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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

With the cool evenings of early Fall taking hold, let us give thanks to all who support our skilled care staff, members, and their families who are important parts of our community at the Veterans Home at King.

We continue to increase our admissions as our staffing levels allow. We appear to be through the worst days of the pandemic, but we must continue to take precautions against the spread of COVID including getting vaccine boosters. As we move into flu season, to also help us keep one another healthy, please be sure to get your flu shot.

Wisconsin is an especially wonderful place to live this time of year. I know our fun activity staff members at our Home are excited to hold Packer parties, celebrate Halloween, and more. We look forward to giving thanks together for our collective health and those we care about over the Holidays.

Also, we look forward to observing Veterans Day on Friday, November 11. As of now, we are formulating plans to determine what those celebrations will look like. We look forward to sharing the details of our Veterans Day tributes soon!

As Fall eventually turns towards Winter, I encourage everyone to explore the beauty of Autumn in the Badger State by exploring our state's parks, trails and lakes while enjoying the changing colors of the trees!

Enjoy!

Mary M. Kolar
Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WRITTEN BY
SR. MARTHA MAFURUTU

"A joyful heart is excellent medicine."

— (Proverbs 17: 22)

WHERE LOVE REIGNS THERE IS NO FEAR

True indeed, where love reigns there is no fear. At times how we receive our clients contributes very much to their responsiveness to the service we provide. Experiencing warmth and welcome when one is in a situation that is heavy and painful is therapeutic enough.

I had an experience of love, welcome and professionalism coupled by humanity. I had developed a dental problem, so I visited one of our local dentists. Fear of the unknown coupled with anxiety gave me a lot of discomfort. When the assistant Meghan came to escort me to the examination room, I thought to myself I am heading towards a difficult and painful moment. When I met with Glowing and smiling faces ushering me into the dental chair, welcomed by a huge smiling face from Dr. Kyle Everson, all the fear disappeared.

Observing how they exchanged their dental instruments; I could easily tell that I was in safe hands at Riverhill Dental of Waupaca. All the tension that had developed from the moment I left home was consumed by the reception I got. I sighed, relaxed and was very much at home with my new friends and their instruments. Finally, I told myself; true indeed, where love reigns there is no fear. When we come with a glad heart, our gifts are multiplied, life falls into perspective, and we lighten the environment around the one in need. May God create a glad heart in all caregivers.

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO OCTOBER 20, 2022

Donald Hunt
Arthur Jorgenson
Thomas Koenings
William McDermott
Kenneth O'Malley
Robert Schroeder
Phillip Steinberg
Carl Williams

THANK YOU!

Wisconsin Elks Association (above) donates clothes and monetary donations on a regular basis to the KX.

NON-MONETARY DONATIONS TO KING COURTESY OF:

JULY

Steven L. WI Resource Center
Ruth Bode
Jan Wendtland, Never Forgotten Honor Flight
American Legion Aux. Unit 161 King
Lori Chevalier
John Petek
Mary Bergerson
American Red Cross

AUGUST

Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church
Amherst Junction Women's Club
Shiocton ALA Unit 512
Joan Kemp
Michele Zawadzki
Cynthia Mau
Scott Gratton

SEPTEMBER

North Shore Marine Detachment 1289
Mary Butcher
Chuck Putzer
American Legion Aux. Unit 38
Sue Starr
Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. John's Lutheran Church
Prior Lake School
Wisconsin Elks Association
Grace Pennings
Resource One International
Karen & Randy Blohm
Lord of the Lakes Busy Hands Quilting

MEET AINSWORTH HALL 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH FLOOR ACTIVITY STAFF

Hello! We are the activities staff for Ainsworth Hall 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors. The number of years our group has been at King is over 57 plus.

We feel the best part of working with our members is seeing them smile, laughing, and us helping them accomplish something they didn't think they could do. Many members make connections and build a community while just being happy.

With the help of many volunteers, our members' favorite activities include music in the park, boating season, our flower gardens, shucking corn for the kitchen, bus trips, arts and crafts, and sing alongs.

