

November 2019

MONTHLY UPDATES



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HOUSEHOLD HAPPENINGS

Kugler/Hickory/Willow - We ended the month of October taking first place for our rendition of "The Flintstones" at the annual Halloween Costume party! The month of November, we will be going out to lunch at the Schoolhouse Restaurant. We are also going almost out to lunch, residents choice. It's that time of the year when all the household will be working on crafts for the Craft Bazaar! We also are excepting donations for this event. Please call Amy Mullins 965-7735 for more information. Our residents will be doing lots of Fall baking on the households.

McCormick Landing - September has flown by and the busy season is here. We will have music with Jim Lindenschmidt 11/7. Painting Holiday Ceramics on the 7th @ 2pm. We are also joining Canfield Court for a lunch outing on the 18th. Also, we will start Crafts for the Craft & Bake Bazaar on 12/6. We also plan on baking, having learning circles, playing games and watch TV, listening to music.

Gatch Grove - Our busy season is here! Our lunch outings for November are going to be to I-Hop on the 4th & Montgomery Inn on the 14th. There is a shopping outing on 11/25. We will be having our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on 28th at noon. The cost for visitors this year is \$5 per person. Please contact Tim or Joanna to make reservations by November 22nd. Meal tickets are purchased at the reception desk, but the receptionist does not take reservations. We will start 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). Also, we will be planning trips to Coney Island for Night of Lights. 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.

Ripple Ridge - We will be working diligently on crafts for our bazaar in December, going out to lunch to Montgomery Inn on Nov 14, visiting Coney Island's Nights of Lights display on Nov 12. If any family member's would like to join us for any of the outings please feel free to join us. This Thanksgiving we will be cooking and serving the entire meal at noon on the household. If you would like to join us, the cost is \$5 per person and please RSVP to Denise Carnes at dcarnes@semhaven.org or 513 965 7798, please leave a voice mail including your name, and # of people who will be dining with us. We would like to have RSVP's by November 21 please.

Canfield Court - Wow the Month of October flew by! We have been so busy celebrating and doing many different fall activities. We baked several things such as chocolate chip Kahlua cake & candy corn cupcakes, and a yummy apple pie! We did our "Almost out to Lunch" at Frisch's and went to IHop for our lunch outing with McCormick Landing. The Clermont County library Dream Weavers joined us for spooky story telling fun, our elders absolutely loved the stories and got really into it! The Month of November we will continue with more fun filled fall activities. We are having many different social's here on our household such as: a Nacho Social, Pickle Tasting Social, Deviled Egg Social, and a French Toast Social where we can load up our French toast with lots of tasty toppings. James Rosenberger and Mark Hoffman will continue to play their music on Canfield as usual while we are welcoming a new guest to join in on the music fun. Jim Linsenschmidt will show off his talent with his vocal skills while playing his guitar.

Rehab - We would like to send our best wishes to Leigh Merten, Speech Therapist & Rehab Co-Manager and to Kelly Pence, LPN on their upcoming marriages in November!



EDEN ALTERNATIVE - (from edenalt.org website) "In a culture that typically views aging as a period of decline, the Eden Alternative philosophy asserts that no matter how old we are or what challenges we live with, life is about continuing to grow. Building on this new paradigm, it affirms that care is not a one-way street, but rather a collaborative partnership. All caregivers and care receivers are described as "care partners," each an active participant in the balance of giving and receiving. Together, care partner teams strive to enhance well-being by eliminating the three plagues of loneliness, helplessness, and boredom."

MIAMI TOWNSHIP ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE - Look for the SEM Haven bus and team members! Our theme is A Charlie Brown Christmas. The event is Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 pm, starting at Scene 75 on Old SR 28 and ends at Meijer.

THANKSGIVING DAY - Just a reminder - for Thanksgiving Day and all holiday meals, please contact the Front Desk (at least 1 week before the holiday) if you are planning to dine at the facility with your family member. This allows us to insure we have ample food and space for everyone. The charge for all holiday meals is \$5.00. Please purchase your tickets from the receptionists.

ROOM RESERVATIONS - If you would like to reserve space for a family gathering please contact Tim Bentley at (513) 965-7722 or tbentley@semhaven.org. We have limited space available, so reserve your space early!

