UNION GROVE NEWS

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT UNION GROVE

APRIL 2023

Save the Date

MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

2023 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

GATES HALL DINING ROOM
10:00AM-NOON

DINING SERVICES

March was National Nutrition Month and we continue to be thankful for our hardworking dietary staff who provide quality and nutritious meals to our members daily. Members enjoyed corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day before having green beer at happy hour. We will have a special seafood platter on Good Friday for our Members which they always enjoy. Administration, Madison, Food Service and Maintenance continue to work hard on the kitchen remodel plan.

– *Brenna, Dietician*

HOUSEKEEPING

All custodians are doing some spring-cleaning; wiping down stainless steel, high dusting, washing privacy curtains etc.. Making sure that we do a little extra in the rooms to keep them tidy. Laundry staff will be doing some organizing in member closets when they are delivering the clothing making sure all their shirts and pants are hung and folded in the drawers.

– *Dee, Housekeeping Director*

BUILDING & GROUNDS

During the month of March, the maintenance department inspected Defibrillators, elevators, wet sprinkler gauges, water, icemakers, eyewash stations, emergency lighting, Oxygen rooms, linen chutes, and grease traps. In addition, we tested our HVAC system to include chillers, condensing units, heat pumps, filters, and coils. We also continued with weekly refrigerator and water temperature checks. We completed our review of all member room "plug in" items; fans, fridge's etc. as well as bed inspections and Member Room inspections to include lighting, doors, a/c and heat, filters, etc. And all office inspections for compliance. We completed 85 TELS requests, fire extinguishers inspections, generator testing, mechanical room P. M's, fire doors, and sprinkler head clearance inspections.

– *Stevie, Buildings and Grounds Director*

DONATIONS

We received $1,050.00 in monetary donations during February to assist with activity programming, campus events, catered meals, and for general purposes.

In addition 24 non-monetary donations were provided including weekly fresh roses, Brewers bean bag game, chocolate covered strawberries and floral corsages for our Valentine's event, birthday cupcakes, chocolate bars, various treats, multiple Valentine's Day cards, calendars, and (11) patriotic paintings from local artist Mike Kleiber.

ACTIVITY & VOLUNTEER

March kicked off with **Bloody Mary Friday Happy Hour** suggested by our Member Gordie Voss *(right)*. Great idea, thanks Gordie!

During the week, you may hear some noise on **Boland Hall 2nd Floor** around 10 AM. We enjoy playing active games on a regular basis. Some games are competitive. Some are target games. Some are cooperative games. Some involve thinking some involve simple play. As you come around the corner of 2W or 2E around 10 AM you may hear us whooping and hollering for our peers to "get the shot", "you can do it!" or "make it in the bucket!". These types of activities help us build community, build team work and camaraderie, as a bonus benefit, we are getting exercise. We would say that it is pretty fun! We love our active games on 2nd floor. Stop by and see what the commotion is all about! Special thanks to our active game volunteers, Janet, and Scott. They too get a workout! Come and join us! Always room for one more!

Another great activity addition is the beautiful orchids in bloom on 2nd Floor. As you exit the elevator you can see our orchid collection. Many of the Members have been rehabbing the orchids back to health since last November. Now all the Google researching, and other online learning during our plant care groups really have paid off. The Members enjoy sitting in the sunny elevator window. It helps to have something pretty to look at while they rest in the sun! Flowers are most appreciated this time of year. When it is so dreary out, we have the beautiful flowers to enjoy. Spring is such a wonderful time for hope. Several Members are proud that all their hard work paid off. We hope the orchids will stay in bloom until mid-June! Plant care groups are offered regularly throughout the Boland Hall activity calendars. Many hands make small work! "Hop on" up to 2nd floor to see the tropical beauty.

