



Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka

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News from our Home to Yours

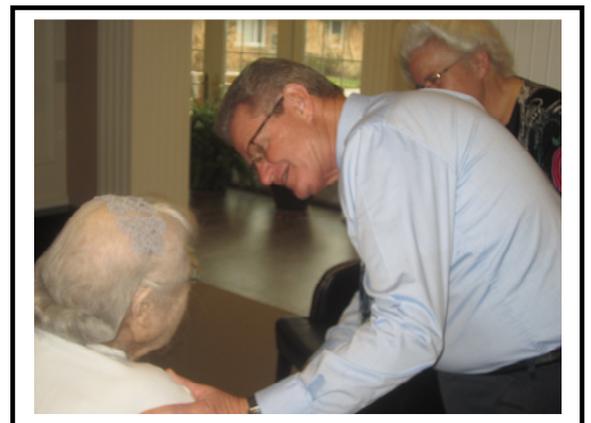
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Happy Retirement Tom!

*Remember the past with fondness;
look to the future with eagerness;
Live each moment to the fullest.*

We will miss you!





Seasons of Life

Tom Hoffman

As I write this article, I have about 20 hours left as Administrator of the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka. There are so many thoughts running through my mind. I remember 28 years ago as I was beginning a new career at the Home. I had no knowledge of what was involved in managing a retirement complex. I soon became engulfed in learning the layers of regulations associated with skilled nursing facilities. Little did I understand the many challenges, and yes, opportunities that lay ahead for me. I had left a career with the American Red Cross medical programs, which I thoroughly was enjoying, and was entering a field I knew basically nothing about; however I knew the Lord was leading me and I was confident He would provide.

Fast forward 28 years and I am now ready to make another life changing move as I enter the world of retirement. Again, I don't know what to expect but I again feel God's leading and I am looking forward to experiencing how He is going to use me to serve Him in retirement. I am so thankful for the wonderful opportunity I have had to work at the Home. I have met so many wonderful people...residents, family members, and staff...each who have impacted my life. I know that "nursing homes" do not have the best reputation in society; however, I continue to be amazed at how awesome our Home operates. This is a great tribute to the many staff and volunteers who give continually to serving our residents. Over the years I have seen our Board of Directors make significant commitments that have allowed us to grow as an organization in meeting the changing expectations of residents as well as respond to the continuing "onslaught" of regulations. During the 28 years I have been affiliated with the Home, there have been 3 major building additions (and a fourth currently in the process) as well as many significant renovations to the existing facilities. The quality of care our staff provides is second to none and I count it a privilege to have been able to lead such a great staff. I am also most thankful for how God continues to provide for the Home and I am excited to see Kim Joos take over as Administrator. Kim has been with the Home for 18 years and has a vast knowledge base of our industry and is part of our culture. The transition should be seamless and I know Kim will do a wonderful job.

As I leave, I just want to again thank each of you for the support you have given to the Home; to our residents, our staff, and myself over the years. I look forward to coming back to the Home as a volunteer in the future!



*If nothing ever
changed, there
would be no
butterflies.*

- unknown -



Meet Kim Joos - New Administrator of the Home



I am thankful and honored to be the new Administrator of our Home. We are blessed with awesome staff that provides high quality care to our residents. It is a privilege to work with this great team guided by a dedicated Board of Directors and 4 highly committed sponsoring churches.

I have been blessed to have worked here since October 2000 as the Business Manager. During my 18 years here, I have been responsible for the accounting functions and have worked closely with our retired Administrator, Tom Hoffman, in the overall management and operation of the Home. I have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Bradley University. Prior to coming to the Home, I worked in the audit department of a bank and the accounting department at two small community

hospitals. I really appreciated the Christian environment and the close staff relationships from the time that I started here. We are so blessed to have such a positive work environment! I became a licensed nursing home administrator in 2003 but learned the most about our industry from working closely with Tom. He graciously included me in every aspect of managing the Home for several years. I so appreciate his mentoring!

I live in Eureka and am thankful to be close to work. It is especially nice on these snowy winter mornings! I enjoy working in my yard during the summer months. I am blessed to be a part of a loving family and especially enjoy spending time with my nieces and nephews!

I enjoy the time I can spend with the residents, families and staff learning about their lives and how we can work together to further our mission of Providing Loving Care in the Spirit of Christ. I plan to lead our Home in the established direction of the past while exploring new growth opportunities for the senior citizen of the future.

God continues to mold and shape me and I look forward to continuing to grow in this change in my life. I am thankful for the support and encouragement that I have received during this transition. I have witnessed God's blessing upon our Home so many times and in so many ways through the years and I pray for His continued blessings for the days to come.

Coming Soon – A New Therapy and Wellness Center

By Kevin Schrock, Assistant Administrator



The sounds of dozer engines, clanging steel, and hammering are returning to the west side of our health center, as the facility is gearing up for its first major expansion since 2012. The focus of the construction project is a Therapy and Wellness Center, whose services will have a wide impact on our health center, independent living residents, and surrounding communities.

The new therapy addition will fill up the space between the west wing of Heiterland and the west entry into the Home. In total, the floorplan will have 1700 square feet of treatment space, which is 2.5x larger than the current therapy department. The atmosphere of the clinic will be spacious and bright, with high ceilings, open treatment areas, and wide and lofty windows. There will also be two enclosed treatment rooms, where our therapists will be able to provide private personalized evaluations.

To prepare for the expansion, the Home has purchased state-of-the-art HUR USA exercise equipment that is designed for older adults. This equipment uses compressed air instead of steel weights, creating an exercise experience that is more gentle, quiet, and safe than what is offered in a traditional health club.

