

Sheboygan Senior Community

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3505 County Road Y
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Resident Birthdays



10/04	Geri R.
10/14	Irene W.
10/16	Lee R.

Staff Birthdays



10/2	Latricia T.
10/3	Nikita B.
10/3	Lucas B.
10/14	Linda K.
10/15	Christine B.
10/17	Amber A.

Staff Anniversaries

Cori M.	18 years
Candice B.	1 year
Nichole M.	2 years
Karen A.	8 years
Randal S.	2 years
Wendi B.	4 years
Janet C.	18 years
Amber A.	1 year

Special Upcoming Events

October 1 st – 1:30pm	1 year Anniversary Celebration – TOL
October 6 th – Health Care	Fall leaves Bus Trip
October 7 th – Willow Lane	Falls leaves Bus Trip
October 10 th – 2:30pm	Steve & Kathleen Music – TOL
October 14 th – 2:30pm	Button Box Music – TOL
October 18 th – 10:00am	Music by Dr. Hancock – TOL
October 20 th – 10:15am	Seton Catholic School – TR
October 31 st – 2:00pm	Halloween Costume Parade

**Our Halloween parade will be on Monday, October 31st in the afternoon. The parade is open to staff, residents, and their family and friends. The parade route will start by the reception desk and we will walk through each household starting with Willow and ending in Hickory. This event is perfect for everyone, so start brainstorming your costume ideas today! If you have any questions, ask Melissa or Dana in Life Enrichment.*

Spook-tacular Activities to get in the Festive, Halloween Spirit

Mon., October 10 – 10:30am	Halloween Trivia – Oak Living Room – Healthcare
Mon., October 17 – 2:30pm	Halloween Wheel of Fortune – TOL
Wed., October 19 – 2:00pm	Halloween Craft Cart – All Households
Fri., October 21 – 2:00pm	Pumpkin Decorating – Hickory, Oak, Willow Dining Rooms
Mon., October 24 – 2:00pm	Halloween Costume Making – TR
Wed., October 26 – 12:15pm	LCA Trick-or-Treaters – All Households
Wed., October 26 – 3:00pm	Halloween Movie – TOL
Thurs., October 27 – 2:00pm	Spooky Happy Hour – Oak Dining Room
Fri., October 28 – 2:00pm	Spooky Happy Hour – Willow Dining Room
Mon., October 31 – Afternoon	Halloween Parade – All Households





From the Desk of Paul Treffert

Greetings, SSC Residents, Staff, and Friends:

This Saturday (10/1), we will be celebrating our One Year Anniversary in the new building. As someone who has spent much of his career working in old-style nursing homes (two people to a room, four people to a bathroom, shower at the end of the hall, tile floors, beige walls...), it is a privilege for me to work in this beautiful space. And I am ever grateful to people like my predecessor Joan Kleist and our (all volunteer) Board members who spent countless hours on every aspect of designing and decorating the new facility. I am sure they all learned far more than they wanted to about everything that is involved in creating a new living center literally from the ground up.

But for our residents and their families, what really matters is not the surroundings. Rather it is the quality of care and services we provide every day. That is where our employees really stand out. About a week ago, I met with a woman whose husband had recently transferred to SSC from another area facility. Tears came to her eyes as she was telling me how pleased she was with the nursing care, therapy, food, etc. that her husband had received while recovering from a serious medical event, and how happy she was that he was ready to come home. That's pretty powerful stuff.

But for all the positive feedback, I know we are not perfect, and always have things to work on. As someone I used to work for once told me, I don't expect perfect, but I do expect progress. Much of our room for improvement continues to be around staffing. Finding enough qualified, dedicated employees has always been a challenge in senior care, and that is true now more than ever. To that end, we recently sent letters to over four-dozen former employees asking them to consider rejoining our team. We don't know if this will bear any fruit or not, but we are always looking for new ways to recruit and retain the best employees.

That said, I want to thank our outstanding nursing and dietary employees who continue to meet and exceed our resident expectations by working extra shifts, coming in early, staying late, and more. We truly could not do it without you, and words can't really express how much we appreciate the sacrifices that you (and your families) make to be sure our residents are well cared for.

While on the topic of sacrifice, I want to publicly thank the members of our management team who spent many nights and every weekend in the summer of 2015 getting the new building ready for occupancy by spending countless hours moving equipment, records, supplies, and more to the new facility after working their day jobs in the old one. And of course, a huge thank you to the employees who worked so hard to move our residents and their belongings on Moving Day, all the while ensuring everyone was safe, well-fed, and well cared for that day, and then helped us get settled in the days and weeks after. No matter your position, if you were worked at SSC around that time, you have much to be proud of.

