News From The Haven

July/August 2022







STAN WEEKS enjoyed a visit with a puppy. See more pics on page 10.

ABOVE LEFT: Marjorie Witzig and her daughters, Edie Bollier, Virginia Zeller and niece, Roberta Meyer, at the Mother's Day banquet.

AT LEFT: Richard Steffen and Henry Steffen with an Allis-Chalmers at the Father's Day supper.

BELOW: Singing for us at the Mother's Day banquet were: Kevin Moser, Wendell Moser, Arthur Moser, Thane Schaffer, Eli Meiss, Martin Kaeb, Ashton Schieler, Quinn Zehr, Owen Moser, Lyndon Schaffer, Nolan Kupferschmid, Erik Schaffer and Josiah Moser.



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



Reflections From Rick

-Rick Flattner, Director of Fublic Relations

HOPE ... It has been said that a person can live 40 days without food, four days without water, four minutes without air, but only four seconds without hope. While we couldn't imagine living without any of the physical aspects of life for very long, we need to consider our necessity for hope.

The Scripture speaks in Hebrews 6:18-19 about the *hope* that is set before us. We read that hope is an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and that it gets us to Jesus. Romans 15 calls God the God of hope, who fills us with joy and peace in believing. It further relates that we can abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

At Fairview Haven, we want to be workers in God's kingdom, providing *hope* to those we serve. Rather than focusing on what our neighbors here cannot do, we are able to rejoice and build upon what they can achieve.

Our mission statement says Fairview Haven is a place

where choice is valued, growth is encouraged and life abounds. Doesn't that sound like a hopeful place?

Fairview Haven is not only a haven of hope for the elders that we serve, but also a haven providing hope to our teammates. This is accomplished in a number of ways.

One way involves a initiative we began about eight months ago called HOPE. HOPE is a part of our employee assistance program. The name HOPE is an acronym for: Helping Others Prosper and be Encouraged.

Since its inception, there have been a number of teammates who have received interest free loans (with an easy repayment plan) to assist them in times of need. This has provided a safety net for them allowing them to meet obligations and continue to work and serve our loved ones at Fairview Haven. It has been a true port in the storm.

We know this valuable truth, that when we help our caregivers, we are helping our loved ones who are being cared for.

Those who have utilized HOPE have found that some of their debt has even been written off through their diligence in picking up extra shifts and maintaining good attendance.

HOPE also provides for mentoring teammates in areas of grief, relationships, and financial training.

How is this possible? Through the generous support of those who have partnered with us to give help to those in need. Thanks for those who have targeted this fund with your donations. If anyone else would be interested in how they can help, please contact Rick at 815-692-6702

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GOOD NEIGHBORS of Fairview Haven recently gave gifts of appreciation to the teachers at Prairie Central High School.

AT RIGHT: Packing the bags are (L-R): Evelyn Freeland Ruth Wessels, Duane Haney, Anna McKeon, Ernie Hofmann, Barb Hall, Crystal Miller, Judy Anliker and (back to camera) Esther Gerber.

ABOVE RIGHT: Joyce Blunier (left) and Judy Anliker (right) delivered the gifts to teachers (center).



Happy 60th, Fairview Haven!

On Sept. 4, 1962, the first residents (John and Anna Hodel) moved into Fairview Haven. This September, Fairview Haven celebrates our 60th year in our mission of serving seniors!

The vision for Fairview Haven as stated in the dedicatory flyer was: "We sincerely trust that Fairview Haven may be a place of dignity and peace for those who have reached the sunset years and that they may know the deep joy of Christian Fellowship and the Security of Compassionate Care."

It is reassuring to recognize that, although generations have come and gone, the vision of Fairview Haven remains unchanged. As the early pioneers who crafted the vision and dedicated this home to the service of others put their trust in God, so we continue on, trusting that He will provide.

God grant us now His Power, And help us by His might, To follow truth this hour, All guided by His light; And may we work together As one in mutual love, Forsaking self and gather At last in Heaven above.

—Poem in dedicatory flyer

We are planning a celebration and ice cream social on Friday, Aug. 26. Please see the flyer in this issue of the newsletter for more information. And watch for updates on Fairview Haven's Facebook page!

Memorial Fund Report

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

- Nancy Honegger
- Joyce (Bauer) Stock
- Bernice Cox
- Nita Moser
- Cynthia Tresize
- Gail Kafer
- Les Stock
- Patti Martin
- Mary Knapp
- Don Perkins



THE LIVING ROOM at Fairview Haven in the early years. Note the central nurses' station. This was removed in the 2010 living room renovation. Photo taken in 1969.





