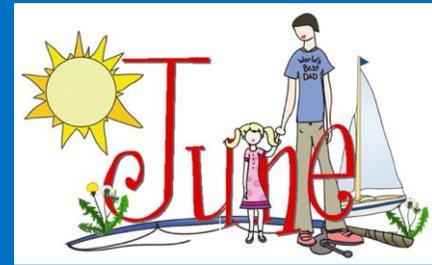


# Sheboygan Senior Community

Short Term Rehab • Assisted Living  
Skilled Nursing Care



June 2017

3505 County Road Y  
Sheboygan, WI 53083

## Resident Birthdays



June 12	Jeanette Rilling
June 13	Germaine Fox
June 21	Grace Winkler
June 22	Norbert Sternitzky
June 30	Doris Petermann

## Staff Birthdays



June 3	Ann Smith
June 4	Stashanee Barrett
June 4	Cinthia Morga
June 7	Melanie Arthurs
June 9	Sandra Kauffman
June 24	Cassie Elias
June 27	Betty Schneider
June 30	Terry Provencher

## Special Events in June

- June 7 – 1:30pm – Welsch Hearing Aid Service Day – Exam Room
- June 7 – 2:00pm – Friendly Voices Spring Concert – TOL
- June 9 – 2:00pm – Jack Borkenhagen/Ice Cream Social – TOL
- June 12 – 2:30pm – Steve & Kathleen Music Program – TOL
- June 13 – 2:00pm – Francis Rank PianoWaltzes & Polka – TOL
- June 19 – 10:30/11:15am – Resident Council – Maple/Willow
- June 19 – 1:30pm – Student Piano Recital – TOL
- June 23 – 2:00pm – Dan Ognavic Music Program – TOL
- June 26 – 2:30pm – Meet me in the Kitchen – Maple D.R.
- June 30 – 2:00pm – Happy Hour – Maple D.R.



- Every Tuesday & Thursday



Willow resident Connie, with her daughter Marcy and grandsons, Ben and Dan pose after transforming the Willow courtyard into a serene garden.

## Staff Anniversaries

06/04	Brent Frederick	10 years
06/05	Nikita Bell	9 years
06/07	Lucas Bouche	1 year
06/08	Ryan Krist	1 year
06/08	Alex Arpke	1 year
06/11	Carol Khang	2 years
06/11	Linda Kershek	2 years
06/14	Val Dittrich	13 years
06/23	Panuo Xiong	1 year
06/23	Lindsay Gosse	1 year
06/23	Josh Gile	1 year
06/26	Chris Lockwood	20 years



## From the Desk of Paul Treffert

Greetings!! I hope this month's newsletter finds everyone doing well and that your summer is off to a great start. May was another very busy month for us here at Sheboygan Senior Community. Right after a lovely Mother's Day with countless visitors, we celebrated National Nursing Home Week to recognize our outstanding team of devoted caregivers who dedicate their professional lives to providing the very best in care and services to our residents. We celebrated with different themed days and activities all week, culminating in a fantastic pot luck meal and delicious dessert contest. I think I gained 10 pounds that week. Thank you so much to Dana, Brent, Melissa, Joan, Judy, and Brenda for all the time and creative energy you put into planning our very fun week. And a very special thank you to everyone who contributed to the pot luck as well as Katy, Dana, Melissa, Jeanette, Charlie, Karen, and Jean for sharing your gourmet dessert talents with all of us. Congratulations to Jeanette on being selected the winner of our bake-off. I am already looking forward to next year.

We also wrapped up our transition to Aegis Therapy as our provider of Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy. Aegis brings to SSC state of the industry therapy modalities, staff education and a restorative therapy program known as Freedom Through Functionality (FTF). The FTF equipment will be installed in the next few weeks. Most importantly, while we changed companies, we kept our outstanding team of therapists to continue providing the clinical excellence that our residents and their families have come to expect. Welcome, Aegis!

