

*December 2019*

# MONTHLY UPDATES



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## HOUSEHOLD HAPPENINGS

**Kugler Woods/Hickory Cottage/Willow Way** - We had a blast at the Night of Lights at Old Coney! The staff and residents sang carols and had many laughs that evening. Our residents are excited to participate in setting up our booth at the Christmas Craft Bazaar on 12/6. On 12/12 Tammy Powell will be entertaining us again this year at the annual Christmas Gala. We will be getting a visit from Santa on 12/18 and entertainment from Mark Huffman, flautist. We have many happy hours with eggnog planned in our family rooms to bring in good cheer. Our staff and resident household Christmas party will be 12/19. So happy to have entertainer Bill Roth at our New Year's Eve Bash on 12/31 at 2:00. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year from Assisted Living!

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**SEM Haven Rehab Center** – Rehab is getting ready for the holidays. Every year we enjoy having our rehab guests help decorate the therapy Christmas tree as part of their therapy sessions. This year the tree in the gym will feature hand painted ornaments donated to us by 4th grade Girl Scout Troop from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We will also have our rehab guests decorate cookies for the holidays on the 11th.

**McCormick Landing** – Its hard to believe that November is over and December is here! We had many activities in November, including listening to Jim Lindenschmidt, painting ceramic ornaments, celebrating Veteran's Day, going on a lunch outing with Canfield Court and seeing the lights at Coney Island. December promises to be busy. We will be having a craft corner, listening to Jim Lindenschmidt, having learning circles and continuing our Tuesday baking. We will also be enjoying time with Chaplin Bill, getting pictures taken with Santa, decorating Christmas cookies and singing carols. Our household Christmas party will be held on December 19th.

**Canfield Court** – November flew by in the blink of an eye, and December will too even faster with all the fun filled holiday activities going on in Canfield Court. We will do lots of holiday baking, crafts, and socials. We will have music with James Rosenburger, Mark Hoffman, and Jim Lindenschmidt. Jim came for the first time to Canfield last Month and our elders fell head over heels for him! Everyone was smiling ear to ear, clapping and dancing. They absolutely loved him! So, with that; Jim will be coming on a monthly bases, 4th Wednesday of the Month. We will be going on our lunch outing on the 16th and our household Christmas party will be held on the 19th. In the spirit of Christmas, we will have some themed days the week of: Monday will be Christmas Sock Day, Tuesday Santa Hat Day, Wednesday Ugly Christmas Sweater Day and Thursday Pajama Day.

**Gatch Grove** – It's time for Santa !! Let the decorating begin. We will deck the halls the first week of December. Our lunch outings will be December 9th to Red Lobster & December 30th to Cracker Barrel. We will not be doing a shopping outing in December. We will have our crafts for the Bake Goods & Craft Bazaar on December 6th (If you would like to help with crafts, baked goods, or donations for this please see Tim). We have several musical groups in December. Holiday Gala & Live Nativity on the 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 followed by Church Service @7:30pm. Have your picture taken with Santa on the 18th starting @ 1:30. The household Christmas Party with visit by Santa is on the 19th at 2:00 pm. We will play card games, dice games, balloon volleyball, puzzles, poker, trivia, and, of course, have manicures. If anyone would like to help with the trips please let Tim know at 513-965-7722 or [tbentley@semhaven.org](mailto:tbentley@semhaven.org).

**Ripple Ridge** - December is packed full of fun and holiday spirit. We have already started decorating for the upcoming holidays, we will be finishing up the crafts for our annual Christmas craft bazaar, and are looking forward to our annual Christmas Gala. Lots of fun things to do this month, Christmas Bingo, hot cocoa by the fireplace, baking some of our favorite Christmas recipes and lots of music and singing.





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# HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

**CHRISTMAS GALA OPEN HOUSE** - See you on Thursday, December 12 from 6:00-8:00. We will have entertainment & refreshments in all households and at 7:30 Chaplain Bill will have a Christmas program in the chapel. Be sure to visit each household! Also, be sure to see THE LIVE NATIVITY scene located near our fountain and main entrance.

**HOUSEHOLD HOLIDAY PARTIES** - Our Resident/Staff Holiday parties will be Thursday, December 19. Each household plans its individual party with food and gifts. This has been one of our most popular events with the majority of residents and staff participating. Santa will make a visit to each household. Families are always welcome; check with your household for times.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** - Friday, December 6. Come shop for amazing crafts and baked goods. Proceeds benefit our household activities programs, including the holiday party.

**PICTURES WITH SANTA** - On Wednesday, December 18th we will have Santa in the facility for pictures, from 1:30 - 3:00! Everyone is welcome to stop by get their picture taken with Santa. You can bring your own camera or we will take a one and get you a copy as soon as we can.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** Catholic Christmas Eve mass with Father Ed Smith is at 10:30 AM; an interdenominational Christmas program is at 2:00 PM with Chaplain Bill. Services are open to everyone.

**SOCIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS** We had a great time with our A Charlie Brown Christmas theme in the Miami Township holiday parade. Thanks to all who participated. Following are December highlights:

12/5 West Clermont Choir  
12/6 Craft Bazaar / Bake Sale  
12/7 Frank Gallenstein Music  
12/11 It's A Wonderful Life Movie & Popcorn  
12/12 Holiday Gala & Church Services  
12/13 Thomas & Kerri Sing-a-Long  
12/14 Demmenman Family Singers  
12/17 Hot Cocoa & Cookies  
12/18 Milford Jr. High Choir  
    Pictures with Santa  
12/19 Household Christmas Parties  
    Egg Nog & Christmas Memories  
12/21 Jelena Vogt Piano Recital  
12/24 Catholic Christmas Eve Mass  
    Nondenominational Christmas Eve Service  
12/25 Jackie & Dave McCoy Music  
12/27 Craig Nagel Music  
12/28 Hot Cocoa Social  
12/31 Music, Bingo & NYE Party

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# ELDER SPOTLIGHT

## ~ Chaplain Bill

Ron Harrison, our elder of the month, is a personal friend. He is one of the most dynamic men I have ever encountered. He recently went home to continue his rehab there after being with us since July of 2019. Ron was at death's door through his ordeal and spent much of his time preparing for surgery and then recovering from surgeries. He has nothing but tremendous praise for SEM Haven and especially our rehab section. His story goes back to 2012 when he was with us the first time and again in 2013, when the chaplain recruited him as a volunteer. He became the most outstanding volunteer we have ever seen. Our chapel services and bible studies grew because of his dependable work.

Ron recruited his wife, Hilda, and she has become a dynamic volunteer also. Our bingo sessions are sensational due to their work. They help with Sunday music after chapel, they visit elders and Ron and Mark Huffman work hard to make our "Music and Memories" program the best you will find anywhere. The SEM Olympics, outings, household functions, it goes on and on; Ron and Hilda work on them all, we thank God for them.

Ron was born in Goshen, Ohio. His Grandma delivered him on the kitchen table, by the light of a coal oil lamp as the house had no electricity. His mom was a homemaker and his dad a farmer, a factory worker, and later worked at GE where he became a precision drill operator. Ron has one brother, Roger, a year younger. In 1963, Ron and Hilda were married in the preacher's living room. They had Michael who lives in Iowa, Cheryl, and 12 years later Tim came along.

Ron delivered and installed propane gas to farms and homes for 15 years and was let go due to age discrimination. He then went to work for Multi-form plastic where he worked for another 15 years. When he was laid off from that job he retired, as his body needed it. Ron and Hilda got a "great deal", so they built a new house where they have lived for 46 years. Hilda worked at Valetone cleaners. It was sold to Tim Schutte who agreed to keep all the workers. Tim was a great boss.

Ron's favorite music is Bluegrass and country gospel. He also likes jazz, and classics. He played guitar and bass for "Sounds of Joy" at Loveland Church of Christ where he also served as a deacon. His music group even cut a 45rpm. They now belong to Crossings Church, a church of six or seven hundred people, where they are very active participants.

Ron likes the old TV shows on "Me" Andy Griffith, Mash, and westerns such as the Rifleman. He had some loveable pets, an old mutt named Bridgett for 12 years and two cats that Tim brought home which they had for 14 years. They didn't do much traveling, just camping on weekends. His favorite sport is drag racing and he is a big fan of Don Garlits and they visited his museum in Ocala, FL.

Ron wants to tell people how great SEM Haven is, he would have people lined up in wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, and crutches trying to come in here.

A verse the chaplain likes for Ron is Mark 9:35. "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all". Ron keeps leading the way as a Godly volunteer. We love Ron.



# OTHER NEWS

**STAFF NEWS** – A huge thank you to our Board of Directors for approving a holiday bonus for our staff. We are so grateful for all of our staff and thankful for their dedication to SEM Haven and the residents who live here.

**HIPAA LAW** – This is a reminder. In order to make sure we protect the personal health information of our residents; SEM Haven's policy is that staff members are not permitted to be friends with residents or families on Facebook or other social media sites. Only the nurses are permitted to communicate with families about the resident's medical information and staff members are not to put resident or family phone numbers in their personal cell phones unless approved by administration. Also, if you are taking pictures of your loved one this holiday season, please do not include other residents in the photo unless you have permission directly from them or their family. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**SEASONAL FLU** – Reminder - Please refrain from visiting SEM Haven if you have any respiratory illness or are running a fever. Flu and Pneumonia is especially dangerous for our elders.

