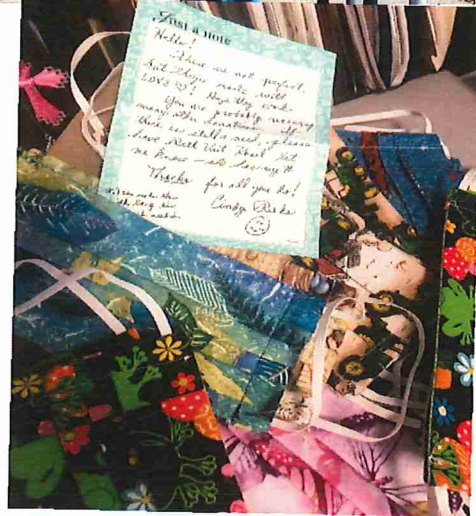


We just wrapped up another successful celebration of our residents and staff during National Nursing Home Week. The celebration might have been a little quieter this year without inside entertainment and visitors, but what we lacked for in one area we made up for with food. We were still able to show our appreciation to our wonderful staff and Grandfriends with lots of treats and free meals. Two meals were even catered to lessen the Dietary department's amount of work. Our families and community have also shown us such wonderful support during this pandemic with words of encouragement and donations of facemasks and treats. While we are always proud of our staff for their hard work, this year we are especially proud how they have risen to a new challenge. Wearing face masks and goggles all day while performing their job duties certainly is more demanding, but they have been here with a smile on their face staying positive and trying to make the best out of a difficult situation.

Another reason to celebrate our wonderful staff is their commitment to keep our Grandfriends safe and healthy. To ensure we are prepared to respond to the threat of disease caused by Covid-19, the Minnesota Department of health is conducting focused infection control surveys of all nursing homes. Our focused survey on April 27th found no deficiencies. The survey team found we were practicing proper infection prevention and control to prevent the development and transmission of Covid-19. They observed our staff performing hand hygiene, using the proper protective equipment, and disinfecting equipment between residents. Our policies and procedures were also reviewed to make sure we have a good plan in place.

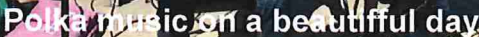
We realize the restriction of visitors to protect our Grandfriends has been difficult for everyone. Believe me it isn't only the residents that miss the visitors. Our staff misses the resident families too. While staff and families have been creative in finding ways to remedy this situation, the need for additional technology is apparent to us. Through an application process, we now have funds available to us to purchase devices that support both virtual social and telehealth visits. Our plan is to buy additional iPads to promote virtual connections. While this isn't the same as a hug or a squeeze of the hand, until we can end social distancing this is a good alternative.



**Mary Z's daughters Ann & Mary brought a baby goat for a window visit**



**Evie M watching the car  
cruise**



## Memorials

Bernice Eckstein from Delores Spaeth



## Thank You

Paul/Connie Steffen for their donation

Judy Farrell and Marie Dauer for Chapel donations

Robert/Joleen Hoffmann for donations for Chapel needs

Compassionate Care Hospice for bakery cookies for the nursing staff

Braun oil for face masks



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Eugene Altmann family.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

We wish good luck to Adeline Grosam and Dorothy Borth on their discharge.



Sisters enjoying a nice sunny day stroll

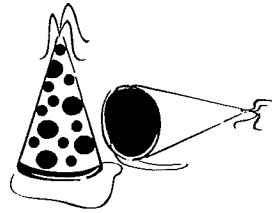


Angie A and a surprise visitor

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Employees:Laurie Ring, Sarah Reinarts, Laura Navarrete, Jessica Weilage, Deanna Marshall, Rocio Gonzalez, Karen Goetz, Michelle Buerkle, Elizabeth Molin

Residents:Frank Lindmeyer



## Directory

Facilities Director.....	Sr. Rhonda Brown
Pastoral Care.....	Sr. Bernadine Ugolini
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
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Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
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In order to share our Risk Mitigation Measures, we've condensed several of our regular pages this month.

**Home Improvements:** We are hoping to go forward with replacing the roof over the Rose and Blue wings of the Nursing Home this summer. We don't currently have any leaks, but the roof is showing its age and we felt it was best not to wait until we have to put the buckets out! We've also started building up the ground next to the new sidewalks that were replaced last fall. Once that's done we'll add a little grass seed, and let nature do the rest.

**Corporate Culture:** Our Home is called Divine Providence because our Founder, St. Louis Guanella trust whole-heartedly that if a work was willed by God, God would take care of it. Although we have not been able to celebrate Mass or Rosary in Chapel since the Stay-at-Home order went into effect, we continue to pray "together at home" for each other and for all of you. A TV Mass is aired each morning at 10:30 am, and the Rosary followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed starting at 5 pm each evening. Although most of the residents are in their rooms praying along with "Channel 2"(our Divine Providence Channel through Direct TV), we are united in spirit and intention at these times. Our gratitude to our Activities Staff for arranging this and to all the Nursing Assistants for helping the residents who want to pray together to set their TV's to Channel 2.

