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April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Our community volunteers have blessed St. Monica’s in different ways. Our mission statement is based on the qualities demonstrated by these individuals.

“In the spirit of our founders.... St. Monica’s Senior Living provides a compassionate, safe, loving family home environment that respects the dignity of all community members. We strive to meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of each member and support their family.”

It is striving to meet our community member’s needs that our volunteers display an amazing amount of compassion and talent. Card playing, bingo calling, baking, dog visits, decorators, and watering plants are just a sampling of how these talents are shared. These individuals are passionate about sharing with us, and we love that!

Our volunteer Board of Directors guide St. Monica’s through our growth and development, with all the integrity and talent they can offer.

There are so many ways that people help us, all for our community members’ benefit.

We are eternally grateful for all of your love and support.



St. Monica’s Annual Health Fair!

It’s time again for our annual health fair! This year marks our 8th annual health fair. We are very excited to tell you about the FREE screenings we have lined up:

- Balance Screening – by ATI Physical therapy.
- Body (Nourishment) scan – by doTerra
- Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screening – Society’s Assets
- Cognitive/Memory Screen – St. Monica’s
- Dental/Oral screening – Lakeshore Family Dental Care
- Hearing Screening – Avada Audiology & Hearing Care
- Safe Assured ID’s – Volunteer Center of Racine
- Skin Cancer Screening – Forefront Dermatology
- Vision Screening – Aurora Healthcare



We have some great resources within our community so please stop in and say “Hi.” We are also giving tours to those who haven’t seen our community yet.

Mark your calendar for:

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 10AM-1:30PM.

Welcome to our newest community member!



LaVerne Leonard, room 68, has joined our community. LaVerne is a life-long resident of Racine, had lived in her home for fifty-five years, and only recently lost her husband after seventy years of marriage. LaVerne and her husband had two daughters, one of whom lives in Racine. The other daughter lives in New York, as do her two grandchildren, one boy and one girl. LaVerne enjoys reading, especially novels, and says that is her favorite pastime. She graduated from Horlick High School, and later began work for Racine Unified Schools as an assistant librarian. LaVerne is Catholic and is a member of St. John Nepomuk Church. She is happy to be able to attend mass and rosary here. LaVerne has a friendly, welcoming smile so be sure to greet her when see her. Welcome to St. Monica's, LaVerne!

Young at heart – Vi Braznell turns 101!



Born on April 6, 1917 Vi entered the world on the same day that the United States entered WWI. Vi grew up with 3 brothers and 2 sisters. She is pictured here with one of her 3 daughters, Janice Wiley. Vi's family has grown over the years and she boasts of 13 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. That's five generations!

Vi enjoys good food, music and she still exercises. When you see Vi take a moment and wish her a happy birthday.

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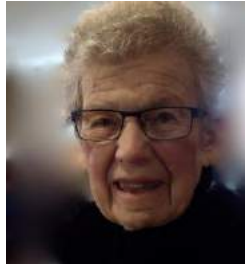


Winnie Winser, room 59, is a newcomer to our community. Winnie is a lifelong Racine resident, who went to St. John Nepomuk Grade School and to St. Catherine's High School. She is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. She is happy she can attend mass here in our chapel without having to leave her home. Her first job was at Hamilton Beach doing office work. After they closed, she went to work at the treasurer's office for the city of Racine. She worked there until she retired and says it was a wonderful place to work. She and her husband had seven children and three of them continue to live in the area. When they were growing up, the family had a cottage up north where they loved to spend time boating and enjoying the outdoors. Her lifelong hobby has been sewing and quilting, and she has a sewing machine here so she can continue to sew as much as she likes. She also enjoys knitting, reading books, and playing bridge. Welcome to St. Monica's, Winnie!



It's great to go out of the building with family members or friends for a nice lunch or dinner. We are asking that you remember to sign out of the building and check with the nurses. Sometimes there is medication that should be taken at mealtime, and we want to make sure that everyone receives their medicine if it is needed. So enjoy yourselves with your family and friends!

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Sandy Koleske, room 4, made a short move from her home to ours. Sandy says she has lived in the first house south of St. Monica's for over fifty years, so she feels right at home here. She initially lived in the white farmhouse near the convent, then moved to the ranch house when it was built. Sandy is a lifelong Racine resident who went to Roosevelt Grade School and then on to Horlick until she graduated. She is a member of First Methodist Church. After school, she went to work doing secretarial work for a group of CPA's. She was working there when a friend of hers said she knew someone Sandy should meet, so she went on a blind date and met the man she was to marry. Together they had two sons, Jim and Tom. After the family was grown, she went to work at The Attic Resale Shop, a job she says she loved, probably because she loves shopping. She also liked baking. She has two sisters and a niece who live in Racine and visit often. She likes playing cards, "Kings in The Corner," and plans to get involved in St. Monica's activities after she is more settled. Welcome to St. Monica's, Sandy!

