

“Sunset Matters

A monthly publication from the heart of Sunset

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Bits and Pieces of Residents News

It has been a beautiful summer. Lot's of warm days. Some days were too hot but not many complaints. Our solarium has been a cool place to escape from the heat and enjoy a cup of coffee or cold soda or lemonade. Many enjoy watching T.V, visiting, or taking part in what ever activity is taking place.

Our Independence day picnic was held on Monday, July 5th. Residents enjoyed a cook out with a picnic lunch that was held outside in our garden area. Hot dogs, burgers, salads and baked beans many residents and family members and friends participated. Many flags were placed around the garden and deck. They made our celebration look very patriotic. They looked so lovely blowing in the breeze. We would like to thank Tammy and Dan Beal of the Marcy area for their donation of the flags. Tammy is daughter to yours truly (sue Martin.)

Betty Tyler (c-wing) recently enjoy a visit from her sister Ella Cunningham from Hamilton. Ella is the middle sister with Betty being the eldest.

Winifred (Jim) Newman (c-

wing) enjoyed a visit from her nieces, Jeanette Walter, Remsen, and Jackie Koster, Barneveld. They brought in baby kitties for her to hold and cuddle. They made Jim's day.

Judy Kaiding has recently enjoyed the company of her children who have visited for almost two weeks. Judy had a wonder time with son Eric (Boonville), daughter Rochell (Shelly), Son Neil and his wife Grace from Sanford, Carolina, col. And Mrs. (Bonnie) Terrance, Durby Kansas. It was a very special family reunion for Judy and her family. She is very proud of them. Judy's daughter Shelly is an author who recently wrote "The Darkness of Day." which was her first book. It is a love story and about the civil war.

Prior to Judy's children visiting, Judy had taken a bad fall which required her to go to the ER for an evaluation. She is doing well. Well there Judy was visited in the ER by her sister Frances Bartell who resides at the Extended Care at Rome Hospital. Judy hasn't seen her in three years. Judy said, "they are both in their 90's with Frances being two years Judy's elder." She was so happy to be able to visit with Frances

in spite of her fall injuries.

Don Shue (b-wing) and his wife Pauline recently took part in a photo with a grandchild, great grand child and great-great grand child. The photo made up five generations. Family visited Don and Pauline from Virginia. It was a happy reunion.

Norma Larrivey (b-wing) had a special afternoon when her brother Robert DeVoe from Holmer, NY came to call on her. Also visiting Norma was her sister Jane. Betty Pfendler (c-wing) and Nancy (Davis) Earl (c-wing) who were both class mates of Roberts enjoyed his visit.

Friends of Anita Chaisson were recent visitors. Thelma Romeo from Sachse, Texas along with her daughter Karen Philbrick of Boonville spent some time catching up on old times. Also visiting Anita was her sister Geraldine Groggan and Anita's grandson Mike Groggan.

Residents are enjoying the new addition to our Activity room (solarium). Resident Joyce Collinsworth (c-wing) was the first to play the piano. She entertained with some lovely pieces for a half and hour or so. The new keyboard is a great asset to our music programs.

Residents of our C-wing enjoyed a picnic at Yvette Lalliers on the Black River. Family members, staff and volunteers took pleasure in an evening on the Black River at Yvette's home. Everyone had a lovely time. Thanks to all of those who lent a helping hand.

A fun afternoon was had by many residents who enjoyed making and eating s'mores. A sticky but tasty treat.

Our lady residents enjoyed an afternoon fruit social. A variety of fruit was served with delicious fruit dip. Several attended and had a great time.

Residents enjoyed a Watermelon social with their host Toni McIntyre. Toni has his own special way of carving a watermelon that all enjoyed watching. The fresh sweet watermelon and demonstration made for a nice afternoon.

Story time with Irene Uttendorfski

Irene Uttendorfski, a local author from the Boonville area entertains our residents on the third Monday of each month. She has been doing this for over two years. Our residents have the pleasure of listening to her as she reads a chapter or two from her books. She is currently reading "When Thunder Rolls." After reading she and residents reminisce about the good old days.



Irene reading from her book "When Thunder Rolls"

All enjoy her visits, her books and listening to her soothing voice. We thank her for the time she gives to our residents.

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| | <u>Welcome new residents to Sunset</u> | | |
| | Genevieve Wallis Wilma Goldthwait Betty Fitzgerald Dorothy O'Brien Douglas Felshaw Juanita Vincent Patricia Horton Marjorie Rickmyer Charles DeVoe Lawrence Windover | | |
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Residents visits the 122nd Onieda County fair.

