

## Administrator's Message- Jayna

I am happy to announce we have completed our first Covid-19 vaccination clinic. All our residents with consent and about half of our staff received their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on January 6. Since we partnered with Walgreens, they will return in 28 days on February 3rd and give the second dose of the vaccine to the residents and staff. At that time, the other half of our staff and any remaining residents will receive their first dose of the vaccine and again Walgreens will return in 28 days on March 3rd and give the second dose to those employees and residents.

We are encouraging everyone in our home to get a vaccine as soon as possible. However, we cannot mandate that anyone receives the vaccine. The Covid-19 vaccine is a ray of hope for many older adults who have been so cut off from their family and friends over this past year. A successful vaccination program is a huge step forward in beating COVID.

While this is a historic occasion that marks the next chapter in our fight against the virus, it is just the beginning of a conversation about reopening our home. We have not received word of any updated guidance from the State about visitation in our home. As soon as we start to successfully administer the vaccine throughout Minnesota and positivity rates begin to fall, we hope we can begin to discuss what's next. We will not be able to return to normal visitation routines until a vaccine is administered to most residents and staff. Even then, experts are saying that most of the population will have to be vaccinated before we can return to normal.

Please be patient about changes in safety protocols as vaccinations roll out across Minnesota. Even though the vaccine is here, the virus is still being transmitted throughout our state and we need to continue to be cautious to protect the health and well-being of our Grandfriends and staff.

## Gratitude for Divine Providence Staff

### Endowment Fund Update

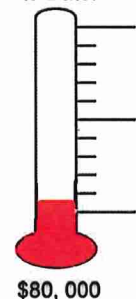
You may have heard that we (the residents who wanted it and most of the staff) got our first dose of COVID vaccine on January 6th. The second dose is scheduled for February 3rd, which will be the first-dose date for those who weren't able to get vaccinated in January.

We are hoping that this is a sign of moving towards the end of COVID, but that end is still in the future.

In the meantime, we are obliged to follow the guidelines from the federal government and the Minnesota Department of Health regarding visiting in the Home. We had a short stretch in January with no active COVID in the house, either among residents or staff... but it was very short: two days, to be exact. But during those two days, our Activities Department managed to arrange several visits between Grandfriends and their families. We are so very grateful to our Activities crew who have been putting in long hours to help bring our residents and their families together, whether in person or through Zoom, Facetime or phone calls.

We are hoping to be back to visiting again in early February, and praying that the vaccine works to help keep COVID away ... and visitors coming.

Total Donations  
to Date:



Our deepest gratitude to our benefactors in December:

**Charles and Lucille Moldaschel**





Braulick Family stopped by to say "hi" and paint snow in our North Courtyard



No it's NOT Beer Pong, it's Cocoa Pong!



Michael Heidemann from Brown County REA presenting a check to Administrator Jayna for money the employees raised on "jean day". Your donation is appreciated!





## Auxiliary News

Greetings to all! As we fast approach the month of February, what a perfect time for the Auxiliary to extend our sincere appreciation to each & every one of you who donated to the Divine Providence Auxiliary following our yearly fundraising mailing in November. As the last of the donations trickled in the end of December, we were overjoyed to receive a record number of contributions from all of you. Regardless of the fact that we couldn't proceed with our usual fundraiser at Divine the first Sunday of November, a talented group of ladies continued on with the quilt making, Patty Haala donated yet another beautiful quilt to raffle off & we set yet another goal for our organization. We are so very happy to report that we almost doubled that goal because of so many generous donations from our community & beyond! We cannot thank you enough for allowing us to proceed with donating back to Divine by paying the monthly cable TV bill for all residents & common areas, for being able to donate to the activities department to make sure residents have more than enough to do each day & for being able to help with the expense of the replacing the current call light system. We also hope to be back to hosting monthly birthday parties soon. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! On behalf of the Divine Providence Auxiliary, we sincerely appreciate your kindness & generosity.

Christine Hoffmann

Divine Providence Auxiliary President



Picture taken January 2020

## Home Improvements

January is usually a slow time for home improvements, so we've taken this opportunity to spruce up a few resident rooms. Our census is low and we have a few empty rooms. We are grateful to our talented and conscientious painter, Steve Eichberger, who is exceedingly attentive to infection control. Any and all contractors who come in must pass the same screening and follow the same "facemask and hand sanitizer" rules our staff and family visitors follow (when we can allow them in). They, however, also have to avoid all resident contact. We are grateful to Steve and all our contractors who help to keep our place running while keeping our residents safe.

