

The Scoop

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From the Executive Director...

Brian Grundusky



Hello to all residents and associates!! I would like to wish all the residents and associates a wonderful and safe holiday season. I again want to thank residents and associates for your continued focus, patience, and effort in following the safety guidelines during these challenging times. Unfortunately, we continue to have negative trends in the number of covid cases throughout the state and country. We will continue to follow the science and the direction of our federal and state regulators when it comes to the pandemic. Please continue to ask questions and provide feedback as this is also a learning process for all of those involved. I also wanted to get back to some other operational updates as we need to forge ahead and continue the great work that we do here at Bethany Village.

COVID-19 Update: Our commitment to providing a safe living and work environment, for those who reside and work here, is as strong as ever. We remain diligent about preparation, process, and awareness regarding preventive measures for coronavirus and other communicable viruses and diseases.

We were able to get back to our normal status in The Oaks as all the positive cases have resolved. We had several residents and associates who tested positive. I do need to report that we did lose two of our residents (1-SNF and 1-Residential Living) due to covid.

The indoor masking guidelines for all residents and visitors (both vaccinated and unvaccinated) remains in place (CDC and CMS guidelines) due to Cumberland County being in the "High (Red)" rate of transmission category. We continue to ask that all residents take the necessary precautions especially if you are meeting or socializing with unvaccinated family members or friends.

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We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Scoop*.

This is a monthly publication that will update you on what is going on at Bethany Village from the Bethany Village Communications Team.

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We continue to review the latest CDC guidance and will continue to align our policies and guidelines based on these updates. There have been no changes made to the screening and masking process for MapleWood Assisted Living and The Oaks Skilled Nursing.

We have been consistent throughout the pandemic in examining all the guidance and science before easing any coronavirus restrictions. We must also consider information and guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and state or local requirements. We have and will continue to update our policies and procedures for our residents and updated travel and quarantine guidelines have been placed on the “BV Family and Friends” page. This can be linked through <https://www.asbury.org/bethany-village/resources-events/family-friends/>

Covid Vaccination Policy: Effective October 30, 2021, all Bethany Village associates must have completed the vaccination process against COVID-19 as a condition of employment. We did have 14 associates get approved for either a medical or religious exemption and those associates would need to follow specific masking, testing and PPE requirements moving forward. As of 11/17/2021, 100% of the associates are vaccinated and/or have received an exemption.

Unfortunately, the numbers have continued to increase. Although there have been several “breakthrough” cases (vaccinated people testing positive), the majority of those that are being impacted and hospitalized are those that are unvaccinated. It is imperative that we do everything that we can to protect each other. We value all our associates and sincerely hope that all who are able, will choose to be vaccinated. However, with COVID-19 infections increasing in regions where vaccination rates in the general population are lower, we must put resident safety and well-being first. I am very happy to report that 99.3% of our resident population are fully vaccinated and 95% of our associates are fully vaccinated (10/31/21).

Updated CMS Guidelines for External Vendors and Vaccination: CMS has updated their vaccination guidelines for Long Term Care communities. Moving forward any external caregiver or service provider who provides services within long term care communities must be vaccinated. This includes home care providers, companions and housekeeping providers. Asbury does not accept exemptions from external vendors. We ask that if you are utilizing these external services that you ensure that those vendors are vaccinated.

Booster Clinics: Bethany Village, in partnership with Care Options, Rx, provided a Pfizer booster clinic on 10/18/21. We were able to

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provide the Pfizer booster to approximately 180 associates and residents. We also completed two Moderna booster clinics for the residential population. These were completed 11/15 and 11/16. We were able to provide 500 Moderna Booster shots to our residents and associates.

Skilled Nursing (SN) and Assisted Living (AL) Updated Testing Guidelines: Due to the Cumberland County transmission rate being in the “High (RED)” level, we will continue to test unvaccinated staff twice a week in both MapleWood Assisted Living and Oaks Skilled Nursing.

As a system, we still have a positivity rate of .73% (Total of 122,555 tests completed) and Bethany Village has a positivity rate of .64% (Total of 11,149 tests completed). These are great numbers as the national average for positivity rate is close to 8%. We will continue to follow the testing guidelines set forth by the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Human Services.

