UNION GROVE NEWS

WDVA WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT UNION GROVE

MAY 2023

DINING SERVICES

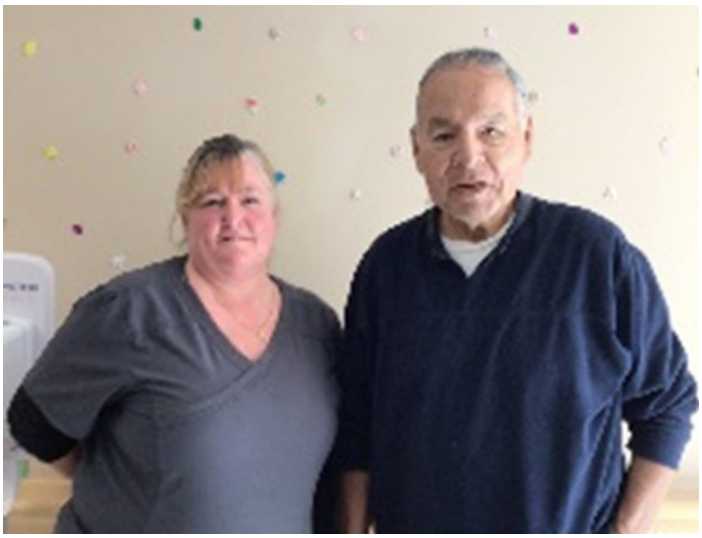
Dining services welcomes a new staff member, Alexander, a fire fighter in training. We also saw the mockup of the Gates Hall temporary kitchen that will be used while the main kitchen is being renovated.

– *Brenna, Dietician*

HOUSEKEEPING

Our custodians have been doing some extra room tidying and audits to assure that we are on top of cleaning. We also did some Spring cleaning on the units and some window cleaning as well.

– *Dee, Housekeeping Director*



BOLAND HALL ACTIVITIES

A special thank you to Kim and Martin *(above)* for taking the time to decorate throughout the seasons. For the Easter and Spring season, these two "interior decorators" have festively decorated 2nd floor of Boland Hall with over 900 spring stickers, and over 150 foam flowers. These small "acts of kindness" sure bring a lot of conversation and joy to 2nd floor! We really appreciate this festive cheer!

Thank you, Martin and Kim!.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

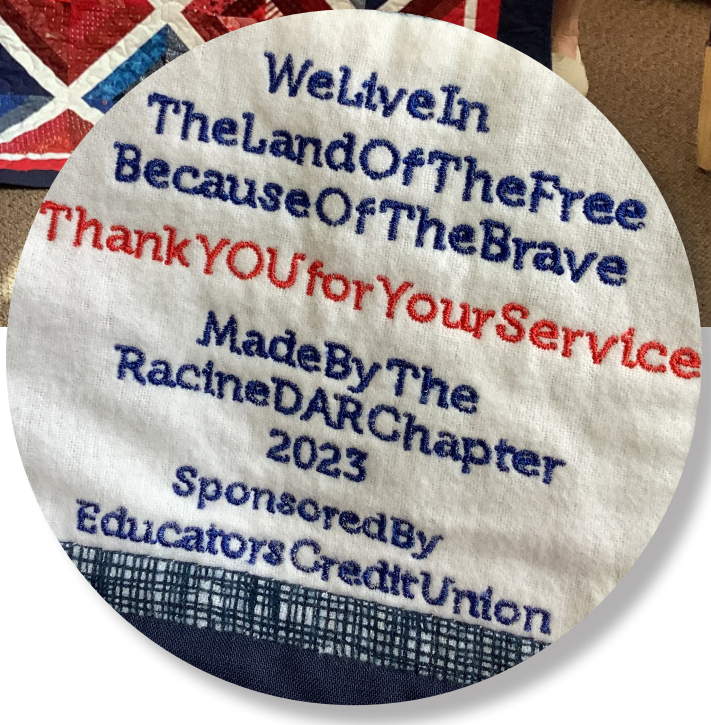
In the month of April maintenance completed 90 TELS request. We completed monthly fire extinguishers inspections, generator testing, mechanical room P.M.'s, fire door monthly inspections, and sprinkler head clearance inspections. Maintenance is getting ready for Spring, preparing for tree trimming, lawn care, pressure washing the grounds, and our interior Building Beautification Project.

