

Calendar of Events

Board of Trustees

Tim Beasley	Mary Jo McAdams
Mike Borden	Rev. Young-Mee Park
Rev. Joseph Gastiger	Brian Scholle
Jake Goodrich	Kathy Spears
Karen Grush	Dick Stokke
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Rev. Jon Hutchison	Wendy West-Krauch
Carol Larson	
Dave Louis	Executive Director
Karen Manning	Stephen Cichy
Linda Mason	

Wed., July 8 7:00 pm "Tropical Paradise" Ice Cream Social
 Fri., July 24 7:00 pm Open Mic Night
 Sat., Aug. 8 7:00 pm "Wild, Wild West" Trivia Night
 Sat., Sept. 26 10am-2:30pm Annual Art and Craft Fest

Summer School - "Navigating Retirement Decisions"
 Tues., June 30 1:30 pm "Navigating Senior Activity" Dr. Pamela Macfarlene
 • Fall Prevention
 • Brain Health as it relates to physical activity
 Tues., July 7 1:30 pm "Navigating Rough Waters" Gary Cordes
 • Wills
 • Power of Attorney
 • Living Will
 • Long Term Care Insurance

Seating is limited. Please call & register today (815) 756-8461

The DeKalb Area Retirement Center is a faith based not-for-profit community serving people 62 years and older through a continuum of services enhancing an individual's quality of life.

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 In Welcome*



Top to bottom:
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 Dean Burgemeister – DeKalb, IL
 Mary Maxson – Bethesda, MD

News of Interest to the Oak Crest Community and Friends

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Excitement Is Building



We could not have picked a better day for our ground breaking ceremony held at the Center to kick-off the beginning of our newest expansion project. When complete the new addition will result in the creation of 24 new independent living balcony apartments ranging in size from 900, 1200 and 1500 square feet. This new construction project will expand the community's offerings with a state of the art wellness center, indoor pool and bistro.

Since opening our doors in 1980 Oak Crest has enjoyed a wonderful history of providing quality services to the community. First accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Retirement Facilities (CARF), the Center has enjoyed a strong demand for retirement living which has led to this

current project. "As an organization, we have seen a consistent demand for larger apartments and at times this demand has resulted in long waiting periods for customers. As a not-for-profit community our mission is one of service. This project will allow us to expand our ability to serve this community now and in the future," said Stephen Cichy, Executive Director.

Attending the ceremony were current and past Board members, residents, community members, Center staff and future residents.

Now is a great time to see what all the excitement is about. Individuals interested in hearing more about this exciting time in Oak Crest history should contact Liz Hoppenworth at (815)756-8461.



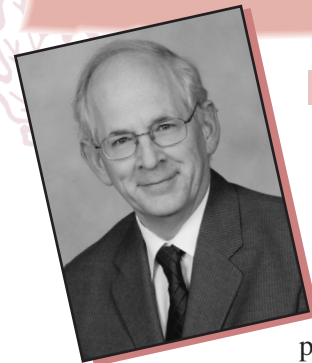
Dear Friends,

As chairperson of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who graciously continue to support the Good Samaritan Fund.

So far this year, in support of those individuals who have outlived their financial resources, the Circle of Care Campaign has generated nearly \$40,000 in cash contributions and pledges! Our goal is \$50,000. If you have not already made your contribution, please consider it now. We look forward to hearing from you.

Truly, it is through your continued generosity and support that Oak Crest's commitment of quality care and services continues.

Many thanks,
Brian Scholle
Community Relations



From The Executive Director

I had the pleasure of attending and participating in the ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the start of our independent living expansion project. We had planned a brief program and I was pleased to see a large crowd of well-wishers including residents, staff, current and past Board Members, and local community members who gathered to show their support. Most former Board Presidents had either sent their good wishes or were in attendance. Expansion Committee Chair, Carol Larson and a member of the original Board of Trustees, thanked all those involved in the planning process especially the Expansion Committee membership and architectural firm of Mark Zinni & Associates and the construction firm of Irving Construction. "Both the architect and the construction manager have been a pleasure to work with and their knowledge and professional expertise have proven invaluable." Mary Jo McAdams, Board of Trustees President, acknowledge the support of the City of DeKalb and the American Midwest Bank, Castle Bank, National Bank & Trust and Resource Bank. She also went on

to thank the residents saying, "You are the ones who make living at Oak Crest a pleasure. Because of your warm and welcoming spirits, others will embrace Oak Crest as their home and want to be a part of this beautiful community." Jim Shawl, Resident Council President repeated this sentiment by saying the residents would watch the building project with great interest and look forward to welcoming new neighbors to the community.

