



Short Term Rehab • Assisted Living
Skilled Nursing Care

*We are a faith-based, charitable nonprofit
serving Sheboygan area seniors since 1962.*

2018



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Resident Birthdays

8/09	Wolfgang Geisler
8/09	Robert Nickodem
8/12	Marian Krueger
8/18	Justine Emnott
8/26	Gladys Sommersberger



Staff Birthdays

8/4	Stephanie Goetz	Admin
8/6	Emma Mersberger	Off-site Caregiver
8/7	Sue Erickson	MDS-RN
8/16	Makayla Tomlinson	CNA
8/18	Danielle Rice	Student CNA
8/19	Sarah Gardner	CNA
8/24	Randy Lawrence	Maintenance
8/24	Maryann Yekenewicz	CNA
8/26	Judy Kurer	Dining
8/27	Dianne Conrardy	Dining
8/28	Kara Hoffman	CNA



Staff Anniversaries

Cinthia Morga	CNA	3 years
Bonita Priebe	CNA	2 years
Lisa Hill	DON	2 years
Mailee Lao	LPN	1 year
Devin Weber	LPN	1 year
Stephanie Goetz	Admin	1 year



3 sets of binoculars were lovingly donated in memory of Roland Meyer. The binoculars have been placed in the Family Dens and the Willow Dining Room to continue his enjoyment of wildlife.

Special Upcoming Events

- August 1 – 2:00* – Meet Me in the Kitchen – Maple Dining Room
August 6 – 2:30 – SSC Gives Back: Ice Pack Project
 – Oak Dining Room
August 7 – 9:30am – 12pm – Absentee voting – See LE to sign up
August 10 – 2:00 – Debbie Kutz Piano Music Program – TOL
August 13 – 2:00 – Tim Dekker Violin Music – TOL
August 14 – 2:00 – A Sharp & A Flat Western Music – TOL
August 17 – 2:30 – Concert in the Café with Happy Hour
 - TOL/Café Redwood
August 20 – 10:30 – Healthcare Resident Council – TOL
August 20 – 10:30 – Willow Resident Council & Coffee Hour
 - Willow Living Room
August 22 – Bookmobile Day
August 23 – 10:30 – Root Beer Floats & Poetry
 – Oak Dining Room
August 24 – 2:30 – Jack Borkenhagen Piano Music – TOL
August 27 – 2:00 – Old Time Rebel Western Music – TOL
August 29 – 2:00 – Art Studio – Maple Dining Room
August 31 – 2:00 – Happy Hour – Maple Dining Room
August 31 – 2:00 – Happy Hour – Willow Dining Room
- *Note: Sheepshead, Nails, and going outside are dependent on volunteer availability. Please see Life Enrichment staff if you are interested in these programs.

Volunteer Opportunities

SSC is looking for individuals willing to donate their time to various Life Enrichment activities:

- Music & Memory Volunteer – listening to music with designated residents; interviewing residents for music likes
- Volunteers to push residents in wheelchairs around our pond in nice weather
- Gardening Volunteer – Help care for one or more of our 6 courtyards
- Volunteers to polish nails
- Bridge player

Please contact Life Enrichment, ext. 710, for more information.

2018 Celebration of Life

In July we said our final goodbyes to these friends and long-term residents, as God called them home to their final resting place.



Perry Harris	12/24/1919 – 07/17/2018	Maple
Timothy Brock	06/04/1949 – 07/22/2018	Hickory
Salvador Binversie	05/14/1924 – 07/25/2018	Hickory
Barbara Portschy	01/29/1957 – 07/25/2018	Hickory

“When you lose someone you love, you gain an Angel you know.” – Author Unknown

Putting the Fun in Fundraising

Thank you to our Brat Days Charity Challenge volunteers for your time and energy Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4. You guys represent us so well in our community and we are grateful for your willingness to help:

Dana Elmzen
Melissa Thiel
Kevin Thiel
Stephanie Goetz
Holly Bieberitz
Jill Hand
Kevin Koepsel
Tara Holzem
Steph Peterson
Katy Knowles
Heather Sunagel
Shawn Richter
Tessa Wilterdink
Lisa Hill
Joe Hill

We don't have the final volunteer hours count, but we will let everyone know how we did. The nonprofit who had the most volunteered hours earns the highest percentage of tips as well as an additional \$500 check from the Sheboygan Jaycees.



