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MORROW HOME COMMUNITY ANNUAL CORPORATE BOARD MEETING DARRELL ZIETLOW, PRESIDENT JUNE 2015

Even though I have served on the Morrow Home Community Board of Directors since 2006, this was only my second year as Board President. It has been my pleasure to work with the nine other people who attend monthly Board meetings as well as the rest of the twenty-five member Board who sit on various committees. This is not an easy Ministry to manage. There is always the challenge of how to balance a caring Christ-centered ministry with the realities of the business side of management. They don't always fit nicely together. The task of the Board and Administration is to find a way to manage both and honor our history as an organization with a **“Christian tradition of caring.”**

My parents were affiliated with Morrow Home for many years with my father, Boyd Zietlow, serving on the Board of Directors also. My mother liked to remind people that she was the liaison between the Norwalk Methodist Ladies Auxiliary and the Home and she took that job seriously. After their health failed, they both came to live here and experienced the quality care and compassion for which the Morrow Home Community is known.

The past twelve months have been busy here at the Morrow Home Community. During that time, we have seen the Meissner Rehabilitation Unit flourish. Rehab Care continued as our Physical and Occupational Therapy Company and we have been pleased with their dedication to our residents. Remodeling this past twelve months has included skim coating and painting in the Homestead hallways, second floor south apartments, and the hallway leading to Groves Hall. With the monies from the Christmas Appeal, we are remodeling the Homestead former guest room and office into a bathing spa for the residents and also a more modern office to accommodate the staff. The Nursing Home Dining Room is also being remodeled to serve as an area in which to hold activities as well as to serve meals. I don't think I realized how busy the Home is until I started attending many of the individual committee meetings.

The Morrow Home Community has grown tremendously since Miss Mary Morrow donated \$10,000 and a frame house to the Methodist/Episcopal Church in memory of her parents Judge Joseph and Olive Morrow. Numerous other properties were purchased along the way by those who had a vision of what might be needed to serve God's people in the future. Had it not been for those people, Morrow Home, Parkview, Homestead, MaryCrest, BridgePath, and Young at Heart would not exist as they do today. As we approach the next years with an open mind, we pray that God would continue to guide and bless those who make the decisions for our Morrow Home Community and lead them to search for even more ways to serve His people.

Pictured from left to right: Board Members from Norwalk's Methodist Church-Darrell Zietlow, Immediate Past President; Joyce Schreier, Chair - Personnel Committee; Ken Rose, Current President; Dennis Hubbard, Property Committee; and Michael Bonello, Executive Director.



SOME 'BUNNY' LOVES YOU



Nursing home residents enjoyed their annual Easter festivities with the Young at Heart students by coloring eggs and chatting with their favorite Easter Bunny, aka Nikki Stark from Culinary Services. Pictured left with Nikki is resident Doris Nading and right is Kinley Sullivan, whose mother, Karla, works in the Young At Heart Child Care Center on the Morrow Home campus.

NEW TO OUR HOME

We welcome the following people who have joined our senior living family between the dates of February 16, 2015 and July 12, 2015:

PARKVIEW INDEPENDENT LIVING APARTMENTS

Linus and Dolly Heintz

Betty Miracle

HOMESTEAD INDEPENDENT & ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

June Goodenough

Vera Siekert, *from Parkview*

MARYCREST INDEPENDENT & ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

Carolyn Hulsether

Ruth Poss

Irene Raimer, *from Parkview*

BRIDGEPATH ADVANCED ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE

Genivieve Hilleshiem, *from Parkview*

Hilda Skibred

Don Kirk, *from MaryCrest*

Ardella Skoug

Arthur Manson, *from Parkview*

Rex Slayton, *from Nursing Home*

We also welcome the following people who have become a part of our nursing home between the dates of February 16, 2015 and July 12, 2015:

Betty Arndt

Iona Hayter

Ruth Rynes, *from HS*

Mary Bailey

Ida Isensee, *from BP*

Manual Sanders

Audrey Baumbach

Genevieve Jensen

Michael Schaitel

Carl Coleman

Arlene Jessie

Elvera Soper

Bertha Fowler

Gerald Kramer

LaVon Yeske

Ilsemarie Bernasek

Margaret Lambert

Donald Ferries

Nelda McCauley

MOMS VISIT YOUNG AT HEART



One special day in May, Young At Heart students invited their moms to join them for a yummy snack and presented their moms with the gifts they created for them. Pictured left are Easton and Eva with their mom Stephanie Ferries, newly hired nursing home Registered Nurse. Right is Evan and Addyson with their mom Cynthia Lydon. A fun time, with love, was had by all.