Staffing: We are still facing several staffing issues at BV. We continue to have shortages in housekeeping, dining, and clinical areas (C.N.A.s and Nursing staff). We are working in coordination with the Asbury HR team on developing a pilot program here at BV that focuses our resources for recruitment and retention. Unfortunately, we are seeing the ramifications of this as we have had to shut down some of our dining venues (Springfield’s and Café) for short periods of time. We are being creative to ensure that we do have at least one dining venue open on campus and do appreciate your ongoing patience and support during these challenging times. The Asbury Human Resources department has hired a recruiter responsible for the Bethany Village recruitment function. This went into place on 11/1/2021 and we are optimistic that this resource will help in this area.

Financial Update: Bethany did meet our Operating Ratio (OR) for October. We did post a positive variance in revenue **(\$6,976)** but were over in expenses **(\$6,226)** for a positive variance of **(\$750)**. The primary drivers of the expense variance were in contract labor, increased testing costs and health insurance. The BV Senior Leadership Team continues to work with the Corporate Finance Team to ensure that we are doing everything we can to maximize our revenue while decreasing our expenses. We have put together a contingency plan to help off-set these variances and will continue to prioritize the need to fill our openings in all areas.

Occupancy: (as of 11/17/2021): BV is experiencing vacancies in the Residential Living areas. We currently have 9 West Apartments and 4 Court Apartments available. We also have had an increase in our AL and SNF occupancy and only have 2 open AL apartments and 1 SNF room. We have extended the current incentive plan for the West and Court Apartments and will be working with our corporate marketing team to develop other methods to fill these openings. Our current campus occupancy rate is 92.40% compared to our budgeted occupancy of 94.54%. This is a negative variance of **(2.14%)**.

Thank you again and please stay safe and healthy!!

From the Chaplain

Brand Eaton

Although we have many Decembers without so much as a flake, this is the month of the year when snow is most on our minds. We would like to have some snow for Christmas, but not so much that it prevents us from getting to Christmas Eve services or Christmas dinner with friends and family. We get pretty particular, sometimes, when it comes to snowfall amounts.


One of the great things I enjoy about snow falling is the silence. Somehow, everything seems to get quieter when snow is falling. At least, that's how I remember it from years ago. However, I have noted that I can hear more background noise while snow falls now than I could in the past. I know my hearing hasn't improved—my spouse's assessment of that is accurate, I think. Perhaps there is more noise than there used to be or, more likely, I am less attuned to the quiet.

For a season in which we talk about peace on earth, a silent night, and "how silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given," we entertain a lot of noise during the holidays. It's not all bad. There is laughter, and singing, and ho, ho, ho, and lots of sounds that communicate joy. But I do miss listening to the quiet, whether it's during the snow falling or with darkness falling earlier in the evening.

So, I am going to be intentional about setting aside more time for quiet this December. And I am going to focus on the silence behind so much of the noise we entertain. This will certainly require a different use of my (declining) hearing, but it will also require different use of my vision. I am going to listen to ornaments hanging from the Christmas tree. I am going to listen to a candle burning. I am going to listen to stars in the night sky. And, if given the chance, I am going to listen to the sound of one snowflake falling.

I invite you to try some of the same.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



"NAMES OF THE MESSIAH"
Wednesdays at 2:30 pm on
Channel 956
Begins December 1st.
Study guides are available.
Call 717.591.8011

Concert for Care Assurance

Presents

Sight & Sound's *Christmas Voices*

Friday, December 10th at 7pm
Rife Center OR 956

Saturday, December 11th at 2pm
Rife Center OR 956

****RSVPs are required for those interested in viewing the performance in the Rife Center. Please RSVP to Jacob Kanagy at 717.591.8019 or jkanagy@asbury.org.***

PARCR goes to Washington!

Lowell Starling

The January 12, 2022 PARCR meeting was scheduled to be held in-person, but because of the status of the pandemic the meeting will be via Zoom. The meeting will begin at 10:00am and end at



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

11:30am. The keynote speaker will be PARCR member Dan Seeger who is also the President Elect of the National Continuing Care Resident's Association (NaCCRA). NaCCRA is a Washington D. C. based national organization focused on providing information and support to its members and the public on topics important to CCRC residents and prospective residents. They have members from over 100 CCRCs around the country in over 20 states. In addition to member forums on their website they publish reports on topics like how to evaluate the finances of a CCRC and discussions of resident's rights. NaCCRA is also an active advocate in Washington for issues affecting CCRC residents. Dan will provide an overview of the NaCCRA and its operations and how it can benefit us as residents of a CCRC.

Originally the PARCR Executive Committee planned to use the January in-person meeting for PARCR members to discuss the new strategic plan developed this summer. This draft plan includes multiple components and initiatives to strengthen and grow PARCR. The PARCR Executive Committee will be looking for feedback on those items and participation in their implementation. Since the in-person format seemed the most productive for these discussions, the EC has rescheduled the strategic plan topic to the April 2022 meeting.