AT LEFT: A photo of Edward Kambly and his son. Edward was the fifth person to move into Fairview Haven in 1962. RIGHT: Working in the early kitchen (1969).

The Fairview Haven Loom Room is now providing a sharpening service for scissors or knives!

😊 Welcome to Fairview Haven 😊

Don Perkins of Fairbury was here for a while. Sadly, he passed away. His obituary is on page 4.

Mary Morris came for a brief time of rehab. She has since returned to her home in Fairbury.

We welcome **Karen Leman** from Roanoke. After a brief stay, she has moved to Fairview Suites.

Alma Stipp moved to Angel Avenue from Serenity Villa.

Forrest resident **John Nance** has come for a rehabilitation stay.

Vera Steidinger has come to reside in Daffodil Drive. We welcome her back from Serenity Villa.

Marilyn Butler also joined us from Serenity Villa. She resides in Blessings Way.

On the Bulletin Board: Rollin Nussbaum

EDITOR'S NOTE: We continue with features about the Fairview Haven board members ...

Rollin Nussbaum served on the Fairview Haven board for three years prior to moving to the Seattle, WA area for a number of years. Upon returning to the area, he was recently selected to serve a nine-year term.

Rollin says: "I think serving on the Fairview Haven board is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and the community. I've always viewed Fairview Haven as a mission of caring and mercy. But there is great opportunity to spread the Gospel. I'm looking forward to working with the current board members and management team to continue on this mission. Seeing how the Lord has provided for this facility, against what appears (at times) to be overwhelming odds, has always strengthened my faith in Him."

Rollin works as a lumber trader for Hampton Lumber Co in Portland, OR. He has one daughter, Addie (Wesley) Kostellic and two granddaughters, Lola (6) and Ellouise (5), as well as (Lord willing) a grandson on the way in August. Rollin's parents were Willis and Elna Nussbaum.

Hobbies: Rollin enjoys listening to all kinds of music and observing nature sights.

Rollin concludes: "I think the upcoming years for Fairview Haven will bring on very critical decisions of change as our society has changed and our existing facility has



ROLLIN NUSSBAUM and granddaughters

grown older. But the mission and purpose remains the same. I think it will be an exciting time of concerns and challenges. I need many prayers, please."

Florida vacation for 2022 HOS Auction!

We're happy to have been blessed already with a Florida getaway for the 2022 Harvest of Sharing auction! This getaway is for **specific dates**, so we wanted to share the information right away. You can check your calendars in advance and make plans accordingly.

A week's vacation has been reserved at **Mystic Dunes Resort and Golf Club** in Celebration, FL for a fortunate future high bidder. The two bedroom villa sleeps up to 8 people, including king bed in the master bedroom, two queen beds in a guest room and a queen sleeper sofa in the living room. Other amenities include: two full baths, a fully equipped kitchen, laundry, screened patio and access to four heated pools.

Mystic Dunes is located close to

Orlando and shuttle service is available from the resort to Orlando theme parks.

The dates reserved are Dec. 26, 2022 through Jan. 2, 2023. Please Note: These dates cannot be changed.

If you have questions about this vacation, call or email Sally or Anna (sfehr@fairviewhaven.org or abahler@fairviewhaven.org).

We're starting our plans for the 2022 Harvest of Sharing Auction and Benefit Supper! In spite of the covid restrictions the past couple years, we're very thankful that the Harvest of Sharing events have been successful.

The event is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 2 through Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. The silent auction format will be online, similar to the past couple years.

Donations for the Auction (items, gift certificates, services, etc.) are being accepted now or at any time. You may contact Rick Plattner (rplattner@fairviewhaven.org), Sally Fehr (sfehr@fairviewhaven.org) or Anna Bahler (abahler@fairviewhaven.org) at Fairview Haven. Please feel free to bring donated items in early. We don't mind storing them and it helps us avoid a lot of last-minute processing.

We will again offer our Auction Shopping Service. If you would like to take advantage of it, you may send a monetary donation at least three weeks prior to the auction and we will purchase an item for you or use the funds towards a package (i.e. overnight stays).

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In Loving Memory Of . . .

Funeral services for **Donald Perkins**, 81, of Fairbury were held on Monday, June 13, 2022. Don passed away on June 5 after being at Fairview Haven for a month. He is survived by children, Jeff Perkins of

Durham, NC and Carol (Eric) Vaughan of Fairbury; two granddaughters; and one sister, Marlene Thompson of Wilmington. Don worked at GTE in Bloomington, Durham, NC and Tampa, FL for over 35 years. Later, he worked at Ace Hardware and United Soils, both in Fairbury. Don's wife, Pat, was recently at Fairview Haven also and passed away in March 2022.





