

# "SUNSET MATTERS"

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION  
FROM THE HEART OF SUNSET  
SUSAN MARTIN, EDITOR

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## NEW RESIDENTS:

Charles Dafoe  
Phyllis Hiscox  
Leo Villiere  
Mary Dixon  
Dorothy Young  
Doreen Kirk  
Helen Kogut  
Edward Szewczyk  
Emily Adams  
Joseph Marcinkowski

## RESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS:

Craig Carnright 7/3  
Viola Walker 7/7  
Mildred White 7/7  
Richard Davies 7/9  
Hazel Zbytniewski 7/11  
Ruth Western 7/15  
Grace Adams 7/17  
Vincent Fey 7/20  
Ruth Westermann 7/30  
Buelah Kelsey 7/31

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Yvonne Roes 7/1  
Pamela Vail 7/1  
Patricia Reynolds 7/2  
Michelle Henry 7/5  
Kristina Soper 7/6  
Jacquelyn Gamache 7/13  
Kristal Fallon 7/17  
Karen Martin 7/22  
Marilyn Wood 7/24  
Sheila Williams 7/25  
Candice Norrs 7/28  
Cristy Baslow 7/29  
Ashley Sullivan 7/30

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**"INDEPENDENCE DAY "**  
**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!**

July will be a busy month here at the nursing home. We have many plans for fun and exciting things to do. Music is always a part of our entertainment and fun but other exciting events are in the makings. Some upcoming events include picnics along with a parade and a day at the Boonville Fair.

We will be celebrating Independence Day here at the nursing home with a Picnic and cookout in the garden.

Did you know that this year on July 4<sup>th</sup>. 2008 will be our 232<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of America? The US has had 43 Presidents and just around the corner number "44." There have been 27 different flags. Here is something to refresh your memory:

**-American Symbols -**

**Our Capitol**- US Capitol Building

**Our Motto**- In God We Trust

**Our National Anthem**- "Star Spangled Banner"

**Our National Bird**- The Bald Eagle

**Our National Flower**- American Rose

***Land of the free-  
"Because" of the Brave!!***

**"God Bless America"**



**4TH OF JULY**

**"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"**

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber  
waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain  
America! America! God shed your grace  
on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees  
beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed  
by human tears  
America! America! God shed your grace  
on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.  
- (Author Unknown)

**"Bits and Pieces"**

**Sun. June 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Nichols Memorial Church Choir from Old Forge entertained with their spiritual music for an hour or so in the afternoon. Following was the CMA Church Service at 2:00p.m. with Marie Richards.

BINGO in the evening was a lot of fun. We added some variety with a new

game called Jack pot or Jail bars. Residents enjoyed the new-fangled game. New resident Frances Vanvalkenburg (B-wing) enjoyed her first time playing with us. Her daughter Linda was in to visit Frances and gave us a helping hand. We sure did appreciate her help and her company.

**Mon. June 2<sup>nd</sup>-**

Our Monday morning, Coffee drinking, Foot stompin', Guitar Playin' group were in to entertain us this morning Ed Gouger and the whole gang. Eve Breen, Donna Mucks, Dick Satterly and Doug Houghton entertained us in during coffee hour. What a great way to start off the day with a hot cup of coffee and some motivating music. We appreciate the time they give us most every Monday morning.

Bible study was held with a reading of Bible stories. Residents extremely enjoy the those old time favorite stories. We all enjoy a spiritual uplift now and then..

**Tues. June 3<sup>rd</sup>-**

Holy Communion with the Rosary recital was given Tuesday morning with Don Satterly in Father Karlins absence. Our thoughts and prayers were with the Beasock family on this day as Father Karlen officiated at the funeral for the Beasock child who recently lost his life in a tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Sandy and Mark Beasock and their family.



***Happy Birthday !!***

The residents monthly birthday party for June was held with many party-goers. Seven residents celebrate June birthday's. A lovely cake along with ice cream was served. Bo Krop OT

announced the birthdays and lead us in the traditional "Happy Birthday" song.

Marlene Doser and her pitch group held a zestful game of pitch. The group included Gerry Palaka, Anita Chaisson and Clayton Villiere.. They are always ready to play a few hands.

**Wed. June 4<sup>th</sup>-**

BINGO twice today was a big treat. Michelle gave the residents an extra BINGO in the afternoon and more BINGO in the evening with Brittney. Resident Marion Wheeler says "she never gets sick of BINGO.