As always at the Quarterly Meetings a representative of LeadingAge PA will give an update on the current state of legislative and regulatory issues in the Commonwealth which affect our lives and our pocketbooks. We should also get an update on some major organizational changes that are taking place including the appointment of an interim CEO to replace the former CEO who left for a new opportunity.

Since the meeting is via Zoom, registration and login is restricted to PARCR members. However, there is no restriction on interested residents piggybacking on a PARCR member's login. Let me know if you would like to participate and we will get a room with a large screen TV. Also, if you are interested, individual memberships are only \$20 a year and you can find the registration materials at PARCR.org.

Official Websites:

PARCR – parcr.org

(Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents)

LeadingAge PA – leadingagepa.org











NaCCRA – naccra.com (National Continuing Care Residents Association)

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOV 28 EAST BISTRO CALENDAR	29	30	1	2  John's Baked Whole Wheat Pancakes	3 	4 
5	6 	7  Forest Mushroom Pizzella	8	9	10 	11
12	13	14  Rellenos Quesadilla	15	16	17 	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24 	25 
26 	27	28  Thai Shrimp & Peanut Salad	29	30	31 	JAN 1 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOV 28	29	30	1 Chicken Parm 	2 Liver & Onions 	3	4
SPRINGFIELDS CALENDAR Check out our Monthly Features. Most are in addition to our weekly menu!						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Lemon Meringue Pie This Week! 	Kahlua and Coffee This Week! 			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Wing Night 	Free Dessert 	Hot Fudge Sundae This Week! 	Fried Oysters 		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		STEAK NIGHT 	Baileys and Coffee This Week! 	UGLY SWEATER PARTY 		
26	27	28	29	30	31	JAN 1
	Wing Night 	Lasagna Night 		Apple Pie This Week! 		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Springfields opens at 5PM and closes at 7PM Mon-Thurs. Reservations encouraged!						

“Be Our Guest” Disney Buffet

Thursday, December 9th, 5 – 7PM

Happy Hour from 4-5pm

Springfields Dining Room

Cinderella’s Butternut Squash, Goat Cheese & Beet Salad

Sebastian’s Seafood Bisque

King Triton's Cheese Biscuit

Choice of:

(1) Little Mermaid’s Fare \$21.99

Stuffed Flounder w/Citrus Champagne Sauce over

Sautéed “Seaweed” (Spinach) with Rice Pilaf

(2) Beauty and the Beast Station \$21.99

Carved Roast “Beast” Prime Rib

Mrs. Pott’s Marble Potatoes

Belle’s Baby Carrots

Each Entrée Comes with:

Mickey Mousse with True Love Kiss Cookie

Regular Menu Will Not Be Available.

Blue Plates Will Not Be Available

Please call to make reservations

591-8329

Dietitian Corner

Dietitian's Corner is an event hosted by Bethany Village Registered Dietitian, Christine Barnett, where residents can sample creative seasonal recipes or new featured items. The event is offered monthly and will rotate between being held in the Bistro and outside the Collegiate Café during lunch hours. Featured recipes focus on wholesome ingredients with lots of flavor. Christine will also be available to answer nutrition related questions during this time and offer educational handouts related to the featured recipe.

The next Dietitian's Corner will be held Friday, December 17th from 11 am to 1pm outside of the Collegiate Café.

Christine primarily works in the Oaks, but is also available by appointment for nutrition counseling. If you are interested in setting up a nutrition counseling session, please call 717-591-8790 or email ch.barnett@asbury.org. Cost of counseling sessions is \$75 per hour for Bethany Village residents.

Christine Barnett, MS, RD, LDN
Registered Dietitian
Asbury Bethany Village
717-591-8790

Bethany Village Marketing is re organizing the storage rooms.
if anything is outside of any assigned cage after 12/31/21
it will be thrown away.



Thank you!
Amanda Price
Move in Coordinator



BETHANY VILLAGE “ALL STARS”

Carol Cressler

Wow, we just celebrated Thanksgiving! Now Hanukkah, Christmas, and the New Year 2022 is quickly approaching. We dogs and cats love the holidays too.....yummy snacks... new decorations to explore.....sparkling lights....and the feeling of love abounds!

