# **Know Your Rights**

As a community member living at St. Monica's you have rights that are protected by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services. This corner will highlight one of your rights each month. The full list was given to you upon moving in to St. Monica's. If you ever feel any of your rights have been violated, please report this to administration as soon as possible. You have the right to the following:

To be given informed choice and opportunity to select or refuse service and to accept responsibility for the consequences.

For the latest information on how Covid-19 affects life inside St. Monica's:

Hotline: 262-383-3303

Website: stmonicasseniorliving.com /coronavirus-updates



#### **National Greif Awareness Day...**

recognizes the time it takes to heal from loss doesn't have a prescribed course and is a reminder closure comes in many forms.

## **A Prayer: COMFORT FOR LOSS**

Compassionate and loving Father, thank you that I am never alone, your presence calms the troubled sea of my life and speaks peace to my soul. Your word says that my faith will never be put to shame when my trust is



in you. Hear my prayer as I ask for comfort in dealing with the loss of my loved one. Help me to find strength and peace in your presence. Restore joy to my soul. Lord, bless me and keep me, make your face shine upon me. Turn your face towards me and give me peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~ Natalie Regoli

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

- Matthew 5:4

# **Useful Information**

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# community MONITOR

# How We Keep You Safe: Accushield - sign in/out kiosk

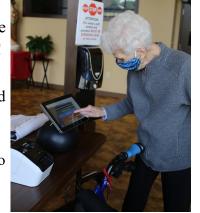


You will find the new *Accushield* Signin Kiosk at our front desk. This kiosk replaces the paper sign-in log and gives St. Monica's a quick way to sign-in, record temperatures and ask COVID-19 related questions before staff, visitors and 3rd party providers/vendors enter the community or interact with community

members. We ask that community members stop here to sign OUT when leaving for essential healthcare appointments. This will ask you to input the person's name you are leaving with, their contact phone number and how long you will be away. When you return please be sure to sign-in so that we know you have returned safely.

An attendant is at the desk to help with any questions. This is just another tool we have added as we strive to keep you safe!

NOTE: Please be reminded that the CDC and Department of Health Services recommend that residents of long-term care facilities not have visitors or go out for casual visits due to their increased risk for complications should they contract Covid-19.



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# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR A Look Back

St. Monica's

You are the heart of our home.®

**Senior Living** 

While food is now a huge part of the state fair experience, it was not always that way. It was not until 1924 that fairgoers were introduced to what is now known as the signature food of the Wisconsin State Fair: the cream puff. The cream puff pavilion was built that year and has been operating ever since. It is still the bakery, and it is still where all the cream puffs are made, every year.

1948 was arguably the biggest year ever for the State Fair, as it celebrated the 100th birthday of Wisconsin. The entire State Fair

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Park was renovated and given a facelift to provide a modern appearance, that year that fair was 23 days long as it was truly a celebration of the state centennial. And celebrate they did! The attendance for that year's fair was close to 1.8 million people. The admission price was a whopping 50 cents.

Since 1851, the Wisconsin State Fair has only been cancelled five times. War was the reason for four of those cancellations — three events in a row from 1861 to 1863 due to the Civil War, and again in 1945 during World War II. Now in 2020 this will be the 5<sup>th</sup> time in history due to Covid -19. Please check your St. Monica's calendar to see how we are bringing the State Fair to YOU this year!

"I really look forward to the creampuffs every year, we would always take a box home

for the family" - Irene

"My wife Pietta and I would love to dance (at the state fair) the music was always great" - Don

### **Visitation Stations Welcome Family & Friends Safely**

We have been so happy to see your family and friends again! We have 2 visitation stations for assisted living one in the poppy room and the other outside on our front patio. To schedule your 30 minute in-person visit, please call or have your visitor call or text our assisted living appointment line at 262-822-8209, for memory care visits call 262-631-



3020 ext. 254. Appointments can be made by leaving a message with your name, phone number, your loved one's name, and your preferred visit date & time. Visitors MUST review the "Visitation Guidelines" and "How to Protect Yourself and Others" documents on our website at

www.stmonicasseniorliving.com, under the Coronavirus tab. Some highlights include: masks are required, only 2 visitors to a community member per visit, no children under the age of 12, no eating or drinking, no transfer of items and no touching your loved one.

# **HERO WITH HEART:**

# Shannon Kaplan



DEPARTMENT/ROLE: Assisted Living Caregiver/ Medication Technician HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR ST.

MONICAS? 2 and a half years

PRIOR TO WORKING AT ST. MONICAS, WHAT WAS YOUR MOST INTERESTING/FUN JOB? I

was a Director of a before and after school center, working with children ages 4 - 14.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT ST. MONICAS? I love the atmosphere and I LOVE our community members

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I'm Married with 2 kids - boy, 25 and a girl, 26.

WHERE WERE YOU BORN? Kenosha, WI

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME? Volunteer and go to the gym

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FOR A DAY AND WHY? A Tour Guide in Rome, because I want to see **EVERYTHING** 

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST? Go to Europe to see all the Mediterranean Coast!



#### **ACTIVITIES RESUME IN AUGUST**



By Shannon Perez

Being the Life Engagement Director at an assisted living is so unique. It gives me the chance to have fun, wear crazy outfits, organize parties, and serve tasty treats. It also gives me the opportunity to spend time with each one of you. I love to learn about what you like and dislike and to hear your amazing stories. With the arrival of Covid-19, my job,

along with many others, changed. It became less about the big parties and large group activities and more about each individual person. I have learned so much in the short time that Covid-19 has been in our lives. It gave me time to get to know each one of you better, spend more one-on-one time with you and not follow a set schedule of daily events. The lessons I have learned have changed the way I plan our calendar in the future and it is for the better.

As we begin to ease back into the new normal of activities, I am very happy to see all your faces back together once again in a safe manor. Please be reminded, we can be safe by wearing a mask and staying 6 feet apart.



#### **How Many Kids** & Grandkids?

1 daughter and 2 sons, 12 grandkids & 21 great grandkids

#### **Early Years & Hobbies:**

- Served in the Navy during WWII
- Attended Elgin Watch College
- Bought Rasmussen Diamonds in 1977 then sold it to his son 10 years later
- Sang in barbershop quartet for 10 years
- Kiwanis Club Member

#### **Former Career:**

He worked in the assembly division at Delco Electronics at General Motors where he helped build the guidance system for the Apollo Space Craft. He was also a watch maker for over 70 years, working for 15 different shops doing repairs.

#### **Fondest Memory:**

"Meeting my wife Marilyn in 1946, at a wedding. My friend asked the bride to dance and I was stuck with Marilyn. She was a perfect dancer so we danced the night away. She fit perfect in my arms. I took her home and we were together ever since. We got married in 1948 (married for 64 years)."

If you need assistance or would like to set up some time to virtually connect with your loved one please contact Shannon at 262.321.7135 or email at sperez@stmonicasseniorliving.com