Party Li

WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with **box**; the plural is **boxes**, But the plural of ox is oxen not oxes. One fowl is a goose and two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose is never called meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a house full of mice; But the plural of house is houses, not hice. The plural of man is always men, But the plural of pan is never pen.

If I speak of a **foot** and you show me two **feet**, And I give you a book, would a pair be a beek? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't two **booths** be called **beeth**?

If the singular's this and the plural is these, Should the plural of kiss be ever called keese?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother, we never say methren. Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him; But imagine the feminine ... she, shis and shim!

THINGS WE SAY TODAY WHICH WE OWE TO SHAKESPEARE

Knock, Knock! Who's there? - In a pickle - Set your teeth on edge - Heart of gold - Faint hearted - Send him packing - Good riddance - So -So - Fight fire with fire - Lie low - Baited breath - Come what may - The game is up

Wear your heart on your sleeve - Not slept one wink - Come full circle - Out of the jaws of death Too much of a good thing - What's done is done - Naked truth - Break the ice - Wild goose chase - Breathed his last - In my heart of hearts - Vanish into thin air - Seen better days - Makes your hair stand on end - Dead as a doornail - Fair play/foul play - Off with his head - Love is blind - Green-eye'd monster - The world is my oyster -Be all/end all - A sorry sight - Catch a cold - It's all Greek to me - Laughingstock - Method to his madness - One fell swoop - Stuff that dreams are made of - All that glitters is not gold.

ENGLISH HUMOR

Some say that the English language is hard to learn. But you can do it through tough, thorough thought though.

There's only one word in the English language that begins with U and ends with E. Unbelievable, right? Nothing in the English language starts with N and ends with G.

People claim that, in the English language, y can be a vowel, but I think that's just a myth.

The quantity of consonants in the English language is constant. If omitted in one place, they turn up in another. When a Bostonian pahks his cah, the lost Rs migrate southwest, causing a Texan to warsh his car and invest in erl wells.

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.

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Shay McDonald has been part of the Fairview Haven dining services team for four years. She says, "I really enjoy the residents and my teammates. It's like having a second family. I always love listening to the residents' stories and helping them out with things."

Her parents are Jay and Renee

McDonald of Fairbury. Her siblings are: Mitchell (Liz) McDonald and Tara (Michael) Reiners and she has a niece (Berkley) and two nephews Wade). (Rolen and grandparents are Ron and Sue McDonald (formerly owned McDonald's Family Restaurant).

Shay enjoys spending time with family, shopping, fishing, playing with my dog, watching TV and playing games. She also likes spending time outside in the summer, riding bikes, going on walks and playing with my niece and nephews.

SHAY McDONALD



Thoughts from Dave's Desk ...

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. —I Thessalonians 5:18

As we look at the past couple years and into the future of long-term care, we could easily become discouraged. The covid pandemic has been a very large strain on long-term care organizations across the company. Covid wreaked havoc on our organizations early on by rapidly running through our buildings, causing significant suffering by some residents and ultimately leading to death of a significant percentage of elderly persons.

As the journey was in the early stages, CDC and our regulatory bodies with good intentions began giving advice and implementing regulations that were helpful and necessary and at the same time very difficult for our residents and staff. Looking back, we see that mistakes were made, and some things were perhaps not as necessary as we thought. Nonetheless, covid-19 was and continues to be a strain on the op-

> erations of Fairview Haven.

In addition (and perhaps because of the covid -19 regulations), we have also experienced a calamiregarding



A LIVELY SENSE of humor keeps our spirits up! Margaret Kaskavage, Bonnie Oelschlager and Dawn Shepherd lie in wait with squirt guns outside of Dave's office.

staffing. According to reports, 99% of nursing homes in the United States reported inadequate staffing.

Fairview Haven has been blessed with a team that has remained committed to the organization and the ministry we provide here. We were forced to deny some admissions due to inadequate staffing, but thankfully always had enough staff to provide the care our residents needed. We continue to struggle to maintain a healthy number of team members.

Covid regulations aren't the only regulations that concern Fairview Haven. The regulatory bodies have become more aggressive, hopefully in an effort to reform homes that aren't adequately caring for our vulnerable seniors. Unfortunately, as demands grow on our nursing homes, it becomes more difficult to focus our time on the needs of the residents as we are diverted by ensuring that our documentation is all in line for state surveyors.

Like everyone reading this article, Fairview Haven has also felt the effects of the devastating rise in cost of goods.

