

# Sheboygan Senior Community

Short Term Rehab • Assisted Living  
Skilled Nursing Care

*Happy  
New Year*

*January 2018*

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## Resident Birthdays

01/06	Joyce Dekker
01/20	Beth Schukow
01/24	Ruth Luecke
01/27	Gail Pilz
01/28	Robert Atkin



## Staff Birthdays

01/09	Panuo Xiong
01/11	Christine Kowalewski
01/11	Teisha Montanez
01/12	Valerie Dittrich
01/16	Kia Chang
01/19	Mercedes Garduno
01/19	Cori Menzer
01/22	Katy Knowles
01/22	Jacqueline Oppeneer
01/26	Margaret Mills
01/28	Grisel Rivera

## January Activities

- January 5 – 2:00pm – Poetry Party – Oak Living Room*
- January 8 – 2:30pm – Steve & Kathleen Music Program – TOL*
- January 10 – 2:00pm – Art Studio – Maple Dining Room*
- January 12 – 2:00pm – Meet Me in the Kitchen – Maple Dining Room*
- January 14 – Afternoon – Milly & Marley Dog Visits*
- January 15 – 10:30am – Resident & Family Council Meeting – TOL*
- January 15 – 3:00pm – Jack Borkenhagen Piano Music – TOL*
- January 16 – 2:00pm – A Sharp & A Flat Music Program – TOL*
- January 18 – 6:30pm – Rich Bauman Music & Entertainment – Gallery*
- January 22 – 2:00pm – Frances Rank Piano Polka & Waltzes – TOL*
- January 24 – 2:00pm – Art Studio – Maple Dining Room*
- January 25 – 6:00pm – Gallery Open House*
- January 26 – 2:00pm – Happy Hour – Maple Dining Room*
- January 29 – 2:00pm – Shirley Temples with “Shirley Temple” – TOL*
- January 31 – 6:30pm – Inspire your Heart with Art Coastal Event – Gallery*

**We want to send a heartfelt thank you to the following residents and their families for contributing toward our Staff Holiday Party. Your donations went toward providing of our staff members holiday gifts!**

The Family of Alice Hoffman: Kevin, Mark and Perry Hoffman  
The Family of Jeanette Carlson: Nancy and Rick Vollbrecht & Rick and Judy Carlson  
The Family of Connie Brown: Marcy and Vytas Kerpe  
The Family of Germaine Fox: Patricia Fox & Peg Duehring  
Don and Nancy McAdams  
Norbert and Carole Duening  
Herb and Edna Heiden

# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

We were moving and shaking in 2017. Here's a few of our favorite stats\*.

## LIFE ENRICHMENT



215 games of  
Bingo called



75 music  
programs held



115 church services  
attended

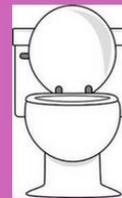
## HOUSEKEEPING/LAUNDRY/PURCHASING



20,800 rooms  
cleaned

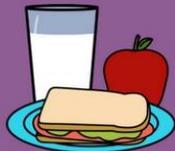


139,584 pounds of  
laundry washed



64,824 incontinent  
products used

## DINING SERVICES



81,337 resident  
meals served



454 guest meals  
served



21,183 cartons of  
milk drink

## EXECUTIVE



884 cans of Pepsi  
and/or Coke consumed  
by our Executive  
Director at work



652 dog treats  
given to Buddy



27,500 miles driven  
in the Prius by our  
Executive Director to  
and from work



## *Resident Spotlight: Wolfgang Geisler, SSC Table Tennis Master*

Fröhliche Weihnachten, Merry Christmas, from Wolfgang Geisler. Wolfgang has fond memories of Christmas in Germany with his family, especially the enticing aromas in the kitchen when his mom would start making kringle and stollen.

Wolfgang Geisler was born in Oels Schlesieu, Germany in 1922. His father was a Master Barber in the same shop where his mother managed a ladies salon. In those days, a man would spend three years as an apprentice learning every aspect of his desired trade, and at the completion he would become a Master tradesman. Wolfgang spent much of his days with his grandfather, who lived approximately 10 minutes on foot from his family home. His grandfather mentored him as he ran his own pottery business; Wolfgang loved working with his hands, and running the pottery wheel. In Germany during this time you attended either an all-boy school or all-girl school. Wolfgang is pretty sure that was why he excelled in school; the typical distractions were not present!

When Wolfgang was a young man he was drafted into the army as a Communications Division Specialist. He felt it was this assignment that kept him from harm's way – away from enemy fire. However, Wolfgang was hospitalized at one point. He and other men had been sleeping under tanks for protection in North Africa, when he woke early one morning he banged his head on the tank, and severely busted open his right eye. He was taken to a hospital, and then later was transported to another in Germany. That was a turning point for this young army recruit. It was at that hospital in Germany that he met the love of his life, Helga, an Army nurse. After the war Wolfgang lived with Helga's family because the whereabouts of his own family were unknown. It was a long 2 years before he was rejoined with his parents and two brothers. Wolfgang sadly recalls the awful conditions in Germany after the war: food shortages, clothing shortages, and fear of Russian takeovers. If caught by Russian troops, the younger men were sent to Siberia, something they all feared and ran from. The main food staple was truckloads of potatoes that would be boiled for each meal; no salt, no butter, just a potato. Wolfgang remembers losing many army buddies to the consumption of shipments of potatoes that had been tainted or spoiled.