**Thurs. June 5<sup>th</sup>-**

We were fortunate to have Ed Gouger and Doug Houghton entertained in the morning in the Sunrisers absence. We missed Peg Nuspliger and the Sunrisers this morning but enjoyed the fellows very much. Peg has been on vacation and will return next week.

It was great to get outside in the beautiful sunshine today. What a perfect day to take in some sunshine and fresh air. A few residents took a nice stroll around the garden and admired the beautiful flowers and trees while some chose to sit in the shade and relax.

Craig Carnright (C-wing) had a visit from his son, six year old Ty. Ty brought along his collection of Teenage Mutant Ninga Turtles to show his dad.

**Fri. June 6<sup>th</sup>-**

Arlene Ernst gave a helping hand with exercise in the morning. Table top Balloon Bop is definitely an invigorating exercise. It is a good upper body and cardiac work out plus it puts a big smile on everyone's face. We bopped to the tunes of the "Beach Boys."

A wine and cheese party was held in the Solarium in the afternoon. Along with some red wine, Limburger and Muenster Cheese were served with onions, rye bread and crackers. Joe Earl (C-wing) was in his glory. He added an atrocious touch with some sardines to his already “smelly” Limburger cheese sandwich. But....

I have to admit, I’m one of those Limburger Cheese lovers myself.

Jean Kull from Old Forge frequently visits Virginia Milton (C-wing.) Jean is mother to former resident Roy Kull. Jean tells us that Roy is now living at the Sitrin Home in Utica and is doing well. It was great to see Jean.

Lyle Ernst daughter Dianne Von Matt and husband Ted were in to visit along with their little 18 mo. old grandson Troy. Lyles granddaughter Heidi was also in to visit. Lyle was happy to see them all.

Tamara Elm (B-wing 3-11 charge nurse) brought in her little goat



named “Sonny” to visit the residents. They were thrilled to see him. Sonny found his way to C-wing and visited a few residents on his own. Everybody laughed when they saw him and had a great time with his visit. Erminie Traxel (B-wing) had her picture taken with Sonny and it was put in the Boonville Herald. Thanks Tamara and Sonny for your special visit. Tamara is planning on bringing in some bunnies on

the next visit with her mini farm animals.

#### Sat. June 7<sup>th</sup>-

Root Beer Floats were a great treat and helped to cool us off on this 90 degree hot and humid day. Our air conditioned Solarium is definitely a great place to spend a hot afternoon. Thanks Jen Babcock (dietary dept) for your help in serving this delicious treat.

#### Sun. June 8<sup>th</sup>-

Sophie Stemkowski had visitors in the morning. Sophie’s grandson and family, Les and Donella Murphy, along with Paul, Heidi and little Nicolas Stemkowski. The family came in to visit Sophie and to wish her a very Happy Birthday which was on June 5<sup>th</sup>. She was very happy to see them.

Pastor Joan Ripp conducted the Methodist Church Service in the afternoon. Gazella Carney played the key board playing some beautiful hymns during the service. After the service, Gazella played some old time Nostalgic favorites that we all enjoyed singing along with. Pastor Joan and Gazella joined us for Cookies and punch.

#### Mon. June 9<sup>th</sup>-

During our coffee as usual we had the pleasure of listening to one of our favorite groups. You guest, it our Monday morning, coffee drinkin’, foot stompin, guitar pickin, joke tellin’ gang!! Ed Gouger had some jokes to tell us about the heat. The jokes were funny although the temperatures in the 90’s the past few days were not!! It has definitely been sweltering to say the least. Relief is an “air conditioner” for sure.

A special visit from Priscilla Linck was a surprise in the morning. We miss her and it was so nice to see her again.

Today was “Italian Day!!” A lovely Italian meal of Spaghetti and Meat Balls was prepared by residents and volunteers with some assistance from our dietary staff. Many hands made this delicious meal a success. The dinner was served by Susan Martin and Penny Oaster along with volunteers Maggie Addington, Marlene Doser, Betty Hughes and Priscilla Linck. During the meal red wine was served along with a salad, bread and dessert. A special touch of Italy was added with some favorite Italian melodies for our dinner music. Some family members joined us and enjoyed the lovely meal with us.

A movie and popcorn with Brittany White in the evening was relaxing. Thank you Brittany for helping us out when we need you.