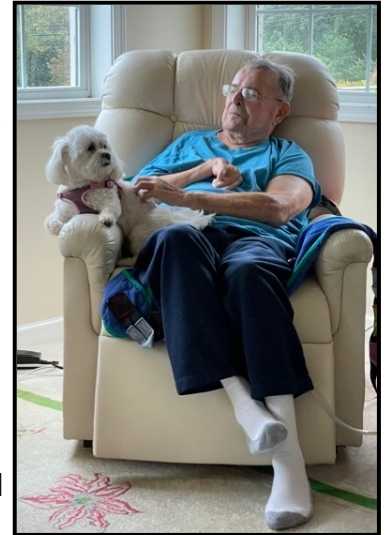
HONEY is especially sad this week before Thanksgiving for she had to say good-bye to her buddy, John Clark, as he left Bethany Village to go to Heaven. Honey loved to visit John and John loved Honey....she loved to lick his hand and John always said he didn't need a bath that day. Thank you for the years we spent together. We will miss you John.

In the November Scoop we learned a lot about all the special pets living on the East side of campus. We hope to hear more about those pets on the east and on the west for 2022.

DAISY was mentioned in the November Scoop by Baco who said she is pretty chill. Her parents, Don and Micki McCoy are sending us some more information about Daisy. “Daisy is our third dog from Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue. When she first joined our family she was very timid, spooked easily at sudden sounds, didn't know what treats were, and didn't even know she could lie on her dog bed!! With rescue dogs one can only guess what their previous life was like. In Daisy's case we did know that she was rescued (along with a lot of other Golden Retrievers) from Istanbul, Turkey (yes, she does have a Turkish passport). Golden Retrievers aren't very street smart when it comes to fending for themselves. She was quarantined for two weeks in Turkey, then sent to a Golden Retriever rescue facility in Massachusetts where she was quarantined for an additional two weeks. That facility reached out to various Golden retriever rescues in the USA. DVGRR took about two dozen of these Golden Retrievers and Daisy was one of them. She has come such a long way in the six years she has lived with us! Here at Bethany she has made many human and canine friends, and she is a senior just like the rest of us. So if you see a sweet, gentle, pale blond Golden Retriever walking her humans, please stop and say “Hi”.



Daisy:



There are more stories for the January 2022 Scoop— Teddy Bonser and Ronin Clovsky and any others who would like to say Happy New Year 2022!

My e-mail is cjcressler4040@gmail.com

Food for Thought

Dale Meadowcroft

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and miss what this special time is all about: helping others through selfless acts of kindness. No matter how small or large your gift may be, Christmas is about filling hearts around us with peace and joy, and giving to those that may be less fortunate.

I recently read a story about a West Michigan resident who just happened to have an extra Christmas tree that was used on his business's parade float. He did what any decent person would do: he posted on Craigslist to give it away for free. For some, a tree is an annual necessity and integral part of the holidays, but for many it's an expense that needs to be saved for daily essentials. After posting the ad, his inbox was immediately flooded with touching stories of why various families deserved to have the tree.

With each e-mail he read, it became clear how significant a simple tree can be in contributing to the holiday aura. One email read, "Having a real Christmas tree would be such a great blessing this year [because] usually we draw a Christmas tree on a large poster and hang it in the corner." Realizing that \$25 towards a tree was too much for some families to spare, he went out and bought 40 more to give away for free. He spent most of the next day going over his list of emails, checking it twice, and not paying much attention to who's been naughty or nice – just deserving.

OK, so most of us don't have \$1000 to spend on Christmas trees but it isn't really about how much money we give away it's about how much love we give away. For example, not too long ago a small group gathered in the Oaks and, with permission, put their friend in a wheelchair and escorted her to an event elsewhere on campus. Other residents are known to provide transportation for those who have given up their driving privileges. Perhaps you have the gift for knitting and can help provide lap robes for residents in Maplewood and Oaks. Or, you have the gift of organization, and could help organize the semi annual community fair.



Do you notice a common thread? None of those examples required anything more than caring for your neighbor. None of those acts required emptying your wallet, just sharing a piece of yourself.

As we settle into the cold dark days of December let us make the conscious choice to spread as much warmth as possible. Given the choice, wouldn't you rather share time with someone else, doing the unexpected for them, rather than sitting alone?

Our mission as humans is to do random acts of kindness. Kindness is the bridge between all people. Never, ever underestimate the power of the Christmas Spirit. It can move heart, mind and soul... all year long.

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!

The Bethany Readers

Barbara Bankard

The Bethany Readers will have the final gathering of 2021 on **Friday, December 10 @ 10:00 am**, in the West Commons Room. We will identify facilitators for the 10 books voted on by the group. Light refreshments will be available, though each person attending should bring her own beverage.

