

*Note: Sheepshead, Nails, and going outside are dependent on volunteer availability. Please see Life Enrichment staff if you are interested in these programs.

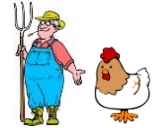
2018 Celebration of Life

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



Kenneth Kohl	02/17/1941 – 06/12/2018	Oak
Doris Petermann	06/30/1929 – 06/15/2018	Oak
Charles Robinson	08/12/1936 – 06/23/2018	Hickory
Thomas Seymour	12/17/1930 – 06/25/2018	Maple

“Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.” – Eskimo Proverb



Growing Our Crop with Jill Hand

Congratulations to the graduates of Sheboygan Senior Community's first in-house Nursing Assistant class. After they pass a state certification test, they will become CNA's at Sheboygan Senior Community. Our next group of students started Monday, July 9th.

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

Putting the FUN in Fundraising

Looking for Volunteers!

We are pleased to announce that we've been chosen as one of 9 area nonprofits to participate in the Brat Days Charity Challenge Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4. There will be a tip jar at each of the bar areas. The money patrons put into the tips jars will be divided among the nonprofits based on number of hours they volunteer filling shifts at ticket stands, beer stands and the food area. The organization that has the most volunteer hours will receive an extra \$500 from the Sheboygan Jaycees; second most volunteer hours will receive an extra \$200; and the third most volunteer hours will receive an extra \$100. Last year, the winning nonprofit provided 72 volunteered hours. We need your help filling volunteer slots!! If you are interested, please contact Dana in the Foundation Development office, at ext. 819, or by email delmzen@retiresheboygan.com ASAP. **We need everyone signed up by July 20.**

As incentive to sign up and volunteer, we will place everyone's name who volunteers in a hat to be drawn at random for one day of paid time off

The Longest Day Bake Sale

Our bake sale held on June 21 and 22 was a success! We raised \$286.47 for the Sheboygan County Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 29 at Evergreen Park. If you'd like to walk with our team, please contact Dana.

Resident Spotlight – Helen Toerpe



With a smile that can be seen from outer space, and a laugh that can turn anyone's day around, our spotlight this month is none other than one of Oak Drive's newer residents - Helen Toerpe. As one of six children, she has four sisters and one brother, Helen recalls her early years and adulthood being spent on many different farms. Her father was a farmer and would go where the work was, whether that was Plymouth, Oostburg, or Waldo. As the oldest sibling, she was always the first to do anything on the farm - from thrashing grains, to going up on the hay mound and throwing hay, to tending to the animals. She did **a lot** of farm work.

Despite their busy work, Helen and her family were sure to make time for fun things like music. When she was young, her dad got her a small, starter piano accordion to see if she would want to learn it. She went on to get a 48 bass after that, then an organ. She remembers playing in the afternoon for residents at a senior living facility. "I entirely love music," she said. That love for music led to a love for dancing. She would do polkas and waltzes at her favorite spot, Johnsonville, where she would go with a group of ladies on Sundays.

Helen's love story is one for the books. She met her husband while he was tending bar at City Club in Plymouth. Now, Helen had a date with a gentleman who she was to meet at 8pm. However, while waiting for her date to arrive, she really hit it off with the bartender; so much so, that she opted to hide out in the ladies room just before 8pm and waited until her date was gone. The bartender/ future husband asked her to a dance after he was done with work that night and the rest is history.

Helen and her husband went on to have six kids - three girls and three boys. Once the kids were married and settled, they moved up north to Mercer. Her husband was a highly skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, he could make anything. So, it comes as no surprise that he build their A-frame home up there.

After her husband passed away, and at the age of 62, Helen took up a new profession – bartending. There was a bar and grill across the lake from where they lived. The restaurant owner asked if Helen would help her out when she had to run to town. Helen agreed to try it and ended up working there for 10 years! She enjoyed her time bartending and remembers everyone being so nice. When it was time to leave, they threw a surprise party for her. Even her kids were there. She laughs, "I have a lot of stories, a lot of crazy ones."