SPEEDING - We have received several complaints from the Milford neighborhood about cars speeding up and down the roads. Please be mindful of our neighbors and abide by the posted speed limit.

HALLOWEEN - Our Halloween party was fabulous with the elders and staff really getting into the theme of their household. We also had our traditional pumpkin decorating completion. The Milford Fire Department was awesome as always, judging our even and adding a lot of fun and laughter. A huge thank you to them for their continued involvement with our residents and staff!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest (see them on Facebook) Costume Contest
1st place - Gatch Grove (Snoopy) 1st place - Kugler Woods (Flintstones)
2nd place - Hickory/Willow Way (scarecrow) 2nd place - Ripple Ridge (The Holidays)
3rd place - Ripple Ridge (dinosaur) 3rd place - Gatch Grove (Charlie Brown & Peanuts Gang)

On Halloween evening we had over 70 residents passing out candy to the neighborhood children (over 400 children/parents and 1 dog in a tutu). This was our biggest year ever!!

SOCIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

November 2nd Frank Gallenstein Music 2pm, - 5th I'm Thankful For? 6pm - 7th I am Big Bird the Carol Spinney Story 6pm - 8th Tom White Music 2pm - 9th Desanfinado Music 2pm - 11th - Veterans Day Service 3:30 p.m. - 12th Ripple Ridge Nights of Lights 6pm - 16th Sundae Social 2pm - 20th Resident Council 3pm - 20th McCormick Landing Nights of Lights 6pm - 21st Miami Township Holiday Parade 6pm - 22nd Craig Nagel Music 2pm - 23rd Craft Corner 2pm - 25th - Shopping Outing 1:30pm - 26th Classic Cinema, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving 6pm - 28th Thanksgiving Day

LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER - Our annual Craft Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 6th 10am - 4pm. Our "Christmas Gala" Open House for elders and families is Thursday December 12th from 6pm - 8pm. Household Christmas Parties will be Thursday, December 19th. There will be a variety of groups come in to sing Christmas carols and visit during the holiday season.

ELDER SPOTLIGHT

~ Chaplain Bill

Our elder this month is a most special one. She and her wonderful family came to us in Sept. 2019. Her family loved to volunteer to help us in any way possible. Unfortunately, Nancy Drysdale was called home in early October. Her family allowed us to do an article on Nancy posthumously, because of her and family's ties with SEM Haven. Nancy Lou Kincaid was born in 1928 at Bethesda Oak Hospital. Her father Earle worked as an engineer, and her mother Olive worked at the hospital. She was an only child. During the depression the family lived with her grandparents in Mt. Carmel, where her father became the Clermont County Auditor. She went to Mt. Carmel School where her mom worked in the cafeteria. She later graduated in 1946 from Batavia High School. At a high school reunion, Nancy met George Drysdale, who had just returned from the navy. They both attended UC where Nancy majored in Home Economics and George in Electrical Engineering. Nancy graduated in 1951 and began a career at CG&E where she worked as "Ann Holiday". CG&E used Home Economists to teach homeowners how to use "more" electricity! Nancy and George were married at the Summerside Methodist Church. Nancy continued to work for CG&E as "Ann Holiday" until a pregnancy ended her career. Those were different times then. They lived in Withamsville then Mt. Carmel. They had four children, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They continued to be members of the Summerside United Methodist Church where Nancy taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, served in women's groups and became church historian. Their church was one of the 26 that started the SEM Communities. George was a board member for SEM Villa. Nancy's mom was a resident of SEM Haven when it first opened. In the 60's and 70's Nancy would make appearances on shows with Paul Dixon and Bob Brown and Betty Rogge in Dayton, where she would demonstrate new products. In 1963, George established C.C. Drysdale & Associates, a manufacturer's representative company. What a couple! What a family! We just scratched the surface of their lives. A passage I like for the Drysdale's is 1 Peter 1:15 "But as He who called you is holy; you also be holy in all your conduct. (NKJV). The short time we had Nancy and her family with us, will bless us forever.



Hope
to see everyone
during the
holidays!
Jessica
Hall,
Administrator