

The Gardens Gazette

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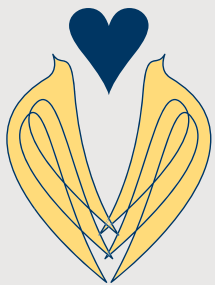
And much more!

Mrs. Roper's Romp A Success!

A HUGE thank you to all the Helens and company who "came and knocked on our door" at the Mrs. Roper's Romp fundraiser on Friday, April 19 at the Inn on Maritime Bay.

There were tables and tables of raffle baskets from wonderful donors, many, many BINGO games played, a DJ spinning songs from all music genres, 50/50 raffles, a 70s photo booth and delicious food catered by the Felician Village Culinary Department.

THANK YOU to all who helped make this unique, fun-filled fundraiser a success. Proceeds will support a new pub and patio at Felician Village.



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

BUS TRIPS

Monday, May 13

1:00 p.m.
YMCA

Wednesday, May 15

1:00 p.m.
Rustic Rose Greenhouse

Friday, May 17

9:00 a.m.
Manitowoc Coffee

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Aldi

Wednesday, May 22

10:45 a.m.
Rahr West - Music with
Barb

Friday, May 24

12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Meijer

Friday, May 31

12:00 p.m.
Overtime Restaurant

*Please sign up in the activity
binder outside the
Gardens offices.*

May Movies

*All movies begin at 1 PM in
the Glab Lounge.*

Saturday, May 11

50 First Dates

Saturday, May 18

King Creole

Saturday, May 25

Antwone Fisher

Celebrating Seniors Week

2024

Monday, May 13

- ◆ Pancake breakfast @ 8 - 9 a.m. in Bistro
- ◆ National Apple Pie Day - Pick up apple pie in Gardens office @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14

- ◆ Free BINGO with special prizes and guest callers @ 1:30 p.m. in Life Enrichment Room
- ◆ Campus sing-a-long w/ Lauren Daun's family @ 3 p.m. in Village Hall

Wednesday, May 15

- ◆ Rustic Rose bus trip @ 1 p.m.
- ◆ Pick up a striped treat in Gardens office @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 16

- ◆ Coffee with the crew (bring your favorite coffee mug) @ 8 - 9 a.m. in Bistro
- ◆ Craft @ 11:30 a.m. in Life Enrichment Room

Friday, May 17

- ◆ Manitowoc Coffee bus trip @ 9 a.m.
- ◆ Let's CONNECT with each other @ 2 p.m. in the Madonna Lounge

Chaplain Stephanie Ordained

Chaplain Stephanie Bowman was ordained on Saturday, April 13, 2024, to the Ministry of Word and Service as a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at First Lutheran church in Manitowoc. She has been prepared, examined and approved, and called by the church to this ministry as Chaplain at Felician Village.

Residents and staff were in attendance to show their support for Stephanie in her ministry. We pray that she may joyfully serve God and God's people through all her days.



SHEEPSHEAD TOURNEY



The Gardens residents had so much fun during the Sheepshead tournament hosted by volunteers Jane and Jean.

Volunteers are Priceless

Felician Village volunteers were invited to a special luncheon on April 24. Guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican style buffet prepared by the FV Culinary Department as Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator, acknowledged our volunteers for their dedication, time and hard work.

Each guest left with a fun themed party favor - a bottle of Jarritos soda.

Volunteers...THANK YOU for all you do! You are priceless!

A special congratulations to Warren Gaffney who was named the 2024 recipient of the Volunteer of Year award at Felician Village.

Warren volunteers as a driver for both the 12-passenger Felician Village bus and the Felician Village on the Go vehicle.



Pictured L to R: Megan Bruckschen, Marketing Director, Warren Gaffney, award winner, and Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator.



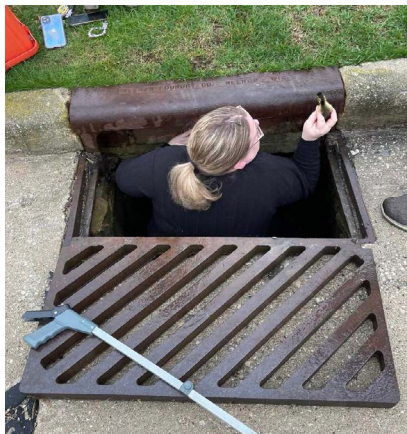
Duck Rescue

On Monday, April 29, FV Director of Marketing, Megan Bruckschen, saw a mother duck crossing the street followed by her ducklings, then saw that several of the ducklings had fallen into the sewer. The mother duck was distraught and was in the road letting everyone know how upset she was.

Megan and a friendly neighbor decided to act. Together they managed to open the sewer grate.

Megan went in and began to pull out the ducklings to safety. She made sure that the ducklings and the grateful mother duck found their way to safety. We are thankful, as is that mother duck, for Megan's diligent care for creation!

(Disclaimer: DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME! Megan could clearly see the bottom of the sewer and the neighbor also had a ladder nearby if needed!)



Let's play "secret resident"

- My wife, Donna, and I have been Gardens residents since January, 2018.
- Originally from Pembine, WI. I am the youngest in my family of five.
- My father worked for a milling company making granules for shingles. My mom was busy with the kids and a big garden. Cows, pigs, chickens, 40 acres of hay/oats and chores kept me out of trouble and always learning. Living 5 miles from town, a car picked me up for school instead of a school bus because I was the only kid in the area.
- Childhood highlights: Riding my bike, fishing for brook trout, hunting small and large game, summer visits with Chicago cousins, chocolate ice cream sodas, movies, and the 4th of July fun in Iron Mountain make me smile.
- Graduated teachers college, taught one year and then was drafted into the Army
- I met my wife while attending UW-Oshkosh for a bachelor and master's degree. We married in 1962. We thought we'd start careers in Green Bay, yet rules prohibited husband/wife educators to teach in the same school system.
- Manitowoc became our home as we were allowed to teach in the same system.
- We enjoy our two girls, son in laws, and three grandchildren.
- I appreciate time spent outdoors. Relaxing in nature, summers in the North woods, fishing, hunting, and upon retirement, traveling.
- Bus trips, cruises, exploring 50 states, Europe, Japan, and New Zealand were great places to visit yet returning to Wisconsin for me is the best. Wisconsin is superior and just the best place to live.

