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ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY SERVICES AND CHRISTIAN CARE



## A note from the Administrator- Jayna

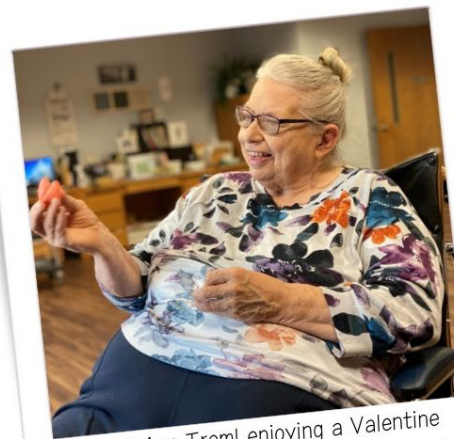
The deadline for the Colette M (Berdan) Bednarczyk Endowment two for one match was February 1, 2024. If you recall, we were tasked with raising \$50,000 and then Collette's immediate family would match that with \$100,000. This endowment is a restricted permanent endowment with the purpose of providing ongoing financial assistance. The final tally of donations received by that date totaled \$36,292. We are so grateful for all the support from our families, community, and the Berdans. The response was excellent and we enjoyed reading all the notes along with the donations. This permanent endowment will now be over \$100,000 and benefit our Grandfriends every year by providing funds for operating expenses. Even though the match has ended, the fund is still available for donations. If you are looking for a perpetual donation this is an excellent option.

Our home has been bustling this past month. Our current census is 46 which is the highest since before Covid. While everyone is busy, we love getting to know all the new Grandfriends and their families and friends and it feels good to be on the right track. Our mission is to help others and we want to help as many as possible. During this busy time, we also had our annual MN Department of Health survey. For three days, three surveyors interview and observe our residents, families, and co-workers to find out if we are following all the regulations and if anyone has any concerns. This is a good time for everyone to feel heard. We are always listening, but something new usually is discovered during the process. We don't have the final results, but it looks like we had an excellent survey with approximately four deficiencies. Plans to correct the problem areas are already in the works. The survey team also gave us some advice or FYIs as they call them for other areas of improvement, which we are already implementing too.

Our last Health survey in late 2022 started on a Sunday (Our annual Auxiliary Bazaar Sunday) which made the first day a little interesting, so we were lucky this year to start the survey process on a Monday. Due to all the hard work from the most recent Bazaar, the auxiliary was able to make a significant donation towards our planned remodel of a tub room into a shower room. We are making progress on this project with the current architectural drawing sent to the state for approval. Once approved, we can schedule the project. We are so proud and appreciative of our auxiliary and all they do for our Grandfriends, co-workers, and community.



A lot of toe tapping and even some dancing during the Mardi Gras celebration with music provided by Dain's Dutchmen



JoAnn Trembl enjoying a Valentine fortune cookie from Georgie Meyer's family

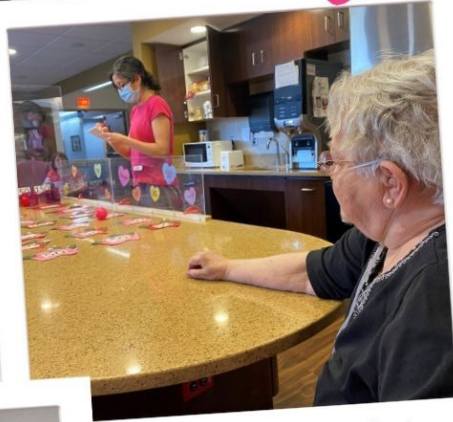




# Valentine's Day



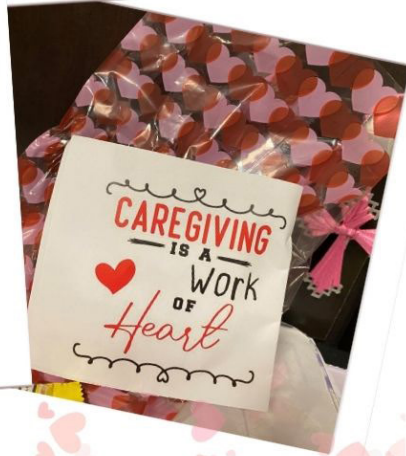
Activity staff receiving surprise gifts from Emmie



Ginny waiting for Edmée to tally those rose points



Extra love shared on Valentine's Day  
Kathy, Shelly Rae, Laurie, & JoAnn



FUN FLIP'N FLAPJACKS WITH SMS STUDENTS DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK





LAKE VILLA MENU  
Menu subject to change  
Dinner served 11AM-1PM



March 1- Shrimp Alfredo with Fettuccine, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Shredded Lettuce Salad with Dressing, Garlic Texas Toast  
March 2- Lasagna with Meatsauce, Sliced Baked Ham, Key Biscayne Vegetable Blend, Scalloped Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick  
March 3- Pot Roast, Pork Ribs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli Florets, Glazed Baby Carrots, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 4- Sliced Baked Ham, Baked Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Asparagus, Coleslaw, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 5- Pork Roast, Baked Chicken, Baked Custard, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Winter Squash, Lettuce & Tomato, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 6- Hamburger on Wheat Bun, Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Breadstick  
March 7- Baked Pork Chop, Lasagna with Meatsauce, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Buttered Corn, Shredded Lettuce Salad with Dressing, Garlic Texas Toast  
March 8- Breaded Shrimp, Swiss Stead with Tomatoes, Hashbrown Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Asian Vegetable Blend, Sour Cream Cucumber Salad, Buttered Quartered Bread  
March 9- Chicken in Orange Sauce, BBQ Pork Rib Patty on a Bun, Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli Florets  
March 10- Meatballs, Sliced Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Wax Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 11- Baked Chicken, Pork Roast, Three Bean Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Buttered Broccoli, Glazed Baby Carrots, Baked Potato, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 12- Sliced Baked Ham, Pot Roast, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Buttered Corn, Marinated Mixed Vegetable Salad, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 13- Beef Stew, Chicken Kiev, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Peas, Shredded Lettuce Salad with Dressing, Biscuit  
March 14- Ring Bologna, Country Fried Steak with Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sliced Beets, Sauerkraut, Breadstick  
March 15- Chicken Drumsticks, Pecan Crusted Cod, Pasta Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, California Vegetable Blend

March 16- Open-Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich with Gravy, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Dinner Roll  
March 17- Baked Chicken, Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Scandinavian Vegetable Blend, Asparagus, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 18- Sliced Baked Ham, Stuffed Cabbage Roll, Baby Carrots, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Creamed Peas, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 19- Meatloaf, Cranberry Orange Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Wax Beans, Shredded Lettuce Salad with Dressing, Breadstick  
March 20- Pot Roast, Baked Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Cape Cod Vegetable Blend, Pasta Salad, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 21- Beef Chili, Pork Ribette, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Hot German Potato Salad, California Vegetable Blend, Cornbread  
March 22- Tuna Noodle Casserole, Beef Tips with Noodles, Winter Squash, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Marinated Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Breadstick  
March 23- Meatballs, Chicken Alfredo with Angel Hair Pasta, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Boiled Cabbage, Green Peas, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 24- Pot Roast, Glazed Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cauliflower, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 25- Chicken Chow Mein, Hot Dog on a Bun, Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Asian Vegetable Blend  
March 26- Steak Diane, Baked Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Bread Dressing, Peas & Carrots, Shredded Lettuce Salad with Dressing, Wheat Dinner Roll  
March 27- Pork Roast, Beef Patty Melt, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Tator Tots, Asparagus, Calico Coleslaw, Buttered Quartered Bread  
March 28- Philly Steak Sandwich, Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Creamy Cucumber and Onion Salad, Broccoli Florets  
March 29- Shrimp Alfredo with Fettuccine, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Shredded Lettuce Salad with Dressing, Garlic Texas Toast  
March 30- Lasagna with Meatsauce, Sliced Baked Ham, Key Biscayne Vegetable Blend, Scalloped Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli Florets, Garlic Breadstick  
March 31- Beef Roast, Pork Ribs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Glazed Baby Carrots

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Employees: Karen Beech, Katie Bertrand, Sr. Emily, Tai Schultze, Seth Tessmer**

**Residents: Gail Jenniges, Donald Nazarenius, Caroline Welsch, Kathleen Wichmann**

# MARCH



## DIRECTORY

Facilities Director.....	Sr. Sharon Williams
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses.....	Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services.....	Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager.....	Sheena Hoffmann
Dietary Manager.....	Donna Sellner, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Services/HIPAA.....	Alexa Schultz
Lake Villa Maria Housing Mgr.....	Gina McKeown



Divine News & Views is a monthly newsletter issued by Divine Providence Community Home and Lake Villa Maria Apartments, Sleepy Eye, MN. The News & Views editor is Becky Sellner.