#### **Tues. June 10<sup>th</sup>-**

Mass with Father Donald Karlin in the morning was held with many residents and visitors attending.

A special guest performer entertained us in the afternoon. Papi Chu Chin (formally from Rome, NY) who currently lives here in Boonville. Papi sang up a storm. His variety of songs included the old Doo-wop songs to Frank Sinatra. Papi did a fabulous job and he accepted an invitation to come back again really soon.

Along with Papi and his performance was (me!!) Susan Martin. The two of us took turns singing for the entire group.

Shirley Ludwikowski had a special visit from her Kitty “Suzie.” Shirley and Suzie really miss each other. Shirley is planning on returning to her apartment at Kortener Village soon and the two will be reunited.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Carol Scherz (daughter of resident Birdie Sweeney, B-wing) Carol is in to visit most everyday and a great friend to us all.

#### **Wed. June 11<sup>th</sup>-**

Teacher Amy Griffin (daughter of resident Lillian (Juan) Dietch-A-wing) from the Adirondack Elem. School with help from “Grandma” Sharon Belyea brought the kindergarten class in to visit. The children played, laughed and visited with our residents. The children shared a picnic lunch with some of our residents. The luncheon was held out on the deck. Penny fired up the grill and cooked some hot dogs. Chips, lemonade and cookies were also served. Nancy Wasco enjoyed little “Emily” and “Isabella” who sat with her. Anita Chaissons great granddaughter Madison Wittwer was among the group of kindergartners. Residents said that “the little ones were very energetic and full of life.” The kindergarten class sang songs and played back yard games. They brought pictures that they had made for our residents and shared them with us. The pictures were lovely and appreciated.

Don Satterly my made home made vanilla ice cream in the afternoon. Everyone said that “it was delicious and fascinating watching the old time way to make a delicious treat. Don has been making homemade ice cream for family for many years. It was a special treat for Don to give his time to make Ice Cream for our residents. Thank you Don.

Residents had an afternoon filled with fun and one that will be remembered for a long time.

Hazel Walker received visitors from

friends. Kathy Gardner and David Gardner and Margaret Hamner from Blossvale, NY. They say that “they were so pleased to see Hazel happy and doing well. They also said that “they love Hazel and she has been a special friend to them for years. They also added that Hazel lives in a beautiful home, away from home.

**Thurs. June 12th-**

Mother Linda Logan delivered the Episcopal Church Service with the Holy Eucharist. Peg Nuspliger played the piano leading the congregation in hymns.

Following the church service Peg and the Sunrisers provided music and song giving our residents a most pleasurable morning.

Deb and Fred -aka- “Melody of Love” put on a awesome show. They sang, danced, and had everyone’s attention. They wore a varitey of silly hats to portray some of their songs. They did a great job as usual. Thank you Deb and Fred for giving us a great afternoon.

**Fri. June 13th-**

ARC clients were in for our once a month Volley ball game. We sat up a big volley ball net that stretched out across the room and used a beach ball. It was great to share our fun with the ARC group. Marion Wheeler and Shirley Ludwikowski had no problem hitting the ball back across the net. Our next volley ball game will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. We’ll keep practicing till then.

On the other side of the room Don Ruppert and Ken Clark were playing pitch with Frank and Jo Potter. Don and Ken have both been ill and in the hospital. Both are feeling better now and after a month or so of not seeing them , it was great to have them back.

Don visits many residents when he comes in and we appreciate the time he gives us.

Viola Walker (C-wing) has been enjoying visits from her son Ralph Walker from Highland Court, Tenn. He has been in the area for a couple of weeks and stopping in to visit Viola often. He will be going back to Tenn. in a few days. We have enjoyed Ralph’s visits and wish him a safe trip home.

A group of Presbyterian ladies were in for coffee and fellowship with Carol Beal in the morning. Carol enjoys their visits and looks forward to this weekly event with the ladies.

Tom Carroll had a visit from his wife Mary Lou from the Camden area. Tom said that “they had a lovely visit and an enjoyable day.

Residents helped in the making of fresh homemade lemonade. It was a new experience for some. We reminisced about the days when some had squeezed lemons and oranges for their families and even some stories of how their Mom’s had made lemonade for them. It was a refreshing drink on a hot day.