The Bethany Readers group is open to all women of Bethany Village, and Bethany Towers. To be added to the email list, contact Barb Bankard at bbankard@comcast.net. You are all welcome to participate in the December meeting.

The group meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by the group. The book selections are voted on and selected for the entire year. Look for the dates for 2022, as well as the book titles in the January Scoop. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 11 @10:00 am in the Rife Center.



What is Christmas Spirit?

**The Christmas spirit
is a spirit of giving
and forgiving.**

JAMES CASH PENNEY

"The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving."

"Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it white."

"The world has grown weary through the years, but at Christmas, it is young."

"Christmas is a piece of one's home that one carries in one's heart."

Please stop in and see our games, gifts, and candies that could make a nice gift for you or a family member. We are just down the hall from the clock/Clinic on the second floor. In addition, The Medicine Shoppe staff is always here to accommodate you with your medications.

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A Gift from the Past, A Gift for the Future....

Maria Laterra

Where were you in 1997? It was a memorable year for Kerry and me. We sold our house in Mechanicsburg, bought land in Dillsburg, and built a new house. Sometime while all this was going on the residents of Bethany Village must have been thinking of us. Not us in particular but all the Bethany Village residents and associates who would live and work here in 2022, 25 years later. The 1997 residents were planning and preparing a time capsule as a gift to us from the past. As anticipation grows for opening our gift from the past, planning has begun for our gift for the future. The time capsule committee met in November and brainstormed on how to approach our task. We came up with many great ideas but we want your input and participation too. So I'm asking you, our residents and associates, for two things:

- First, your ideas on how to celebrate, what to put in the new capsule, or any other aspect of the old and new time capsules.
- Second, I'd like to hear what you were doing in 1997. Was there a memorable event in your life? Where were you living? What were you doing with your life?

Send your replies to me via email at mlatbv@outlook.com or campus mail at 311 Asbury Drive.



POINSETTIAS FOR CARE ASSURANCE

Poinsettia plants ordered from the Foundation may be picked up Tuesday December 7th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the following locations:

WEST RESIDENT ORDERS – Door 62

EAST RESIDENT ORDERS – Breezeway

Bethany Village Auxiliary

Phyllis Kegerreis

By the time you are reading this article, Christmas will almost be here. This year has gone by so quickly. The pandemic has changed so many things but we can hope that things will improve in 2022.

On the first of this month we had our Annual Meeting and the election of officers. Prior to the meeting we had the blessing of the shawls by Rev. William Alford, Associate Chaplain. The Auxiliary is indebted to the knitters and the craft group for the shawls for the Oaks and large bibs for Golden Maple. These are Christmas gifts for these residents.

Our new officers are: President- Sandra Newmyer, Vice President- Vacant, Secretary - Phyllis Kegerreis, Corresponding Secretary - Carmen Zilch, Treasurer - Joan Bretz, Assistant Treasurer- Tony Wright.

Checks in the amount of \$2,000 each were given to Maplewood and the Oaks. This money is to be used to purchase needed items for those facilities. This year it is not as much as usual due to our lack of ability to raise funds due to the pandemic.

You should have gotten a Save the Date for our Fashion Show on April 6, 2022. It is a Vintage Fashions Show. We will also have the Basket Raffle. The invitation and reservation form will come out the beginning of March.

The Board of the Auxiliary wishes each of you a very Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas! May the New Year bring you good health and happiness!

Things are going well with the Gift Shop. Don't forget that we have gifts for Christmas and also a nice selection of boxed Christmas cards. All proceeds go to the Auxiliary.



Book Signing

Poetry Book by Linda Darkes.

Place- outside Gift Shop,

December 8th from 10 until 2.

Cost \$10.

Proceeds to benefit BV Auxiliary.



Writer-In-Residence

Holidays Ahead!!!

Mary Smith, Gift Shop Manager

Well, the weather is not “frightful” yet but there certainly is a chill in the air. Barkley the cocker spaniel and I have been marching around the Bethany campus several times a day and he is loving it! Me, not so much since I don’t have a nice natural fur coat on!

However, I know where I can get some warm and cozy bargains for the holidays...at the **Bethany Village Gift Shop!** We are getting in the holiday spirit and that means you will find lots of new fall and winter items. Don't get caught up in the frantic rush of crowds at the mall when we have already done the shopping for you!! Just take a stroll through the shop and see all our delightful and unique ideas for under your tree. We have unique gifts, bright candles and votives, warm shawls, hats and gloves, special Christmas scarves and so much more.