GO CASUAL FOR A CAUSE

GET COMFORTABLE AND
SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT
TO THE FIGHT AGAINST
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

100% OF YOUR DONATION HELPS
TO ADVANCE THE CARE, SUPPORT
AND RESEARCH EFFORTS OF THE
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

PURCHASE A CASUAL
FOR A CAUSE STICKER
FOR \$5 FROM DANA
TODAY!



Every Monday starting July
30 through Monday,
September 24

Resident Spotlight – Ardice Schuette

A woman of many talents and unprecedented strength with such a youthful spirit is this month's resident spotlight. We're talking about none other than Willow resident, Ardice Schuette.

Ardice was born in Kiel, WI, but moved to the Glenbeulah/Greenbush area until she was 8 years old. Her father, a knowledgeable cheesemaker, bought a cheese factory, and they moved to Random Lake where they stayed for another 8 years. When she was a sophomore in high school, Ardice's father sold the cheese factory and the family moved to Plymouth where she would go on to graduate from Plymouth High School in 1949.



Ardice's family lived on Eastman Street in Plymouth. She remembers there being a couple of big houses, one of which belonged to an attorney who she went on to babysit for. At the end of the year, the attorney was looking for a secretary and upon graduation from high school, Ardice was selected for the job and worked there for 6 years. In the meantime, she got married and stayed working until her son was born.

Love stories are often special and unique, and Ardice's love story is no exception. While she was still in school, Ardice and her friend would walk a fairly long way to get to class because there weren't any buses. They would walk on the railroad platforms and stop in front of the Depot where passengers were admitted on to the trains. At times, there were freight trains transporting materials. When the freight trains were in, there were two guys who would always be there moving the incoming items. These guys would whistle to get the attention of Ardice and her friend. This would go on a bit, and one day, one of the men pointed to Ardice and said, "that's the girl I'm going to marry." He didn't know who Ardice was, nor did he know her name, but that's how it happened.

Henry, although Ardice called him Hank, was a great sportsman, so he invited her to one of his softball games. Ardice was working at the telephone company at the time, and didn't get off until after the game started. She didn't want to walk in late, so she decided not to go. After that point on, he picked her up so she didn't have the opportunity to not go. It went on that way for two years and they eventually got married.

Ardice and Hank went on to have two children: a boy and a girl, two years apart. After her son was born, she spent the next 3-4 years raising her kids. After that, Hank went to work at Leys Department Store as a salesperson. He was in constant contact with toy distributors who had a show room in Milwaukee. They purchased a number of toys, set up a store, and Schuette's Toy World in Plymouth was born. They continued to grow and moved the business to a bigger storefront in West Bend. The two ran that store and sold it after 10 years. Next, they purchased an A & W Restaurant and operated that for 10 years, before selling it to Chester Richards, Hank's best friend.

Once the Toy World and Chester's were sold, Hank and Ardice bought the Dairy Queen in Plymouth and ran that business for 30 years. Ardice remembers it as a very good business that treated them well and they enjoyed working there. They even won the DQ franchise award for being the best Dairy Queen in the nation for several years!

Ardice now enjoys her time with her five grandkids and seven great-grandchildren. She beams with pride when talking about their accomplishments. After working her tail off for so many years, she's enjoying having free time to spend with family. If you have a chance, stop by and ask her about her unwavering strength. When people have asked her, "how can you be so strong?" She replies back simply, "you just have to be." Ardice you are an inspiration to those who know you and we marvel at all your talents and achievements.

Staff Spotlight – Mariah Platz



Mariah Platz puts the Energizer bunny to shame – she has energy that keeps going, and going, and going... She is one of our newer CNAs and we're so thankful for her caring disposition and her eagerness to learn. Mariah grew up in the Town of Sheboygan, right across the street from SSC. She says it takes her about 30 seconds to get to work. Talk about a commute!