On the Friday before Mother's Day, a group of volunteers from St. Luke's Church completely transformed our Willow Courtyard. The project was led by one of our Board Members, Marcy Kerpe, and financed with a very generous contribution from Dr. Jeff Hansmann and his wife, Mary Lee. The volunteers dug, planted and watered like a well-oiled machine. In just over an hour, what was once a plot of turf and concrete, became a wonderful green space filled with trees, plants, and raspberry bushes. This area is now known as Connie's Garden in honor of Marcy's mother, Connie, who resides in Willow Lane. Thank you so much to Marcy, the Hansmann's and everyone who contributed to make this happen.

It is generous gifts of time and financial support like this that allow us to not just get through today, but also keep the future of SSC looking bright. At this time I am pleased to announce our newest fundraising initiative: *The Orchard* sponsored by Hoffman's Flowerland. The Hoffmans provided a matching grant of up to \$5,000 as a seed (pardon the pun) to encourage residents and families to 'sponsor' one of 40 apple trees that are being planted near the west side of our grounds. As an organization, we have not done a great job at representing ourselves as a faith-based, charitable nonprofit that relies on financial support from our community and those we serve. This fundraiser serves as a kick-off for future fundraising endeavors as we look to grow our campus and expand our services to continue meeting the needs of Sheboygan seniors for decades to come. It will also provide us with more apples than we know what to do with so get those apple recipes ready. Read more on *The Orchard* on the next page...

Finally, I would like to share (with permission) an email that was in my inbox when I got to work this morning:

*I went to visit mom today around 11:30. We walked through the garden and she pointed out each new bud and flower. We were a little late for lunch, but as we walked into the dining area music was blaring, it was "Run Around Sue". The staff was dancing around the tables serving the residents, and the people were absolutely joyous. They had their arms in the air, waving to the music, chair dancing to the song. Their eyes were bright and shining. I joined in dancing around the tables and my mom was waving her cane and it really touched my heart to see that the staff was taking an event of a routine lunch and turning it into a totally joyous event for the residents. I have never seen a meal served in a nursing home with such fun and happiness. It totally warmed my heart. I thought, if I was 90 years old, this is where I want to be and I hope they have AC/DC, You Rock Me All Night Long, and a bunch of fun kids serving me meals. The staff is incredible and please encourage them to continue just being themselves and spreading their happiness.*

This is why we do what we do every day.

Paul T.