This year we are featuring Christmas **chocolate bombs**: a chocolate ball filled with mini marshmallows. Place in a mug (yes, we have them too) pour boiling water in and you have your hot cocoa! Special pricing for the mug plus “bomb”. The kids will love it!

Of course, we have the traditional Claxton Fruitcakes, Christmas Cards, and Shimmering Reindeer to name just a few. Use one of our festive Drying Mats to brighten your kitchen. Under my coffee maker it catches coffee grounds or under a toaster to trap crumbs. They are completely washable and we have them in both fall colors or Christmas design.

I hope you had a chance to come by for our jewelry sale but if you missed it, we will be presenting more **new jewelry** for the holiday season, along with our popular **magnetic pins**. There will be a lot more to see, so come in soon and don't pay for shipping!

Wishing you the happiest of holiday seasons,

P.S. There might be a gift for your favorite doggie, too

A Garden Walk

Anna Johnston

As I write this, some trees still have leaves. Yet it still allows us to see their bare branches and the structure of various trees and bushes. I wonder at their ability to withstand high winds and ice storms. I picked my last rose on November 20th. Have you noticed that the last “roses of summer” have intensified color? Gardeners have gotten ready for winter—or at least are part-way there, and probably saying there is more to be done. (Gardeners are never done.)

We have celebrated Thanksgiving, and Christmas is coming. Bundle up and enjoy your neighbors' decorations. Anything new or special? Take a Winter Garden Walk. Enjoy!

The BVMRRC Christmas Train brings Christmas Cheer to Bethany Village

The week before the Thanksgiving holiday, the BVMRRC members were busy setting up the popular Christmas Train display and getting it running for the season which lasts until after New Year's Day.

We have been blessed by the generosity of many residents to make this an awe-inspiring display. Three contributions are particularly notable. For the past eight years the display featured Department 56 Christmas in the City buildings and scenery loaned to us by the Leidig family.

Last year Tony Wright and his family donated their North Pole Village and scenery. This year new resident Anne Swenson donated her Christmas in the City collection. Given this plethora of riches, the Christmas Train team decided to create two different themes and alternate them every other year. This year's layout features our traditional Christmas in the City theme with a variety of buildings and scenery from all three of our benefactors. In addition, the display includes multiple moving accessories including an ice hockey rink, a swan pond, and two figure skating ponds.

Next year we will showcase the North Pole Village featuring Santa's home and workshop, the barracks for the elves, and the stable for the reindeer. In addition, there will be many

other buildings conveying a winter village theme, plus the return of our action features and many of the most loved scenery items.

Press the push button on the display base and the buildings light up, the Polar Express train begins to run, and the figures on the ponds spring to life. The display will run for around 3 minutes, then everything will settle down for a long winter's nap. Be sure and stop by to watch the display operate and enjoy a little extra Christmas cheer!



New Library Books

Watch for these new books that will soon appear on the library's "New Book" shelves!

"The Windsor Diaries" by Alatheia F. Howard

The never-before-published diaries of Alatheia Fitzalan Howard—who spent her teenaged years living out World War II in Windsor Great Park with her close friends Princess Margaret and Princess Elizabeth, the future queen of the United Kingdom—provide an extraordinary and intimate look at the British Royal Family.

"The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin

Three lonely strangers in a rural Oregon town, each working through grief and life's curveballs, are brought together by happenstance on a local honeybee farm where they find surprising friendship, healing--and maybe even a second chance--just when they least expect it.

"The Children's Blizzard" by Melanie Benjamin

A story of courage on the prairie, inspired by the devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888, threatening the lives of hundreds of immigrant homesteaders, especially schoolchildren.

"Murder in a Teacup" by Vicki Delany (# 2 in the Tea by the Sea series)

The Cape Cod tearoom proprietress and part-time sleuth, Lily Roberts, stirs up trouble when she unwittingly serves one of her grandmother's B&B guests a deadly cup of tea.

"Falling" by T. J. Newman

The perfect thriller: You just boarded a flight to New York. There are one hundred and forty-three other passengers onboard. What you don't know is that thirty minutes before the flight your pilot's family was kidnapped. For his family to live, everyone on your plane must die. The only way the family will survive is if the pilot follows his orders and crashes the plane. Enjoy the flight!

"NYPD RED 6" by James Patterson

In this heart-stopping thriller, a brazen kidnapper targets the most lavish New York City wedding of the season—and takes "Here Comes the Bride" as an invitation.

