

**THANK YOU
JAN-FEB-MAR VOLUNTEERS!**

Mark Bahr, Amber Barr, Cameron Bennett, Marcia Bonner, Gerri Borys, Jamie Butler, Joanne Camiller, Elizabeth (Anja) Casey, Jackelyn Coombs, Paul Coombs, Phyllis Cruz, Joe Davis, Joey Davis, Bernice Del, Verona Dutton, Ralph Fernley, Elke Foryster, Getrude Glegola, John Gleichman, Louann Godfrey, Mitzie Hall, Happy Hour, Janet Horton, Ezra Houghtby, Gina Jones, Renate Kickland, Jillian Kucharski, Richard Kucharski, Kathy Lauren, Pat Lepczynski, Jasmine Liwag, Kim McEachern, Neil McEachern, Peter Moore, Beverly Murphy, Jan Newell, Bernice Pearson, Pet-A-Pet, Deacon Rudy Piro, Gloria Platek, Abby Rauhe, Amber Rauhe, Caleb Rauhe, Carrie Rauhe, Joshua Rauhe, Megan Rauhe, Stephanie Rauhe, Trevor Rauhe, Emily Reynolds, Conni Sroka, St. Genevieve & St. Maurice Youth Group, Jazman Stephen, Neil Stolman, Bernie Tomasik, Sudhir Venkat, Marie Walker, John White, Tanja Winn, Tim Winn and Ian Yazbec.

Total Hours = 510

**** WATCH FOR DETAILS ****
WOODHAVEN OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, July 30, 2019
4:30 until 6:30 p.m.
Tours & Hors D'Oeuvres

RESIDENT CLOTHING

Please assist us in making sure all resident clothing is returned promptly after laundering.

To effectively return resident clothing, all garments must be labeled with the resident's name. It is important that all clothing be labeled even if family is doing laundry. It is also recommended that personal blankets and lap blankets also be labeled with resident name.

A labeling machine is available in the library. Please ask a staff member for assistance, if needed.

RESIDENTS JUST LOVE E-MAILS!

Several Woodhaven families, local and out-of-town, are keeping in touch with their loved ones at Woodhaven via e-mail. Especially during the holidays this is a great way to keep family members at Woodhaven up to date with notes and pictures. There are some residents who enjoy hearing the latest family news on a nearly daily basis.

To become involved, simply send resident e-mails directly to debbiek@woodhavenrc.org and put the resident's name in the subject field. All messages, photos and other graphics received will be printed and then delivered and/or read to the resident, as appropriate.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

We are excited to report that our new Therapy/Wellness Center, including bistro and luxury rehab suites, opened the first week of July! This is the culmination of 21 months of construction disruption, which everyone handled so beautifully. What Woodhaven now has to offer is 10,600 square feet of new luxury therapy suites, 3,801 square feet of new rehabilitation space and 380 square feet of bistro space!

This \$5 million renovation created for Woodhaven 28 private short term rehab suites/rooms with only four patients currently in shared rooms! In the licensed long term assisted living, renovations have resulted in 37 private rooms, 10 privacy room dwellings and only 12 in shared rooms. At the same time, existing corridors and common areas have been redone to match the new wing including getting new furniture. An Open House/Ribbon Cutting Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30 from 4:30 to 6:30.

Please plan to attend the 31st Annual Apostolic Christian (A. C.) Choir Benefit for Woodhaven on Saturday July 13, starting with a 5:00 p.m. dinner and concluding with a one hour choral presentation starting at 7:00 p.m. The event is being held at the adjacent church – 29575 Wentworth. No RSVP or tickets are required. Donations will be accepted.

The 31st Annual Employee Recognition Dinner was held at Livonia's locally famous Buddy's Pizza. Staff honored were

5 – 9 YEARS: Donna Horride, Bobbi Kaisner, Jazzmen Walker, Tamika Bass, Lajuana Wright, Beth Knochel, Catherine Combs, Karen Schiffman, Lisa Boyd, Marguerite Reed, Nancy Bernardi, Dana Condit and Allyson Bayne.

10 - 14 YEARS: Roslyn Norris, Donna Dudek, Debbie Kucharski, Tina Peterson-Weier, Tammy Williams, Victoria Watts, Rose Pokrznicki, Sandy Trigg, Rosemary Okafor and Jennifer Hassett.

15 – 19 YEARS: Joan Huie and Melba Rose.

20 – 24 YEARS: Kristie Meyer and Danielle Sosa.

25 – 29 YEARS: Sheree Rolle, Diane Ross, Patti Lucas and Carol Messer.