PROUD TO HAVE PROVIDED SERVICE

We are proud to have been able to provide services for the following people who have returned home or to another setting between the dates of February 16, 2015 and July 12, 2015:

Helen Baumgarten

Paul Kolden

Bethany Solberg

Lois Berzins

Ed Koskovich

Lorraine Steinhoff

Jennifer Burkhalter

Al Krahenbuhl

Eugene Steller

Henry Chenoweth

Shirley Lee

Jim Stetzer

Beatrice Bowling

Dawn Lenning

Bernice Suhr

Carroll Chinnock

Art Manson

Joanna Swan

Lorraine Fiet

Lois Miller

Anita Thomas

Judy Ford

Anthony Polkoski

Barbara Thompson

Neal Gibbs

Esther Redhawk

Richard Thrower

June Goodenough

Marie Richert

Hilda Wacker

Michael Haag

Carol Roeske

Cheryl Wegner

Doris Harris

Merle Roscovius

Jeannette White

Stan Hays

Anne Rose

Marie Wiedl

Betty Henricks

Judith Saetre

Marlene Wilhelm

Lois Hogan

Fay Schlaver

Cheryl Williams

Janice Holloway

Elora Scott

Dawn Wilson

Alberta Kick

Fred Schoberth

Delores Worden

Donald Kirk

Rex Slayton



Asst Rec Therapy Director Lindsey Buchner and resident Luella Oliver

The Morrow Home Messenger is a quarterly newsletter of Morrow Home Community. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, or know of someone who would enjoy reading this newsletter, please give us a call at 608-269-3168. We will be happy to add these names to our ever-expanding mailing list. To receive the Messenger in full color, send an email to jkoehler@morrowhome.org.



Nursing Home resident Bud Cole and CNA Karen Gierszewski

MONUMENTAL MOMENTS MAKING NEWS AT MORROW HOME

Congratulations to Theresa Jerome - 40 years of service at Morrow Home! A delicious cake was presented by Executive Director Michael Bonello in honor of Theresa's accomplishments. Wonderful comments regarding Theresa were shared. She has been Parkview Manager since its opening and recently took on the duties of Adult Living Services Environmental Supervisor. Thank you, Theresa, for your dedication and caring ways at Morrow Home Community. You rock!



Congratulations to All Our New Golden 90's Club members!



Special ceremonies are held each spring around Morrow Home celebrating residents in the ripe age of 90 and better. A few of the new inductees are nursing home resident Florence Peterson, MaryCrest resident Angie Rapp, MaryCrest resident Eugene Miller, and BridgePath resident Francis Benzing. When asked for advice on how to live to the wonderful age of 96, Francis replied: "Keep on going and don't look back."

Our Recently New 100's Club is growing!



Nursing home resident Esther Gurgle had many of her family gather together in March to help her celebrate her 100th birthday. Esther and her husband, Ernie, used to run the Sparta downtown IGA store. Pictured with Esther is daughter Karen Schanhofer of Tomah, WI and son Dorman Olson of Yarnell, AZ.



Meet Lola Morrison! Born in Viroqua, WI her Amish father moved here from Pennsylvania. Lola dedicated much of her life caring for children at St. Michael's Orphanage in La Crosse, working there to pay her way through college. Lola played accordion, piano and banjo for teenage dances to help keep kids off the streets. She took under her wing eight children who were in foster care. Lola moved to Sparta and worked in food service at Fort McCoy for 30 years.

What an honor we have to return care to amazing people like Lola!

CONNECTING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES IN MORROW HOME & SPARTA COMMUNITY

The Morrow Home Foundation, represented by Michael Bonello, Executive Director, was honored to present four scholarships to graduating seniors at Sparta High School during the Awards Presentation. Those pictured are Michael Bonello, Lucas McAllister, Megan Leis, Haley Dengel, and Cade Anderson. Note: Lucas, Megan, and Cade are employed by Morrow Home Culinary Services.



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"Take Me Out To the Ball Game! Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks!"



Assisted Living resident Ida Meissner got a kick out of a life-size peanut & the biggest container of popcorn she ever did see! Parading the peanut costume is Nan Olson, RN. Popcorn gal is Housing Coordinator Kasey Hansen. A fun afternoon!