TRANSITIONS

Sympathy

Marie Guard
Iola Murphy

Hospital/Rehab

Ruth Breckenridge
Clarence Ivanoski
Mary Anderson

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Charles "Chuck" Porcaro, room 60, is a newcomer to our community. Chuck was born and raised in Racine, attending St. Lucy's Catholic Grade School and then graduating from St. Catherine's High School. Chuck says he still remembers washing dishes at the St. Lucy Lenten Fish Fry's when he was a student there. He went on to attend the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where he majored in English. When he returned to Racine, he went to work at Webster Electric Company, which was bought by Danfoss Hydraulic Company. He worked for them nearly 25 years doing mechanical assembly and equipment testing. His last job before retirement was at Bombardier Recreational Products in Sturtevant. He likes to spend his leisure time reading and watching television, especially shows like Law and Order. He goes to the exercise room to use the exercise bike, and otherwise decides what activities that are going on are of interest to him. Welcome to St. Monica's, Chuck!



Recycling at St. Monica's

We encourage recycling and we have blue recycle bins throughout the building, usually in the laundry rooms. Here are some things that can be recycled: newspapers, magazines, plastic bottles, soda cans, and glass bottles. A great rule of thumb, if it has a shape, like a food container, it usually can be recycled.

Please DO NOT put plastic gloves, plastic wrap, used paper towels, or shower caps in the recycling bin. Thank you for your assistance with this important endeavor.

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Rose Pulda, room 20 made a long journey from Phoenix, Arizona, where she had lived for 16 years, to become part of our community and to be closer to her family. Rose was born and raised in Racine, and went to Sacred Heart grade school, then graduated from Horlick. After high school, she got a job at the telephone company where she was a switchboard operator. From there she went to Walker Manufacturing and worked as a secretary for one of the department heads. A friend introduced her to her husband, Ray and they had five children, two sons and three daughters. Once she started her family, she became a full time homemaker. Her two sons now live in Racine, one daughter lives in Hartford, one daughter lives in Tucson, and the other lives in Reno, Nevada. She enjoys playing cards, and especially loves gardening, growing her own tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. Welcome to St. Monica's, Rose!

It's spring time in Wisconsin and our trees are budding once again. Our chairs and tables have been set out for your enjoyment. If you like to walk our grounds please take a walking partner with you or let someone know where you are walking. Our gazebo is also open for use. If you want to help plant let Joan or Shannon know and they'll supply the garden tools. Our grounds are beautiful and we love to see people enjoying them.



Caught You Caring Wendy Cieczka!!!!



This month we heard wonderful things about Wendy from the family of one of our community members. *"A special thanks to Wendy for her loving care and attention. She went above and beyond checking on Mom, our family and offering her and St. Monica's support."*

Wendy is a caregiver on second shift and really likes to make a personal connection with each of our community members. In her spare time Wendy is a full time student studying to be a nurse. She also likes to spend time with her best friend, Selena. She likes to visit and eat out with her friends. Wendy lives with her sister and her parents.


Congratulations to Wendy!

Volunteer Showcase: Linda Levengood!



