



Felician Village

# The Gardens Gazette

## The Resident Newsletter of The Gardens

1700 South 18th Street Manitowoc Wisconsin 54220-5652  
www.felicianvillage.org

December 2011

### What's Inside

New Year's

Two Rivers Senior  
Center Day Trip

Resident Decorations

President's Corner

### Happenings

January 1  
New Year's Day

January 6  
Feast of the Epiphany

January 11  
How Safe is Your  
Identity Presentation  
12:30-1:30pm (Glab  
Lounge)

January 17  
Resident Meeting  
10:15 - 11:15AM

### How will you Transform in 2012?

*Jennifer Collins*

Every year around this time we begin to re-evaluate our lives through resolutions. Tradition dictates that every 365 days you should try to kick bad habits and start your life anew. So sit down with a cup of coffee, paper and pen and reflect. The beginning of the year offers a fresh start and a clean slate.

Julius Caesar started the tradition of making resolutions on January 1st as a way to honor the Roman mythical god Janus, whose 2 faces allowed him to look back into the past year and forward to the New Year.

Wanting to make resolutions is a good thing. The fact that people keep making resolutions even when they don't always follow through intimately means they have hope and a certain level of belief in their ability to change and be more of who they really want to be. In this way, we are continually transforming into a new way of being, open to the possibilities of our God given potential no matter how many New Year's you have celebrated.

This year we ask that you share your New Year's resolutions with us. We hope this will inspire others to transform their lives and encourage others to be

open to the miracle of each day of the New Year. Take a few moments to write down your New Year's resolution. Drop boxes are available throughout Felician Village in St. Mary's Community Room, Villa Community Room, Court Neuser Lounge, the front lobby at The Gardens and in the administrative work room.

We will publish our resolutions in the January 2012 Gardens and Employee newsletters. We hope that this will motivate you to fulfill a dream, give a little more than you did last year or perhaps for the first time in a long time recognize each day as a gift from God. We look forward to seeing all of your New Year's Resolutions and Thank You for your participation. Wishing you a Blessed New Year in 2012.



## Two Rivers Senior Center Day Trips

*Jennifer Collins*

Felician Village is now partnering with the Two Rivers Senior Center for their Day Trips! If we have five or more participants from Felician Village, the bus will make a special stop for us.

### January Trip

The trip planned in January is: Cleopatra, The Search for the Last Queen of Egypt and will take place on Tuesday, January 24th. The trip includes viewing a film called “Cleopatra’s Universe”, a

headphone guided tour and admission to this National Geographic exhibit, dining at Miss Katie’s Restaurant (in Milwaukee) and a tour of the Milwaukee Art museum. Cost for TR Senior Center members: \$84 and Guests: \$89.

Contact Jennifer Collins at 684-7171, ext 255 for more details. Watch for more details and more adventures with the Two Rivers Senior Center.

## Residents Decorate for the Holidays



As many of you know, Harriet and Lester Peach (pictured to the left) have decorated the large Christmas tree located in the Madonna lounge for the last several years. This will be the last year that they will do this for The Gardens. If you haven’t all ready, please take the time to admire the tree as well as to thank Harriet and Lester for their many years of doing this for us. The tradition that they started will never be forgotten! Thank You!



Rena Johnson in apartment #144 decorated her apartment with an entire Christmas village (pictured left) for the holiday season. She opened up her apartment for a few hours a day so that other residents could enjoy it as well.

Thank you Rena for sharing this with us!

## President’s Column



It is with joy and a wonderful sense of accomplishment that we reach the end of this calendar year here at Felician Village. You have provided the kind of wonderful care to our residents that has earned us the “Best In Class” awards for nursing home, assisted living and independent living.

We were nominated as the “Non-profit of the Year” for the Chamber of Commerce awards earlier this year. And our resident satisfaction scores in most areas have improved significantly. We have much to be proud of!

With a grateful heart I say, “Thank You!”

And my hope for you is that this Christmas season brings love, happiness and peace to you and yours. May you reflect on the greatest gift of all, Jesus, Our Savior!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!