It must be said again that the success of any not-for-profit organization lies with the people who make up the organization through their vision and leadership. So many supportive and giving people worked to establish a tradition of commitment to this organization and dedicated themselves to our mission of service to others. As I looked out over the crowd gathered to show their ongoing support for the Center, I knew with certainty that this tradition will continue.

Stephen P Cichy

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Executive Director

Some Enchanted Evening

Residents, family and friends enjoyed our 35th Anniversary dance complete with music provided by "Jazz in Progress." To commemorate the evening, Barb of Womack Photography photographed the event and provided opportunities for professional portraits. For many years the

dance has been the highlight of the spring season and made possible thanks to the planning and effort of the Sycamore High School Key and Interact Clubs.



Trips & Excursions

Thurs./Fri., July 23-24

Mississippi River Cruise (Twilight Riverboat)

Sun., July 26

"Play It Again, Marvin Hamlich!" - Ravinia

Wed., Aug. 5

Pump Boys & Dinettes - The Fireside A Day at Lincoln Park & Lake Michigan Cruise

Fri., Aug. 7

Sun., Oct. 11-16

Southern California & Queen Mary Getaway

Tues., Oct. 20-28

Greece: Featuring the Greek Islands

Mon., Nov. 23- Dec. 13

Thanksgiving Train to Hawaii

Please contact Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator at (815)756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

Around The World Travelogue Series

Mondays 7:00 pm — Little Theater

July 6 - Belgium, July 20 -Japan,

August 3 - Russia, August 17 - Rhine River

Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar for a "Tropical Paradise" Ice Cream Social. Enjoy a cool evening at Oak Crest with ice cream, cake and live entertainment featuring the "Wacky Keys" and their own mix of Hawaiian and pop hits from the 20's - 60's. We'll see you here on Wednesday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Trivia Night

Wild, Wild West

The Annual Trivia night to benefit the Oak Crest Good Samaritan will be held Saturday, August 8, 7:00 p.m. in the Terrace Dining Room at Oak Crest. You don't want to miss this fun evening with Quiz Master, Larry Werline. Cost is \$10.00 per person with a maximum of six players to a team. Don your Western attire and join friends for a good time. Register your team by calling (815)756-8461 or e-mail jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org.

Craft Fest

5th Annual Art and Craft Fest

Mark your calendars and join your family and friends on Sat., Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for this annual event. Art and Craft participants and volunteers are welcomed. Vendor applications are available by contacting the Oak Crest main office. For additional information or to volunteer contact Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator, jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org, 815-756-8461.

Truck

Oak Crest is looking for a full-sized pickup truck for donation or purchase. Please contact Stephen Cichy at (815)756-8461 or scichy@oakcrestdekalb.org

Good Samaritan Nominations

Each year Oak Crest presents the Good Samaritan Award to an individual who provides outstanding ministry to human need, who cares for others beyond normal compassion, and is the quiet unseen Good Samaritan. Currently, nominations are being accepted. You are encouraged to nominate someone who exemplifies the high standards of the Good Samaritan. To request an application form contact Oak Crest by calling (815)756-8461 or email cbuehler@oakcrestdekalb.org. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, June 30. The award will be presented at a dinner on Friday, August 7, 2015

King & Queen Crowned

2014-2015 Reigning King and Queen Gordon and Lucy Melms passed along their crowns and scepters to residents Cliff Johnson and Sally Stevens with their warmest wishes for the coming year. Cliff moved to Oak Crest in September of 1996 and over the years has served the community in a variety of ways and his warm smile and friendly demeanor have endeared him to many. Sally joined the Oak Crest family in April of 1992 and brought a variety of talents and a willingness to share. She represents the Oak Crest community in so many ways and her warmth and caring extend throughout the community. Now both Cliff and Sally will take their Oak Crest experiences on the road as their year-long reign will include appearances at community events and programs. Oak Crest extends heartfelt congratulations to the 2015- 2016 King and Queen.



Oak Crest King and Queen
Cliff Johnson & Sally Stevens