Mariah is the youngest of three – with an older brother and sister. However, she persists that her cat, Chachi, is just as much a part of the family as his human siblings. Chachi is an orange and white cat who is potty trained to do his business on the toilet! Mariah jokes that he doesn't know how to flush yet, but we wouldn't rule that out entirely.

This past June, Mariah graduated from North High and she will be attending LTC in their Nursing program in a few short weeks. She has her eyes set on finishing her bachelor's degree in Nursing at Oshkosh, and ultimately would love to study to become a Nurse Practitioner. That's one of the many reasons why Mariah says she loves her job as a CNA – she appreciates the hands-on experience it's given her while doing what she does best – caring for others. "Being a CNA allows me to be social with the residents, develop a rapport with them, and keeps me busy! It's a perfect fit for me."

When Mariah is not at work, you'll find her doing crafts! "I do a lot of crafts, I like painting rocks and going on Pinterest and getting inspired with more crafty ideas." She is also a basketball fanatic! However, she'll admit she loves to play the game, but will get antsy while watching the sport. What can she say, she loves to keep busy!

Mariah feels lucky to be a part of such a tight knit family. They do everything together from going to church to having family dinners every night. She's most excited about her upcoming family trip to New York City. She can't wait to see Times Square with all of the skyscrapers and being in the mix of the excitement... Toto, we aren't in Sheboygan anymore!

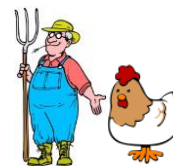
To further prove that this woman has a heart of gold – the sole item on her bucket list is to go to Africa and do missionary work with children. Mariah, we know you will continue to change the lives of others for the better and we're elated that you're part of the SSC team.

Welcome to the SSC TEAM

7/5	Nayomi Koepke	Dining
7/5	Joanna Morales	Dining
7/9	Courtney Bieberitz	Student CNA
7/9	Victoria Bond	Student CNA
7/9	Natalee Nachtwey	Student CNA
7/9	Danielle Rice	Student CNA
7/18	Emelia Helland	CNA
7/18	Kaitlyn Taubenheim	CNA
7/30	Joan Blindauer	Clerical Front Office



Growing Our Crop with Jill Hand



As you can see our crop is continuing to grow. Nurse Aide training class #2 is well under way. Please reach out and make them feel like part of the SSC family! Nurse Aide training class #1 are in the process of doing their state testing. Give them some words of encouragement. I'm so proud of them!

Contact Jill for more information; ext: 411 or jhand@retiresheboygan.com.

Nursing Notices

Nurses' Meeting – the SECOND Tuesday of EACH month: Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9

CNA Meeting – the THIRD Tuesday of EACH month: Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16

RA Meeting – the FOURTH Tuesday of EACH month: Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23

Welcome to the Rehab Corner!!

Jen Parlow is a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant, and has been a part of the SSC therapy team for 2 years! Jen graduated from NWTC in Green Bay in May 2016 after working as a CNA for 6 years. Her specialties include lymphedema and ortho rehab, and her passions include neuromuscular re-education related to balance deficits. Jen's hobbies are spending time with family, camping and taking walks. In addition, she also has many pets she cares for! In honor of August 2 being National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, stop by the Therapy Gym to introduce yourself to Jen and receive an ice cream sandwich!!

- Bridget Boy, Director of Rehab, PTA

From the desk of Paul Treffert...

Greetings, SSC readers!

Over the years, I have read countless books and articles about management and leadership, many of which are insightful and interesting, others not so much. But if you asked me to name the one that stands apart from the rest, it would have to be *The Goal, A Process of Ongoing Improvement* by Eliyahu Goldratt. First published in 1984, its lessons still resonate today. *The Goal* is written as a story about a manager, Jonah, who is struggling to be successful in his job and the corresponding stress and frustration is carrying over into his personal life. Just when things on both fronts seem to be going from bad to worse, he runs into an old professor, who challenges Jonah's thinking and suggests that there are different ways to view the problems he is facing. As Jonah begins to incorporate those lessons at work and home, he finds more success in both places.

