothers* to avoid are found in the following Scriptures:

Romans 14:13 tells us, "Let us not therefore judge *one another* any more: but judge this rather, that no man put

a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Think about it. God is telling us not to judge and assume we know someone else's reasons or intentions. He says: Don't do it anymore (if we are used to doing this, God says, stop it), but instead let's judge our own intentions and not allow our behavior to cause a burden or trouble for our brother.

Galatians 5:15 instructs us to be careful not to "bite and devour *one another*." It will lead us to a poor outcome. Do we pick at each other and find fault? It could lead us to "consume" one another. That won't build a relationship.

Galatians 5:26 says, "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking *one another*, envying *one another*." Pride just doesn't work well and it is destructive.

Colossians 3:9 tells us, "Lie not *one to another*." We can stand solidly on the truth.

James 4:11 simply says, "Speak not evil *one of another*."

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FAIRVIEW HAVEN T-shirts were a morale booster for our team. We held a photo contest, asking the team to submit creative photos wearing their T-shirts. The environmental services crew donned Christmas hats with their T-shirts. From left to right are: Erin Caruthers, Anna Reis, Betty Ray, Jennie Anglin, Ullena Offenbacher, Val Kaisner and Lori Reis.



At left is Rick Plattner in his creative pose and, at right, are Tana Schulz and Billie Waddell modeling our cheerful Christmas shirts.

Check out our video of creative photos on the Fairview Haven Facebook page or our blog on our website.





# Making spirits bright ...

Christmas was different this year ... we missed our families, carolers and many others who bring us joy. Yet, we celebrated as we could with distanced gift opening, LOTS of treats and distanced masked caroling.

We had a contest and some of our team dressed up as Christmas characters. Most of all, Covid could not keep from us the **JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD HAS COME!!**



AT RIGHT: The Three Wise Men (L-R: Sally Fehr, Sandra Schneider and Margaret Kaskavage).

AT LEFT: The Other Wise Man—Dave Blunier!



LEFT: Jennie Anglin watches Marilyn Fortna open her Christmas gift.

RIGHT: Sheila Powers and Taylor Nelson dressed up as snowmen. Their snowman masks were designed by Susan Steinsultz.



## ☺ Welcome to Fairview Haven ☺

We enjoyed having **Roger Arends** here for a rehab stay. He was able to return to his home.

**Maralon Stauter** is here for recuperation. She plans to return home to Gridley with husband, John.

We welcome Fairbury resident **Barbara Hurt** to Angel Avenue.

**Ferne Onken** of Colfax joined the Fairview Haven family.

**Martha Meister** came to Daffodil Drive for recuperation. Martha lives in Pontiac.

**Mary Lou Schuler** from Lexington came to Daffodil Drive. We wel-

come her.

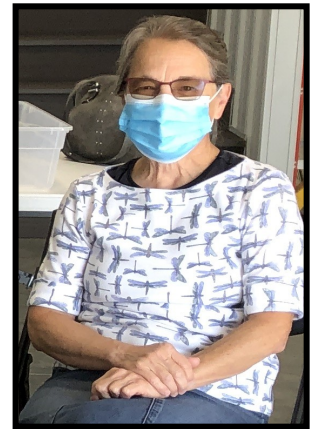
**Marjorie Witzig** is here for rehab. She plans to return to her Fairview Estates apartment soon.

**Larry Lancaster** came from Serenity Villa. Larry and his wife, Jan, are from Fairbury.





WE ARE SO GRATEFUL for the dedication of our volunteers! For months, they helped us with the twice-weekly COVID testing. Pictured here (top to bottom, L-R): LaRae Walter and Kim Lemman, Kara Blunier and Dave Blunier, Kathy Banwart, Joan Smeltzer, Barb Mashburn, Kay Davis and Sandra Schneider. Others who helped were: MaryEtta Mullen, Carol Edelman, Lanae Hartman, Lynn Dotterer, Vicki Mueller, Megan Hodel, Paulette Zimmerman, Carol Lemman, Gladys Slagel, Anna Schmidgall, Carmen Dotterer and Julie Steidinger. Also thanks to Don Bazzell and Dan Mullen for transporting the tests to the Gibson City laboratory. Special thanks and appreciation to Rebecca Steffen who took nursing shifts on the covid care unit; Carol Edelman who picked up nursing shifts at Serenity Villa and helped out at Fairview Suites and Judy Hartman who helped out in Fairview Suites. Thank you so much!!!