March is Music Therapy month and we have a lot of musicians who reside on **1st Floor West**. Some members share their love for music and will often participate in sing along, jukebox round-up, musercize, or listen to iPods. When in sing along, members participate in live music making led by activity staff. During jukebox round-up, members control the music played and share their favorites with all who attend. While in Musercize members sneak their exercise in while enjoying quick tempo tunes to keep their toes tapping. WVH-UG continues to participate in the Music and Memory iPod program. Members work with staff to select personalized music that is added to their own device for music listening. We also have several independent Member musicians on the unit. Many members who reside on 1W have shared stories of playing guitar, singing with choirs, and leading square dances. If you listen closely while on the unit, you may even hear members singing in German, playing harmonica, or playing piano in the activity room. Music is truly Medicine!

During the month of March, **1st Floor East** has enjoyed going to the pub for ice cream and happy hour. We had a blast at our St. Pat's party music listening to Bill and Lin. We also enjoyed drinking green beer. We have been enjoying treats, movies, and always our favorite-cards. We have heard some bad jokes and endless trivia.

– *The Activity Team*

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED 40 HOURS OF SERVICE IN FEBRUARY. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS, WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU!

WELCOME OUR NEW VOLUNTEER

Brad Cramlet-Brad is a disabled vet who served in the Navy as a Corpsman from 1979-1988. After his time in service, he completed nurse training and worked for the next 27 years with several populations: hospice, hospitals, with ventilator patients, and most recently with community mental illness. He has 2 children and has been married for 42 years. He looks forward to playing cards with our Members, and spending time getting to know them.

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:

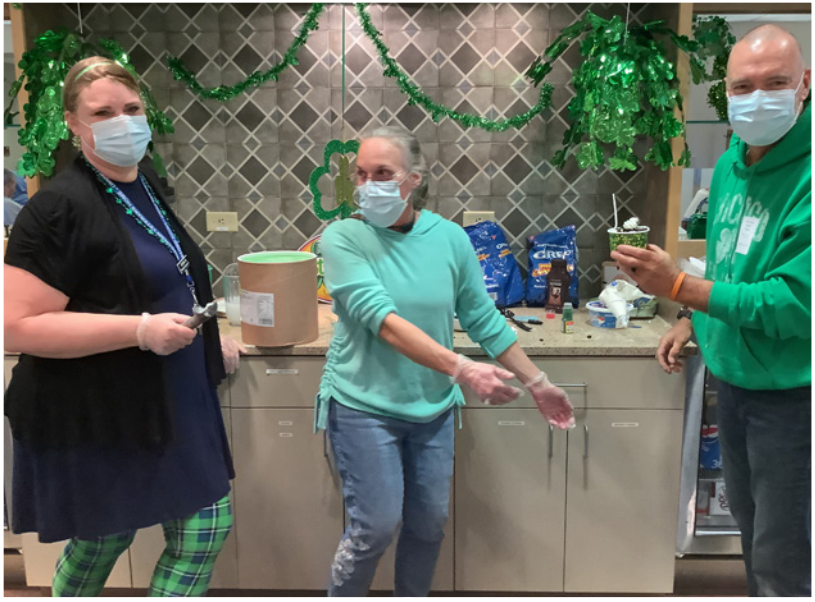
Lending a hand to help **keep our library organized** and in ship shape condition

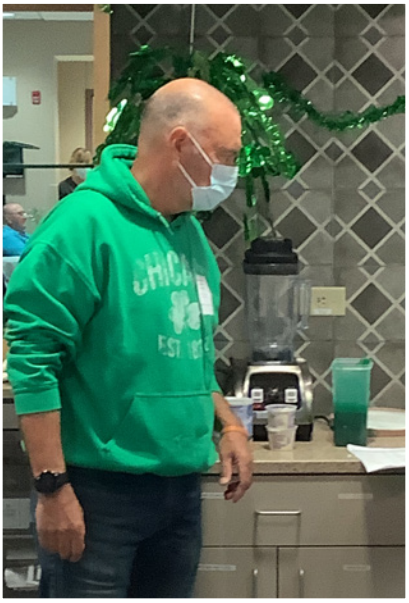
One to one visits with Members on the memory unit—reading, assisting with activity programming, or taking them for wheelchair walks throughout the campus

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!