As noted in the title, a key lesson of *The Goal* and one we see at SSC every day is that improvement is an ongoing process that needs constant attention and focus. So we continue to set new goals for ourselves and the organization. Some of them are objective and measurable, such as starting our own Nursing Assistant class, eliminating the use of outside agency staff, or transforming our training room into The Gallery. Others are more subjective, but we know them when we see them, like having the best team of caregivers in the state (check), the most beautiful grounds (check), and providing an outstanding dining experience for our residents (check, check).

Another one of our goals, also subjective but attainable, is to be viewed by the local medical community as the premiere provider of short term rehabilitation and long term care in Sheboygan County. This, too, requires diligence and constant focus, but I was reminded that we are headed in the right direction when we were asked by the newly formed Advocate/Aurora Health System to be part of the first Accountable Care Organization (ACO) in this side of the state. We are just one of nine skilled nursing providers that have been asked to participate, so I consider the invitation to be an honor and validation that we must be doing something right. More on this partnership and ACOs in general as we move along.

One more way that I know that we are meeting our goal of being the best is when I receive letters like this one (reprinted with permission):

We would like to take this time to recognize some of your associates who have gone above and beyond in the care of our mother, Rosemary.

Hickory Hills: Holly, Kaylene, Erin, Jen and Amy

While my mom was in Hickory Hills, these people were the ones who made her feel special. They connected with her and they even stop by on occasion to visit her while she is in Oak.

Oak Drive: Lynn, Renee, Linda and Virginia

These people are awesome!

It takes a lot to do what they do, and we recognize that. They are not only skilled in what they do, but they also show compassion while doing their daily duties. They take the time to explain what they are doing; they make sure my mom understands, and they never get frustrated with her. I have witnessed many of these people sit next to my mom, hold her hand and stay with her when she needed them. They are not just workers to my mom, they are like family. They understand what my mom is going through and they make sure she gets what she needs quickly and compassionately.

Too often people forget that their tone of voice, fake smiles, and body gestures can be felt by residents even at a later age. These people mentioned above always have warming smiles and gentle voices which can be reassuring to residents during distress. Please let these people know that we are very appreciative of all they do for our mother and hopefully they will continue to love her like we do while she is a resident of your center.

Signed, Rosemary's Family

And that's why we continue to do what we do. Keep up the great work, everyone.

Peace, -pt

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Employment Opportunities

Dining Services Stock and Sanitation – We are looking for hard-working individuals with organizational skills and the ability to lift 50+ pounds. This is a new position created to assist Dining Services with receiving and moving inventory, set up and tear down of catering events, and sanitation at multiple locations. Interested individuals should be able to work well with others, take direction well, and have a valid driver's license. No food service experience necessary.

Catering Events Staff – We are looking for individuals with customer service skills to assist with SSC Catering events. Occasional evening and weekend hours are available for setting up, serving, and cleaning up for events catered by SSC. Interested individuals should be friendly and service-orientated. Food service experience is appreciated but not required. Staff can also be trained to provide service for other off-site functions.

Please apply in person or send resume to:

Sheboygan Senior Community
3505 County Rd Y
Sheboygan, WI 53083



Want to be one of our "Wallflowers"? Feel free to take a picture with our camera and place the picture on the wall!

SSC Backyard

At SSC we are passionate about our residents, staff, the SSC campus, and also the community we live and work in! We all have a responsibility to contribute to the sustainability and viability of our environment. At SSC, this includes initiatives to grow native plants that encourage the survival of populations of birds and insects vital to our ecosystem.

A recent Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article described a statewide efforts to save the Wisconsin monarch butterfly population: <https://jsonl.in/2LhBgzE>. Last month's Newsletter featured a picture of a monarch caterpillar captured on one of many of the milkweed plants around the SSC Grounds. We will be sowing more milkweed seeds this fall, and encourage others to do the same!

Mature Monarch Butterfly.

(Photo: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel files)



Orange Milkweed
(*Asclepias tuberosa*),
planted in the front of
SSC Main Entrance.

SSC also welcomes other friendly pollinators!



For information about SSC Grounds projects or how you can opportunities to contribute, please contact Stephanie at ext. 847 or sgoetz@retiresheboygan.com.