Morrow Home is blessed to have a child center right on campus for staff and the Sparta community. Homestead resident Harley Jenkins recently had a special buddy, Elliot Parks, join him for some summer outdoors time. Elliot is a student at Young at Heart Child Care. Elliot and Harley share a high five, glad for their newfound friendship.

A fun activity in the nursing home each spring is Spud Buddies. Staff pair up with a resident to begin growing a sweet potato plant together. The potatoes are kept in water for quite a few weeks. Soon sprouts appear and grow into a flourishing plant. Pictured are Clara Herold and Receptionist Gina McAllister.



Generous staff at Morrow Home worked together to create twenty six different baskets filled with great items. Staff also contributed food items toward a hot dog lunch. They then purchased their lunch from employee break rooms and received tickets to be placed in drawings for the baskets. Proceeds go to our Sparta Area Cancer Support group. Money raised goes to help people in the Sparta area. Pictured are employees Kari Hauser, Assistant Director of Nursing, and Emily Bouzek, Staff Education.



BUTTERFEST WEEKEND...Our residents love to take part by watching the big parade each year. We have one of the best spots along the parade route and the parade participants usually perform as they pass here. This year, the Morrow Home Auxiliary again sold their famous BBQ, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Ice Cream, and **HOMEMADE PIE**. Many came and had lunch, watched the parade, and connected with the residents.



Congratulations Morrow Home for receiving 2nd place in the parade's Service Organization Division!



Left: Anne Snell, Health Information Director, with resident (and Anne's aunt) Lorraine Fiet. Center: resident Audrey Olson purchasing delicious foods from the Auxiliary. Thanks Culinary for making BBQ! Right: Ken and Shirley Snow, Abbey (Snow) Jeanquart. Back row: Homestead resident Dorothy Gerke and her husband (and nursing home resident) Red Gerke. Standing is Kathleen Snow, Culinary Services Director.



Lois Watford with her mom, Margaret Fuenger, nursing home resident. Margaret had a special part in the float by helping to paint the lego boxes.

"Connecting people" has special meaning for nursing home resident Leone Lakowske and Homestead resident Donna Path. These ladies worked together in the kitchen at the Sparta High School and have now reconnected at Morrow Home. What's extra special for Leone, many of her family either have worked or currently work at Morrow Home as well. Granddaughter Amy Zybrowski is CNA/Nurse Tech in the nursing home. Granddaughter Taylor Roningen works in Culinary. And working in nursing home activities is grandson Mark Lakowske—certainly a family affair for Leone here at Morrow Home Community!



Young At Heart Visits BridgePath

Passing by Morrow Home on South Water Street you may catch a glimpse of the Young at Heart Child Care students drawing colorful pictures on the sidewalks in front of Homestead, MaryCrest and BridgePath. Assisted Living residents enjoy watching the children as they create their one-of-a-kind pictures. It was a little cool on this particular spring day. Bundled up in the background sipping hot chocolate are residents from left: Gen Hilleshiem, Ida Helgeson, and Alberta Kick.



Jack the Therapy Dog Visits Residents

Morrow Home Community Foundation recently made a donation to a really amazing organization that Kim Braatz, Adult Living Services Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, has been working with through our assisted living therapy dog program called "Paws 4 Independence." The therapy dog, named Jack, that has been visiting our residents several times a month was trained by this program. Jack's owners are Dan and Melody Krogman. Paws 4 Independence has benefited the residents immensely. The residents just light up when Jack comes for his visits! Many thanks to the Morrow Home Foundation for donating to this worthy cause.



Special Guests from Wisconsin Ballet Academy and Sparta Gymnastics Class

We are blessed with many youth organizations making their way to the Morrow Home campus to show us their talents. Left are ballerinas Celia O. and Elara K. Right picture gymnast in front is Caitlyn Hamilton. Caitlyn's mom is Krista Hamilton, Morrow Home employee in Culinary Services. Thanks, girls!



Celebrity Pancake Breakfasts A Treat for Residents

Freshly-made pancakes and eggs to their liking are served to residents across our campus. They also enjoy seeing some of the city's dignitaries. Above: Todd



Fahning, City Administrator/Community Development Coordinator & Mark Sund, City Administrator/Treasurer.



Left with BridgePath resident Evelyn H. Olson, Police Chief Dave Kuderer. Morrow Home thanks you for your service!

We are always looking for **volunteers** to help in activities, reading to the residents, attending outings with them, etc. For more information, please call 269-3168 and ask for Christine Vian, Recreation Therapy Director for the nursing home, or 366-6277 for Kim Braatz, Activities and Volunteer Coordinator for assisted living.