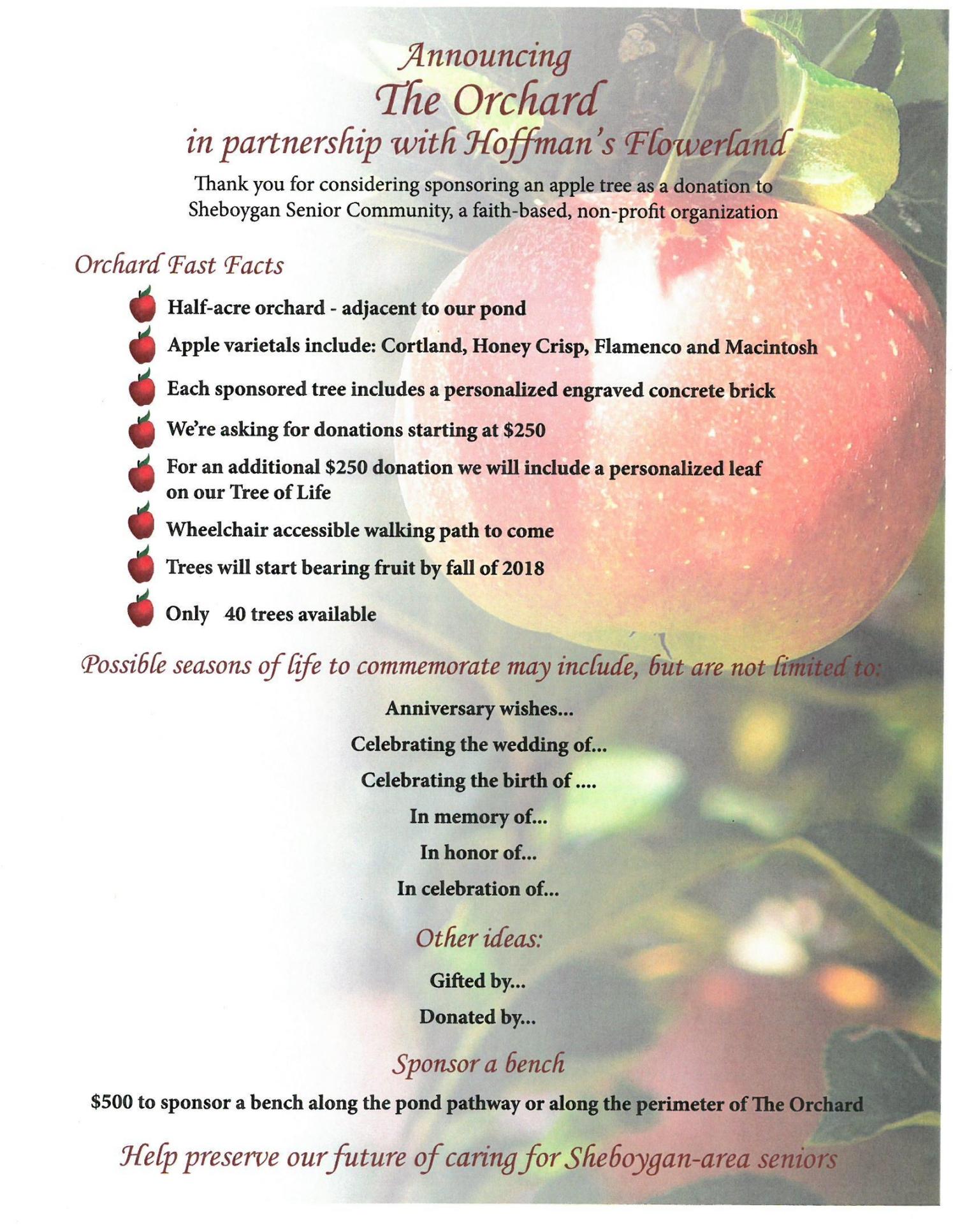
## Staff Spotlight: Cheryl Quintana

Cheryl comes to us from the "Windy City" of Chicago, but has also resided in Tampa, Florida, Sparta, Wisconsin and now currently in Manitowoc. Cheryl holds a close and loving relationship with her brother, Al, and grandmother who poured so much compassion and support into her life.

Cheryl attended Lincoln High School in Manitowoc where she participated in track, chorus, and theatre. Writing music is one of her passions in life. Even though she does not currently play an instrument or sing, she has been given a gift of writing music and song lyrics. At the age of 18, Cheryl flew to New York and sold her very first song to "Grass Roots Entertainment" for \$380! It may not sound like a lot right now, but at 18 it was like winning the lottery. Cheryl has created her own website where she shares all of her creative art: videos, graphic design, and music.

How did this young high school student, now a mother of two become an art major? Cheryl attended NWTC and enrolled in the Criminal Justice program because she had an interest in forensics. The majority of students were big, burly young men looking to be street cops. She felt a little out of her league, so she decided to change her major. She enrolled at LTC in their Graphic Design/Web Design program. She truly loved the creative freedom it gave her. One of her fellow students was our board member, Lynn Coady. Realizing Cheryl's potential, she referred her to Sheboygan Senior Community. Cheryl has been with us since April and you can find this ambitious lady in our Business Office.

She is such a humble person as she tries to verbalize her past and present accomplishments, but I will tell you, she has much to be proud of. Sister, mother, daughter, runner, music writer, marketing video designer, web designer, hockey mom, camper, athlete in training... Whew – the list goes on. A couple things most people may not know; she met and spoke with Jennifer Love-Hewitt at the Florida State Fair and had a meet and greet with Marianas Trench band a few years back. Now if she could sell one of her songs to Marianas Trench band, that could be her next big accomplishment. A trip to Canada with the kiddos is on her bucket list one day! Welcome to our family Cheryl. You are one AMAZING lady!



