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MONTHLY UPDATES



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HOUSEHOLD HAPPENINGS

McCormick Landing – July has come and gone. It's hard to believe we are entering the 8th month of the year – August. We will once again be enjoying music by Jim Lindenschmidt via our patio. We are glad that baseball is back and will be watching the games on TV and cheering on our Cincinnati Reds. We will also be playing Bingo, working on some art projects and learning more about Europe with documentaries with Rick Steves. We will be enjoying freshly baked snacks. We will continue church services with Chaplain Bill on Sundays and Bible studies on Wednesdays. Our Catholic Mass and Rosary services will continue virtually through on-line services.

Gatch Grove – July was a challenging month but we survived it. In August we will continue taking small groups to the gathering room for some socials (groups of 10 or less), We will do almost out to lunch and bring food in from a fast food restaurant, date not yet determined. We will be doing one on one activities in resident rooms, playing Hallway Joker Uno, Hallway bingo, TV word games, Learning Circles, balloon volleyball, trivia, and, of course, have manicures. We are providing puzzles, color pages, and other materials for independent in room activity. We will still be doing Church services on all the households on Sunday's & Bible Study during the week. If anyone would like to Facetime, Skype, door or window visit, or just call their loved ones please contact Christine Pierce @ 513-235-6042. For Outside visits contact Tim Bentley @513-965-7722 or tbentley@semhaven.org.

Canfield Court – Another Month in the Books, where does the time go? July once again was a great Month, our elders enjoyed baking, lots of fun documentaries, tasty treats, bingo, arts/crafts, fun with staff and our live courtyard concert with Jim. We had LaRosa's pizza for an "Almost out to lunch" and everyone really enjoyed it. We did a fundraiser for our household to earn a little extra money for future activities by selling iced coffee. August will be a busy month as well, we will enjoy many of the same activities along with some new ones. The Cincinnati Reds are back playing and we have every game marked on the calendar for a little extra entertainment in our day. Here on Canfield we have a lot of Cincinnati Red fans! We only have one birthday to celebrate this month and we will do that with lots of cake and ice cream!

SEM Haven Rehab -- Looking forward to a good August on Rehab. We are trying some new activities this month with the help of our rehab staff. STNA Terri will be leading a project to make feather wreaths on the 9th and 10th. Nurse Melissa will be tie dying face masks on the 22nd for our rehab guests to take home upon discharge. Therapists are leading activities as well including Brain Game Mondays, Reading Horoscopes and Trivia this month.

Ripple Ridge – We are gearing up for the Dog Days of Summer. We have lots of cool treats planned for the month, we are be enjoying fresh veggies from our garden (the tomatoes are finally starting to turn), and lots of goodies in the works to bake. We will be working on lots of art projects this month preparing for an online art auction at the end of the month. The pieces we have so far are absolutely beautiful. Chaplain Bill will continue to visit us twice a week for our spiritual needs, he keeps us encouraged and uplifted. The family video chats and window/door visits are doing wonders for our elders, they truly enjoy seeing the faces of their loved ones during this difficult time, so please keep them coming! Stay safe everyone and we hope to see you soon!

ANNOUNCEMENT -- [Ripple Ridge Household online Art Auction on SEM Haven's Facebook page, beginning Monday August 24th at 4pm and end on Monday August 31st at 4pm. Please keep an eye out for more information coming closer to the auction.](#)

Kugler Woods/Hickory Cottage/Willow Way - Assisted Living-Kugler/Hickory/Willow - It's tomato season! We are picking some beauties from our little garden. Our flowers look amazing this year. We have enjoyed sitting outdoors and taking all the live scenery in. Brittany the beautician has been a big blessing for us on the households in Assisted Living. She has been keeping our residents up-to-date with haircuts/style and nailcare. Cornhole has become a favorite among our residents. We are planning a corn on the cob grill-out this month. Newtown market has the best peaches and cream corn in the state! Our residents have also requested snapping up some green beans. All of us are wishing you well and praying to see you soon.