“Men’s Nite” was held outside on the deck with Jeremy and the maintenance crew, Eric and Rob. The fellows had a cook out and enjoyed an evening outside. All had a great time.

**Sat. June 14th-**

Nancy Wasco and Anita Chaisson enjoyed getting outside checking out Anita’s garden. Just out side Anita’s window she has planted a small garden of corn, peas, waxed beans, garlic, cabbage, butternut squash and butter cup

squash. Anita is so proud of her little garden and anxious for those veggies to get ready to eat.

Myra Broadbent received a postcard from her daughter Gail today. Gail has recently climbed Mt. Hood in Oregon. Gail writes that the mountain was very steep and covered with snow. Gail has climbed many mountains in the past and enjoys her pursuit. What mountain is next, Gail?

Frances Vanvalkenburgs daughter Tammy visited Frances and spent the day with her mom. Tammy is from Rochester, NY. They shared a wonderful day together.

A pizza party was held in the afternoon. The pizzas were made by our dietary staff and were delicious. While Sophie Stemkowski's daughter Elaine Viviani was visiting her mom, she lent a helping hand in serving the pizza. Thank you, Elaine for your help.

Erminie Traxel had a surprise visit from great-nephew Mark Southard from Rome, NY. Mark was in town with other Viet Nam vets visiting the American Legion. Erminie enjoyed their time together. Mark entertained us in the solarium while he was in. He played a variety of midi file music using his keyboard. His music was from the Big Band era, Caravan, Polkas and even a couple of Christmas songs. We all enjoyed the time he gave us.

Pauline Snyder's son Charles and wife Kathy were in to visit Pauline. They brought along their lovely pure bred black lab named "Shorts" and her two day old puppy "Dink-ette." Dink-ette

was the only puppy born to Shorts. Everyone enjoyed seeing the new puppy. Thank you Charles and Kathy for sharing your pets with us.

Lyle Ernst had a visit from son Kim and daughter-in-law Donna Ernst in the evening.

#### Sun. June 15<sup>th</sup>-

Happy Fathers Day!! Many family members were in to see "Dad" today. Many Dad's received phone calls. Along with wife Arlene, Lyle Ernst (resident B-wing) had a visit from son Scott. His grandson Jared and wife Andrea Von Matt with their 18 mo. son Troy were also in to visit. Lyle's daughter Dianna Von Matt and husband Ted were also among Lyles visitors. The family showered Lyle with gifts and good conversation.

Episcopal Church Service was held with Pat Kazek conducting the service.

#### Mon. June 16<sup>th</sup>-

Ed Gouger and the gang entertained during coffee hour.

The usual group with Eve, Doug, Dick, and Ed sang up a storm.

Pauline Wondover (previous Activities Asst.) was in to visit in the morning. It was great to see her. Looks like Pauline's retirement is defiantly agreeing with her. She is doing well.

We had a great time making s'mores in the afternoon. They were ooie and gooie but tasted great.

In the evening the old Hee Haw shows were a big hit. Brittany White really enjoyed these old time shows with the residents. Some of those old Hee Haw jokes the residents found to be hilarious.

Resident Barb Guy and her niece Linda Marcy spent some time visit outside in the garden area taking in some warm sunshine and sharing a cup of coffee and a good visit.

**Tues. June 17<sup>th</sup>-**

The Rosary was recited with Don Satterly in the morning. Communion was offered to residents and visitors and also delivered by Don and Lois Fey to those residents in their room who were unable to attend the service.

BINGO was held in the afternoon. Bernie Bailey was in to call the game. Ilene Marcy was in to visit residents also Marie Richard -aka- Minnie Pearl. Marie will be coming in next month to entertain us with some her jokes and funny stories.

**Wed. June 18<sup>th</sup>-**

A fun game of kick ball was enjoyed with Michelle Henry in the morning. Another good form of exercise everyone.

**Thurs. June 19<sup>th</sup>-**

Music with Peg and the Sunrisers and their mood lifting music was a great way to start off the day. All are welcome to join us on a Thursday morning at 10:30a.m. for their lively music and good time.

**Fri. June 20<sup>th</sup>-**

A Strawberry Shortcake Social was surely a delightful treat for everyone in the afternoon. Pennie along with volunteer Matt O'Rorke helped make for a lovely afternoon. Resident Marion Wheeler said, "it was the best she has ever had!"