One last thing – did you know that over 10,000lbs of linen are washed at SSC everyone month? Our laundry staff of Sharon, Lisa, and Joan all do a great job working 'behind the scenes' and we are lucky to have them on the SSC team. They are all quiet, but they sure do work hard doing their part serving our residents. So when you see them, please be sure to say thank you for all that they do

Paul T.



A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated and shared words of encouragement in this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's in Sheboygan County. We raised \$1,856 and were one of the top ten teams in Sheboygan County.

Our walkers were: Dana Elmzen, Tina Kramer, Brenda Kiefer, Heather and Hazel Sunagel, Mike Roder, Joyce Shaffer, Nikki Michaels, Michelle Olson and family, Stef Peterson and additional fundraisers; Paul Treffert and Tara Holzem.

This was the first time in a long time that we had a presence at the walk, and despite the rain, we all had a blast. We look forward to next year's walk being even bigger and better.

Resident Spotlight: Shirley Bentley

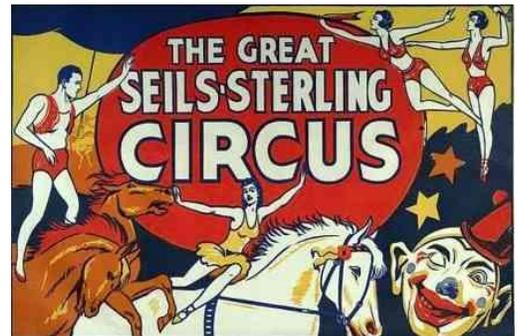
Ladies and Gentlemen, children of all ages, welcome to the Greatest Show On Earth! Our next performer is the famous Shirley Lindemann (Bentley) on the high-flying, death-defying trapeze.

Yes, Shirley Bentley was a star in the circus at the early age of 4. The circus was a family affair for the Lindemanns. Shirley's parents, 3 brothers, and 1 sister were all performers in the Seils-Sterling Circus (The Lindemann Brothers) in the 1930's. As a child, she spent most of the school year with her aunt in Sheboygan, so she could concentrate on her education while her parents were on the road managing the circus. Though her heart was never far from **them** or the **circus**.

Her mother and father had a double trapeze act where her mother would hang from the trapeze from just her teeth! Shirley was the high-flying **swinging** trapeze act – swinging, flipping and hanging from the bar by just her feet. For over 50 years, she entertained and amazed people from all over the world.

She was known as the trapeze artist and the "Lovely Lady" that road the elephants. She met her husband, Fred, when he was hired as the elephant trainer for the Circus.

She traveled the around the United States, Australia, Canada and Mexico. During her travels, she met Frank Sinatra in New York City and John Wayne while she performed with the Ringling Brothers Circus. They both sought out this Lovely Lady that road the circus elephants.





Staff Spotlight – Nikki Michaels

Nikki is one of our spectacular dietary aides who just celebrated 3 years of service with us. She took a position in dietary services because she loves helping people. She has a long history with SSC because both her grandmother and great-grandmother lived here over the years. The people at SSC feel a lot like family because she has a personal connection with many staff members and residents. She fondly remembers when Robert P. played a little tabletop volleyball with her and volleyed over 10 times. He shared he played basketball in high school and still had some ball handling skills.

Nikki’s talents don’t stop there. Even though she wasn’t much of a baker before this job, she now is famous for her creativity with tortes. Her latest masterpiece was a tie-dyed torte, which truly looked like a work of art. Speaking of bright colored creations – Nikki made tie-dye shirts, dresses, sheets and pillowcases and sold them at our local Farmers Market this summer. In her spare time, she has a group of friends who like to hula-hoop and they can run circles around anyone.

You may not know that Nikki lived in India as a young child and also in San Diego, CA until age 7. Her sights are set on becoming a CNA in the near future. We have no doubt she will be a great health-care provider. Her enthusiasm and love for people is contagious!

Hats Off to Happy Hour

Who knew there was so much to the art of hat making? Our residents could tell you!

During our most recent happy hour, our residents from Hickory, Maple and Oak learned the difference between a hatter and a milliner – all while trying on some fun and fabulous hats.

Do you know the difference between the two? Hatters make men’s hats, while milliners make hats for women.

We talked about various uses for hats and different professions that wear hats. It made for an informative, nostalgic and exciting time.