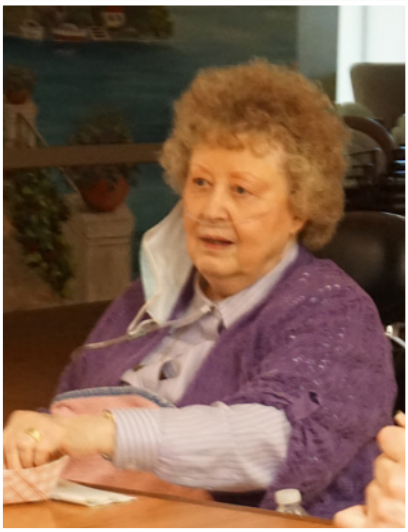
Having our volunteers assist with a variety of tasks in the building means the world not only to our staff having extra hands, but especially to our members. The more people to assist our members the more opportunities they have to enjoy life. Just the simple task of helping to get members outdoors in the fresh air for some one-on-one time with volunteers, especially those who cannot manage on their own, and assistance with a game of bingo, is truly appreciated by both members and staff.

We all have special talents to bring to our department, including arts and crafts, member pampering, organizing, and planning activities, exercises classes, card games, to playing guitar and our members singing their favorite/familiar songs.

Pictured left to right: Andrea, Heather, Jenna, Katrina, Susie (retired), April, and Steve.

OLSON HALL

LUMBERJACK DAY
& OKTOBERFEST FUN



This month in Olson Hall we have been gearing up for the move. We dressed in our Lumberjack gear to start moving. We celebrate member Norma Hansen 98th birthday. And we celebrated Oktoberfest complete with real German food and drinks. We are ready for the next month and the moves to come.

OLSON HALL

MORE OKTOBERFEST FUN

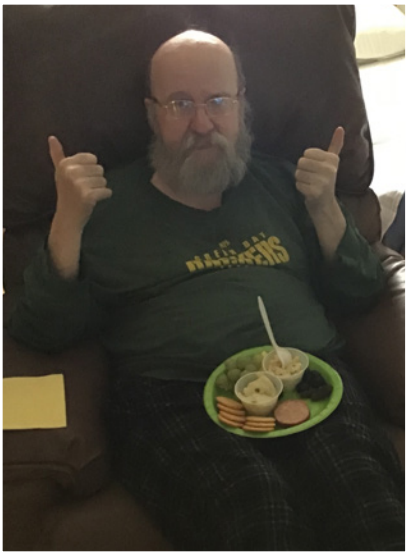
MACARTHUR HALL

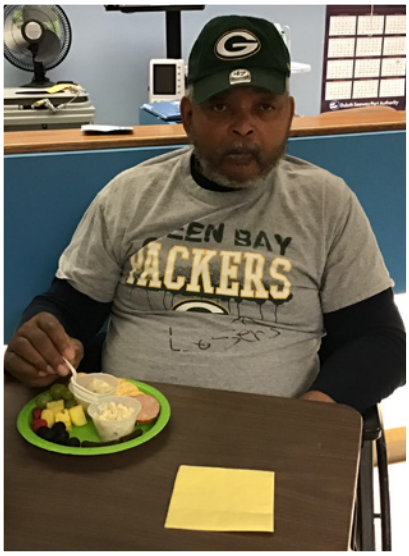
NIEMUTH'S, DOMINO'S
& GUEST SPEAKER TIM MUTTERER

Members enjoyed a catered meal from Niemuth's, pizza party from Dominos, guest historical speaker Tim Mutterer, and Packer game treats!

MACARTHUR HALL

HALLOWEEN TIE DYE
& PACKER GAME TREATS





Special thank you to Ashlay Crist (part of our awesome housekeeping team) for making staff the fun orange and black tie dye shirts for Halloween dress up day!

WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AT KING!

James Weasner joined us on October 13, 2022, and is living in Ainsworth Hall.

William Schoenbeck joined us on October 19, 2022, and is living in Ainsworth Hall.

Daniel Ohlert joined us on October 11, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

Keith Miller, joined us on October September 30, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

Katheryn Aho joined us on October 6, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

Kenneth Abel re-joined us on September 23, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

Donald Gernetzke joined us on September 21, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

William Pero joined us on September 30, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

Larry Lipke joined us on October 10, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

Duane Koplien joined us on October 3, 2022, and is living in Olson Hall.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AINSWORTH HALL

Rose Bemowski
Donna Johnson
Roseann Ohap
Ken Vander Steen

OLSON HALL

Maryann Kelly
Robert Rentmeester
George Swagel
Alan Vater

MACARTHUR HALL

Willie Alston
Larry Cavanaugh
Leonard King
Dean Loewenhagen

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are happy to introduce our four recent graduates from the Medication Assistance Course at the Fox Valley Technical College. They are all current Nursing Aides at King who received this training for free, covered by WDVA. This is a new program that's a fantastic investment for everyone involved, providing a better position for the graduates and filling a vital need for the Veterans Home at King.

Pictured left to right: Analisa Grose, Menji Schroeder, Rhonda Ortner, and Marites Chase.