Wolfgang and Helga had 2 children, and in 1963 they moved to the United States. They located to Indiana to be near Wolfgang's sponsor; Dr. Bundsen, head of the health department in Chicago, IL who spoke proficient German. Dr. Bundsen hired Wolfgang to be the caretaker of a number of his cottage unit properties in suburban Chicago. He loved his work, but Helga had relatives in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and she was yearning to live near more family. With his master skills in pottery, Wolfgang easily landed a job with the Kohler Company. He joined the Company as a "scab," because Kohler was on strike at the time. Wolfgang worked 30 years as an experimental caster; making toilet bowls and bathtubs, and trying out new design forms and ideas. He remembers the dedicated crew he worked with, all strong and able bodied men – "We were men who treasured the opportunity to work our best for the pay that had been promised us." After Wolfgang retired from the Kohler Company, he continued to create pottery in his own basement. He has photo albums filled with his beautiful creations; AWESOME one of kind pieces. We're lucky enough to have one currently sitting on the Hickory nurse's station.

Wolfgang loves to talk about his children and grandchildren, and their successes: his one daughter, Heidi, works for Sargento, and her daughter has established a successful practice as an area physician. He respects this granddaughter immensely because he knows the commitment and sacrifice it takes to get that "Dr." in front of your name. Wolfgang's family has graciously donated a table tennis table to SSC for Wolfgang's use: Wolfgang says it is appropriately called table tennis, NOT ping pong, in Germany. As a young man he spent almost every Sunday morning playing table tennis with his buddies at their Town Hall. Even at 95, he has a wicked backhand!

## Sharon Henderson – MDS coordinator



Sharon Henderson was born and raised in the city of Milwaukee. One of two daughters, she attended St. Cyril & Methodius Elementary School and later graduated from Notre Dame High School with High Honors – ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in her class. One year after graduation she married, and soon had 6 lovely children. As a young mom, she worked for the Wisconsin Telephone Company processing payments. Sharon also spent 3 ½ years with the U.S. Post Office as a Parcel Post sorter, which required lifting up to 70 pounds. In an 8 hour shift she could lift as much as 7 tons of packages! This rigorous work-out enabled her to lose all of her baby weight and then some, and also develop some nice biceps!

Sharon was then the owner of the second largest pet shop in the city of Milwaukee for four years. In her shop they sold, groomed, and trained pets. Surprisingly, some of the most popular pets were snakes and lizards... Yikes! Sharon has bred both St. Bernard's and Labs, and managed a hobby farm of horses, goats, chickens, ducks and geese. Her best buddy these days is a chocolate lab named Cocoa.

Sharon went on to obtain her LPN, then RN certification, and Bachelor's Degree from Cardinal Stritch College. She has worked as a long term care nurse in several Milwaukee area nursing homes and also at Rocky Knoll in Sheboygan County. In addition to her part-time status here, she has Humana clients she helps on alternate days. This lady is not afraid of hard work!

In 1973 Sharon moved to Cascade, and is now a resident of Random Lake. Her four boys and two girls live nearby, and two of her children have followed in their mother's footsteps and have pursued careers as RNs. Sharon also enjoys time with her 10 grandchildren.

Sharon loves to garden, travel, feed the birds, target practice, and spend time with Cocoa. A major goal for hers is to reach all 50 states, and she only has 25 more to go! She hopes to visit Alaska in 2018.

Sharon loves her job at Sheboygan Senior Community; she finds the staff's enthusiasm and energy to be contagious. Her wish is to develop a closer relationship with the long term residents. Sharon's laundry list of achievements and talents are quite impressive; she has so much to give, and we have so much to learn from her. Welcome Aboard, Sharon!

# Welcome to the TEAM



12/04	Rosabel Reimann	Unit Assistant
12/08	Amanda Dekker	CNA
12/08	Britney Damkot	Unit Assistant
12/08	Gail Hitsman	Residential Aide
12/11	Isabel Cerda	Dining Services



## Staff Anniversaries



### December

Mary Huibregtse	1 year
Ann Smith	1 year
Lori Schuessler	9 years
Charlotte Knepfel	3 years
Allen Kirsch	2 years
Tamara Lukonen	1 year
Emma Mersberger	7 years

### January

Joan Harder	34 years
Holly Bieberitz	2 years
Terry Provencher	4 years
Katy Knowles	1 year
Chris Kowalewski	20 years
Chris Parrish	3 years
Berta Hidri	1 year
Randy Lawrence	2 years
Song Xiong	4 years
Annie Howe	4 years



## Staff Development

\*Attention all nursing staff\*

Nurses' Meeting – the SECOND Tuesday of EACH month:  
Tuesday, January 9, Tuesday, February 13, Tuesday, March 13

CNA Meeting – the THIRD Tuesday of EACH month:  
Tuesday, January 16, Tuesday, February 20, Tuesday, March 20

RA Meeting – the FOURTH Tuesday of EACH month:  
Tuesday, January 23, Tuesday, February 27, Tuesday, March 27

*Please make note of your monthly standing meetings*

# Happy New Year!!

## -Paul