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 UPDATE: We are excited that Clermont County has moved to a Level 2 (Orange) status so that we can open up for outdoor visitation in both Assisted Living and Nursing/Rehab. We are so pleased to be taking this next step in reuniting our residents with their immediate family. We just want to remind all families that this is going to be a week by week process as Governor DeWine reports the updated county statuses every Thursday.

Resident testing has been postponed at this time. The Ohio Department of Health has determined that staff is the highest risk for bringing COVID-19 into our home. Therefore, they have announced their intention for bi-weekly testing of staff at the facility. Once we receive more details, I will be sure to keep you informed of the process and outcomes of testing. ODH will assign our testing dates and provide all testing supplies.

As always, I cannot fully express our sincere thanks for the continued support and trust you place in our team. Our SEM Haven staff are truly WARRIORS in all aspects of the word!!

ELDER SPOTLIGHT

~ Chaplain Bill

Our Elder of the month for August 2020 has been a special friend to the chaplain for years. Each time he came he asked to see the chaplain and I ran to greet him. **Bill Lovatt** was born and raised in North Tallawanda, (Buffalo) New York. His mother was a school teacher and his father was a super active Episcopal minister, born in Hankow, China. His father was a colonel in the British Army. Bill had three uncles who were also in the British Army. One uncle, "Nunky" was a doctor. Bill is a descendent of Lady Jane Gray, a queen of England who was beheaded by a mob. Bill has two sisters: Susan Lovatt Borts and Pam Lovatt. Bill says that Susan is absolutely beautiful. She was a model and has a really blessed life. His other sister is Pam Lovatt. Pam owns Antique shops in the Tusculum and Milford areas.

Bill graduated high school from St. Paul Boarding School in Towson, Maryland. All the proctors were doctors from Johns Hopkins. Bill played Lacrosse, wrestled, was a wing back on the football team and played squash. Right now, he enjoys watching the Reds and Bengals. Bill has all kinds of degrees, including a Special Education degree from the University of Wisconsin. He has an Art degree from San Francisco Art Institute and three special art degrees from other schools. He made and sold pottery and he is an expert in clay art. He made fantastic statues. He hired handicapped workers and taught them to make pottery which he then sold. He was in this business for 30 years.

Bill was in the Merchant Marine. He was a Boatswains Mate and as a deck hand he could tie any knot and use any line. He worked on huge boats and tugs, up and down the Mississippi to Texas. In 1983 Bill married Priscilla Garrison from Nantucket; it was there he learned to sail. They had no children.

Bill had the gift of "the blarney". He went to work at National Community Relations Services in Atlanta as a fund raiser for economic development. Working with companies and chambers of commerce he raised 15 million dollars. Bill loves music and played the flute. He loves everything from Mozart to Rag Time to Jazz and Blues. He loves western movies like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. John Wayne is his favorite actor.

Bill traveled in the United States in the Merchant Marine and also went to England and Wales where he visited relatives and then went also to France. Bill had a Golden Retriever name "Rue" and his family had English Bulldogs.

Bill is honest. When he was in school, he got caught using sign language. He confessed it was so he could cheat on a test. The teacher asked how long it had taken him to learn it. He said three weeks and the teacher told him he could have got A's if he had used that time to just study. Bill was actually doing it to help his friends as he was the smartest one in the class.

Bill has been a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church and never misses our services. A passage I would pick for Bill is out of Matthew 25. The sheep and goat passage, especially Vs. 40. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me". (NIV) Bill has been doing for others his whole life. Get to know Bill and you will know one of the greatest guys you'll ever meet.

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MATTHEW 25: VS. 40

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EDEN ALTERNATIVE™ – The core concept of The Eden Alternative™ philosophy is strikingly simple. We must teach ourselves to see our environment as a habitat for human beings rather than a facility for the frail and elderly. We must learn what Mother Nature has to teach us about the creation of vibrant, vigorous habitats. The Eden Alternative™ shows us how companion animals, the opportunity to give meaningful care to other living creatures, and the variety and spontaneity that mark an enlivened environment can succeed where other interventions may fail.

Find an article about [community pet, Walter](#). He was adopted last year and is a great addition to SEM Haven.



Have a great month!

~ Jessica Hall, Administrator