## *In Loving Memory Of . . .*

**Dolores “Dee” Rieger**, 91, passed away Jan. 23, 2021. Her funeral Mass was held Jan. 28 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Chatsworth. Dee moved into Serenity Villa in December 2019. She is survived by her nine children, Jamie Rieger of Forrest, Micki (Rod) Zimmerman of Chatsworth, David Rieger of Farmer City, Danny (Becky) Rieger of Bloomington, Pam Rieger of Chicago, Tony (Laura) Rieger of Oglesby,

Rod (Pam) Rieger of Thornton, CO; Judy (John) Szabo of Bloomington, and Chris (Angie) Rieger of Madison, WI; 19 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Dee served as a teacher’s aide in the FSW school district and worked part-time at FS and Rieger Coil. She was a devout member of the Catholic Church. A service will be held at a later date for 89-year-old **Delores Nussbaum**.

Delores passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. She has been part of the Fairview Haven family since 2011. Surviving are her brother, Orren (Johanna) Nussbaum of Chatsworth; nieces and nephew, Betty Jo Beurman of La Mirada, CA, Robin Sorey of Rice Lake, WI and Ron Briscoe of Fairbury. Delores belonged to the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church.





# Party Line

## REMEMBER

*Contributed by Andria Dibble*

I may forget what day it is or maybe even my name.  
I may not be able to talk to you, but love me just the same.

Love me when I'm angry and shouting out in fear,  
Love me when I'm crying and wipe away my tear.  
Remember that I was once a mother, a father and a friend,

Remember that I'll always be those things until the end.

Just because my mind has faded doesn't mean that I don't know.

I can still see all the love and compassion that you show.

Please be patient and be kind,  
For I'm a little slower now.

It may take me just a little longer, you might have to show me how.

Please remember that when I'm upset, I don't mean it quite that way.

My words get jumbled up and I can't quite think of what to say.

I'm trying the best I can to be the person I once was,

So please remember all of this and love me just because.

Because I hope that, one day, when you are old and gray..

That someone who's a lot like you would treat you the same way.

Remember, though my mind may fade, my heart still loves the same.

Remember, it's not me; it's the Alzheimer's to blame.

This poem was written by Andria Dibble, a team member at Serenity Villa. She shared this with the Fairview Haven team with the following inspiring message: "I wrote this poem and I felt God was guiding me through each word. What we all do on a daily basis is a gift and God has had His hands in all of our care and love we show to each of our neighbors! Have an amazing day!" Thanks, Andria, for the inspiring message!

## KEEP GOING!

Keep about your work that God has given you. Do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop to stone the devil's dogs; do not fool away your time chasing the devil's rabbits. Do your work. Let liars lie, let corporations resolve, let the devil do his worst; but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given you.

He has not commanded you to get rich. He has never bidden you to defend your character. He has not set you at work to contradict falsehood about yourself which Satan and his servants may start to peddle. If you do those things, you will do nothing else; you will be at work for yourself and not for the Lord.

Keep at your work. Let your aim be as steady as a star. You may be assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded and rejected. You may be abused by foes, forsaken by friends and despised and rejected of men. But see to it with steadfast determination, with unfaltering zeal, that you pursue the great purpose of your life and object of your being until, at last, you can say, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do."

—Author Unknown

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

**Barb Hall** has been part of the Serenity Villa team since the home opened 3 1/2 years ago. She says: "I love working with my co-workers — a great group of gals. The neighbors brighten my day with

their smiles, laughs and stories."