Linda was impressed with the care that we showed her mother and aunt, so she stayed on as one of our volunteers. Some of her interests are hand bells, she's played in a hand bell choir for the last 25 years. She is also part of a Go Hiking Club, where she has almost reached her goal of 2000 miles! When she reaches it she will be awarded a hand carved wooden boot. Linda also is an avid traveler recently back from Hawaii. One of her favorite destinations is England. We are so blessed with her enthusiasm and generosity.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Easter Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Mass 1: East Bunny </p> <p>2:00 Easter Parade Movie with treats</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 10:30 Poet Society 1: Bowl w/Nancy 2:00 Family Feud 3:30 Sing a long 5:30 Mexican Train</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9: WaterColors with Marci 10: Boston Store 10:30 Faith Share 1:00 Bingo 2:15 Uno cards 3:30 Stories/John 5:30 TCM & snacks</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10: Kinder Care 1: Snack makin' 1:30 Prayer Shawl 2:30 Balloon Volleyball 3:30 dice Games w/ Bea 6:00 Bingo w/Kathi & Girl Scout Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Nails 10:30 Protestant Church 1:00 Bingo 1: Mending w/Mary 12:30 Lend a Hand w/Lil 3:00 Myrasized 3:30 Ice-Tea Social 5:30 Trivia Night</p>	<p>6 Vi is 101 years young today!!!!</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 10:30 Marian Group 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:00 Novice Group 3:00 Adoration 2:30 Leif performs 5:30 Drive in Movie</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15 Exercise 11:00 Library 1:00 Craft Corner 4: Fatima Rsry 6:00 Movie and treats, Betty's choice</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Mass 10:00 Bingo with Colleen & kids. 1:00 Songs w/ Mark Paffrath 2:30 Movie Musical w/ Shirley</p>	<p>9 Smoothie Day</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 10:30 Guess that word with Elaine 1:00 Bowling 2:30 Smoothies 3:30 Old Time Radio 5:30 Penny Ante Poker</p>	<p>10 Book Fair</p> <p>9:00 Craft Club 10:30 Faith Share 11:00 Movie Outing 12:00 Pet Therapy 1:00 Bingo 2:30 Salvation Army 4:00 Creative Colors 5:30 Story Hour</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10:30 Good Ol' Days 1:30 Prayer Shawl 3:00 Snack Makin' with Nancy 5:30 Vinyl Records with Gilbert</p>	<p>12 Fashion Show</p> <p>9:00 Nails 10:30 Methodist Service 11: Volunteer Lunch 1:30 Shut Box 2:30 Fashion Show 5:30 Travel Log Bob's Pick</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 10:00 Sparks 10:30 Marian Group 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:00 Singing in the Rain/popcorn too 6:00 April word finds</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:15 Exercise 10:00 Music therapy w/ John 1:00 Creative Colors w/ Josie 3:00 Guess that Phrase</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Mass 9:30 Cookin' with John 1: Horse Racing 3:00 7 card no peek</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 1:00 Bowling 2:30 Organ Music w/ Martha Hawes 3:00 Root Beer floats 5:30 Checkers club</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Painting 10:00 Reminisce 12:00 Dog Visit 1:00 Bingo 2:00 Dr. Pothen 3:30 Poker Time</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10: HEALTH FAIR Today 1:30 Birthday Bingo 2:30 Charlie plays the Piano</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Nails 10:30 Protestant Church 12:30 Lend a Hand 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Bible Study 3:00 Myrasized</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 10:30 Marian Group 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:30 High Tea Time </p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:15 Exercise 10:00 Library 1:00 Bingo w/ Mary and Bob 6:00 Movie and snack time</p>

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22 8:30 Mass 1:30 Piano Recital w/ Anita 2:30 concert @ Siena Center 3:00 Western Classics	23 9:00 Prairie School Games & fun 9:30 Exercise 1:00 Bowling 2:30 Jessie's Stories 3:30 Dakim w/ Nicki 5:30 Game time with John	24 9:00 Painting 11:00 Culvers 12:00 Dog Visit 1:00 Bingo 2:30 Garden Club 5:30 Songs w/ John	25 9:00 Sheepshead 9:30 Balloon Fun 10:30 Kerplunk 1:00 Beading 1:30 Prayer Shawl Ministries 3:00 Kathy and her accordion	26 9:00 Nails 10:30 Methodist Service 10:30 Puzzle making 1:00 Bingo 1:15 Lend a Hand 3:00 Myrasized 3:00 Bible Study	27 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Marian Group 11:00 Piano/Jana 1:00 Current Events 2:00 Novice Group 2:30 Krazy Kenny 3:30 Knock Out	28 9:15 Exercise 10:00 Wii Games 1:00 Farkle with Cindy 2:30 Western Movie w/ kettle corn
29 8:30 Mass 1:00 Charlie tickles the ivories. 3:00 Stretch your legs w/ walking club	30 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Gazebo Time 1:00 Putting w/ Kay 2:30 Baking Club 3:30 Dakim w/ Nicki	<h1>APRIL</h1>		<u>Daily</u> 8:30 Mass 9:00 Coffee 10: Game Shows 10:30 Gen. Store 4:00 Rosary 6:00 Cards	<u>Anytime Activities</u> Dakim Computer Puzzle Making Libraries Internet Music Serenity	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

RESIDENTS

Nancy Sheets 4/2
 Mitzi Ivanoski 4/2
 Viola Braznell 4/6
 Julie Linstroth 4/10
 Sally Weisse 4/11
 Nicolet Vakos 4/15
 Bernie Golembiewski 4/19
 Audrey Ragan 4/26
 Bea Arndt 4/29

STAFF

Ann Schulz 4/4
 Julie Wendorf 4/5
 Lori Glowinski 4/8
 Vicki Anderson-Hipke 4/10
 Lisa Yankech 4/10
 Michelle Szczepanski 4/17
 Cherika Smith 4/19
 Norah McCauley 4/22
 Susie Sprague 4/27



April Flower – Daisy

April Birthstone – Diamond

Religious Services

Catholic –

Mass @ 8:30 every morning.
Rosary @ 4:00 every afternoon.



Lutheran Service @ 10:30 1st, 3rd and 5th
 Thursdays of the month.

Methodist Service @ 10:30 2nd and 4th
 Thursdays of Month