A fun story she recalled was about how she met a couple who had a place in Mercer. They would bring their dad up all the time. After establishing a great friendship with this man, he invited Helen to go on a cruise with him. She said, "I don't think anyone thought I would say yes! But I did. And my boss let me off for the week." That was that! They set off the coast of Florida, did a lot of dancing and had a blast! He has since passed, but she still keeps in touch with his kids off and on.

One thing is positive; this woman has a profound love for life. She is always quick with a huge smile, is always upbeat, and is so grateful for her experiences. She said, "I enjoy it here. Period. It is a wonderful place to live. And I LOVE bingo!" If you have the opportunity, stop by and ask her about her crazy bartending stories. You will leave with a smile almost as big as hers.

Staff Spotlight – Linda D. – Environmental Services



Linda is new to our Environmental Services team, but it feels like she's been here forever. Linda grew up in Sheboygan Falls and has lived there her whole life. She attended Starlight School for 1st through 4th grade. It was a small, two-room country school in Falls, right off County Trunk O across from her home. Linda is the oldest of three siblings; she has a younger sister and brother.

As a family they did all kinds of wonderful things together, especially camping! They would pack up the tent and head to a local state park like High Cliff, or go to Mauthe Lake. Linda's father had a beautiful boat that they would pack to the brim and head out to Wolf River. There were areas they could pull over and set up camp. She remembers it not being overly extravagant, but full of the best memories. Her grandparents had a cottage on Spencer Lake in Waupaca. They would spend a lot of time there especially with the cousins. If they weren't exploring Wisconsin, they were on the road heading to her mom's home state of Minnesota.

Once Linda graduated high school, she got into the workforce right away. A few years later, her life changed for the best when she had her son. Four years later, she had her daughter. They are the loves of her life. She now has two darling granddaughters – one is 9 and the other is just a week old! Her life revolves around them, and as she says, "my new found community at SSC! If they let me live here, I probably would!"

On her bucket list is a hot air balloon ride. Linda is not afraid of heights. She remembers watching the hot air balloons at a park in Appleton and wanting to do that. She also would love to go to Niagara Falls again. She's been once and marveled at the beauty and the power of the waterfalls. She wanted to simply stand there for hours and watch. She was fascinated by the rainbows created from the water.

One thing people might not know is that Linda loves to golf. She admits she's not a great golfer, but she enjoys getting out there. She used to go with her daughter on their standing golf date on Mondays and they would have a ball.

Linda loves her job here. She smiles as she talks about how it has been a real life changing experience for her. "It's brought me back down to earth, it's made me more of a humble person and I get such fulfillment from my work," she says. Using her breaks to visit with residents is one of her favorite things to do. The people she works with make her days so bright. Linda fell in love with the place right away and she knew it was the place for her. Well Linda, we couldn't be more ecstatic to have you on our team. You are a ray of sunshine in these halls and we all are appreciative of you!

Congratulations to the 2018 finalists!



Welcome to the SSC TEAM

06/06	Mariah Platz	CNA
06/08	Daniela Cortes	Resident Assistant
06/13	Amanda Henschel	CNA
06/18	Scott Carey	Dining
06/18	Tiffany Wappler	LPN
06/21	Asha Edgerle	Unit Assistant
06/25	Shawn Richards	LPN
06/28	Amanda Bullette	Resident Assistant
06/28	Mai Neng Kue	Unit Assistant

Nursing Notices

Nurses' Meeting – the SECOND Tuesday of EACH month: July 10, August 14, September 11

CNA Meeting – the THIRD Tuesday of EACH month: July 17, August 21, September 18

RA Meeting – the FOURTH Tuesday of EACH month: July 24, August 28, September 25

Welcome to the Rehab Corner!!

