UNION GROVE NEWS

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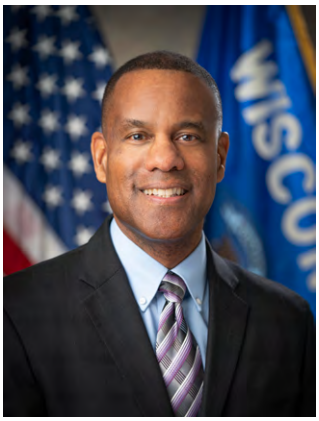

Greetings and Happy Spring! I hope that this message finds you and your family safe and well. Please allow me to welcome all our new members to our Home in Union Grove. Thank you for choosing our Home to be your home!

As the representative of more than 300,000 Wisconsin veterans, please know we are proud to serve and deliver eligible benefits for our veterans and families. The hardworking employees at our Homes dedicate their days to caring for those who served our country. I am extremely thankful for the steady and skilled care staff and the wonderful job they do for members at our Home here in Union Grove.

Having served in the Marine Corps, I know the commitment and sacrifice of service. With that, I firmly believe the primary mission of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is to always deliver for those who have served and their families. The call to serve is powerful, as you well know, and I am humbled to serve my fellow veterans as Secretary-designee.

Lastly, to our members and families, thank you for your service to this country. We are so pleased you have chosen us.

I wish you and your families a joyous and happy year!

Yours in Service,

James Bond
WDVA Secretary-designee

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Martin Soulier – April 13th
James Wagner – April 16th
James Goodrich – April 29th

MAY

Keith Hall – May 8th
Katherine Anderson – May 9th
John Munch – May 14th
Leonard Yow – May 18th
Kenneth Kotes – May May 18th
David Sartori – May 20th
Bruce Zartner – May 23rd
Milton Parker – May 27th

WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AT UNION GROVE

Thomas Lewis was born in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.Tom graduated from UW- Oshkosh and went on to work as a high school social studies teacher in Racine. He enjoys music, reading, golf, and tennis. Please welcome Tom when you are visiting.

Harry Adamson was born and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin and has spent his entire life in the area. He served in the Army in the Korean War. Harry went to school to become a barber and owned his own barber shop. He enjoys watching golf and sports. He has done much traveling and enjoys talking about his travels. Please say hello to Harry when you are visiting.

A VISIT TO UNION GROVE

Secretary-designee Bond visited the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove earlier in the month to check in with some of the hard-working staff who keep our members happy and healthy. Pictured above with Secretary-designee Bond are Amanda Ross (left), promoted to Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) position, and Natasha Kreuser (right), Director of Nursing (DON).

DONATIONS

We received $1,110.00 in monetary donations from February through March to assist with activity programming, campus events, catered meals, and for general purposes.

In addition 30 non-monetary donations were provided including St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards and ornaments, garden supplies, Girl Scout cookies, and bingo snacks and quarters.

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED OVER 525 HOURS OF SERVICE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS, WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU!

BOLAND HALL ACTIVITIES

The members on 1 West have continued to be busy these last two months. Members celebrated Valentine's day with a couples lunch and an afternoon social. They started yoga with volunteer Jaime and have been working on their personal wellness. They celebrated St. Patrick's day with Irish music and treats. Members are looking forward to spring and spending some time outdoors.

1 East Has been touring the United States! We had a map of the U S on one of our bulletin boards and each member was asked what states they have visited. A colored pin was assigned to the members so we could see where their journeys have taken them. Next, we got together to tell stories of our adventures. It was a lot of fun! We have been gearing up for baseball season. We've made baseball bats and balls to frame our giant Brewer's schedule. We've listed our favorite stadium food and are in the planning stages of creating a menu to make each and every one of them to munch on while we watch the games.

Not that all we do on 1 East is eat, but, in these past two months, we've made deviled eggs, toffee, chocolate covered marshmallows and Mexican hot chocolate! Yummy!

2nd Floor Members have been busy "leaping" with games on our extra day. We are making tie dye t-shirts for our upcoming decades party and enjoying all the fun bands that have come to visit our facility. We are looking forward to "cycling" in May. Time sure flies when you are having fun!

MANY WAYS TO SPEND TIME VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR MEMBERS THIS WINTER:

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 outside, 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR APRIL AND MAY 2024. PLEASE REFER TO EACH FLOOR'S MONTHLY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF ALL OUR WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES.

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

April Mondays - Ice Cream Social - 1:30PM - Pub

Thursday, April 4th - Bristol School Band - 1:30:PM - MPR

Friday, April 5th - Happy Hour with Member 'DJ Bruce' - 2:00PM - Pub

Wednesday, April 8th - Decades Party - 2:00PM - MPR

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

Monday, April 15th - Titanic Documentary and Popcorn - 10:00AM - MPR

Wednesday, April 17th - 1W Country Cruise Drive

Wednesday, April 17th - Sponsored Lunch by the VFW Department of Wisconsin

Friday, April 19th - VA Voices Spring Concert - 10:30AM - MPR

Friday, April 19th - Happy Hour with Entertainment by Jimmy LeRose - Pub

Tuesday, April 23rd - Navy Ship 40 Bingo - 11:00AM - MPR

Wednesday, April 24th - Volunteer Appreciation Banquet - 10:00AM - Gates Hall Dining Room

Wednesday, April 24th - Entertainment by Greg Rogalinski - 2:00PM - MPR

Thursday, April 25th - Memory Unit/1W Music with Susan Olson - 10:30AM

Friday, April 26th - Breakfast Club - 10:00AM - MPR

Friday, April 26th - Happy Hour with Piano and Vocals by Paul Baumann - 2:00PM - Pub

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

May Mondays - Ice Cream Social - 1:30PM - Pub

May Fridays - Happy Hour - 2:00PM - Pub

Friday, May 3rd - Navy Ship 60 Sponsored Bingo - 10:30AM - MPR

Wednesday, May 8th - Horseracing - 10:00AM and 2:00PM - MPR

Thursday, May 9th - Entertainment with Guitarist Georgia Rae - 2:00PM - MPR

Friday, May 10th - Military Spouse Appreciation

Monday, May 13th - Mother's Day Tea Event - 10:00AM

Tuesday, May 14th - Vietnam Veterans of America Sponsored Bingo - 2:00PM - MPR

Saturday, May 18th - 4-H Memory Unit Garden Clean Up - 10:30AM - 1:30PM

Monday, May 13th-Friday, May 17th - Armed Forces Day Unit Programming

Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day Car Parade - Time TBD

Friday, May 31st - Breakfast Club - MPR

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We welcome our new volunteer, Jamie Butcher (left)She will be providing adaptive yoga for our Members, through the Veterans Yoga Project. She is a retired Air Force veteran who enjoys crocheting, sewing, drawing, and painting.

We would also like to welcome back, volunteer, Dan Calvino. He will be assisting with our Monday ice cream socials in the pub.

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED
IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

Phil Albers
Served in the Navy

Van Voorhis
Served in the Air Force

John Stopa
Served in the Army

Ronald Zakrzewski
Served in the Army

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