*Announcing  
The Orchard  
in partnership with Hoffman's Flowerland*

Thank you for considering sponsoring an apple tree as a donation to Sheboygan Senior Community, a faith-based, non-profit organization

*Orchard Fast Facts*

-  **Half-acre orchard - adjacent to our pond**
-  **Apple varieties include: Cortland, Honey Crisp, Flamenco and Macintosh**
-  **Each sponsored tree includes a personalized engraved concrete brick**
-  **We're asking for donations starting at \$250**
-  **For an additional \$250 donation we will include a personalized leaf on our Tree of Life**
-  **Wheelchair accessible walking path to come**
-  **Trees will start bearing fruit by fall of 2018**
-  **Only 40 trees available**

*Possible seasons of life to commemorate may include, but are not limited to:*

**Anniversary wishes...**

**Celebrating the wedding of...**

**Celebrating the birth of ....**

**In memory of...**

**In honor of...**

**In celebration of...**

*Other ideas:*

**Gifted by...**

**Donated by...**

*Sponsor a bench*

**\$500 to sponsor a bench along the pond pathway or along the perimeter of The Orchard**

*Help preserve our future of caring for Sheboygan-area seniors*



Mary has been a Sheboyganite for over 85 years. The Reklaitis family lived on South 11<sup>th</sup> Street, not too far from the South Pier beach. Mary was one of eleven children (some half-brothers and sisters), so she never had a fear of feeling alone. She remembers days when having enough food on the table was her greatest concern. They worked the soil and harvested many of their own vegetables and fruits in their backyard. Summers were filled with frolicking on the beach and testing their swimming skills by tackling the white cap waves. On a warm, still evening in July, she recalls gathering with friends and neighbors to hear the sweet sound of a local violinist. Life was simple then, but filled with great memories.

Mary attended Southside Junior High – (now Farnsworth) and then Central High School. She realized she had an aptitude for typing and bookkeeping quite early. Her first job out of high school was at JJ Koepsell Company in the front office, and soon became their “Girl Friday”. Mary and her friends liked to hang out at the Tick-Tock Tap in the evenings to meet with friends and catch up on the latest Sheboygan gossip.

With the birth of her son Jimmy, her life instantly became more meaningful. He was the love of her life and he brought her so much joy and fulfillment. Mary and her sister Marge were also very close. Even though Mary wished Marge lived in Sheboygan, she loved taking the train to Chicago to see her on weekends. She would take the train downtown to Chicago and then hop on the bus to meet Marge. Mary recalls one adventurous trip where she signaled the wrong bus and she ended up somewhere on skid row. Mary felt scared and uncertain of where she had landed. The story has a happy ending; but strong, independent Mary was pretty shaken up.

Mary has been with SSC for a few years now, and enjoys the love, compassion and care she receives. She’s constantly active too. Whether it’s going to church, bingo, music programs, table top bowling, Wii bowling, you name it, Mary is probably there. The staff feels like family to her and as her story began, “family” is what made her feel like she was never alone. Yes, Mary, at Sheboygan Senior Community you will **never** be alone!



# Welcome to the TEAM!



- 6/7/17 Marc Hankins -  
Off-Site Environmental Services
- 6/7/17 Mary Klueck - Residential Aide
- 6/7/17 Katrina Koch - LPN
- 6/7/17 Makayla Tomlinson - CNA

# WELCOME



## **Huge congratulations to our recent high school graduates:**

Sarah Gardner  
Melissa Oxtoby  
Brittany Schaller  
Ashley Schukow

## **And hats off to our new RN's!! We're grateful and lucky to have you here:**

Josh Giles  
Heather Herziger  
Cassie Neese  
Tom Wilke



# Connie's Garden

*Thank you again, to all of the volunteers who made the Willow Courtyard come to life. The residents, their families and staff have all enjoyed the fruits of your labor.*