30 – 35 YEARS: Randy Gasser

Woodhaven residents celebrating admission anniversaries the first quarter of 2019 include Lois Palmer (2 years) 1/8, Ida Dean (2) 1/9, Betty Gannon (6) 1/16, Mildred Kloss (1) 1/27, Dell Smith (1) 1/29, Ruth Kepler (1) 2/2, Dorothy Genge (11!) 2/10, Nina Varner (3) 2/17, Doris Reiher (2) 2/18, Lillian Heikkinen (1) 2/22, Joe Ramseyer (3) 2/26, Emily Sheko (2) 2/28, Marie Stenzel (2) 3/15, Shirley Rudy (4) 3/16, Lottie Zalewski (2) 3/22 and Mary Rogers (1) 3/26.

Woodpointe residents also celebrating move-in anniversaries include Moya Taormina (1 year) 03/01 and Lucille Ladouceur (1) 03/15. Congratulations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Woodhaven residents celebrating their birthdays in January, February, and March are William Picker 1/3, Louis Plankar 1/9, Margaret Reid 1/19, Betty Gannon 1/24, Dorothy Genge 1/27, Barbara Williams 2/1, Vicki Martin 2/5, Mary Ann Ourso 2/8, Marlene Jordan 2/14, Edward Sutton 2/19, Anna Zombeck 3/8 and Alberta Schmidt 3/30.

Woodpointe residents with January, February, and March birthdays are Richard Lewandowski 1/2, Bud O'Leary 1/6, Wanda Myers 1/13, Jan Newell 1/26, Edith Burnett 2/16, Diana Pankoff 2/20, and Ted Mann 3/22.

Employees celebrating their birthday in January, February and March are Tammy Mansour 1/08, Bonnie Schlatter 1/10, Bonnie Rutledge 1/12, Yolanda White 1/19, Megan Hogan 1/28, Lorenda Lewis 1/30, Patty Lucas 1/31, Tamara Williams 2/12, Kanita Vantrees 2/14, Tammy Williams 2/14, Shanel Williams 2/15, Marcia Watkins 2/16, Minerva Robles 2/24, Kristie Meyer 2/26, Erika Sharpeta 2/27, Janay Chandler-Harris 2/28, Roseanna Tisdale 2/28, Asia Harris 3/03, Katherine Mysliwicz 3/09, Chantel Stampley 3/09, Gratiana Dione 3/15, Dominique Moultrie 3/22, Tamika Bass 3/23, Markita Lewis 3/23, Donise Sanders 3/24, Bianca Smartt 3/24, Carol Anderson 3/26, Deanna Prizza 3/27, and Shartirria Williams 3/30.

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of former residents Nancy Brown, Brenda Klencon, Betty Zehnder, Ann Lewandowski, Charles Jennings, Lily Buescher, Onalee Trachsel, Thomas Podeszwa, Virginia "Ginny" Preece, Norman Hoover, Maria "Vicki" Galante, Barbara Scheel, and Howard "Dal" Myers. Nancy was a resident from 5/16/2015 to 1/9/2019, Brenda from 10/24/2018 to 1/16/2019, Betty from 2/17/2018 to 1/17/2019, Ann from 12/6/2014 to 1/19/2019, Charles from 4/11/11 to 2/18/2019, Lily from 6/12/2014 to 2/12/2019, Onalee from 3/15/2016 to 3/3/2019, Thomas from 2/28/2019 to 3/5/2019, Ginny from 2/21/2019 to 3/7/2019, Norman from 2/7/2018 to 3/14/2019, Vicki from 8/7/2014 to 3/22/2019, Barbara from 10/7/2015 to 3/22/2019 and Dal from 10/31/2009 to 3/31/2019. Each will be dearly missed.

DONATIONS WELCOME

The Life Enrichment Department is requesting supplies that are used on an ongoing basis. Gently used items are also welcome. Some of the supplies needed are: Birthday party napkins/plates, prizes for bingo and sports magazines

Please contact Debbie Kucharski, at debbiek@woodhavenrc.org
Thank you!

WOODCHICKS & WOODCHUCKS

On Thursday May 2nd, the "Woodchicks and Woodchucks" performed their first full length choir concert. The director of this wonderful group is Linda Tomala. She is a frequent visitor and has graciously volunteered many hours to lead the group.

The members of the choir are Woodhaven's very own residents and day participants! They include Mary Bock, Willie Draper, Beverly Jones, Valerie Kenzie, Virginia Madis, Larry Leung, Mary Molascon, Lina Ortiz, Mary Rogers, and Barbara Yanez.