"Ali Cross" by James Patterson (#1 in this series)

James Patterson's blockbuster Alex Cross series has sold over 100 million copies – and now he's bringing those thrills to a new generation! Alex's son Ali is eager to follow in his father's footsteps as a detective, but when his best friend goes missing, what price will he have to pay to solve the mystery?

"Ali Cross: Like Father, Like Son" by James Patterson (#2 in this series)

A crime at a concert near his school sparks his newest investigation, and it gets dangerous fast. Sometimes it's good to have a father in the detective business.

Connie Scheib

Additional Book Reviews

PERIL by Bob Woodward

The transition from President Donald J. Trump to President Joseph R. Biden Jr. stands as one of the most dangerous periods in American history. But as # 1 internationally bestselling author Bob Woodward and acclaimed reporter Robert Costa reveal for the first time, it was far more than just a domestic political crisis. Woodward and Costa interviewed more than 200 people at the center of the turmoil, resulting in more than 6,000 pages of transcripts--and a spellbinding and definitive portrait of a nation on the brink. This classic study of Washington takes readers deep inside the Trump White House, the Biden White House, the 2020 campaign, and the Pentagon and Congress, with vivid, eyewitness accounts of what really happened. Peril is supplemented throughout with never-before-seen material from secret orders, transcripts of confidential calls, diaries, emails, meeting notes and other personal and government records, making for an unparalleled history. It is also the first inside look at Biden's presidency as he faces the challenges of a lifetime: the continuing deadly pandemic and millions of Americans facing soul-crushing economic pain, all the while navigating a bitter and disabling partisan divide, a world rife with threats, and the hovering, dark shadow of the former president. "We have much to do in this winter of peril," Biden declared at his inauguration, an event marked by a nerve-wracking security alert and the threat of domestic terrorism. Peril is the extraordinary story of the end of one presidency and the beginning of another, and represents the culmination of Bob Woodward's news-making trilogy on the Trump presidency, along with Fear and Rage.

VANDERBUILT: The rise and fall of an American dynasty by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe. (Large print paperback book)

CNN anchor and New York Times bestselling author Anderson Cooper chronicles the rise and fall of a legendary American dynasty--his mother's family, the Vanderbilts. Few names are as synonymous with wealth and glamour as "Vanderbilt." When Cornelius Vanderbilt, the teenaged son of a ferryman who worked in New York Harbor, decided to go into business on his own, few would have believed that within six decades he would come to epitomize American business, magnate of a shipping and railroad empire that made him the richest man in the country. In the wake of his death in 1877, Cornelius's heirs bitterly fought over his estate, sowing familial discord that would last for decades. For the generations of Vanderbilts who followed, fortunes were lost and made and lost again. In this tide of success and failure, a particularly American excess displayed itself. By 2019, when the last Vanderbilt left the Breakers-- the estate in Newport, Rhode Island, his son and namesake Cornelius Vanderbilt II built--the family would most likely have been unrecognizable to the Commodore. Now, the Commodore's great-great-great-grandson, Anderson Cooper, tells the story of his legendary family and their remarkable influence. Working with historian and novelist Katherine Howe, Cooper breathes life into the ancestors who built the family's empire, doubled the Commodore's wealth, hosted lavish galas, and became synonymous with American capitalism and high society. Moving from Staten Island to the drawing rooms of Fifth Avenue, the ornate cottages of Newport to Europe, Cooper and Howe wryly recount the family's triumphs and tragedies and reflect on the social mores they observed, flouted, and shaped.

Birthday Wishes



Listed below are our neighbors who are celebrating birthdays this month. Reach out to them on their special day (and other days, too).

12/1	Connie Scheib	12/16	Marlene Faranov
	Kathy Seagrist		Enid Savidge
12/2	Peter Bentivegna	12/17	Al Shope
	John Geschwindt		Florence Fajt
	Terry Landry	12/18	Nancy Karkuff
	Sandy Yetter		Susan Stiller
12/3	Jessie Leonard	12/19	Burton Lee
12/4	June Kostrab		Jim Miller
12/5	Sandy Jones		Sara Phillips
	Rosalie Woomer		Evelyn Warfield
12/6	Ruth Martin	12/20	Nancy Crockett
	Bill Middendorf		Arnold Cushner
12/7	Marcia Conner	12/21	Natalie King
	Betty Kearney	12/23	Pat Hocker
12/8	Chris Drees	12/24	Ruth Brommer
	Don Mowrey		Carolyn Florence
12/10	Eugene Baldwin	12/25	Carol DeLuca
	Joanne Condon	12/26	Linda Tritch
	Alberta Cook	12/27	Barbara Hilt
	John George		Lloyd Peters
	Carl Oberman		Hazel Radabaugh
12/11	Pat Kaufold	12/30	Jeanette Reinbrecht
12/13	Ethel Martin	12/31	Penny Cognato
12/15	Jean Keefer		Janet Melius

