

# Sheboygan Senior Community

Short Term Rehab • Assisted Living  
Skilled Nursing Care



May 2017

3505 County Road Y  
Sheboygan WI 53083

## Resident Birthdays 11/05



May 3	Vi Szczepkowski
May 5	Joan Schieble
May 8	Lona Tupper
May 10	Millie Wieberdink
May 18	Jeanette Carlson
May 19	Betty Puksich
May 22	Theresa Oelhafen
May 29	Myrtle Johnson
May 29	James Skeris

## Staff Birthdays

05/01	Karen Adams
05/06	Carol Khang Mary Hui Bretse
05/07	Alexis Heckert Ryan Krist
05/15	Lisa Hill
05/16	Andrea McAtee
05/19	Max Harms Heather Herziger
05/21	Emily Mersberger
05/23	Tamara Lukonen
05/25	Janet Crawford Cheryl Quintana
05/27	Jessica Martinez
05/28	Bailey Schaller

## May Special Upcoming Events

- May 4 – 10:30am – Cinco de Mayo Craft – Oak Dining Room
- May 5 – 2:00pm – Cinco de Mayo Craft – Willow Dining Room
- May 8 – 2:30pm – Steve & Kathleen Music Program – TOL
- May 9 – 2:00pm – Sharp & A Flat Music Program – TOL
- May 12 – 2:00pm – Happy Hour – Oak Dining Room
- May 13 – 3:00pm – Studio 543 Piano Recital – TOL
- May 15 – 6:30pm – Rich Bauman Music Program – TOL
- May 18 – 10:15am – Seton Catholic School Visit – TR
- May 19 – 2:00pm – Happy Hour – Oak Dining Room
- May 19 – 2:00pm – Happy Hour – Willow Dining Room
- May 20 – 10:30am – Piano Performance by Daniel Walter – TOL
- May 22 – 2:00pm – Ice Cream Social with Live Piano Music – TOL
- May 25 – 6:30pm – Barbara Sindelar Student Piano Recital – TBD

## Staff Anniversaries

05/01	Carol Capetillo	4 years	05/02	Jenilee Charles	1 year
05/06	Jean Lewis	26 years	05/11	Cassandra Elias	1 year
05/12	Lynn Schmitz	1 year	05/12	Stashanee Barrett	1 year
05/13	Teisha Montane	3 years	05/15	Thomas Wilke	3 years
05/16	Dianne Conrardy	26 years	05/16	Susan Becker	38 years
05/20	Angelia Vue	1 year	05/20	Bailey Schaller	1 year
05/20	Amy Yang	1 year	05/25	Sammy Brunner	1 year
05/26	Kaylene Morado	2 years	05/30	Tara Holzem	16 yrs.

## From the Desk of Paul Treffert

Happy Spring!

When I was growing up in a suburb of Milwaukee, one of my father's (John) favorite ways to relieve stress (at least some of which was caused by his know-it-all teenage son) was spending time in his yard. There was always a new tree or bush going in somewhere. My brother and I knew that when the inevitable load of mulch showed up in the driveway every spring, whatever plans we had for the weekend were on hold until the wheelbarrow was put away after a long day of hauling. Later on, when we bought our first house, while my wife was picking out paint colors and window treatments, I was out in the yard deciding where the raspberry bushes, hydrangeas, and crabapple trees were going to go. I am my father's son (although the smell of mulch still makes my back hurt).

So you can guess how happy I am that over this weekend, about 235 trees were planted on our 40 acre property. Led by Groundskeeper, Nick, a team of volunteers from Curt G. Joa, Inc. spent several hours planting a variety of spruce, aspen and oak trees around the perimeter of our grounds last Saturday. Of course, it will take a long while for their hard work to 'take root', but it is a huge step forward. Special thanks to Nick, Dana, and her fiancé, Michael (who is an engineer at Curt Joa) for making this happen.

At the same time, two of our board members, Marcy Kerpe and Steve Hamer, are playing very active roles in beautifying our courtyards with a variety of plants and trees. You will start to see the fruits of their labor very soon. We are fortunate to have board members who play an active, hands-on role in enhancing our resident's quality of life by enhancing their surroundings.