BEAUTIFUL BLOOMING ORCHIDS

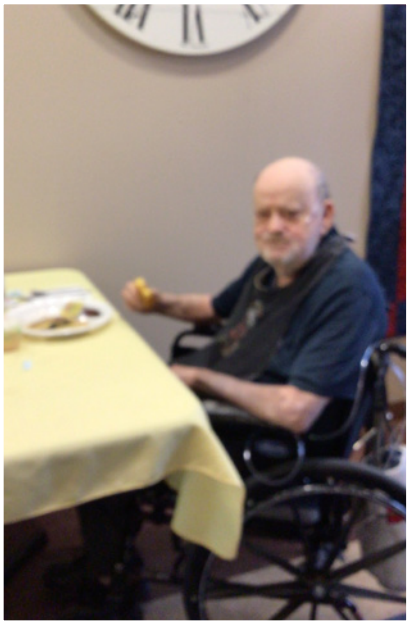
BLOODY MARY HAPPY HOUR





CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY

VIETNAM VETERANS BREAKFAST



APRIL EVENTS

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

Monday, April 3rd - **Ice Cream Social** - 1:30PM - Pub

April 7th - **Good Friday Hymn Sing** - 10:00AM - Chapel

Tuesday, April 11th - **Vietnam Veterans of America Sponsored Bingo** - 2:00PM - MPR

Friday, April 14th - **Fish Fry** - Noon

Monday, April 17th - **Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** - Gates Hall Dining Room - 10:00AM-Noon

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Wednesday, April 19th - **McDonalds Eat Out In-Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Pewaukee Post #71** - Noon

Friday, April 21st - **Navy Ship 60 Sponsored Bingo** - 10:00AM - MPR

Friday, April 28th - **Prom with entertainment by Men in Black** - 2:00PM - MPR

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Martin Soulier – April 13th
Randal Green – April 18th
James Flynn – April 24th
Everett Stewart – April 25th
James Goodrich – April 29th
Michael Heffernan – April 30th

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AT UNION GROVE

Jack Moore was born in Hindman, Kentucky. Jack served in the Army during Vietnam. He is married to Louise and has two children. Jack enjoys animals, gardening, being in nature, and country music. Please welcome Jack!

James Goodrich was born and raised in Western New York on a farm. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education and a Master's Degree in Education. He served in the Air Force during Vietnam for 12 years as a Navigator and has flown close to 6,000 hours. During that time, he reached the high rank of Captain. One of his favorite pastimes was playing the bugle. Please welcome James!

Floyd Lucas was born in Racine, Wisconsin. He was a flat cutter operator for Western Publishing. Floyd served in the Army during Vietnam. Floyd enjoys country western music, hunting, fishing, and archery. He even taught hunter safety courses. Floyd has a great sense of humor, sharing with staff that his favorite thing to watch on TV is "dust." Please say hello to Floyd when you see him!

Raymond McNurlan was born in Sheboygan and lived in Madison, Wisconsin. He served in the Army during Vietnam. He was a general worker and a lifeguard in Oahu, Hawaii. He enjoys strolling the hallways, conversing with staff and peers, and 1 to 1 activities. Please welcome Ray.

Jerome Matkus prefers to go by "Jerry". He was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was employed at Western Publishing as a reproductive photographer. Jerry is very pleasant and easy to talk with, so please welcome him to the Veterans Home!

Don Hetland was born in Beloit, Wisconsin. Don has a great sense of humor and keeps us laughing. He enjoys Gospel music and his favorite song is "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know." Don sang tenor in a quartet and had many performances at the church. His hobbies have included hunting, fishing, and being outside. He also enjoys football and baseball. Please give Don a warm welcome when you see him.

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED IN MARCH 2023

Bob Boulden
Served in the Marine Corp during the Korean War

Julia "Judy" Leistikow
Served in the Air Force during Peacetime

Halmond Parks
Served in the Air Force during Vietnam