Barb and her husband, Donald, live in rural Forrest. They have six children, Shelby (Josh) Harn, Kiera, Keegan, Skyler, Dakota and Blake (who is deceased). They also have a grandchild, Easton Harn. Barb's parents are Dean and Robin Kupferschmid.

Barb loves to fish, camp and hunt. And she loves taking her annual April visit to Arizona.

BARBARA HALL







# Thoughts from Dave's Desk ...

Dave Blunier, Administrator

Greetings from Dave's Desk!

While the Fairview Haven COVID-19 outbreak officially began in August 2020 when we had team members begin testing positive, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 was the date that turned our world at Fairview Haven upside down. It was on this date that we received word from our lab that the first resident had tested positive. After several months of fighting and preparing for the worst-case scenario, the time had come to implement our plan of action.

When I arrived at Fairview Haven that afternoon, I made the announcement asking the residents to quarantine to their rooms and the action began. Soon our management team, maintenance crew and housekeepers were working together as we transformed the end of Daffodil Drive into a full-blown COVID care unit. We should have had a video camera rolling that entire afternoon/evening as it could have been a great training tool for how to

work together as a team.

While this was everyone's worst nightmare come true, there was a great sense of calm and hope among our team. It was that afternoon that gave me confidence that, no matter how difficult the days ahead might be, we would pull through this!

First and foremost, I was assured that God is bigger than COVID and, no matter what happened, it would be His will. Secondly, it was proven to me that our team was truly a team that was going to pull together and stand beside one another during adversity.

The next three months were HARD! Our team were eyewitnesses to the devastation that COVID can leave behind. Some residents only experienced minor symptoms. Others had it pretty rough and, at times, we didn't know if they would pull through. Some are still experiencing the after-effects of having had COVID-19. And all have been affected

by the isolation that goes along with it.

Caring for dear ones through the transition of death is a part of our mission and we feel our team does this very well. Our team loves every one who resides here and has such deep compassion for the loved ones we serve as well as their families. Because of the bonds of love that are formed, it's always hard to say goodbye. Each person is an integral part of our family.

Nine of our residents lost their battle against COVID-19. They are greatly missed and our prayers continue with the families. We are thankful that, even in death, there is victory in Jesus for those who trust in Him.

Yet, these deaths were especially hard for our Fairview Haven family. Maybe it is because we sacrificed a lot and fought so hard against COVID-19. Maybe it's because we watched those we loved experience a lot of suffering. Maybe it's because we couldn't alleviate their discomfort and help the deaths be as comfortable as we're used to. Regardless of the reasons, it hurts and the losses made

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# Photo Puzzler



"The sweet young couple in the picture is Willie and Edna Anderson. We had the privilege of attending their 70th wedding anniversary celebration." —Ben and Mary Daily of Towanda



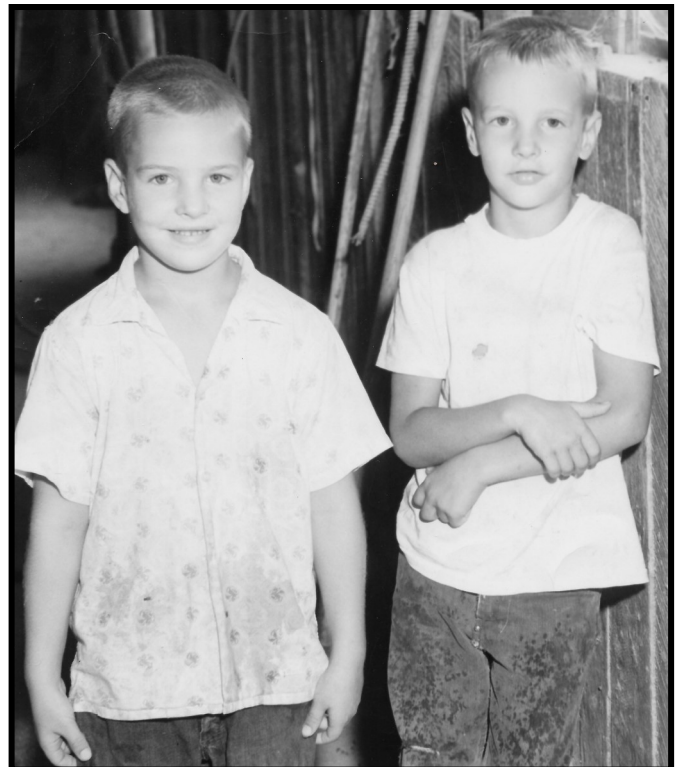
"The couple pictured on the Photo Puzzler page of the Jan/Feb News From the Haven are Willie and Edna Anderson. I remember Willie's trucking firm hauling corn from a farm in the late 1950s." —John and Sally Schaffer of Fairbury

