



## Recognize Staff for Years of Service

Staff and guests were welcomed by Executive Director David Heusinkveld at the annual Christmas Party on December 8. After enjoying a ham dinner and wonderful desserts prepared by Mary Helen Miller and Luanne Yoder, staff members were recognized for their years of service.



*Recipients for years-of-service pins are (l to r) David Heusinkveld, Stefanie Arbogast, Lisa Czyzewicz, Rosanna Marner, Mirjana Pejkanovic, Jackie Williams, Neva Miller, Herb Weiss, Mark Hickie, and Amy Skelton.*

Rosanna Marner and Cathleen Bryant received their 35-year pins. When asked about their time at Pleasantview, Rosanna Marner, bookkeeper, commented that she began working at Pleasantview as a high school student by feeding residents evening meals on third floor. "We didn't have a computer when I

started as bookkeeper in 1982. In 1984 we purchased one and it was scheduled between all departments.

The office staff consisted of an administrator, personnel director, receptionist, and bookkeeper. Through traumatic family events or loss, staff and residents have shown great care and support. In recent months I have personally experi-

enced the love and care of the nursing staff given to my father and am very appreciative of their kindness.

My hope would be for Pleasantview to continue to be a support for the community as they care for residents in making their home an enjoyable place with quality care."

Cathleen Bryant, RN, remarked that the biggest change over the 35 years has been the technology. "I have

compassion to care for the elderly and enjoy what I do."

Fifteen-year pins were presented to Herb Weiss and Lisa Czyzewicz. Those receiving 10-year pins were Mirjana Pejkanovic, Jackie Williams, *(Staff continued on page 2.)*

## 60th Benefit Sale Breaks Record with \$85,000

The 60th annual Benefit Sale is now history, but for those who attended, it was a great time of meeting friends, eating food, and contributing to Pleasantview. Gross proceeds from donations and the two-day event, held November 6 and 7, were a record \$85,356. Net proceeds will be used to purchase a new whirlpool, new beds for residents, and the general welfare of the Pleasantview residents.

"The Benefit Sale couldn't have been successful without the community's help!" Nyle Kauffman, chair of the Benefit Steering Committee

commented. "The various committees do some organizing and prep work ahead of time, but then we sit back and watch as the community donates items, comes to eat the meals, and bids generously at the auctions. As in all auctions, some items go high, some go low, but each dollar adds up and benefits the Pleasantview residents."

Those who arrived early at the Benefit on Friday were treated to special music by the Myrtle Ave Duo and the Great Bluegrass Herons. There were 165 businesses, *(Benefit Sale continued on page 4.)*



*Nyle Kauffman presents a gift certificate to Leola White in appreciation for 30 years of announcing quilts.*

## From the Desk of Executive Director David Heusinkveld



A few months ago my father moved from one of Pleasantview's Village town-houses to a nursing care room. Even though it went well, his transition was not easy. If you have ever admitted a parent or grandparent to nursing care, you know what I mean. The moment you say goodbye, turn around, and leave to go home is etched in your memory. No, it is not easy.

Fortunately, one event took much of the difficulty away that day. When Dad and I got to Pleasantview, two aides greeted us. "Hello, Ed," they said, smiling and patting his arm. "You come with us. We are going to take good care of you." And they settled him in a wheelchair and went down the hall with him, asking how he felt and how things went for

him in the hospital. As I followed them I wondered, "Is this easy? No. But can I trust them with my father's care? Absolutely." And while I knew they were excellent aides who do their jobs well, the main reason I trusted them was the heartfelt kindness and concern they showed my father.

Frankly, I have seen that same kindness and concern in everyone here—from aides to nurses to administrators to housekeepers to cooks. What's more, I have seen it directed not just to my father but to all our residents, their families, and even co-workers. The people who work here really care.

At Pleasantview we have a word for this: compassion. Compassion means a deep and genuine concern for someone, so deep that it spurs one to do what s/he can to help. Compassion causes one to respond from the heart. Compassion is the difference between helping because it is your job and helping because you really want to help.

Pleasantview has selected five corporate values to guide us in our work: integrity, quality, compassion, faith, and community. They are not in order of importance and all are essential. However, even though I do not have to choose one, I can say that on the day of my father's admission I learned which one I would choose. I would choose compassion. I am so very grateful that I see it throughout Pleasantview. I hope you do too.

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and Janice Musser. Five-year pins were presented to Amy Skelton, Tiffany Chmelar, Roger Bouchard, Mark Hickle, Neva Miller, Stefanie Arbogast, and David Heusinkveld.