Happy 4th of July!! As we celebrate our independence as a nation, we want to encourage you to stop by the therapy department to introduce yourself to one of our therapists who also promotes independence! Steph Peterson graduated from Western Technical College and joined the SSC therapy team 3 years ago. She enjoys assisting patients in their rehab journey to gain enough strength and mobility to return home! Steph performs home assessments with nearly every resident; giving recommendations, environmental change ideas, and also works with maintenance/handyman vendors to ensure every accomplishment gained in therapy remains a success story once home. In her free time, Steph runs marathons, cooks elegant meals for her 16 cats, and even has a tattoo of each feline!! Stop in to meet Steph and receive a July treat.

- Bridget Boy, Director of Rehab, PTA

From the desk of Paul Treffert –

And he's back...Writer's block resolved. (So much for my New Year's Resolution....!)

Way back in April, Rachel, Emily and I were honored to be in attendance at Dana's wedding to her best friend and now husband, Michael-John. It was a spectacular day, with my personal highlight coming from the DJ for the evening telling a great story of when he was just starting out as a DJ, his second client was a 16 year old coordinating her "Sweet 16" dance. The story went that this young woman had a surprising amount of hair, was very kind and great to work with, but she had provided him with a shockingly detailed list of song choices and other details for the event. He remembered wondering if all his clients were going to be this way. No one hearing the story was surprised that 10 years later, Dana and the DJ are still friends, and of course, for the wedding she had provided the DJ and everyone else an itinerary for the entire day, with attention paid to the smallest detail. Please join me in wishing Dana and Michael a long, happy life together. In addition to married life, another big change for Dana is that she is now our full-time Marketing and Development Director. Dana's time and talent will be dedicated to growing our foundation endowment and continue getting the word out about all the great things happening here at SSC.

But of course we could not just leave Melissa by herself, so we are pleased that Tessa Wilterdink has joined our Life Enrichment Department. Tessa has already proven to be exceptionally warm, talented and dedicated to enhancing our residents' quality of life with her unique gifts. Welcome, Tessa!

Another exciting addition to our leadership team is Chef Ben Reynolds. Chef Ben brings to SSC fantastic Five-Star fine dining and hospitality experience and is already doing great things at Landmark Square. Ben will be working closely with Judy to continue growing our catering and hosting capabilities, and of course, sharing his talents with our residents, staff, and families. Bon Appetite!!

We are also extremely happy that Kim Campbell has joined our team as Health Information Manager. Kim has a great skillset of computer knowledge and records management, and is working closely with Lisa to take our Electronic Medical Records (EMR) utilization and related processes to another level.

After 24 years of health care management, I appreciate even more every day the fantastic team of strong leaders and dedicated caregivers we have throughout our care team. I also recognize that while we are not perfect and have plenty to work on, with each passing day we get closer to reaching my goal of being the best senior care facility in the state. We crossed a major milestone on June 20, when we celebrated going a full year without a reported complaint to the State in both healthcare and assisted living. In previous jobs working in the inner city of Milwaukee and when I was consulting for troubled nursing homes, seeing the State at the door was a regular occurrence. So words cannot express how much I appreciate being part of a team that gets it right the vast majority of the time and when we do make a mistake or somehow get sideways with a resident or family, we are able to resolve it quickly and to their satisfaction.

So, as punishment for their success I will ask our team to work even harder. Members of our Strategic Planning Committee, Stephanie Goetz, and I are leading the development of a campus master plan that is intended to provide a roadmap for developing our 40 acre campus and expanding our service offerings. We will hopefully have something ready to unveil in the next few months. We are at the 'possibilities are endless' stage, so this is an especially excited time. Stay tuned!!

I also recognize that even when using the best architects and designers, successful projects of this magnitude take considerable time and attention to detail from the owner's representative, neither of which I have in long supply. But thankfully for me and everyone else, we do have Stephanie Goetz to keep each piece on track, which is on top of her already full plate in the Business Office. To reflect the significance of the role that she has come to play in our operation, I am pleased to announce Stephanie's promotion and new title of Project Manager.