Our management team has been striving to be good stewards of the resources we have and are looking at opportunities to reduce waste and realign our processes to become more efficient.

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poto Puzzler



Identifying some of the ladies in the last Photo Puzzler were: Wanda Coyne, Sandra Schneider and Rick Plattner. The ladies (all former Fairview Haven team members) are (L-R): Betty Niesmann, Dawn Metz, Marie McKinley and Donna Meints.



Clues: We chose this more recent photo from the Fairview Haven photo files. The photo was taken in 2011 at our New Year's Eve party. The gentleman was living at Fairview Haven and his granddaughter was working here at the time. The gentleman was a Fairbury area farmer and school bus driver. He had seven children. While living at Fairview Haven, he was known for his quotes and watering flowers. He passed away in 2013.

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.





Dad's Day

GENTLEMEN enjoyed a hearty supper in the maintenance shed in celebration of Father's Day.

BOTTOM LEFT: A parade of antique tractors ended a pleasant evening. Thanks to the volunteers who arranged for the tractors! See more photos on Fairview Haven Facebook.





NICK KAEB (right) and his guest, Charlie Knapp, enjoy the meal.

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ideas are welcomed! If you have some ideas for an item, vacation or package

for the auction, please share them with us. We are always looking for novel and interesting items!

Watch for more details in the next

issue of *News From the Haven* or online at www.fairviewhaven.org or on Fairview Haven Retirement Community's Facebook page.

Volunteers in the SPOTLIGHT ...



ELISE RUFENER is a faithful volunteer for us both at Fairview Haven and Serenity Villa. Thanks!

Hobby Conner

Featuring the hobbies and interests of residents



Golf cart rides are a favorite hobby! Pictured here are (L-R): Evelyn Freeland, Joyce Blunier (back), Esther Gerber, Judy Anliker and Katie Fehr.

DAVE'S DESK

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Unfortunately, the sharp increase in costs cannot be fully recouped from those who need our services. While our cost of care increases, less of our residents can afford the services therefore increasing the need for government funding. The government isn't willing to pay for the quality services we desire to offer here at Fairview Haven, and therefore we rely heavily on our family of supporters to supplement through our Good Samaritan Fund.

So, yes, things look bleak. But I want you know that there is reason to be thankful every day!

Here are some things I'd like you to give thanks for:

1. At this point, God has provided for Fairview Haven financially and we are still financially stable, despite significant deficits the past couple of years.

- 2. Fairview Haven is blessed with an amazing team of caregivers. Recently, I had the privilege of bringing my wife's aunt to Fairview Haven. The loving reception she received from the entire team at Fairview Haven blew me away. I hear about this every day from others but to experience it personally made me even more aware of what a blessing this team is!
- 3. We have a great community of support. During covid, tensions ran high and there were many different opinions on how things should be done. I'm sure there were decisions that our residents and families weren't happy with, but rarely were there complaints. I appreciate so much the words of appreciation and encouragement I get from people when I am out and about.
- 4. We have a supportive board of directors and senior leadership team who unselfishly give a lot to keep this

ministry alive.

The week of June 20, Fairview Haven experienced our annual survey by Illinois Department of Public Health. Thank you for those who knew and prayed for a successful outcome! It was a difficult survey in some ways, but God provided. The final outcome was seven citations that were either oversights in documentation or easily fixable moving forward. We are thankful!

New Faces!

We welcome the following members to our team: Julie Steidinger, Serenity Villa nurse; Serenity Villa caregivers, Taylor Nelson, Courtney Fosdick, Abby Bergstralh; CNAs Demi Farrell, Rebecca Spellmeyer, Laurel Aberle; Jennifer Teubel, Connections caregiver.

V O L U N T E E R Voices

TRISH STEIDINGER, Volunteer Coordinator





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Recently, we had a large group of Christian Apostolic youth wash the outsides of the windows of all our buildings, except the maintenance shed. A huge thanks to all who helped with this! Your efforts were much appreciated!

We have a few upcoming volunteer needs at Fairview Haven. In about a month, we will need someone to pass water on Mondays and on the first and second Tuesdays of the month. We could use substitute volunteers immediately to pass water if a regular volunteer is not able to come on their day. Passing water usually starts about 8-8:30 am and lasts around an hour and a half. Also upcoming, we have a need for a volunteer to help with passing breakfast on Saturday mornings. Our breakfast volunteer comes about 7:15 am and volunteers for about an hour or an hour and fifteen minutes. We also have a need for volunteers to weed the landscaping all over our campus. Weeding can be done on your own time, whenever it works for you.

If you think one of these volunteer opportunities would be a good fit for you, please contact Trish for details. 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 tsteidinger@fairviewhaven.org.