We are finally getting to another one of the projects that went on hold when COVID hit: the much needed repairs to our resident's shower room. The shower controls froze up a few years ago. Our maintenance men have fixed it countless times, but now it simply must be replaced. That will entail tearing out the wall to change the piping and fixtures, and then putting all back together again. We are hoping this can be done in February.

We have one other fairly big job that started in late January and should be done in early February: we are finally replacing the windows in the residents' dining room and in the activity room. If you're wondering why we are replacing windows in the winter, well, so are we! They assure us it can be done, and now seems as good a time as any since the residents currently aren't eating in the main dining room anyway. We also can't have activities in the activity room right now, so we'll have to try to find a way to keep our activities staff warm during the renovations! We are hoping to get it all done before COVID is over so that once we're back in full swing, these rooms will be ready for our Grandfriends.

Once the windows are in, we will also be adding new blinds. With the window replacement in the nursing home, we decided to go with "faux wood" blinds. They were "the thing" at the time and we all liked them. Since then we've been finding some shortcomings, particularly: when the sun is too bright, it's "all or nothing." With our dining room's amazing view of the lake, we hate to have to shut it out every time the sun sets. So we are going to try something new. We will be installing roller shades, very similar to the blinds in the Marian Conference Room. The advantage we are hoping for is to be able to close them just enough to block the sun's glare without blocking out the view of the lake. If all goes well, we hope to have this all done by Valentine's Day (although we're not sure what that celebration will look like this year).

So things keep moving along, and we are so very grateful to all who through their prayers and support help to make all of this happen.

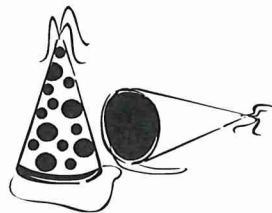
God bless you!



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Employees: Amy Lynn Albrecht, Natalie Marti, Brooklyn Moldan, Marsha Sellner, Teri Sellner

Residents: Violet Griebel, Fr. Hackert, John Klotz, Ordell Krambeer



## Directory

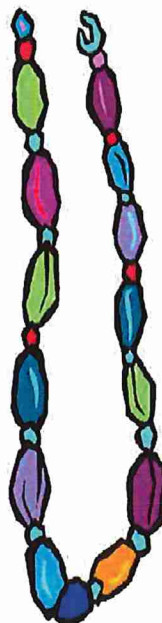
Facilities Director.....	Sr. Rhonda Brown
Pastoral Care.....	Sr. Bernadine Ugolini
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses.....	Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services.....	Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager.....	Sue Thram
Dietary Manager.....	Donna Sellner, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Services/HIPAA.....	Deanna Marshall, LPN
Lake Villa Maria Housing Mgr.....	Audrey Milbrett

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The Groebner Family dropped off homemade Valentines for our Grandfriends as part of our "Decor A Door"



Marsha Sellner assisting Ramona in jewelry making



## Memorials

**Lois Tauer** from Donald & Beverly Mickelson, Gladys Reinarts,  
Larry & Lavonn Braun

**Leslie Peterson** from Neil & Rose Mangen

**Donald Ludewig** from Larry & Lavonn Braun, Shirley Hornick,

**Hazel Meinert** from Rita Hertling

**Maggie Wintheiser** from Donald & Beverly Mickelson

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Walter  
Evers & Adeline Grosam.

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

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## Thank You

\*Doris Schroepfer family for donation of money

\*Gloria Helget family for donation of money

\*Robert & Joleen Hoffmann for donation of money for chapel

\*Myrtyce Remus for donation of money for chapel

## WISH LIST

We have been blessed to have many generous friends who  
made it possible to purchase necessary items to enhance  
the lives of our residents. Thanks to all who have  
contributed.

### Please consider our following needs:

3 wider beds	\$2435.00 each
Replace welcome sign	\$4000.00



Divine Providence Community Home invites you to our  
presence on Facebook!  
Find Us, Like Us, Follow Us!



### LAKE VILLA MARIA APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

Are you, family member or friend looking for an apartment?  
Lake Villa Maria in Sleepy Eye, MN has apartments available and  
ready to move in.

We currently have one 2 bedroom, and 3 efficiency apartments  
open. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, scenic view, activities, great  
meals and chapel with daily mass, all under one roof!

For more information, please contact Audrey Milbrett, Housing  
Manager at 507-794-5333