**Sat. June 21<sup>st</sup>-**

Kim Kelsey gave her time volunteering in activities in the morning. She assisted in serving coffee and visiting with the residents.

Pastor Pete Egnew conducted the Baptist

Church Service in the morning. Many residents attended the service along with visitors. Pastor Pete delivers a lovely message every week and lets the residents take turns in choosing the hymn that they would like to sing. Everyone sings a cappella but it is a joyful sound.

A duet group called DJZ entertained in the afternoon. Darcie and John provided as with a lovely afternoon of Karaoke music. They sang a variety of Show Tunes, Nostalgic songs and various types of other music. Everyone was so pleased with the new entertainment and really enjoyed them. Josephine Potter took her turn at Karaoke and sang her version of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Everyone was surprise and the twist she gave the song.

**Sun. June 22<sup>nd</sup>-**

A 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday party was held in the solarium for Clayton Villiere. Clayton's daughter and son-in-law provided two lovely cakes for the occasion. Claytons two grandson's Jed and Drew along with Drew's friend Billie Jean were also guest at the party. Jed is a teacher at the Town of Webb School where he has been teaching for the past seven years. Drew works at the IGA, Deli dept. in Old Forge. Their grandpa Clayton was so pleased to see them.

Many residents attended the party. Among the residents was Clayton's brother Leo who also resides here at the nursing home.

Resident Rose Mary O'Leary (C-wing) pianist, entertained with some piano music. Mr. "B" played a hand of pitch with Clayton which helped to make his day complete. Of course Clayton won with a score of 13 to 1. That's because Clayton has been getting lot's of practice lately.

Cake, punch and coffee were served. Everyone had a lovely time. Later in the day Clayton had a visit from George Villier (nephew) and friend Marcia Pawlings. George asked Clayton to please keep his younger brother "Leo" out of trouble. If you knew Clayton and Leo's sense of humors you would understand why they say this. They are both great guys.

Frank Perry was in to visit and told us that his grandson was getting married today at the Ava, United Methodist Church. Frank visits us often and we love to see him.

Frances Meeker had a surprise visit from granddaughter Joanne and great granddaughter Kate. Joanne and Kate are in the area for a couple of days.

Marion Wheeler's nephew Bob Pierce came to call on her in the afternoon. They had a nice chat. She was happy to see them.

The Presbyterian Church Service was held in the afternoon with Pastor Gooden. Evelyn Wagner on the piano accompanied by Richard Bellinger on the guitar played some uplifting hymns during the service.

Residents enjoyed a few games of BINGO with Brittany White in the evening. Brittany, who also works in Medical Records and is Office Manager is replacing previous Activity Asst. Sharon Belyea.

#### Mon. July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ed Gouger and the gang were in during coffee hour for our Monday morning foot stompi' good time. Along with Ed, was Doug Houghton, and his son, along with Eve Breen and grandson. Also Dick

Satterly sat in with them with his big upright bass. Bernie Lallier came along and did a little pickin' too.

Residents and staff would like to wish Fred Snyder of the "Melody of Love" group (also resident Millie Whites son-in-law) a very Happy Birthday. We won't tell his age but he is not.....39!!

A fruit Kabob Social was a special treat in the afternoon. We made the kabobs by putting a variety of tasty colorful fruit on skewers. They were not only colorful but deeeeelicious!! The fresh pineapple and strawberries were especially tasty. Fresh fruit is always a yummy summer time treat.

Thank you Arlene and Hannah Ernst in helping to peel and cut up the fruit.

Corolea (Molly) Kaczor had a lovely visit from her daughter Shannon Hoerger from Auburn. Molly was so pleased to see her. They took a nice stroll in the garden and spent some time visiting out under a shade tree. It was a beautiful day to get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

#### Tues. June 24<sup>th</sup>

Today was Casino Day. Some residents along with staff and volunteers had an exciting day at the beautiful Turning Stone Casino in Onieda. We boarded the Bernie bus around 1:30p.m and then we were off on our adventure. We gathered at the Season's Harvest Buffet for a lovely banquet. So many choices to choose from and I've never seen so many desserts. Then, off to play the machines. It was the first time visit to the Casino for resident Nancy Earl. She said "it was fabulous" and she had a wonderful time. After a day of fun and excitement we returned for sandwiches,

chips and a soda prepared by our dietary staff. Everyone had a fun time but were ready to call it a day. Congratulations to those of you who came back “winners.” Today was your lucky day. A tremendous thank you goes out to the many volunteers who gave their time to make this trip possible.