– *Stevie, Buildings and Grounds Director*

FIRST FLOOR COLLABORATIVE ART

Spring has finally sprung! The members on first floor are so excited about this warm sunny weather! They've been waiting for this weather all winter. We've been outside every day since the weather has decided to warm up. Daffodils are blossoming, the trees are budding out nicely and the birds and squirrels are "twitterpated" to quote Walt Disney. We have moved some activities to the picnic table in the front of Boland Hall just to take advantage of the fresh air. If you see us sunbathing in the great outdoors, stop and say, "Hi!"

– *The Activity Team*



THANK YOU

Daughters of the American Revolution donated this beautiful patriotic handmade quilt. Union Grove provides a quilt to each new Member admitted to our facility. We just happened to have an admission on the day the quilt was received. Thank you to the DAR for their continued generosity.

DONATIONS

We received $8,540.00 in monetary donations during March to assist with activity programming, campus events, catered meals, and for general purposes.

In addition 14 non-monetary donations were provided including birthday cupcakes, soda, quilts, St. Patrick's Day supplies, Girl Scout cookies, quarters for Mardi Gras bingo, cookies, candy, juice, and roses.

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED OVER 60 HOURS OF SERVICE IN MARCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS, WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SPRING AT UNION GROVE? WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND TIME WITH OUR MEMBERS OR SERVE THEM BY:

Provide one to one visits for Members on our Memory unit

Provide one to one visits on Boland Hall second floor

Take Members for wheelchair walks, weather permitting

Provide a movie night on Boland Hall second floor

Maintain organization of the Boland Hall library

Escort Members to Happy Hour on Fridays at 2:00pm

Escort Members to bingo on Tuesdays at 11:00pm

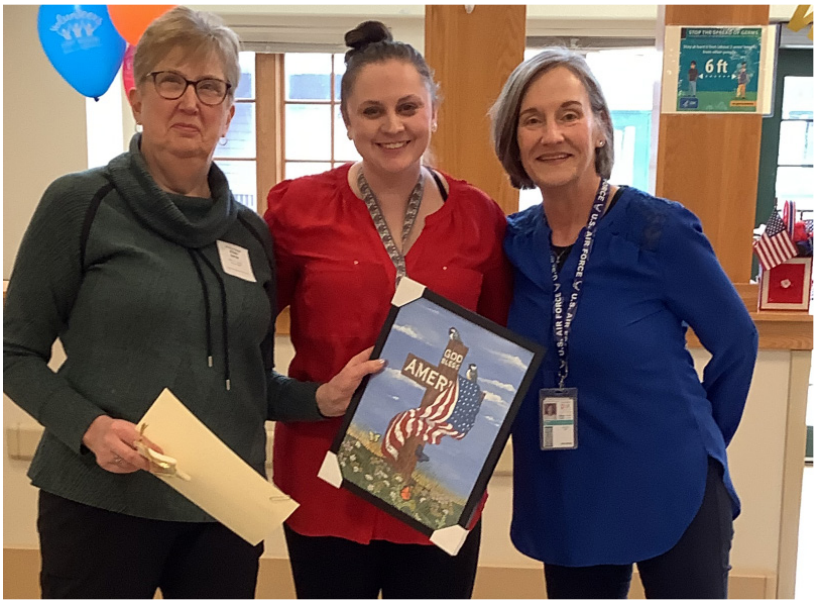
Pass Member monthly activity calendars in Boland Hall

Water plants and weed during gardening season

Assist Members with computers and technology

IF YOU'RE A VISITOR OR VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CHECK-IN AT THE KIOSK BEFORE MOVING ABOUT THE BUILDING. VOLUNTEERS MUST BE TESTED FOR COVID BEFORE VISITING MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT TERRI PRESSER AT 262-878-6725 IF YOU'RE UNSURE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OR PROCESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET



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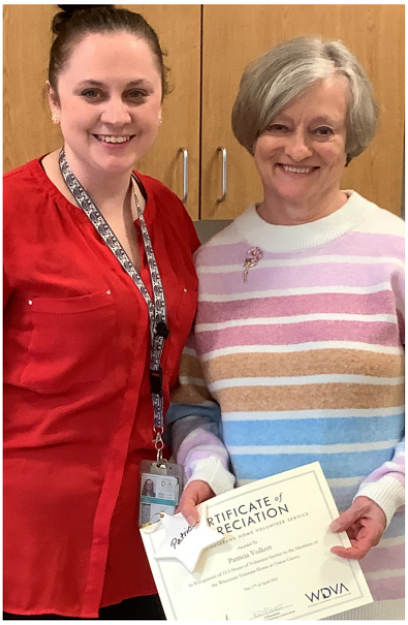

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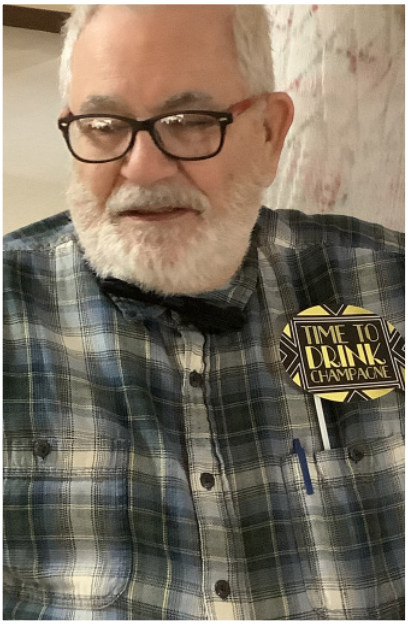

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GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

MAY EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR MAY. PLEASE REFER TO EACH FLOOR'S MONTHLY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF ALL OUR WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES.

Monday, May 1st - **Ice Cream Social** - 1:30PM - Pub

Friday, May 5th - **Cinco De Mayo Taco Fiesta Eat Out In** - Noon - Pub

Friday, May 5th - **Nacho Happy Hour** - 2:00PM - Pub

Tuesday, May 9th - **Vietnam Veterans of America Sponsored Bingo** - 2:00PM - MPR

Monday, May 15th - **Mother's Day Event - Morning Tea with Movie** - 10:00AM - MPR

Monday, May 15th - **Ice Cream Social** - 1:30PM - Pub

Monday, May 29th - **Memorial Day Car Parade** - 2:15 PM - Outside Boland Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Katherine Anderson – May 9th
Keith Hall – May 8th
James Lotzer – May 24th
John Munch – May 14th
Luther Phillips – May 31st
David Sartori – May 20th

Leonard Yow – May 18th
101st Birthday!

Bruce Zartner – May 23rd

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AT UNION GROVE

James (Jim) Ankey was born in Wheeler, IL. He served in the Army during Peacetime. He made a living as a Welder and shared that he enjoyed painting cars. Jim loves country music and has participated in several activities since joining us at the VA. Jim says he is "a people person who gets along with everybody." Be sure to say hi to Jim while you are visiting 1 West.

Don Hetland is a World War 11 Veteran, serving in the Army, who grew up in Beloit, Wisconsin. He has worked in construction and janitorial work. He's a proud father of 4. His protestant faith means a lot to him along with Gospel music. He sang tenor in a quartet in church. Don enjoys the outdoors keeping himself busy with hunting, fishing and gardening. If you know a good joke, or even a groaner, Don would love to hear it!

James Hickman grew up on a farm in Coleman, WI. He served in the Army for 18 years and did 3 tours in Vietnam. He has enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. In his free time, he likes watching old TV shows and the history channel, and enjoys painting, sketching, drawing and woodworking. Please welcome James!

Ray McNurlan served in the Army during the Vietnam conflict. He is a true Wisconsin guy since he was born in Sheboygan, raised in Fond du Lac and lived in Madison. Ray is fun to be around and enjoys watercolor art, woodworking, being outdoors and attending Lutheran church services. He likes to be out and about so if you see him making the rounds, introduce yourself.

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED IN APRIL 2023

Jerome Matkus
Served in the Army during the Korean War

Herbert Oesterle
Served in the Army during the Korean War

Jane Lanser
Spouse of a veteran