REFLECTIONS

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or rplattner@fairviewhaven.org.

Any Fairview Haven teammate who finds themselves in need can reach out to one of the HOPE team members. This team includes: Sally Fehr, Kristin Slagel, Lori Ifft, Sandra Schneider and Rick Plattner. Kristin will shepherd you through the application process. Please don't despair as those who have no hope. We will try to assist you where we can.

GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE

Our fund continues to be utilized and is always in need. This shouldn't come as much of a surprise. The world we live in is reeling with inflation and employment challenges. Costs continue to rise and funding a capable workforce is a costly challenge.

Your support helps us to provide for the needs of loved ones whose funds have been depleted. It isn't fun to always be in such a vulnerable and needy spot, but we take comfort in the teaching that God's Word gives us in II Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." What a joy to take the Scripture at its word! His help is sufficient and His strength can work even in our weakness.

Thanks for joining us in our need and blessing us with the ability to provide care to those whose hope is being challenged.

God bless you for your prayerful and financial support.

Mother's Day Banquet smiles...







UPPER LEFT: Julie Runyon, Linda Walter, Colleen Walter, Katie Walter.

UPPER RIGHT: Kara Blunier, Lily Blunier, Joyce Blunier, Janel Hillman.

LEFT: Darlene Hildensperger and Barb Hurt.

RIGHT: Dolores Haberkorn and Judy Holmes.











ABOVE LEFT: Isabelle Bauer and Betty Kaupp. ABOVE RIGHT: Beth Rieger and Diane Rieger.

AT LEFT: Trish Steidinger, Kathy Leman, Sandra Schneider and Esther Gerber. ABOVE: Dolores Pokarney and Marsha Pokarney.

Scenes From The Home ...







THE LEMANS shared their cuddly puppies with us.
ABOVE: Nancy Hauptli and Jennifer Fehr.
AT LEFT: Julianne Wellwood and Virginia Hilti.
BELOW LEFT: Art Rhoades, Lily Leman, Carson Leman,

Emrie Leman, Denise Leman and Laura Kovach.

BOTTOM LEFT: Denise Leman, Tabby Widdicombe and

BELOW (L-R): Wally Ross, Ron Gentes, Martha Meister and Evelyn Freeland.





Isabelle Bauer.













The SCOOP at SERENITY



CARLIE Hutchison and Alma Stipp relax in the sunshine in the courtyard.

ABOVE LEFT: On a bus ride to the Connection Center in Chatsworth are (L-R): Ruth Wessels, Judy Anliker, Ernie Hofmann, Eunice Rich, Shelby Fitz and Barb Hall.

AT LEFT: Looking through the glass floor to the basement at the Connection Center are (L-R): Joyce Blunier, Ruth Wessels, Judy Anliker, Esther Gerber, Mary Catherine Carter and Barb Hall.

BELOW LEFT: Rich Aberle celebrated his 91st birth-day with his family.

BELOW RIGHT: Judy Kemp puts together a flower craft.





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THE LAST LAUGH ...

A few of us were discussing the perils of drinking and driving when my five-year-old granddaughter threw in her two cents. "I can see why it would be dangerous to drink and drive," she said. "The straw could go up your nose."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 - Charles Haberkorn

03 - Martha Smith

09 - Anna Kaeb

10 - Ernie Hofmann

14 - Doris Steidinger

14 - Marilyn Tate

19 - Don Smith

20 - Esther Gerber

21 - Shirley Hulse

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

05 - Joy Zimmerman

05 - Dee Koehl 20 - Eleanor

05 - Marilyn Butler Honegger

12 - Wanda Coyne 21 - Dave Steidinger

12 - Dolores Haberkorn 23 - Janice

17 - Dorothy Rudin Nussbaum

18 - Betty Wiegand 25 - Barb Hurt

19 - Ron Schlipf 30 - Colleen Walter

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:

JULY — Jadyn Zimmerman (1); Taylor Nelson (5); Maria Miess (7); Emma Eisenmann (11); Monica Embry (11); Amanda Bee (13); Teresa Eggenberger (14); Andrea Steidinger (18); Dave Blunier (25).

AUGUST— Lexi Zimmerman (2); Courtney Webb (3); Kaye Lynch (3); Darlene Hildensperger (7); Beth Ifft (12); Kris Moyer (15); Janelle Rassi (17); Cheryl Pennington (17); Connie Wlos (18); Heidi Webb (23); Ellena Zapp (27); Jessica Niffen Todd (29); Shelby Fitz (30).

99 CLOSING QUOTE

Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

-Albert Einstein