Our Culinary Services Department is also looking for **volunteer drivers** for our **Meals In Motion** program (weekday noon meals delivered to local homes). Please call 269-3168 and ask for either Kathleen Snow or Renee Thurston.

Thanks so much for your interest and support!



Homestead resident Jim Appel and PCA Virginia Bloom

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR HOME February 9, 2015 - July 2015

CLOTHING: Midge Benedict's Family; Imelda Wright's Family; Virginia Muellenberg's Family; Joann Kapanke; Robert Manke's Family; Carrol Sipes' Family; Leona Ziegler's Family; Art Manson's Family; Dorothy Kronberg's Family; Christel Cooper's Family; Allan Munkwitz's Family; Margaret Gruetzmacher's Family.

MAGAZINES AND BOOKS: Carolyn Hendersin; Mary Jane Hem's Family; Mary Loveland; Sparta Dental Center; Burke Berzins; June Goodenough; Dennis Slayton; Eleanor Mull; Donna Henkel; Faye Bahrs; Cora Aschwander; Peg Janovick.

MISC.: Midge Benedict's Family; Imelda Wright's Family; Virginia Muellenberg's Family; Calendars, Carolyn Hendersin; Beanie Babies, Mary Jane Hem's Family; Handmade Valentine cards for residents, Sacred Heart School; Easter tray, Diane Griseta; Noah's Arc cookie jar, Dennis and Pat Lambert; Subscription to large print Reader's Digest, Sparta Lions Club; Handmade afghans, Luana Niedfeldt; Robert Manke's Family; Playing card holders, Eileen Herberg; Activity items for BridgePath residents, Tammy Peterson; Beautiful wall picture hangings, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Finn; Carrol Sipes' Family; Hand sewn and painted heart pillows for residents, St. Patricks School Children; Decorations, Dorothy Kronberg's Family; Television and accessories, playing cards, radio, and other misc. items, Allan Munkwitz's Family; Television, Karen Indahl & Vicky Wedam; Radio cd player, and other misc. items, Margaret Gruetzmacher's Family; Television, Art Constable's Family; Ruth Rynes' Family.

FURNITURE: Dressers, Midge Benedict's Family; Television and stand, book shelf, Imelda Wright's Family; 2 stands, Virginia Muellenberg's Family; Bed, Mary Jane Hem's Family; Recliner chair, Lois Jandt's Family; Lamp and end table, Carol Everson's Family; Dresser and Rocking Chair, Leona Ziegler's Family; Dresser, lamps, table and chairs, bookshelf, cabinet, end table, and coat rack, Art Manson's Family; Glider rocker, lift chair, recliner, dresser, bed, end table with light, Dorothy Kronberg's Family; Prizes for bingo, Larry Carlone's Family; Roll top desk, table, and love seat, Christel Cooper's Family.

PUZZLES: David Hollmann; Joyce Anderson; Lila Stark; Angie Rapp's Family.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: Walker, Imelda Wright's Family; Lift chair, Mary Jane Hem's Family; Nicola and Diane Griseta; Walker, Jim Rasmussen; Richard Morrell's Family; Invocare Lift, Stehanie Hofer; Dorothy Kronberg's Family; Cane and 2 toilet seat risers, Art Constable's Family; Angie Rapp's Family.

TREATS: Cookies and Cupcakes, Diane Griseta; Easter baskets for our resident veterans, Sparta American Legion Post 100; Easter eggs filled with treats for MaryCrest residents, Annabelle Sharp & Farmer's Valley Homemakers; Food from Sisters' Service for staff.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS February 10, 2015 - July 2015

In Memory of Helen "Midge" Benedict: Jean Amundson, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Bennett, Edith Habegger, Morgan & Myers, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ranney, Beatrice Schmitz.

In Memory of Lamont Erickson: Joan Hanson-Mays.

In Memory of Margaret Hansen for Broda Chair: Alice Atteln, Mr. & Mrs. Al Brueggen, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Chambers, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Erdman, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Evans, Marlene Gallup, Philip Hansen, Highlight, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Howard Pingel, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Schmitz, Mr. & Mrs. John Schreier, Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Snow, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ziegler.

In Memory of Mary Jane Hem: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Adams, Betty Burnett, Arlene Roberts.

In Memory of Louise Kiefer: Jackie Vaver.

In Memory of Dorothy Kronberg for Bootstrap Program: Emily Axelsen, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hemker, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kronberg, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Larson, Linda Nivinski, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Puls, Irene Raimer, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Rickey, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wright, and Dorothy's family and friends.