The evening festivities ended with Christmas carols led by Elvesta Hochstedler and Wanda Yoder. It was an evening when staff could meet family members or friends and share the sights and sounds of Christmas.

## Pleasantview Receives Award from IVRS



*Pleasantview staff Sue Scott (not pictured), Rick Surly, and Zach Weiss supervise John Kern through IVRS.*

Pleasantview was one of five employers in Johnson and Washington counties who received a certificate of appreciation from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The award was given "in recognition of outstanding partnership and dedication to assist individuals who have disabilities to achieve their employment, independence, and economic goals."

Human Resources Manager Karen Schrock accepted the award for Pleasantview. Organizations recognized in addition to Pleasantview were Hy-Vee Washington, United Presbyterian Home Washington, Walmart Iowa City, and VA Hospital Iowa City.

## Residents and Family Celebrate Christmas



*IMS Chamber Singers sing Christmas carols during the annual Christmas party.*

Nick Jedlicka, administrator of clinical services, with the help of two of his children greeted guests as they arrived at the annual Christmas party for residents and their families on Saturday afternoon, December 12.

Santa (David Heusinkveld) and Mrs. Claus (Gladys Fisher) were also on hand to greet the guests. Santa roamed the halls handing out candy canes. Rory White of KCTC was available for family photo sessions for those who desired to have a photo taken. This activity was very popular with many taking the opportunity to pose for the camera.

The dining halls and chapel were full with resident families. All guests enjoyed goodies and a cold drink. Entertainment was provided by five groups of carolers singing throughout the six areas. Groups included East Union Mennonite, The Doilies, Kalona Community Choir, IMS Chamber Singers, and Lower Deer Creek.

The hour was packed full of fun, food, fellowship, and festive song with a number of elves (PV volunteers) helping out. More photos may be seen at [www.facebook.com/pvhome](http://www.facebook.com/pvhome).

## Furniture Arrives for Residents

New furniture, funded by the money raised from the 2014 Benefit Sale, has arrived. The 70 four-drawer chests and 70 three-drawer night stands have been placed in the East and West nursing units. They were purchased through J K Creative Wood of rural Kalona and Amish built by Oakwood Industries of Missouri.



*Shelby Graber, David Heusinkveld, and Joel Brokaw unload the truckload of new furniture.*

## Have You Heard . . . ?



*RN Marilyn Graham (center) retired after 39 years of service as a night nurse at Pleasantview. Supervisor Dawn Spicher and DON Amy Skelton hosted an appreciation farewell to celebrate her years of service.*



*Villager Clayton White celebrated his 100th birthday on January 2 with an open house in the Friendship Center hosted by his daughters (l to r), Gloria Drager, Karalee Martin, and Donna Jones.*



*Brenda Litwiller was awarded the sewing machine at the Pleasantview Benefit Sale given by Willow Creek Quilting & Gifts. She received the most votes for the favorite Challenge quilt block chosen by the voters.*



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## About Pleasantview Home

Developed by churches in the Kalona area in 1958. Pleasantview Home is a non-profit retirement community offering a continuum of services, from independent living to nursing and Alzheimer's care.

## Mission Statement

Pleasantview Home is a Christ-centered community that promotes aging well and supports quality of life for our residents, their families, and our employees.

## Core Values

- Integrity
- Quality
- Compassion
- Faith
- Community

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people, or groups who donated auction items. Juanita Troyer, owner of Willow Creek Quilting and Gifts, challenged the community at last year's Benefit to purchase a packet of fabric, piece a quilt block, and return it to be made into a "Sampler" quilt, which was the "Challenge" quilt sold at this year's Benefit. It was the highest selling quilt at \$1,300. Packets of fabric are still available at Willow Creek for next year's quilt. Take the challenge and purchase a packet.

A new auction item this year was tickets to a "Sweet Night of Music" offered by Carey and Joani Schweitzer Miller at The Home Place which sold for \$1,940. Expect

to see something new on the auction again next year.

"Total quilt sales were \$4,795 higher than last year with a total of \$15,195," reported Grace Rempel, manager of the auction database. "Meals in homes totaled \$6,345. Monetary donations of \$20,337 allow all expenses to be covered before the Benefit."

Pleasantview wishes to thank the committee members, musicians, auctioneers, volunteers, donors of auction items or monetary gifts, and those who attended. If you are interested in helping on a committee for next year's Benefit, contact Julie Gingerich at Pleasantview (319-656-2421). Plan to attend the November 4-5, 2016 Benefit Sale.



*Benefit Steering Committee members are Carl Darby, Donna Darby, Grace Rempel, Cheryl Martin Miller, Julie Gingerich, Lauralee Kauffman, and Nyle Kauffman.*