The much anticipated event was preceded with many weeks of daily rehearsals. The singers would practice three to four times a week. Even if there was not a scheduled rehearsal, many of them would get together in small groups and practice on their own!

All the songs performed were suggested by someone in the group. The songs ranged from classic sing-a-longs like "You are My Sunshine" and "God Bless America" to more upbeat songs like "Dancing Queen." Barbara Yanez performed the solo in the song "JaDa," Lina Ortiz performed the solo in "Ciento Lindo" which she sang in her native language of Spanish, and 103 year old Valerie Kenzie performed the solo in the final piece "Smile."

It was a wonderful sight to see so many residents, family members, neighbors, friends and staff attend and show their support.

WELCOME 1st QUARTER RESIDENTS!

We would like to warmly welcome to our Woodhaven family Dolores Alioto, Homer Baker, Richard Barancewicz, David Benson, Beverly Berini, Edala Biasutto, Ruth Blackley, Sandra Brennan, Velna Brown, Patricia Buchanan, Margaret Burklow, Robin Carlson, Janet Cartier, Lorraine Chmielecki, Rita Chmielecki, Catherine Christy, Steffie Ciako, Robert Craig, Fred Crissey, Carmel Cuschieri, Robert Dekun, Christine Derigiotis, Jacqueline Eiland, Florence Flaherty, Dorothy Genge, Naomi Gerrard, Wilma Graham, Sandra Hardesty, John Hemmingway, Pamela Hix, Geraldine Hnatio, Donna Holycross, James Jenkins, Beverly Jones, Leo Koceski, Gordon Kolehmainen, Edward Korzetz, David Kruszewski, Alfred Kuhn, Julia Laird, Barbara Loving, Carol Mackinder, Lois Mark, John Martin, Vicki Martin, Robert McAllister, Mattie McCray, Pamela Miller, Anna Milligan, Deanna Mitchell, Susan Monday, Howard Myers, Robert Oaks, Lois Olah, Mary Ann Ourzo, Dianne Owings, Thomas Pacholski, Robert Parsons, Thomas Podeszwa, Jeannette Poniske, Virginia Preece, Peggy Price, Jack Reed, Robbie Richardson, Dorothy Ring, Dorothy Rodemeyer, Carl Sabuda, Helen Saieg, Mary Schlacht, Denise Smith, Edward Sprow, Sonya Sternberg, Richard Stover, Nancy Sursely, Barbara Tarnaski, Martha Thomas, Richard Touvell, Edwin Tubaro, Dorothy Turowski, Marilyn Watkins, Larry Winter, and Sandra Zube.

JANUARY RESIDENT

PEG BUMFORD is Woodhaven's Resident of the Month for January. She grew up on the east side of Detroit as an only child with her parents Edward and Gladys.

Peg met her future husband, Bill at church when she was 17. Before getting married at 21, Peg received her Education Degree from Wayne State University. Peg taught for 32 years in the Detroit Public Schools. Peg and Bill were married for 69 years! They raised three children and have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Peg has been living at Woodhaven since 2013 and enjoys going on the many outings, especially the trips to the library concerts.

FEBRUARY RESIDENT

MARY ROGERS is Woodhaven's Resident of the Month for February. She was born in Detroit to Edward and Lorene and was the second oldest of six children.

In grade school, Mary won an essay contest on why her school needed a new addition. She was interviewed on TV and was queen for a day! Mary met her future husband, Francis in high school. Together they raised four children in Mount Clemens. Once the children were grown, Mary worked as a cashier at Kroger.

Mary just loves living at Woodhaven. She enjoys bingo, crafts and all the different entertainers that come and perform.

MARCH RESIDENT

MARY JANE HUNT is Woodhaven's Resident of the Month for March. Mary Jane was born in Detroit MI to parents Harry and Olive. The family later moved to Farmington when Mary Jane was in the 4th grade. Mary Jane graduated from Farmington High School in 1944. She was married to Carl for 59 years and together they raised three children in the same house where Mary Jane grew up. Mary Jane lived in that house for 50 years!

Mary Jane worshipped at the Farmington Methodist Church for many years. She also enjoyed playing cards and golfing. At Woodhaven, Mary Jane enjoys playing bingo, doing arts and crafts and attending music performances.

VALENTINE'S DAY

The week of Valentine's Day was filled with crafts, food and music. The residents made beautiful crafts using hearts, doilies and stickers.