WHO AM I?

Answer on page 6.



Off to the Races!

The Gardens held its own Kentucky Derby. Lots of winners, games, horses, drinks and snacks! Look at all those beautiful hats!! Thanks to resident, Shirley, for hosting this fun-filled event. Congratulations to Audrey who was the Derby winner!



FV at Home Lunch Bunch

Where did Felician Village at Home visit in April? Fork & Knife! The members enjoy socializing and getting to know their fellow FV at Home friends through the monthly lunch bunch outing!



"May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities."

- Unknown



President's Column

On Friday, April 19, Felician Village hosted the Mrs. Roper's Romp to raise funds for an outdoor pub and patio at The Gardens. While we are still tallying final numbers, the event was more successful than I ever could have imagined. Over 225 people were in attendance; residents, staff, family, friends, community members, business partners, and even a few strangers who became friends, all coming together to support our mission and our residents. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event. We are beginning the next stages of planning to make the space a reality in the near future – stay tuned!



National Volunteer Week was celebrated April 21-27. I want to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication to serving Felician Village and our residents. Their commitment to the Felician values of Compassion, Justice and Peace, Solidarity with People in Need, Transformation, and Respect for Human Dignity is shown in the service they provide. Collectively, our volunteers provided over 11,350 hours of service in 2023! I want to especially recognize Warren Gaffney who was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year for 2024.

We will celebrate with annual Seniors Week activities, May 12-18. I am looking forward to the festivities taking place to honor our residents and show appreciation to our staff. Please see the details below in this newsletter and I encourage you to participate throughout the week.

While Memorial Day Weekend is promoted as the unofficial start to summer, I want to thank and honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. Please join me in appreciating their eternal sacrifices on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, *President/CEO*



Traditionally, the month of May has been dedicated to honoring Mary. This month in this glorious season of growth is a perfect time

to celebrate the beauty of the Mother of God. In Caryll Houselander's book, *The Reed of God*, the author helps us to imagine what Mary must have experienced after the Annunciation: "Sometimes, when she sat down in the cottage doorway after her day's work, she must have felt anew her amazement at the angel's salutation and have asked her own soul: 'How can this thing be?' Could it be possible that this tiny little tunic that she was weaving was for God?" The author goes on to examine how WE might respond to God's presence in ourselves: "It is quite incredible to think that God is really present in me. This act of faith brings peace: it silences the noise of distraction, the loud business of fear. It is the stilling of the waters. It gathers our thoughts into a circle like a crown of flowers; it crowns us with peace." Being crowned with peace is a beautiful image.

In May we remind ourselves that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and we place a crown of flowers on images of her in our spaces. We will have a May Crowning on Friday, May 10 after Mass where we will process from the Blessed Angela Chapel down to the statue of Mary near St. Mary's Home. This ritual reminds us of the importance of Mary in our faith traditions.

The Felician Sisters of North America embrace the Marian element of Franciscan Spirituality. When the Sisters talk about Mary, they know that they are bringing the presence of Christ into our lives through her. The Blessed Mother is nurturing, life-giving, and tender. Blessed Angela consecrated her congregation to Mary, the Mother of God. Ask the Sisters about their names and their original provinces all being named for Mary! Mary is a model for us, helping us to know that love often demands sacrifice, but that we can do that with the strength God gives us.

Written by *Barb Spies, OFS, Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care*

We'd be honored if you
Vote Felician Village!

Services

- Assisted/ Senior Living Facility
- Nursing Home
- Retirement/55+ Community

Beauty & Health

- Memory Care
- Rehab Facility

Top Employer

- Felician Village



Scan here to vote!



Help Felician Village become #1 for the 15th YEAR IN A ROW in the "Best of the Lakeshore" contest, sponsored by the Herald Times Reporter. The contest is now open through May 20th. One vote is allowed per user within each category per day.

In Loving Remembrance
April 2024

Paul Isselmann, *The Court & The Villa*

Albert Eichmann, *The Court*

Amy Kaufman, *St. Mary's*



Open to
the public!

2024

FREE outdoor
concerts!



Live Music

The Bistro at The Gardens

1700 S. 18th St. Manitowoc, WI

FV Gardens Bistro concert series sponsored by Nicolet NATIONAL BANK

**Wednesday,
June 5**

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Mission Karaoke

Summer Party

**Wednesday,
July 10**

5:45 - 7 p.m.

*Mystic Moods
Polka Band*

*Featuring favorites Romy Gosz,
Gene Heier, Dolyesh Bros.,
Wayne Johnson & more!*

**Wednesday,
August 14**

6 - 7 p.m.

*Bobby Darren &
Sheila Marie*

Country Music Show

*Paying homage to the
Grand Ole Opry legends*

Special Show!

Monday, August 5

6 p.m.

Elvis

**Food & beverages available for
purchase from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**



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Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Our Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with People in Need
Justice and Peace

President & CEO

Luke Schubert

Director of Marketing

Megan Bruckschen

Marketing Specialist

Kim Christoffel, *Editor*

Happy Hour

Happy Hour at The Gardens was sponsored by the Manitowoc County Historical Society. They provided the Pinecrest punch, pretzels, and music!!