Deb Snyder was in the afternoon to visit her mom Millie White. Deb entertained on the piano with some lovely melodies. Millie and other residents enjoyed the entertainment.

#### Wed. June 25<sup>th</sup>-

Many residents took a little jaunt down the street to Vivian Bruckers Lawn Party. This is a yearly event held by Vivian. She served Strawberry Shortcake to our residents. Everyone had a lovely time. Some residents rode down the street with Eric in a John Deere, six wheel “Gator”. It was a fun afternoon.

Anita Chaisson returned today after a few days visit at her daughter Terry’s home in Onieda. Anita said that “she and her grandchildren had a lot of fun playing pranks on each other” Anita woke the entire house at 2:00a.m. with one of her “war whoops.” She said, “the kids came flying out of bed from every direction wondering what in the world was going on. If you have ever heard Anita do this screech you would know the cacophony sound. It’s ear piercing to say the least. Anita said that she was getting even with granddaughter Missy for dumping water on her head earlier in the day. Anita said they had “lots of laughs and she had the time of her life.”

We were fortunate to have music with Ed Gouger, Dog Houghton, George Harington and Paul Temple. They gave

us their time for a couple of hours in the evening. It was wonderful as usual and enjoyed by everyone.

#### Thurs. June 26<sup>th</sup>-

Marlene Doser wife of resident Paul Doser (B-wing) and his daughter Ilene returned from a trip to Boston where they have recently been visiting some of Pauls family.

Most every afternoon you can find Hazel Thayer enjoying her favorite spot just out side on the patio in the shade. She enjoys the fresh air and sunshine and the peacefulness she finds outside.

#### Fri. June 27<sup>th</sup>-

After an invigorating spree of the Chicken Dance and then the Hokey Pokey, Table Top Balloon Bop gave us a good work out to say the least. Hazel Thayer says that this is her favorite exercise. Everyone has such a grand time with this form of exercise. Plus it is a “fun” workout.

Millie White was overjoyed when her youngest daughter Mary Lou Straw arrived from Fla. She was in to visit Millie first thing in the morning. Millie has been waiting for this visit and counting the days for her to arrive. They had a good visit and did a lot of catching up.

Margaret Bailey has had recent visits from daughter Vicki and son-in-law John Papertti from San Antonio, Tx. They are in town for a week or so. Margaret’s family will be in the area for the graduation of Margaret’s grandson Joel who will be graduating from Adirondack Central School. Joel is Margaret’s son Andy’s child. Margaret’s other son, Tom Bailey and wife Jennifer from Malone, daughter Virginia Bailey, Barnegate, NJ and daughter Vera

Howard also from San Antonio are planning to arrive near the end of the week. Margaret's son Bernie Bailey (volunteer) says it will be a great family reunion. He is excited about his five brothers and sisters reuniting and attending Joel's graduation and Party.

Craig Carnright had a visit today from his brother and little one year old nephew Alexander. His dog Boom-boom also came to visit.

Resident Beulah Kelsey had a visit from daughter-in-law Cindy Kelsey from Richmond, Virginia and sister-in-law Agnita Ingersol, Williamstown, NY.

Don Rupert and Ken Clark were in for their weekly pitch game in the morning. Resident Dorothy Young got in on the game along with Frank Krazenski. and Kevin Ernst.



In the afternoon a Hot Dog Roast Lawn Social was held. Big gray clouds rolled in and it looked like rain so we cancel our outside plans and held them inside instead. We still had a great time. Many residents attended the socail and enjoyed the hot dogs, chips and lemonade. We had an after noon filled with fun, laughter, and cheery music to listen to. Thank you Marlene Doser for giving your time in helping out with the event. Bernie Bailey also came in to lend a hand.

Wendy Benson (daughter of Myra Broadbent) is home from N.C. for a couple of weeks. Her husband Dick s recently had surgery. We wish Dick a

speedy recovery.

#### **Sat. June 28<sup>th</sup>-**

Doris Bourgeois had a special visit from her daughter Nancy Milakowski from Fla. and daughter Joyce. They helped to celebrate Doris birthday on June 30th. Nancy's daughter Robin also visited along with Doris great-grandson.