**Gratitude for Divine Providence Staff Fund Update:** We feel blessed that although we are not able to welcome families into our Home at this time, our families continue to think of and show their gratitude for our employees. Our deepest gratitude to our benefactors in May:

Otto J and Karen Seifert, in memory of

**James and Jane Seifert**

Brenda and Mike Walden

### **In Honor of our Wonderful Employees**

Correction from last month:

Memory of Irene Hauser from Gary/Laureen Tauer, Mariys Schmitt

## COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Measures

This month we've condensed our Home Improvements, Corporate Culture and Gratitude for Staff Fund pages to share this information with you about our Risk Mitigation for COVID-19. When we first started talking about Risk Mitigation, the first question most people asked was, "What does that mean?" Basically, this refers to the steps we are taking to reduce the risk of exposing our staff and residents to COVID-19. Here's what we've been doing so far:

**Essential Worker Monitoring:** Before anyone is permitted to enter the Nursing Home, they must be screened for signs and symptoms of illness. This includes taking their temperatures before they enter the building, asking if they have been out of the country in the past 14 days and/or in contact with anyone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID. We also ask and observe to see if they have a new cough, sore throat or shortness of breath. Anyone who cannot answer "no" to all of the questions is not permitted to enter the building. Staff have been instructed to stay home if they are ill and to report signs or symptoms of illness if they develop during their shift.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** All staff are wearing facemasks as "source control" since, as we know, we can be carriers of the virus for up to two weeks before experiencing any symptoms. Direct Care staff (nurses and nursing assistants) are also wearing "eye protection" (either face shields or safety glasses) and surgical masks since they are in close contact with residents and each other.

**New Resident Isolation:** All new residents are admitted to private rooms and quarantined for 14 days. This means they must stay in their room until we are certain they do not have COVID. Staff take extra precautions when caring for these residents, including wearing gowns and gloves for all cares as well as for social visits. This requirement for isolation also applies to current residents returning to the Home who have been away for any reason other than a scheduled or emergency medical appointment.

**Resident Monitoring:** Twice each day all residents are screened for signs of new cough or fever, new shortness of breath, or a sore throat, and their temperature is taken and recorded. Their pulse rate and oxygen levels are also taken and recorded at this time. If a resident develops any of these symptoms, we are required to isolate them immediately. If the resident is already in a private room, this will simply mean using the precautions as listed for "new residents." If the resident has a roommate, we are required to move the ill person immediately to a private room and initiate isolation precautions. These precautions will remain in effect until COVID test results return and are negative.

**Dining and Activities:** All meals are currently served in residents' rooms. Staff are available to help those who need assistance with eating or dining supervision. Residents are encouraged to wear cloth face masks if they come out of their rooms. Group activities are no longer permitted. The most we are permitted to do at this time is "hallway activities" such as calling Bingo over the loud speaker while residents sit in or near their bedroom doorways.

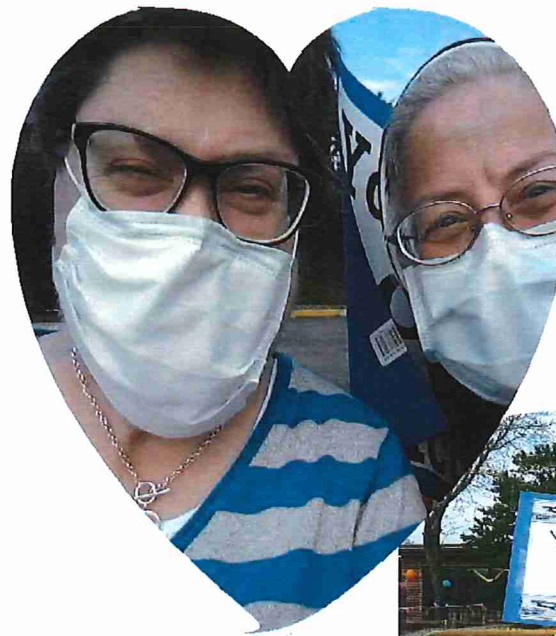
**Infection Control Practices:** Our staff have always been trained in infection control practices and follow established protocols based on that training. As an extra precaution, we are also conducting ongoing audits to ensure compliance and offer additional training if needed. Housekeeping is doing additional disinfecting for frequently touched surfaces such as handrails, light switches and door handles. All shared resident equipment (such as lifts) are cleaned between uses by different residents.

**Visitor Restriction:** All visitor restrictions continue except for end-of-life "compassionate care" visits.

**Prayer:** The Sisters and many of the Residents and Tenants are praying that our Home will be protected from the dangers of COVID-19. We ask you to join us in prayer for our Residents, Tenants, their families and for all people everywhere during this most challenging time. God bless you and keep you safe!



**Frank L enjoying the car cruise**



**Never know who shows up for a picture. Judy F and Sr. Rhonda**



**Sr. Adeline watching the car cruise**



**Marie S. shows her appreciation for the car cruise**



**Aut S enjoying the car cruise with staff**



**Mickey enjoying the car cruise with on her 91st birthday**