In Memory of Janet Krotzman for Dining Room Remodeling: Eva Clay, Mr. & Mrs. William Duchaj, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Jeanquart & family, LTC & Mrs. Michael Machac, Jr., Gina McAllister, Rev. & Mrs. Paul Nulton, Irene Raimer, Jane Richgruber, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Smars, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Snow, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Snow, Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Snow, Barbara Uthall, Mr. & Mrs. Don Vandervort, Lynn Whitney, Mariann Wipfli.

In Memory of Ed Muellenberg: Jean Amundson, Diane Berendes and Ed's family & friends, Peggy Foster, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Johnson, David Lien, Barbara McNaughton, Eleanor Mull, Mr. & Mrs. Don Pederson.

In Memory of Virginia Muellenberg: Diane Berendes and Virginia's family & friends, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Buswell, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Chapiewsky, Mr. & Mrs. William Davison, Jr., Mrs. & Mrs. Nathan Hamilton, Eileen Herberg, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. David Larson, Mr. & Mrs. David Lien, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McDaniel, Eleanor Mull, Mr. & Mrs. Don Pederson, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Secrist, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Yarolimek, Judge & Mrs. Todd Ziegler.

In Memory of Norbert Vieregge: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brekke.

In Memory of Marie Whitehead for Care Assurance Program: Donna Whitehead and Marie's family & friends.

In Honor of Stan Hays for Employee Sunshine Fund & General Fund: Stan and Jean Hays.

For Christmas Appeal 2014: Lincoln Hartford, Gale Meyer, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Tichenor.

Golden Cross Donations: Stoddard Methodist Church; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kabat.

For Resident Activities: Monroe County Child Support Jean's Day; Katie Reedich.

For Young At Heart Child Care Center: Jenny Koehler.

Undesignated Donations: Rose Marie Thiel; Harlan Lueck.



MORROW HOME FOUNDATION - JACKIE VAVER, PRESIDENT



The purpose of the Foundation is to foster and support the activities and mission of Morrow Memorial Home along with the Homestead Apartments, Parkview Independent Living Apartments, MaryCrest Assisted-Living Apartments, and BridgePath Advanced Assisted Living CBRF as well as the Young at Heart Child Care Center. This past year, we have again been successful in these efforts. The Morrow Home programs created and supported by the Foundation are: **Elsie Turner Educational Enhancement (Bootstrap) Program; Foundation Scholarship; Geneva Begg Resident Enhancement Fund; Dorothy Huff Care Assurance Program; Pauline McKean Parish Nurse Program; Building Fund. Also: Wish List/Activity Fund** – Morrow Home is blessed to be the recipient of memorials and gifts throughout the year. We have an ongoing list of unbudgeted items for which these gifts are used. By contributing to area organizations, the Foundation maintains its tax-exempt status. This year we donated to the St. Clare Mission Clinic of Sparta, Monroe County Alzheimer's Walk, Holiday in the Park, the Boys & Girls Club of Sparta, the Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum, Friends of Scouting for local Boy Scouts, and Woodlawn Cemetery, where Mary Morrow is buried. We also donate to the Sparta Ministerial Association for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We continue to make a monthly donation to assist with employee recognition for birthday cards, Sub-Way certificates and canteen supplies.

Christmas 2014 Donations – The Christmas appeal designation for 2014 was to purchase a new bathing tub for use in Homestead. In the past, Homestead and MaryCrest residents used the handicap-accessible bathing tub in MaryCrest. Having a similar tub in Homestead will allow residents to stay closer to their apartments and maintain their dignity while taking advantage of the facilities. The Foundation is so blessed to have the support of Mary Morrow's Attic on the

Christmas appeal and many other projects as well. This year, the Attic matched the first \$15,000 in Christmas donations.

The Morrow Home Foundation and Board continue to strive to be good stewards of the gifts bestowed to the Home. We find that the Morrow Home "tradition of caring" continues to be supported by our community, who witness firsthand the wonderful care that the Morrow Home Community offers locally.



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"I was very pleased with everything. I could not have asked for anything more. Therapy worked hard to get me back home. My room was wonderful all the way around."

Phyllis Hughes

Above Picture Front: Phyllis Hughes; 2nd row: Lois Flock, PTA, Heidi Schams, PT; 3rd row: Jackie Sands, OT; Jolene Herlitzke-Foss, COTA; Back: Heidi Danielson, PTA



The Meissner Transitional Rehabilitation Wing at Morrow Home provides on-site Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy.