Greenfield Retirement Home

Across the Greenfield

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Outside Fun!



Brown Baggin' It Greenfield-Style

What's summer without a picnic? We packed up our brown bags and headed out to the courtyard under the pergola where we enjoyed a homemade lunch with our Greenfield friends. The

kitchen staff made turkey or ham sandwiches on Hawaiian rolls to order, fresh fruit, chips, cookie and drinks of choice for each resident. The day was sunny but breezy, so it was the perfect day to enjoy lunch outside. Following our picnic, we brought out the corn hole bean bag toss and tried to throw it in the hole. For many residents, this was a new game! Thanks to all the staff



Danny



Christy



Barb - playing Bags



Lunch outside under the pergola!



Jeanne



Marge - Spartan Exercise



Anita



Doris B.

Across Lynn's Desk

Are you afraid of change? I know so many people who want things to stay the same forever. I can understand the basis for this concept. When things change, you never know what you're going to get. You don't know how you will be impacted. Most of all, you don't know if things will ever be the same. It's funny how frequently people assume the change will be bad. But, what if it's not bad? What if things aren't the same because they're even better? I believe if we stay true to our core beliefs and values, change will create possibilities we never imagined.

On December 1st, 2021, Greenfield will celebrate our 110th anniversary of delivering loving, exceptional care in a truly homelike environment. There aren't very many organizations that can say that! Part of the reason Greenfield has been able to continue this legacy is because Greenfield has held true to its beliefs and values while adapting to the changing world around us.

With that in mind, we are very excited about where we are and where we are heading! On Friday, September 10th at 2:00pm we will be launching our new Greenfield logo! Unfortunately, we can't have an in-person public event. But, our employees and seniors will be celebrating here! The unveiling will be live on Facebook so you can join us, too!

It is with great honor we carry the Greenfield legacy into the future. We will continue to hold true to our beliefs and values. But, we will embrace the

opportunity to become greater than we ever imagined we could!

Lynn Olds

A NOTE ON MEDICARE

Medicare open enrollment is around the corner. You are able enroll in health and drug plans from 10/15/21-12/7/21. This is a great time to review the past year to ensure you are on the plan that is best suited for your personal needs. Go to medicare.gov for more information.

If you prefer to have your newsletter emailed each month, let us know at: office@greenfieldhome.org



New Resident - Patsy Prokup



Patsy Prokup's father was a construction worker when she was growing up. As a result, she has lived in Illinois, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Tennessee! Though she has lived many places, Patsy has ties to this part of the world.

Born April 30, 1939, in Spring Valley, IL, she returned to the area following her marriage. Her parents are Goldie (Fair) and Howard Dean. Patsy is the oldest of four children. Siblings are Howard "Keith" Dean, Michael Dean and Carmilla Yohanna. Patsy graduated from Pineville (LA) High School in 1957. She married William Prokup, July 4, 1959.

Patsy has six children, Barbara Perino, Bill, Julie Miller, Michael, Jim and Jill Tice. Two of her sons, Bill and Michael, have passed away. While her children were in elementary school, she worked as a cook in the school system. Later, she worked at Heritage Manor in Peru, then as a caregiver in a private home. When her mother and husband needed more assistance, she left her position to care for them.

Because her husband was a Cardinals fan, the family went on an annual trip to St. Louis to watch the team play. They camped on the way down and back. Patsy enjoyed camping and being outdoors. William died in 2009.

Patsy liked watching musicals at the movie theater. She saw a live theater production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' and heard the Oak Ridge Boys in concert. She likes music, from hymns to Elvis and the Beatles. She enjoyed treasure hunting at resale

stores. Once her son commented she needed to stop going to resale stores or buy a bigger house!

Patsy has an interesting family history including ancestors who sailed to the New World on the Mayflower, a war veteran who was given 1800 acres of land in Tennessee for service rendered and a Tennessee relative who was a "bridge burner" for President Lincoln during the Civil War. For the longer versions of these stories, ask Patsy!

As for connections to this area, Patsy and another resident (you may ask her which one) have the same uncle. And her uncle, Dan Jenkins, ran the "Greasy Spoon" on Main Street, Princeton. Welcome to Greenfield, Patsy!

Fam Kaufmann, SSD

Corn Cob Jelly

One of our residents suggested making this unique and definitely Midwestern treat, so we asked the kitchen to save and freeze the corn cobs from the day we had homegrown corn on the cob. The

recipe consisted of 4 ingredients: 12 corn cobs with the corn cut off, water, sugar and pectin. The residents were served fresh biscuits with the jelly drizzled on top. The general consensus was... tasty with a hint of corn!



Go Senior Spartaneers!

We are getting down to the final stretch of training for our Senior Spartan challenge, which is currently set for Friday, September 17th at 2:00pm. This month we practiced the atlas carry, ball toss, sled pull, Hercules house

and "jumped" through the wall of fire. Check out our Facebook page for some video clips of the training. At the end of each training session, all the Senior Spartans join together in saying, "Aroo!"



Spartan Shirley!



Indoor Concert with Eileen

We were able to enjoy for the first time in over a year and a half the melodious voice of Eileen Quest, who willingly wore a face mask and shield to sing to the residents. I don't know how she did it, but she shared a great performance! With the temperature in the high 90s, it was nice being inside with air conditioning. Thanks, Eileen!



Eileen Quest

Crafter's Cove

This month, we made: yarn baskets, 3-D seashell paintings, and basket



Jeanne

weaving. We also cooked up some smores and waffles, complete with all the toppings. It is always fascinating to see how each resident offers a different perspective and take on the project, thus producing a beautiful piece of art. Some residents are generous with different mediums but others offer a minimalistic approach. Either way, the

residents enjoy working with the projects. Thanks to Deb for all your hard work!



Gratice

Alohahaha!

In honor of Hawaii's admission day when President Eisenhower proclaimed Hawaii as the 50th state in 1959, we decided to celebrate with a luau! The activity staff



Deb with the Spam pig!

wrote an original skit called: "Where's the Pig?" The pig was our own roasted pig or rather a Spam pig made out of 100% Spam! We created a buffet table with a variety of fresh fruits like mango,



Aloha, Barb!

pineapple, strawberries, grapes, cantaloupe and water melon, poi (a fruit version, much like a smoothie) and the Spam ham constructed by Deb!



Father Ed



Hawaiian Luau - Anita, Jeanne, Mary, Ruth, Pat



Patsy



Marvin - Spartan Exercise



Theresa & Margaret



Phyllis



Elaine



Doris H. & Emagene



Mary - playing Uno

COVID Booster Shots

I know you are all hearing a lot about the recommendations for Covid vaccine booster shots. I wanted to take a moment and let everyone know our plan here at Greenfield to ensure that our residents and staff receive the booster shots when they become available to us.

We are pleased to have Oregon Health Care Pharmacy as our long term care pharmacy. They were among one of the first pharmacies approved to provide Covid vaccines in long term care facilities. I have spoken with their team several times on the topic. They will be offering both Moderna and Pfizer

boosters. At this time there is no recommendation for a booster for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

The recommendation for receiving the booster is 8 months after your second dose of either vaccine as long as you are not in a specific high risk group ie: undergoing cancer treatment, dialysis, or immunocompromised, etc.

We will be setting up vaccine clinics for both residents and staff here at Greenfield as soon as they become available to us.

We are working very hard to keep our residents safe and healthy here at Greenfield during this difficult and ever

changing time. I want to thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate our way through this pandemic. My hope is that with increasing vaccination rates and continuing to follow the core principles of infection control (wearing masks in public, avoiding large crowds, hand hygiene with alcohol based hand sanitizer, staying home if you are ill, frequent cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, and health screenings for symptoms of and exposure to Covid – 19) we will soon see infection rates decreasing again and lessening of restrictions in our day to day lives.

Again thank you,

Shelly Davis, DON

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