On Thurs. July 29th many of our residents enjoyed a day at the fair. With the Bernie Bus Services as our transport service many residents, family, staff and volunteers boarded for a fun day. The weather was great. Many enjoyed the exhibits, the good food, seeing old friends and doing a little shopping. Some enjoyed the rides. The black bears were one attraction many enjoyed.

In memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of :

- Barbara Hopler
- Mildred Ross
- Gerald Gramh
- Angeline Lord
- Gerald Conover
- Joyce Cavanaugh
- Arlene Salmon

Residents and staff express their deepest sympathy to Darlene Mineo (housekeeping) and her family. Darlene's sister Arena Young of Vernon, recently lost her 19 year old son, Army Spc. Blair Thompson while he was serving in Afghanistan. Blair lost his life on June 25th when his unit was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades. Blair was deployed in May, 2010 to Afghanistan. We pray that his family finds peace in their hearts for their loss. Blair is one of the hundreds of soldiers who gave up his life for his country.

A luncheon was held at Sunset to help raise some money to benefit any needs the family has incurred and presented to Darlene. The family wishes to thank everyone for their donations of food and for participating in the luncheon.

July birthday party

Our residents July birthday party was held on Wed. July 7th. Nine residents celebrated birthdays in July. William Shippers, Craig Carnright, Phyliss Hicks, Alfred Williams, Viola Walker, Joyce Sliter, Richard Davies, George Bushaw, and Arlene Roch. A lovely white cake with white frosting and vanilla frosting was enjoyed. A special thank you goes out to those who helped assist with the party in serving cake and cleaning up. Richard Davies (a-wing) celebrated his 103rd birthday in the park where his family had a little party with cake, gifts, and cards. He had a special day.

August birthdays

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| Mary Morgan- | 8/4 |
| Marion Wheeler- | 8/6 |
| Estella Kornatowski- | 8/7 |
| Howard Fenner- | 8/8 |
| Corolea Kaczor- | 8/9 |
| Kevin Ernst- | 8/17 |
| Christina Peck- | 8/18 |
| Albert Stosal- | 8/18 |
| Dorothy O'Brien- | 8/19 |

Happy Birthday to Doug Houghton who celebrated his birthday on August 2nd. He was in to entertain our residents on his birthday.

Entertainment at Sunset

Residents have enjoyed much entertainment this month. Starting off the month residents enjoyed music with Deb and Fred, "Melody of Love" following our fourth of July picnic. As usual they did a wonderful time. We thank them for their faithfulness in their monthly music programs.

On Sat. evening July 10th Kenny LaPlante and his brother Mark put on a nice program. They are from the Remsen area. They sing to prerecorded music and do a wonderful job. Residents love having

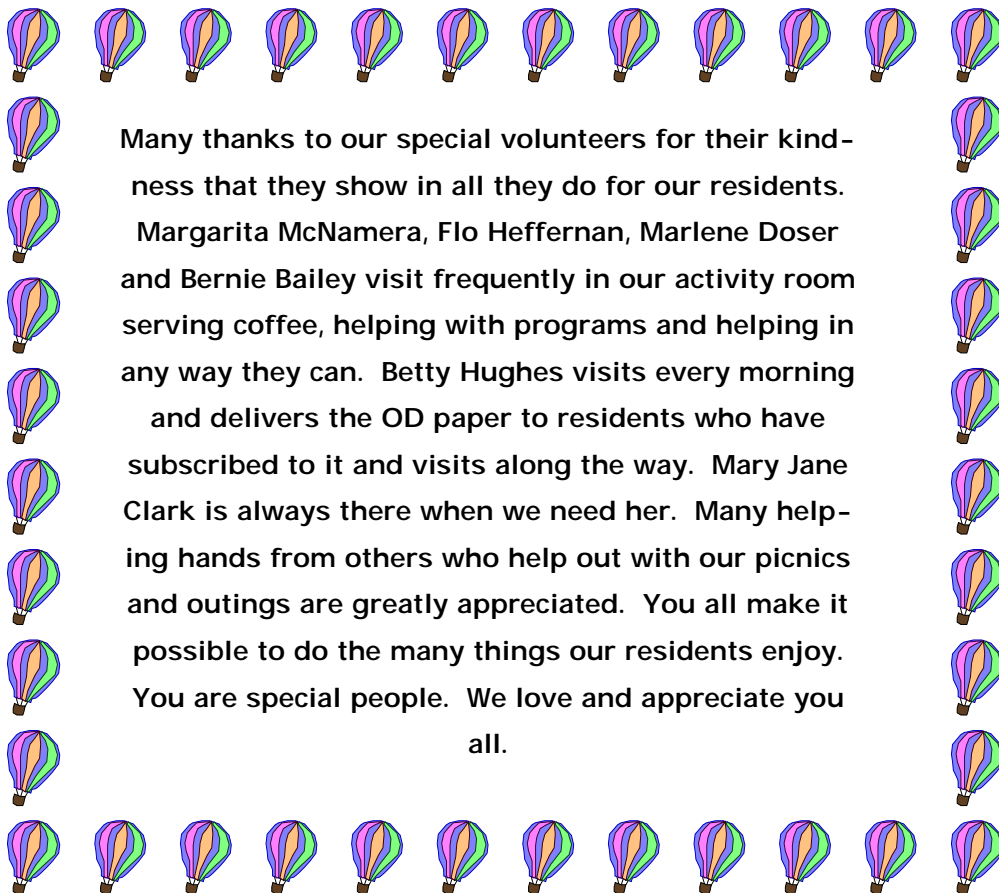
them come in to entertain.

Doug Houghton and Dick Satterly made their weekly appearance on Monday mornings in July. Bernie Lallier joins the fellows on occasion and does a great job.

On Thursday mornings Peg Nuspliger and her chorus of the "Sunrisers" entertained weekly giving our residents a fun filled morning.

The Williamson Brothers of the "North Country Boys" along with yours truly Susan Martin and Larry LaFlesh enter-

tained residents with an afternoon of country music on July 12th. Residents and guests enjoyed an afternoon of good ole foot stompin' music.



Many thanks to our special volunteers for their kindness that they show in all they do for our residents. Margarita McNamera, Flo Heffernan, Marlene Doser and Bernie Bailey visit frequently in our activity room serving coffee, helping with programs and helping in any way they can. Betty Hughes visits every morning and delivers the OD paper to residents who have subscribed to it and visits along the way. Mary Jane Clark is always there when we need her. Many helping hands from others who help out with our picnics and outings are greatly appreciated. You all make it possible to do the many things our residents enjoy. You are special people. We love and appreciate you all.

Staff News

Residents and staff would like to extend belated anniversary wishes and congratulations to Priscilla Linck (Activities) and her husband Jim on their 47th wedding anniversary. Their anniversary was on July 6th.

Also best wishes to Theresa Mooney (dietary) and her husband Keith on their 30th wedding anniversary on July 5th. They recently took a vacation to Nashville, Tenn.

Yours truly (Susan Martin) recently enjoyed a few days in Lake George with my husband Mahlon. One of the days the heat index reached 102 degrees. In spite of the heat we took in many of the attractions and had a great time.

Eddie Moorehead (dietary dept.) along with her daughter and sister recently spent a few days at Virginia Beach. They visited Eddies brother. They had a lovely time. Eddie came back with a real nice tan.

Brittany White, Medical records, has taken a new job at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. of Utica. We will all miss Brittany especially her kind words, sweet smile and friendliness. We wish her the best at her new career.

Kari Lord formally from our dietary dept. finished her LPN training at B.O.C.E.S. She is a Graduated Practical Nurse at this time awaiting to take her boards. In the mean time she is working in Nursing here at Sunset. Also working at GPN awaiting to take her boards is Valerie Machowski. They are doing a great job and we wish them the best of

luck on their upcoming boards.

We would like to welcome the following new employees to our staff:

- Susan Thomas- dietary
- Morgan Bashaw- dietary
- Shawn Cushman- dietary
- Michale Rairden- dietary
- Eric Becker- maintenance
- Brandy Johnson- LPN

Church Services

A special thank you to our local clergy for their religious services that they provide our residents.

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30a.m. Father Sean O'Brien delivers a Catholic mass to our facility for those who wish to attend. Communion is taken to residents in their rooms who are unable to attend the mass.

The first Sunday of the month the CMA church service is with Pastor David Hedeem or Marie Richards.

The second and fifth Sundays of the month is the Methodist church service with Pastor Joan Ripp at 2:00p.m.

The third Sunday of the month is the Episcopal church service at 2:00.

The second Thurs. of the month is the Episcopal service and communion with Mother Linda Logan.

The fourth Sunday of the month is the Presbyterian church service at 2:00

On Saturday afternoon at 3:00P.M. the Baptist church service is with Pastor Peter Egnew. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the services of your choice.

Social hour is held following the Sunday services.