Michelle (Act. Asst.) served a special treat



of Ice Cream Sundaes. A variety of toppings were available. Everyone enjoyed this tasty treat on a hot humid day. Maggie Addington and Kayla Burdick gave Michelle a helping hand in serving the Sundaes.

Pastor Pete Egnew conducted his weekly Baptist Church Service in the afternoon. Many residents attended to hear his message and enjoy singing the old time hymns.

#### **Sun. June 29<sup>th</sup>-**

A 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held for resident Millie White (B-wing) by her family. Millie's birthday is on July 7<sup>th</sup> but celebrated while daughter Mary Lou was home from Fla. The party was held in the solarium in the afternoon. Many family members attended along with residents. Millie was so happy to have her family together. Cake, punch and coffee were served. Millie received many cards and gifts. It was a very special Birthday for Millie.

#### **Mon. June 30<sup>th</sup>-**

We were so please to have Ed Gouger, Doug Houghton, Donna Mucks, and Dick Satterly in this morning providing us with some great entertainment. We sure had a lot of fun and lot's of laughs today.

We did a rendition of “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” Each of us played the part of an animal. I...of course had to take the part of the “pig.” But...who was the Jack A-- Ed? We were having so much fun and hated to see the morning.

Anita Chaisson had a special visit from old time friend Thelma Romeo from Texas and her son John Romeo from Orlando Fla. Anita and Thelma were friends at Kortenaer Village Apts. Also visiting Anita (and staff) was Thelma’s daughter and former employee, Karen Philbrick. Anita was so pleased with the company.

Birdie Sweeney had a visit from her niece Marion Skinner of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Marion enjoyed visiting with “Aunt Birdie.”

In the afternoon Flo Deshaise (C.N.A.) brought in a Wii game. For those of you who don’t know what that is, it is an electronic game that is played using the television. You hold a control or remote type gadget in your hand. It is a really amazing machine. You can play a game and get a little exercise at the same time. Some residents bowled, went fishing, and played tennis. The Wii is getting to be quite a popular game among children and in some Nursing Homes. Thank you Flo for lending us your time and your Wii. (Wee....it was fun!!)

Residents mourn the passing of:

- Lucille Allen
- Harold Hayes

Life can be the same after a trinket is lost but never the same after the loss of a treasure.

## “STAFF NEWS”

A luncheon was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> to assist in raising funds for Margaret Weiler (housekeeping Dept.) who recently lost her husband in a tragic logging accident in the early part of June. Friends and staff donated food items to be sold at the luncheon. Thank you to all who contributed and gave your time in making this event possible. The luncheon was a tremendous success. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Margaret and her family.

Surprise-Surprise!! Rob (maintenance Dept.) tells us that he and Dianna are going to be parents. Rob says that the little one is due around Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations Rob and Dianna !!

If you happen to see a big blue streak whiz by it could be Karen Martin on her new 1978 Honda Twin Star Motor



Cycle. Karen has recently purchased a motor cycle and plans to save a little on the rising cost of gas plus have a little fun. Right Karen? Vrooooooom!!

Several staff members have recently been participating in a “Biggest Loser” weight contest here at the nursing home. The contest is now at and end.

Congratulations to Yvette Lallier who was the winner or you might say.....the biggest loser. She lost a total of 22lbs. Way to go Yvette. Second place was Annette Fowler who lost 15 lbs. A total of 97 lbs. was lost between everyone

who participated in the contest. Congratulations to everyone on their weight loss. Thank you to Janice Hutchins who led this contest and did a lot of work putting it together. It was fun. Janice has mentioned holding another contest in the near future.

Bambi Steria (office) is very proud of her son Robert Steria III who recently received awards at the Howard G. Sackets Tech. Center in Glenfield where he majored in Diesel Mechanics. His awards consisted of Nation Tech. Endorsement Award, Outstanding Excellent Award and Outstanding Leadership Award. Rob graduated from the Adirondack Central School on Sat. June 28th.

Congratulations Rob!!

Other staff members have family or friends who have graduated in the class of 2008. We are proud of them and their achievements.



*Congratulations to all the graduates of 2008 from everyone here at Sunset Nursing and Rehab. Center*

We wish to welcome the following new employees to Sunset:

- Heather Bush- Unit Helper
- Jessica Gardner- Unit Helper
- Samantha Orona- C.N.A.
- Nicole Grant-Unit Helper
- Sandra Egelston- Dietary