

# Sheboygan Senior Community

Short Term Rehab • Assisted Living  
Skilled Nursing Care

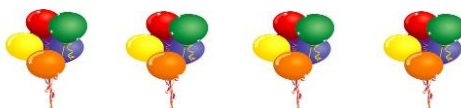


April 2017

3505 County Road Y  
Sheboygan, WI 53083

## Resident Birthdays

April 5	Mae Harder
April 5	Shirley Kaboord
April 10	Edna Spannagle
April 10	Burnell Kautzer
April 19	Irene Schultz
April 26	Viola Zajkowski
April 29	Wally Hermann



## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

April 3	Berta Hidri
April 11	Jessica Lee
April 11	Debra Yurk
April 13	Virginia Aguirre



## Upcoming Special Events for April

- April 10 – 10:30am – *Easter Egg Coloring* – Oak Dining Room
- April 10 – Afternoon – *Bus Trip: Historical Museum* – Willow
- April 11 – 2pm – *Jack Borkenhagen & Happy Hour* – TOL
- April 15 – 10am – *Richard's School of Dance Performance* – TR
- April 17 – 2:30pm – *Hot Cocoa & Brain Games* – Oak Living Room
- April 18 – 2pm – *Francis Rank Music Program* – TOL
- April 19 – 2:30pm – *"Make a Difference" Bingo* – TR
- April 20 – 6:30pm – *Ozaukee Flute Trio* – TOL
- April 21 – 2pm – *Happy Hour* – Willow Dining Room
- April 24 – 10:30am – *Poetry Party & Parade* – TR
- April 24 – 2pm – *Lake Country Academy Spring Concert* – TR
- April 25 – 10am – *Music with Dr. Hancock* – TOL
- April 28 – 3pm – *Cowboy Bob Western Music* – TOL

## Staff Anniversaries

April 1	Debra Yurk	18 years
April 2	Kia Chang	2 years
April 8	Heather Sunagel	8 years
April 14	Panhia Yang	1 year
April 15	Judy Kurer	32 years
April 20	Thomas Lawry	1 year
April 21	Donna Hoffmann	6 years
April 22	Jordan Wilke	1 year
April 26	Maryann Yekenwic	5 years
April 28	Bonita Zais	1 year
April 28	Jeanette Grunewald	1 year



## ***From the Desk of Paul Treffert***

Happy Spring!!!

Although we did not really have much of a winter, longer and warmer days are always welcome. Here at SSC, we continue to get positive feedback about winning the Chamber of Commerce Service Organization of the Year Award. But for as energizing as that was, we know that we still have plenty on our immediate 'to do' list and will continue raising the bar of expectations.

Behind the scenes, our management team has been working diligently to implement many features of our Electronic Medical Record system called Matrix. Led by our Director of Nursing, Lisa Hill, our clinical team has been converting the forms and assessments that had been completed on paper to an electronic format, which dramatically simplifies and streamlines how we document the care we provide. Maybe this kind of stuff brings out the nerd in me more than I would like, but I am very excited by all the work that has been done and the dramatic improvement in efficiency that we are already seeing. I'd like to extend a huge "thank you" to Lisa, Patty, Sue, Judy, Debi, Melissa, Katy, Brenda, and Carolyn for all their work on this important initiative.

On a less 'wonky' note, one of our goals is to always be a good neighbor to the community of Sheboygan. In particular, we want to maintain our ties to St. Luke's Church, whose members came together in the early 60's to form what is now Sheboygan Senior Community. To that end, early in March, several of department directors served a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Judy and her crew of gourmands at St. Luke's Christ Meal. The Christ Meal is led by one of our Board Members, Marcy Kerpe, with a number of dedicated volunteers coming together monthly to serve a hot meal to those in need. It was an honor to be there that day, and we look forward to doing it again sometime soon.

We are also looking forward to hosting two State Representatives from the Sheboygan area, Representatives Katsma and Vorpagel, for lunch and a tour later this month. As part of their visit, we may be scheduling a 'meet and greet' session. Please check our Facebook page as details come together.

Finally, I have stated before that I am continually amazed by the feedback we get from our residents and their families about the care and services that our amazing team provides every day. One email that I found especially moving from the son of two of our newest residents is reprinted with his permission to the right. We know we are not perfect, and will always have things to work on, but getting notes like this provides the inspiration to keep working hard every day.

Peace!  
Paul T.

## ***"THANKS to you and your entire team"***

Hi Paul: I want to thank you and the entire staff at Sheboygan Senior Community for making the transition for my parents to assisted living [a good experience].

In early March they were in their own home, then my father [went] to the hospital after a fall, then to the short term rehab nursing home for both parents, and finally last week to their own room in assisted living. This was almost too much for them to comprehend. During the 6 days I was in Sheboygan helping them out, I spent a lot of time in your facility. What I experienced was a shock to me—an entire building willing to help and with a smile and pleasant greeting from each one I came in contact with.

My wife's parents were both in assisted living and then nursing facilities in New Jersey. I thought all senior communities were the same—places for old people like my parents to live out their last months with little help or care from staff.

Sheboygan Senior Community should be a model for Senior Care. Whether it's the maintenance crew, cleaning crew that cleans every room daily, food services employees, nursing assistants and nurses, doctors on staff, rehab people or management—everyone treated my parents and myself with utmost respect and with my parents, much patience. But my parents weren't special—everyone staying at Sheboygan Senior Community is treated the same way—with proper care, patience and a smile on their face.

I feel very good about where my parents now live and call home. They will constantly talk about their old house but I know they'll be getting the proper care and services at Sheboygan Senior Community.

Thanks again and look forward to seeing you all soon.



**Florence Baxter**



**Baxter Family**

Florence Baxter was born on Sunday, November 12, 1911 and raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Florence had one brother she called "Sonny," aka Walter Becker. Life as a child for Florence was busy doing domestic tasks: sewing and cleaning both at home and at their local church, St. Andrews. At the very early age of six, Florence was taught to make her own clothes, quilt, mend, woodwork, and to install flooring just to name a few of her skills. Florence was known as the best dressed girl in school. Custom designs and one-of-a-kind items helped her earn that title.

Florence attended Franklin School through middle school and then graduated from Central High (South High School). She worked hard at school just like she did at home. She consistently brought home grade cards with straight A's and found her name on the honor roll. Because she was so bright and talented, she held several different jobs throughout her lifetime. She worked at Wigwam Mills, WKTS radio as the administrative secretary, Ross Glove Company, and finally Elvers Brothers Paint Store where she served as bookkeeper and CPA. Each and every talent she possessed were self-taught. She was a quick learner and a born leader.

The Masquerade Balls on Saturday nights were the hot spots for Florence and her girlfriends. Florence lights up with pride as she recalls the Saturday ballroom dances at Eagles Hall or 99 Hall. This classy group of friends would make elaborate gowns or dresses, rehearse their routines around her mother's dining room table and take a first or second place prize each and every week. Not to mention, that was when she was just 14-15 years old. So if Tom Bergeron from *Dancing with the Stars* should call, transfer it to Florence ext. 205.

There were no boys involved in her life during her dancing days, but at the age of 21 that quickly changed. Florence met her husband George when he came to Kohler during a labor strike, as he was working for the Calvary or "National Guard" unit. The day Florence brought George for dinner; it was love at first sight! (Well, her mom loved George immediately). She told Florence this was the man she would marry. George was very impressed by her mom's cooking, so he figured if she is a great cook, Florence surely would be too. The engagement was set. George worked many years for the Streetcar Company and then opened a Shell Oil filling station for a few years. They had two sons, Warner and Lane. The boys would change oil or wash windows at the filling station to help out.

Florence and her family had purchased some property on South 12<sup>th</sup> street totaling approximately 7 acres of land. Would you believe that Florence and her dad ended up building five homes on that property that housed her parents, her own family, her military brother and other family members? She could swing a hammer and install hardwood floors better than the property brothers on HGTV.

She is one amazing lady. Yes, we know you are 105 years old, but your heart and mind are full of joy and good memories. We're so glad we can benefit from your wisdom and experience.

# Welcome to the TEAM



3/19/17 Melissa Oxtoby - CNA  
4/05/17 Cheryl Quintana - Marketing  
4/07/17 Kenyata Evans - RA  
4/07/17 Lisa Holtz - LPN  
4/07/17 Andrea McAfee - LPN  
4/07/17 Tammy Ross - CNA



## Staff Spotlight – Ryan Krist

Ryan is a CNA in our Hickory Hills household. Helping others, providing comfort, security and compassion is the number one reason Ryan chose a career in healthcare. He is a graduate of UW-La Crosse with a degree in Biology. He plans to enroll in Grad school in 2018. To qualify for Grad school, they require Ryan to complete a limitless number of patient contact hours. His ultimate goal is to become a Physician's Assistant.

Ryan was born and raised in Sheboygan Falls, and is one of three children. He attended S.F. High School where he played football and basketball. He was even selected to Badger Boys State. Ryan qualified for the Honor's Society both at the high school and college level.

If Ryan had a personalized license plate it would read, **"Making a Difference"** because that is where his passion lies. He has completed numerous community service projects in the Sheboygan area, taught Sunday School, and also went on a medical mission trip to Guatemala in college. It was that mission trip that changed his life! He came home with a renewed appreciation for the life and liberties we enjoy and an ache in his heart for the local people who go without food, clothing or medical care every day. How can I make a difference, how can I, Ryan Krist, help change the world? That is why he chose the road to medical excellence.

What some people may not know about Ryan? He has a three year old Teddy Bear dog named, Rugby. Ryan loves to hunt deer, geese and duck. He likes to hike and explore the lands, work-out and watch competitive sports. His greatest hiking climb thus far is Buttea Mountain at Arizona State University. He hopes to travel out west and go after the Colorado Rockies!

SSC feels very blessed to have a young man like Ryan on our team. He is a man of integrity, compassion and high ethical standards. If he is the next generation, this world will be a better place to live!

To: All Landmark Owners and Sheboygan Senior Community –

*We wish to thank all residents for your friendship, your kindness and prayers in memory of my dear husband, Victor Muehleis. You all helped to ease the pain! A special "thank you" for the compassionate care given by the nurses of Willow Lane and Maple Creek!*

Sincerely,  
Ilse Muehleis, Peter & Family

## Attention all fun-seekers!

On Monday, April 24, 2017 at 10:30am we will be hosting a Poetry Party and Parade! Melissa and Dana in Life Enrichment have been training with the Alzheimer's Poetry Project since October of last year.

This month will be our culminating event with the project's founder, Gary Glazner. Gary resides in Brooklyn, NY and has been to SSC three times assisting Melissa and Dana in the techniques of performing poetry in a way that promotes memory and fun! We've hosted a number of poetry parties practicing these skills and we're excited to share our knowledge with you! Please join us on Monday, April 24 at 10:30am in the Training Room for the party with a parade to follow. For more information on the APP, please visit: <http://www.alzpoetry.com/>

## Marketing Outreach Update

We have amplified our presence at local job and senior fairs. Recently, we've attended the Random Lake Chamber of Commerce Job Fair as well as the Lakeshore Community Job Fair at Blue Harbor. Additionally, we've had booths at the Comfort Keepers Senior Lifestyles Fair and at the showing of I'll Be Me at the Weill Center. We look forward for more opportunities to be out in the community.



# RESIDENT POETRY

## “Nudge”

It's fun to be young again  
Age is just a number  
We can act however we want  
You're making us as old as we feel  
Being with a younger person  
Makes me feel young  
Being able to get up and walk  
Sometimes my legs don't work  
But getting up makes me feel young  
Certain types of music makes me feel young  
Do do do do  
It's been a long time since I was young

## “Cats and Dogs”

We had a black cat  
One day he wasn't at the door  
Two months later he came back  
He could climb trees, it didn't bother him  
It's amazing how animals have an instinct to come back  
We got our cat back for a second time  
All the way from the north side to the south side  
Our five cats climbed all over that dog  
On top of him while he was eating, it didn't bother him  
Cats and dogs getting along  
Unheard of.  
They're amazing.  
The cat eats the dog food and licks the dogs ears.

## “I Lick Your Nose”

I'd hit you, spank you  
Nobody likes to be licked  
I'd get rid of that cat  
Kick him to the curb  
Or take him to the chiropractor  
It might be nicer  
They've got psychiatrists for animals  
Meow, meow, meow  
Rub against you  
I have a nice cat  
I had a 14 pound cat  
She ate whatever she wanted  
My cat ate ice cream and potato chips  
She was almost human!

## “Let me out!”

I try to whine a lot, mmm....  
“Wino”!  
Marley Moo face opens his door with his paw  
Open the door with your mouth  
That's a big knob!  
Nothing seems to work!  
I can't even chase my tail  
I can't bark  
My knees are sore—I can't pray!  
Can't walk on all fours.  
But really we can...  
We just don't want too!

## “Purse dog”

I'm a purse dog  
What do you carry in your purse?  
I don't carry one.  
I hope there is money!  
Loose change, make-up, notebook  
I don't need a purse because I have no money  
We had a little dog but we didn't take it in a purse  
I'd take my dog to the church if I could fit it in a purse  
I'd take my dog shopping  
He'd come to work with me  
He can work and I'll watch!  
He has no thumbs—  
It's a selective job  
Let's go to lunch!  
I'll have it for lunch!  
It's a hot dog!  
I'm sick!

## “Wizardry”

If I were a wizard...  
I'd have fun.  
I'd like someone to help me to the ice cream shop  
That was a sweet treat when I was young  
The shop was just a block away  
It was a nickel an ice cream cone  
Penny candy and highbrow candy too.