"The picture is Willie and Edna Anderson." —Darlene Ingersoll of Fairbury

Ullena Offenbacher of Fairbury also identified the photo.

**Clues:** These two young men are brothers. They live in Fairbury now. They both married local girls and one had five children and the other had four children. They are both valuable Fairview Haven volunteers. One of them had a major role in building Serenity Villa.

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





# REFLECTIONS

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Some of the *one anothers* to embrace are found in these verses:

—Throughout the book of John, we are encouraged to love as Jesus loved. In John 14:34, we read, “A new commandment I give unto you,

that ye love *one another*, as I have loved you, that ye also love *one another*.” He further tells us that, by this love, we will be known as His disciples.

—Romans 12:10 exhorts us, “Be kindly affectioned *one to another* with brotherly love; in honour preferring *one another*.” Think how simply we can say, “You go first, I will take what’s left.”

—Romans 14:19 tells us to follow the ways of peace and things, “..wherewith *one may edify another*.” Our human inclination is to build up ourselves, but we want to learn to encourage and build up others.

—In I Thessalonians we are encouraged to “comfort *one another*..”

There are many other verses which teach us to admonish one another, consider one another, confess faults one to another, teach one another, be kind one to another and submit ourselves to one another.

At Fairview Haven, we want to appreciate each other and fulfill the Biblical directives to treat each other with kindness and love. Since we are, “members one of another” (Romans 12:5), we want to function together so we can serve, to the best of our abilities, our dear residents, teammates, and family members. We probably knew all this before COVID-19 hit, but this experience has certainly proved a good schoolmaster to remind us of how much we depend on each other.

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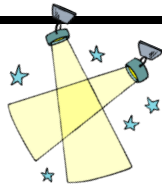
## GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE

We continue to be amazed and thankful as we see the support that our dear Fairview Haven family shares with us. We appreciate the many prayers, deeds of kindness, and donations that just keep blessing us. We thank God as He moves hearts and we thank each one who is keeping us encouraged. May God bless!



A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to those who sewed gowns for us (modeled here by Brandon Stoller and Dave Blunier). The cloth gowns were very helpful in preservation of our disposable gowns. Seamstresses were Teresa Bachtold, Joanne Steidinger, Kay Steffen, Richard and Loulda Steffen, Jennifer Teubel, Lollie Young, Dianna Waldbeser and Tamra Zimmerman. We may have missed some names—thank you to all of you!!

## Volunteers in the SPOTLIGHT ...



DID YOU NOTICE the candles in our windows this winter? This was the creative idea of some volunteers. They donated candles for all the residents’ windows to give us hope during this cold winter season as we continue with quarantine. And they shared *Candle in the Window*—a Lamplighter Theatre audio story of hope.

## Hobby Corner

Featuring the hobbies and interests of residents



It’s fairly obvious what Bob Perkins’ hobby is as he displays his Christmas gift!



**DAVE'S DESK**

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dealing with COVID that much more difficult.

On Jan. 5, we began to see a dim light at the end of the tunnel as the Livingston County Health Department came on-site to administer the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. On Feb. 2, the second dose was administered to over 80% of our residents.

On Feb. 5, we were thankful to declare that we had gone 14 days (as of Feb. 1) without any new positive COVID-19 cases (including team and residents). This meant that our first (and hopefully ONLY) COVID outbreak was officially closed.

Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic is not over and we would be foolish to think that we are exempt from any further problems, but the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter every day.

As I write this (Tuesday, Feb. 16), we are officially opening our doors to visitors and volunteers. It isn't exactly how it was before. There are a multitude of restrictions we must follow. We have posted the guidance for visiting on our

website. If you have a loved one on campus, please review this guidance before coming to visit.

Lord willing, by the time you read this, we will be into phase 3 of the re-opening plan published by IDPH. This means that our residents will be able to leave the building on outings. Again, there are still a lot of restrictions we must impose, so please read the published guidance on our website.

We are also thankful that more volunteers will be utilized as we continue to progress.

These steps are so important to our loved ones on the campus of Fairview Haven. We are thankful to be at this position and pray we don't have to revert backwards.

Please understand, that the fight to keep people safe and healthy is NOT

over and, while we slowly move forward there are still risks associated with COVID-19. There are still unknowns about the vaccine and how effective it is in the fight against COVID-19. While it is tempting to leap forward and put COVID-19 behind us, we must move forward with caution to avoid major setbacks. Please continue to be patient with us and support and encourage our residents and team along the way.

I am grateful for the team God has placed at Fairview Haven to navigate through this very difficult time. I am also grateful to our families. Although I know, at times, it is very hard to understand some of the actions we have been required to take, you have stood in support of our team. While the battle is not over, I have courage going forward that God will bring us through this better than we've ever been before!

## New Faces!



We welcome the following members to our team: CNAs Stacy Jordon; Serenity Villa caregiver, Courtney Webb; and dining services, Cheryl Pennington.

## Memorial Fund Report

Recent purchases: Vitamix.

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

- Mildred Zimmerman
- Dee Rieger
- Jerry Honegger
- Elsa Hartman
- Alice M. Steidinger
- Kevin Kuntz



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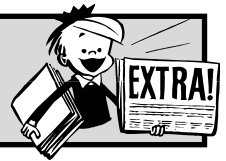
Edna Steidinger

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## VOLUNTEER VOICES

TRISH STEIDINGER, Volunteer Coordinator



Things are looking up! We are cautiously and slowly bringing volunteers back in to Fairview Haven. As of Feb. 16, certain types of volunteers are able to come in under strict COVID-19 guidelines and with a pre-established volunteer program. Each volunteer will have an orientation. For now, some of the volunteers coming in will be cleaning wheelchairs, passing water, serving breakfast on Saturday mornings, window washing (in the spring) and some entertainment (on a limited basis for now).

Evening meal prayer brothers have resumed coming in and have been praying over the microphone from the vestibule. It has been so wonderful to hear your voices again! Prayer volunteers will now be able to come into the building to the podium set up on the west side of the living room. You will NOT need to screen in each time but must wear a mask provided in the entryway. Please come at 5:15 PM, introduce yourself, pray with us and then leave.

A new volunteer position to be established is evening receptionist from 5-8 PM. These volunteers will screen visitors and team members coming in during those hours to relieve the nurses and CNAs from running to do that. If you think this is something you would be inter-

ested in, please contact Trish..

The COVID-19 practices that volunteers will be required to adhere to are as follows:

-All volunteers will be screened by another party at the main entrance to Fairview Haven each time they volunteer.

-All potential COVID-19 symptoms must be reported to the Administrator or the Director of Nursing. They will give direction as to how to proceed. Volunteers will receive a list of symptoms to watch for at the new orientation.

-All volunteers will wear a facemask on the campus of Fairview Haven. We request that you use the facemasks we provide in the entryway of Fairview Haven.

-Volunteers may not enter the rooms of residents placed under isolation.

-Volunteers will be asked to perform safe hand hygiene, including washing hands with soap and water and/or applying antibacterial hand sanitizer at specific and random times.

We are very excited to welcome volunteers back onto our Fairview Haven campus! If you are interested in volunteering and haven't received a phone call, please contact Trish at 815-692-6726, 815-848-5599 or email [tsteidinger@fairviewhaven.org](mailto:tsteidinger@fairviewhaven.org).