Within this new setting, our therapists and rehabilitation aides will be able to expand their current programs. This includes skilled occupational, physical, and speech therapy for our short-term and long-term residents and outpatients from the community.

What will make the new Wellness Center unique is that it will provide individuals from the community with the option of continuing their customized exercise programs for as long and frequent as desired. There will be a reasonable monthly membership fee associated with the program that is similar to a health club. The clinic is scheduled to open sometime in the summer of 2019.




2018
Resident Christmas Dinner Party

Happy Birthday!

Resident Focus for January

Charlene Schumacher

February Birthdays

Staff

3	Robert Ball
3	Connie Hasty
3	Lisa Rieke
4	Valerie Ocegüera
4	Mackenzie Fuller
4	Tina Schreyer
8	Tate Wyss
11	Amy Strubhar
12	Phyllis Rushing
12	Logan Plattner
15	Chelsea Frerichs
19	Hillary Lee
22	Emily Endress
23	Crystal Gerard
28	Janet Rogers
28	Victoria Tallyn
28	Carlie Collis

Residents

4	Wes Knapp
4	Rose Huette
5	Maxine Virkler
6	Fred Schmidgall
13	Jack O'Connell
20	Margaret Cade
24	Verna Wettstein
26	Lyola Ringger
28	Elna Grimm



Welcome! We've added a few new faces around the Home. We're glad you joined us and hope you'll feel right at home!

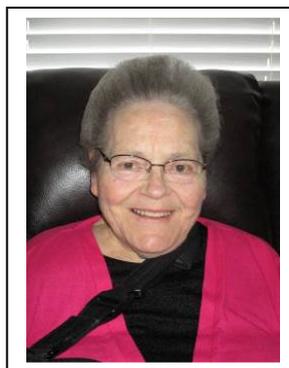
Residents

Dec. 26	Dale Chapman	Jan. 22	Irene Stahl
Dec. 27	Dorothy Miller	Jan. 24	Jane Schumacher
Jan. 15	Raymus Tate	Jan. 29	Elna Grimm
Jan. 21	Maryellen Lehman		

Staff

Laura Boland – CNA
Matty Wenger – CNA
Lena Sander - CNA
Hannah Kupferschmid- CNA
Brianna Logan- CNA
Siobhan Lavery – CNA
Teri Thomas – Housekeeping
Sandra Morrow – Housekeeping
Hillary Lee – Heiterland Activities
Gale Hayes – Activities
Tina Schreyer – Dietary Baker

Charlene was born in her parent's home in Deer Creek, Illinois. She attended a country school and was taught first grade by Miss Lucy Lehman. As schools consolidated she attended Deer Creek Grade school and again had Miss Lehman for a teacher, who by this time had gotten married and changed her name to Mrs. Lucy Goranson (a resident of the Home). Charlene's family moved to Eureka during her junior year of high school and she attended and graduated from Eureka High School. She married Bob Schumacher in 1963 and the first of her 6 children was born in 1964. In 1984 she was hired by past Administrator Joel Banwart and became the first Activity Director of the Home. Charlene says she had to learn the job from scratch and during the 22 years she worked at the Home she saw 4 major renovations – the building of Heiterland, the building of the condos, the upstairs activity room, and the satellite kitchens and main dining rooms. Although Charlene states that she loved every minute of working at the Home, She feels her greatest achievement in life was raising her 6 children and her most favorite memories are one's of her children's weddings and getting to meet each new grandbaby at the hospital. She says babies always make her smile!



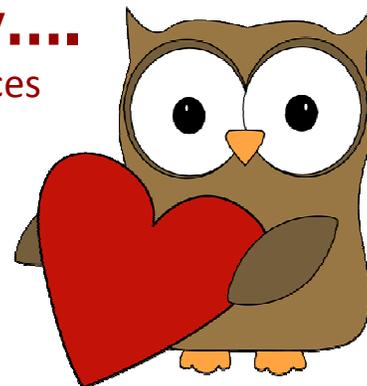
*Don't fear change,
you may lose something good,
but you may also gain something great.*



Look What's Coming Up in February....

Congerville Church will have Sunday Morning Worship Services

- Feb. 4 Violin Music at 7:20 pm
- Feb. 5 CGRE Singers at 7:30 pm
- Feb. 7 Family Night at 6:30 pm with Bob Hoerr
- Feb. 11 AC Faith YG Singers at 7:30 pm
- Feb. 14 Valentine Luncheon at Noon
- Feb. 14 Music with Marvin & Annette Kaupp at 6 pm
- Feb. 18 Congerville Singers at 7:20 pm
- Feb. 19 2nd Act Valentine Program
- Feb. 19 Music with Tim Chally 6 pm
- Feb. 21 Wellness Presentation "Breathe Easy – Can I Still Exercise" at 10 am
- Feb. 21 Eureka Public Library Travelogue – Deb Blunier's Kenya Mission Trip 6 pm
- Feb. 22 Evening Church service with Washington Church at 7 pm
- Feb. 25 Music with Daryl and Debra Blunier at 6:15 pm
- Feb. 26 CGRE Singers at 7:20 pm
- Feb. 28 Baby Joy at 9:30 am



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Benefit Auction

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Eureka Middle School



Bake Sale – 7:30 am
Breakfast – 7:30 am
Auction – 9:00 am



Donated new items & services for the auction are welcome & appreciated and need to be received by February 25th
Please bring donated items to the Home's Front Desk and be sure to include your phone number and the value of the item or service.

To donate services or if you have questions...
Please contact Kevin Schrock at
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