And... we are putting the final touches on developing an apple orchard that is meant to create another unique feature of the Sheboygan Senior Community grounds as well as a fundraiser to help secure our future. The idea for the orchard came from spending time with my father's brother, Darold, who has a thriving orchard on his property near Fond du Lac. More information on the orchard will be coming in the next few weeks.

A few other quick notes: As I have mentioned many times before, I strongly believe that providing the best care requires the best caregivers, and I could not be more proud of our team. We have made enormous progress in filling our open positions, but like so many employers in Sheboygan, finding and retaining the right people is an ongoing challenge. So as we look for creative solutions, I am pleased to announce that Sheboygan Senior Community is the first long-term care provider in Sheboygan County to partner with **Inspire Sheboygan County**. Inspire is an innovative partnership between area employers and area high schools to matching interested students with training where there is great need for quality employees. This collaborative effort is one of the first of its kind in the country, and we are proud to be participating. For more information, please go to:

<http://inspiresheboygancounty.org/>

Finally, if you look closely, you may have seen an addition to our employee's name tags. At the suggestion of one of our employees, Kara Hoffman, who just reached her 20 year anniversary, at our last all-staff meeting we began giving out pins to recognize various employment milestones (1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years). In an industry where high turnover is the standard, we are blessed to have so many dedicated employees caring for our residents and each other. We'd like to thank Kara for the suggestion and Brent Frederick for coordinating the effort.

Paul T.



## Staff Spotlight – Debbie Yurk

Residents and guests frequently comment on how great the food is around here! One reason could be Debbie Yurk, cook and aide in Dining Services. Eighteen years ago she began her career as a cook II (vegetables and salads) and then advanced to full cook. The residents and fellow employees are what she deems as most attractive to staying with SSC. She loves to socialize and kid around with the residents and loves their laughter and love of life. She credits her talents in the kitchen to both her grandmother and sister who were passionate for baking and cooking. Before coming to SSC, Deb worked at Schwarz Fish House and McDonalds as a manager. She also was a waitress at a local restaurant in Sheboygan Falls. Her career path has always involved food at some level.

Deb attended Franklin Elementary School, Farnsworth and South High School. She was known as the *Hostess with the Mostess* at the High School formals. After graduating in 1971, she married a man she met on a blind date in 1972. Her husband, Chris, worked at Eclipse Manufacturing and they had two wonderful sons, Troy and Travis. Travis tragically passed away from a heart disorder he was born with at age 32. Deb also has two granddaughters that consume her devotion and time.

Reading a good murder-mystery by James Patterson is her favorite hobby. When that reading material gets a little dark, she will pick up a romance novel now and then. Bueno, her beloved rescued Chihuahua, manages to get her out for walks and games of fetch as well. From childhood on she has loved to camp with the family. Her favorite spot is Breezy Hills in Fond Du Lac, WI. Deb's best camping story: one year her brother-in-law dressed in camouflage, climbed up into a tree and as the group of hikers came down the path, he jumped down in front of them with full camouflage gear, face paint, the whole nine yards. An evening stroll at dusk was no longer an option for the young camper. A cruise to Alaska and a trip to Universal Studios are on her bucket list. One thing you may not know about Deb, is her talent in the art of ceramics. She took classes in her earlier days and loves to paint mostly seasonal ceramic pieces for the holidays.

Deb, you still paint a picture of positive energy and joy inside these walls of SSC. Thank you!!



*Vi Zajkowski*



*Vi and Konstant Zajkowski*

Vi is a lifetime native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. One of 5 children, she attended Holy Name School, and Sheboygan Central High. From a young age, Vi worked in the office of her father's seed and implement store on north 9<sup>th</sup> Street. At Central High, Vi excelled at corporate administrative courses such as, bookkeeping, typing and short hand. Her resume includes: Bookkeeper at H.C. Prange's and then transferred to City Hall also in an administrative position.