On the 14th the residents celebrated in the beautifully decorated dining room where they enjoyed pizza and punch. After lunch activities included a Valentine's trivia contest and a love song sing-along. Later, the residents enjoyed musical entertainment with Jim and Tim from Happy Hour, a favorite regular visiting group. Half way through the concert, some of the members of the men's Harmony Town Chorus, who just happened to also be present, treated the residents to a few four part harmony songs.

JANUARY VOLUNTEER

PETER MOORE is the Volunteer of the Month for January. He is one of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School senior students that come on Wednesday mornings. He lives with his parents, his brother and sister and a Corgi dog named Charlie. In college, he wants to study business marketing.

Peter attends church at Divine Child. At U of D he is a part of the school drama and politics clubs. Peter's hobby is collecting music. One of his favorite artist is Dean Martin. Peter enjoys having conversations with the residents. He is fascinated by the fact that these special people experienced life in an entirely different century! He enjoys learning from them and seeing just how much the world has changed.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER

IAN YAZBEC is the Volunteer of the Month for February. He is also one of the U of D Jesuit High School students that come on Wednesday mornings. He lives in Farmington Hills with his parents and his cat Zeus. He has four older sisters and brothers.

In addition to his Wednesday volunteering, Ian also comes with the Theatrical Youth Ministry Entertainment (TYME) which performs shows for many senior communities. His group has performed for Woodhaven during the Christmas season for the last few years. Ian enjoys hearing about the residents' life experiences.

MARCH VOLUNTEER

EZRA HOUGHTBY is the Volunteer of the Month for March. He is another of the U of D Jesuit High School students that come on Wednesday mornings. He lives in Livonia with his parents and two cats, Maisy and Daisy.

At U of D, he is a member of the drumline in the marching band, as well as a member of the school bowling and golf teams. He has been a Boy Scout for seven years and has earned his Eagle Scout Award! Ezra likes interacting, talking and getting the chance to know the residents at Woodhaven. He loves coming every Wednesday and sharing smiles with everyone. Oh yeah, he also says, "Noodleball is great too!"

VFW VISIT

On March 12, 2019, Marv, Richard, and Boone visited Woodhaven. They are members of the Livonia Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Through their fundraising efforts, the VFW raises money to purchase gifts for veterans who are in local retirement communities.

On this day they gave out gifts bags to the Woodhaven veterans. The gift bags included a blanket and some socks. Besides the gifts, the three men took the time to talk to each resident and asked them where they served and for which branch. Stories and memories were shared. Military jokes brought laughter to all. Woodhaven wishes to thank the Livonia VFW for their generosity.

JANUARY EMPLOYEE

KATIE MSYLEWIC is Woodhaven's Employee of the Month for January. Katie grew up in Livonia, MI. In 2017, Katie became a certified nursing assistant. After that, she began working at Woodhaven in the Health Services Center.

In April 2018, Katie graduated from the University of Michigan, Dearborn with a BA in Behavioral Sciences. In May, Katie applied for the Physician's Assistant program. Her goal is to work as a PA in surgery.

Katie believes Woodhaven has given her the valuable experience needed to advance in her medical career by helping others and improving their lives.

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE

DIANE ROSS is Woodhaven's Employee of the Month for February. Diane was born to parents Gordon and Betty and raised with six siblings on Grosse Ile. Diane has two children, Kyle and Brianne.

Diane enjoys reading, swimming and spending time with her family. Diane has worked for Woodhaven for 28 years in Environmental Services. Diane enjoys working at Woodhaven because of the family like atmosphere. She appreciates the residents and her co-workers.



MARCH EMPLOYEE

BETHANY KNOCHEL is Woodhaven's Employee of the Month for March. She was born in Bay City, MI to parents David and Margaret Schlatter. Beth and her seven siblings were raised on a farm.

Beth has been married to her best friend, Dana for 35 years. They have three children, Luke (Juliann), Brooke (Joe), and Haley. Beth and Dana are the proud grandparents of Rowen.

Beth is happiest when she is with her family, traveling, cooking, baking and spending time outdoors. She has worked at Woodhaven for eight years in Medical Records.

PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

On April 24, the residents and staff from Woodhaven and Woodpointe visited the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, Michigan. As the only group visiting on that day, the residents enjoyed a private tour of the museums two floors.

The top floor showcases a special exhibit relative to the 19th and 20th amendments about women's suffrage and prohibition. The lower floor contains a time line of Plymouth, starting with when Native Americans settled in the area, to the most modern of times. One of the highlights was a display about the Daisy Air Riffle factory, which had some of the flooring from the original factory. A great time was had by all!