# Honoring Veterans



The local American Legion faithfully remembers the veterans on the Fairview Haven campus with Christmas “gifts for the Yanks who gave.” Pictured (L-R top) are: Ray Mishler and wife Marjorie and Al Zimmerman (and wife, Melba, visiting via iPad).

At right is Roger McDowell.

Below (L-R): are: Don Rinckenberger, Phil Hilti and Duane Haney.

Other veterans who were appreciated for their service were: Ron Gentes, Jerry Honegger, Elmer Kaeb, Dick Koehl, Larry Lancaster, Harold Neukomm, Duane Schneider, George Steidinger, Jim Steidinger, C.D. Stevens, John Tollensdorf, Art Walter, Donald Fehr and Lee Wycoff. Thank you to all of you for your service to our country!





# Scenes From The Home ...



MARILYN KNAPP got a beautiful cardinal lantern for Christmas. Pam Kilgus (left) is admiring it.

TOP LEFT: In an effort to brighten up our home, team members signed up to decorate various areas for Christmas. Betty Ray, Val Kaisner and Ullena Offenbacker were some of the decorators for Angel Avenue.



BOTTOM LEFT: Dorothy Dassow, Juanita Fritchley and (bottom) Eunice Rich display their Christmas presents.

BELOW RIGHT: Elaine Kuntz got a warm, fleecy blanket. She's sharing it with Laura Kovach.







PUPPY LOVE... Barb Hall brought in some puppies for cuddling (pictured top L-R): Marilyn Butler, Diane Rieger, Joyce Blunier and (below left) Jim Steidinger.

AT RIGHT: Team member Loree Steidinger and her family sang Christmas carols outdoors for the Serenity Villa neighbors.

BELOW LEFT: Jessie Friedman and Dee Rieger are enjoying time together.

BELOW RIGHT: Janice Nussbaum shares her beautiful blooming amaryllis plant.



# The SCOOP at SERENITY





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## THE LAST LAUGH ...

A family invited some people to dinner.  
At the table, the mother said to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"  
"I don't know what to say," the girl replied.  
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," said the mother.  
The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

08 - Shirley Mitchell	18 - Delores
09 - Carol Koehl	Nussbaum
11 - Alice Steidinger	23 - Eunice Rich
16 - George Steidinger	31 - Teresa Franey
17 - Wayne Anliker	

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

07 - Judy Anliker	20 - Marjorie
09 - Pete Bauer	Witzig
09 - Rich Aberle	23 - Sal
17 - Edna Steidinger	Markwalder
18 - Phil Hilti	

### **EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS:**

MARCH — Erin Carruthers (3); Laverne Aberle (3); Julie Hunt (3); Brittini Gerdes (4); Megan Wilder (7); Bonnie Oelschlager (7); Crystal Miller (9); Arla Wheeler (14); Darcy Niemiec (15); Elizabeth McBride (16); Crystal Boner (17); Haley Slagel (19); Don Welborn (20); Keshia Buscher (20); Mariah Turner (21); Desirae Knave (24); Nicole Fagan (24); Jennifer Wood (26); Theresa Thomas (28).

APRIL— Sarah Steidinger (2); Sandra Schneider (3); Lisa Gillespie (3); Jane Rosendahl (3); Tana Schulz (4); Brandon Stoller (5); Susan Steinsultz (6); Melody Wiedmann (6); Sabrina Kestner (8); Dale Wessels (12); Sara Eggenberger (13); Darla Meiss (14); Paula Ward (15); Julie Carter (17); Lila Fehr (20); Bobbie Lusk (22); Nina Welps (22); Leanne Bahler (23); Kaeli Marthey (23); Anna McKeon (25); Betty Ray (26); Jennifer Lessman (26); Lisa Monge (29).

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.

### **” CLOSING QUOTE**

A season of loneliness and isolation is when the caterpillar gets its wings. Remember that next time you feel alone.

—Mandy Hale