As a child Vi developed a disorder in her chest and the doctors encouraged her parents to enroll her in an exercise or dance program. Vi soon became a member of the "Turners" – a well-known exercise, gymnastics and dance company. She beams with pride as she shared her story of a medal she received for five years of perfect attendance. Not to mention, the physical workouts prevented Vi from any further complications of her chest muscles.

At a young adult's social event, Vi met her husband Konstant. Vi loves and cherishes her four children and five grandchildren most. They all went on to be successful and faithful to their family circle. As time allows, Vi loves to relax and read or just bask in the love of her family she was so blessed with.

A trip to the West coast was a highlight for Vi. Years ago she and her brother took a road trip to California, got to see the lovely landscapes and met some good old-fashioned friendly people. Vi had a sister who was a nun/teacher in Guam, so they were able to cruise over to the island of Guam before they left the California coast.

Whenever you see Vi, she is dressed in high fashion, color coordinated, complete with jewelry, make-up and hair, just like she came out of the H.C. Prange display windows. Why does she bother to do so? "Because I love my life here at Sheboygan Senior Community. The kindness shown by the caregivers and staff; plus the FOOD is just out of this world! Everything I need is right here. I feel loved, I feel safe and well cared for."

Vi is still active in our house choir, the Friendly Voices. She sings, she dances... there's not much this woman *can't* do! We admire you, Vi. Your fierce love for life and family is so apparently and we love having you a part of the SSC family.

# Welcome to the TEAM



- 4/25/17 Kendra Roy – Residential Aide
- 4/25/17 Ashley Schukow – CNA
- 4/28/17 Gary Myers – Maintenance
- 5/4/17 Brenna Zajkowski – Dining Services
- 5/4/17 Mercedes Garduno – Dining Services
- 5/4/17 Isabel Mueller – Dining Services
- 5/4/17 Jacqueline Oppeneer – Dining Services
- 5/5/17 Rosa Hernandez – CNA
- 5/5/17 Carolyn Eiden – RN
- 5/5/17 Grisel Rivera – Environmental Services

## LET'S CELEBRATE!!! NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK MAY 15 – 19

**Mix Match, Mismatch, Muffin Madness Monday:** Wear mismatched scrubs, shoes, hair styles, earrings, you name it! Then, join us for a muffin in the breakroom.

**Team Taco Tuesday:** Let's see who you're rooting for and have an ice cream taco in the breakroom.

**Woof, Woof (meow, too) Wednesday:** We want to give back to our furry friends at the Sheboygan County Humane Society. Donate new items and drop them off in the Life Enrichment office. The list of items needed is in the breakroom as well as on their website. There will be puppy chow available for purchase in the café with all proceeds going toward a donation to the SCHS. We will also have a pet visit from noon-2p from adoptable animals from the SCHS in the TOL. Last, feel free to dress up as your favorite animal.

**Tee Shirt, Tennies (pants, too) Thirsty Thursday:** We're going real casual with t-shirts and tennis shoes. Join us for happy hour from 1:30-3:30pm in the café.

**Potluck Pay Day (Friday):** Bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert to pass at our first all staff potluck! We will be hosting a dessert "bake-off," so be sure to cast your vote! See the ladies in Life Enrichment to sign up.

### Important Courtyard Information

Despite what the doors may say, PLEASE utilize the courtyards. The doors with "no exit" are only labeled as such because they are not an egress route for fire escape purposes. However, with the warmer weather inevitably on its way, we want residents, family members and staff to enjoy all of the courtyards.

### HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS...

Welsch Hearing Aid Company will have a Service Center day here at Sheboygan Senior Community on the June 7, 2017 at 1:30pm. All residents can have service done to their hearing aid for a nominal fee even if they are not under warranty with Welsch Hearing.



A group of ladies from Willow went to the Sheboygan County Historical Museum last month. They loved seeing resident, Shirley B.'s pictures in the circus exhibit!

A phenomenal group of volunteers helped plant over 235 trees at the end of April throughout our 40 acre campus. We can't wait to watch them grow. Thank you to our volunteers!