And...back in May, Rachel and I were visiting her brother and his family in Brooklyn. We go to NYC often and the only major landmark I had not visited was Ellis Island, so Rachel agreed that we would put that on our 'to do' list this time around. We took the ferry first to the Statue of Liberty, who Rachel reveres and celebrates, and then another ferry to Ellis Island, which I had of course heard of, but knew very little about. Months later, I am still in awe of the place and what I learned about what took place there.

Taking in the facility that processed 5,000 people a day, EVERYDAY, for 24 years still absolutely boggles my mind. Think of the hardship so many people went through just to get to our country's front door. That struggle is both a powerful comment on how poor the conditions they were leaving behind as well as a literal declaration of the hope they had for the life they would be able to build in America.

As a manager, I can't help but consider the coordination of services and the selfless sacrifice of the countless employees and unpaid volunteers, as well as their families, that it took to welcome, feed, house and tend to a small city of people arriving everyday including holidays, weekends, blizzards, etc. The collective compassion and financial commitment that it took from the federal and local government, employees, volunteers, translators, health care workers, clergy, etc. to welcome these people and help them land safely is staggering to comprehend. And sadly inconceivable today.

I always state proudly that the Fourth of July is by far my favorite holiday because it represents so much of what is important to me. That will always be true, but this year feels different. While 'sky is falling' grandstanding and narcissistic politicians are woven into the fabric of our country as much as Betsy Ross, the fact that in 2018 we have elected leaders who choose to score political points by separating children from their parents is kind of hard to overlook. That this is done with my tax dollars by people who haven't a clue about how to reunite these families, mostly because they never thought about it, all while proudly holding their bibles as if this atrocity was somehow dictated by the Golden Rule....What Would Jesus Do? Indeed.

But overall I remain optimistic that our country will find its moral compass at the ballot box and start to get back on track in November. Our ability to peaceably overthrow the government every four years is just one of the many gifts our Founding Fathers and Mothers gave to us. I plan on doing my part, and hope you do, too.

There is one other reason that Ellis Island will always be very special to me. After we had been there for about an hour or so, I asked Rachel to join me on a little bench I found in a remote spot. Once she sat down, I gave Rachel the engagement ring that I had in my pocket since we landed in NYC, and asked that since we were on Ellis Island, would she consider building a new life with me, just as so many people had done there over a century go. She said yes. To steal a favorite movie line, Rachel makes me want to be a better man.

Happy 4th of July and God Bless America. Let us always aspire to be beacons of hope and opportunity that Lady Liberty & Ellis Island represent to the entire world, regardless of race, faith, or economic circumstance.

Peace! -Paul

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Employment Opportunities

Front Desk Receptionist – We are seeking candidates with a professional image and exceptionally pleasant personality for afternoons, Monday – Friday, 2pm – 7pm, to greet guests, answer phones, and perform some clerical work. Applicants are required to have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Some customer service experience preferred but not required.

Dining Services Attendant – We are currently seeking employees for both Full Time & Part Time First Shift, with some weekend hours. Dining Services Attendants are responsible for providing food service to our residents, families, guests, and co-workers, and for providing assistance in all Dining Services functions. Previous Dietary experience preferred but not required. Dining Services Attendants can also choose to be trained for off-site opportunities!

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.

For consideration, please apply in person or send resume to:

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SSC Backyard



We would like to thank the volunteers of St. Luke Methodist Church and the Volunteers in Mission (VIM) group for participating in the landscaping of the Gallery Courtyard, and planting other areas of the SSC grounds! On Saturday, June 9th 370 plants were added to the property, as well as 30 yards of mulch. We would especially like to thank Brian Karth for donating the design, and Jim Houwers for coordinating the group. Plants were purchased from Hoffman's Flowerland, Superior Lawn & Garden, and Scotty's Landscaping. We would also like to thank the employees that made themselves available that day.



We are now in the process of selecting a water feature and outdoor seating, and in the future SSC hopes to feature outdoor artwork from local artists. For information about contributing to this project or other future courtyard projects, please contact Stephanie at ext. 847 or sgoetz@retiresheboygan.com.



Another addition to the SSC property this past month:

Monarch caterpillar - photo was captured by Nick on June 19th.