## 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:

Add additional outlets to Private rooms	\$650.00 each
New Shower	\$50,000.00
Window Replacement	\$150,000.00
Lake Villa Maria Hall A/C	\$50,000.00
Blanket Warmer (40-50 Blankets)	\$9,000.00
Paint Resident Rooms	\$800.00 each

Please consider Divine Providence Community Home with a bequest gift in your Will or Estate Plan, a Life Insurance Policy, or an IRA Rollover.

It is an opportunity to strengthen the legacy of caring for those who are most vulnerable, and keeping them safe.

## Shop for Cards and Gifts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts and décor for friends or family members receiving any of the Sacraments. Additional items include handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, books, and baby gifts. Cards are available in the main lobby for any occasion.



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# Thank You

- St. Mary's School students and teachers Mrs. Moldan, Mr. Moritz, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Braulick, and Mrs. Simon for celebrating Catholic School's Week with our residents
- Shared valentines from the SMS kindergartners
- Family of Georgie Meyer for Valentine surprises and prizes
- Steve & Judy Schotzko donation in memory of Elaine Stueber
- Donna Asleson donation for Bingo in memory of Elaine Stueber
- Paul & Ruth Hillesheim donation in honor of Msgr. Richter's 60th Anniversary
- Divine Providence Auxiliary annual donations from fundraising activities



# Happy 60th Anniversary MSGR. JOHN RICHTER



A Spiritual Bouquet was presented to Msgr. Richter by Bonnie Reitter following Mass on 2/22/24. Attached to each rose is a prayer that is said in commemoration of his 60th anniversary to the ordination of the priesthood. Divine Providence is grateful for Msgr. Richter's continued service to the Community Home.



Arlis (above), Agnes & Lorrell (right) choose their prayers from the Spiritual Bouquet.





Members of the Divine Providence Auxiliary Ladies at the annual meeting presented Sr. Sharon with two checks accounting for the proceeds from their fundraising activities during the year.



The Auxiliary Ladies receiving the Friend of Sleepy Eye award at the Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner Event on February 3rd, 2024.

## A note from the Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon

● **Friend of Sleepy Eye Award:** Below is the letter submitted for the recommendation of the Divine Providence Auxiliary to receive the award.

● What actions showcase them as a Friend(s) of Sleepy Eye?

● This group of women has countless volunteer labor hours in which they make beautiful handmade quilts, crafts and baked good. The Ladies' Auxiliary provides a Gift and Card Shop here at Divine, yearly host a Fall Bazaar selling these labor-intensive items and use the proceeds to provide many services for our family here at Divine Providence. Services such as providing free cable TV to ALL the residents and hosting the monthly resident birthday party which includes entertainment and food provided by the volunteers. They also make multiple generous donations towards equipment so we can better the lives of our Grandfriends and staff; equipment such as a new call system, electric lift beds, whirlpool bathing systems, equipment for the beauty shop/therapy room/dining room/yard/garden furniture, medication carts, the list goes on and on. The Auxiliary Ladies have given themselves selflessly to charity in our community for 64 years! They have endless knowledge and skills and work very hard in their efforts to make our house a home. Their years of dedication has benefited our home in endless many ways!

● <b>Officers</b>	● <b>Board Members</b>	● <b>Quilters</b>
● Christine Hoffmann-President	● Myrtyce Remus	● Myrtyce Remus
● Jan O'Marron-Treasurer	● Pat Nelson	● Lorraine Braulick
● Lisa Pelzel-Secretary	● Mary Ann Hoffmann	● Lois Braun
● Myrtyce Remus-Head of Quilting	● JoAnn Schmid	● Barb Wurtzberger
● Mary Sommerfeld- Head of Gift Shop	● Marge Weiss	● Erica Hoffmann
	● Mary Lou Mathiowetz	

● On February 15th the group met here at Divine Providence for their Annual Meeting and their election of Officers. There was a luncheon enjoyed followed by the meeting with Christine giving the annual report. Afterward came the election of officers. After all the matters were discussed, a picture was taken of the Officers presenting their annual gift check, which totaled \$13,500 from this year's fundraising activities. \$10,000 is to be used toward the new Shower in the Green Hall and \$3,500 to be used in the Activity Department for entertainment, activities, and birthdays, etc. We are ever so grateful to these most dedicated Ladies for all their charitable efforts for everyone here at Divine Providence.