Julie Butler receives Carl Young Award

The Carl E. Young award is given annually to an associate who has consistently exemplified integrity, compassion, a cooperative spirit, a genuine concern for fellow associates, a genuine concern for both the individual resident and the residents as a whole (no matter what the physical condition, level of care, or cognitive status), a love of older adults, a love of the Bethany Village community, and a commitment to continually improving themselves and their work environment. In addition, this associate has displayed achievement in his or her area of expertise.

This year thirteen outstanding associates were nominated for the Carl Young Award, the equivalent of Employee of the Year.

Associates who are eligible include:

- Full and part-time associates who have worked at Bethany Village at least one year
- Associates who are not members of Steering
- Associates who meet the additional standards established by the Carl E. Young Award committee

On November 18, nominees and their supervisors assembled in Martha's Court to learn that Julie Butler was selected as this year's winner.

Congratulations to Julie and all award nominees. Take time to talk with them when you see them, and thank them for setting the example and making Bethany Village the wonderful place it is.



Julie Butler receiving her award from Brian Grundusky.

Congratulations to the 2021 Carl Young Nominees

Jessica Anderson
Oaks Skilled Nursing

Lisa Conlow
Maplewood Assisted Living

Perse Leone
Dining

Julie Butler
Maplewood Assisted Living

Ashley Deppe
Human Resources

Karen Martin
Cosmetologist

Beth Beamer
Receptionist

Sam Helmuth
IT
Michelle Howe

Chris Miller
Asbury Home Services

Chris Boltz
Dining

Rehab
Linda Keefer
Oaks Skilled Nursing

Amanda Sizemore
Oaks Skilled Nursing

Thank You from the Benevolence Committee

Anne Wagoner

As a result of your many offerings and gifts during 2021, the Residents' Council was able to disperse a total of \$9,350.00 in equal gifts of \$850.00 to each of the following 11 local charities. This gift is \$150.00 more to each charity than the past 2 years. As the needs in the greater community have increased, so has your generous spirit.

Bethesda Mission	Mission Central
Central PA Food Bank	New Hope Ministries
Christian Churches United	The Salvation Army Harrisburg
Downtown Daily Bread	United Methodist Home for Children
Ecumenical Food Pantry	Volunteers of America Harrisburg
Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels	

Thank you for giving of your blessings so that we can all bless the lives of many others in our local community.



****ANNOUNCEMENT****

Starting January 1, 2022 Ginny Wilt is the new Chairperson of the Benevolence Committee. All future individual gifts and donations (other than offerings collected at the Vesper services) are to be mailed via either Campus mail or U.S. mail to:

Ginny Wilt 314 Asbury Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(checks made payable to: Bethany Village Residents' Council
with note on the Memo line: VESPERS FUND)

Bereavement Notifications

William Martin 10-21-21

Katherine Langan 10-21-21

Lee Kunkle 10-23-21

Jane Wilshusen 11-2-21

Kenneth Dapp 11-8-21

Mrytle McCauslin 11-1-21

Janet Henney 11-2-21

Jean Leonard 11-9-21

Thomas Beckley 11-10-21

Walter Simpson 11-11-21

John Clark 11-18-21

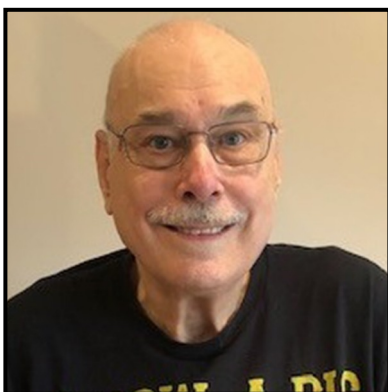
Connie Brinton 11-20-21

James Tomb 11-21-21



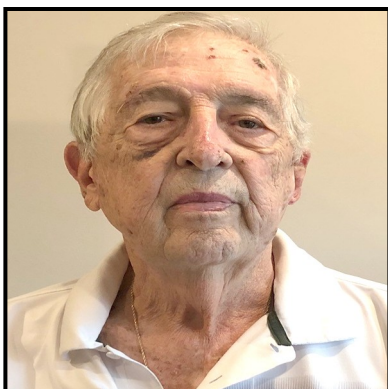
Welcome New Residents

Amanda Price



Terry and Nancy Crockett moved into West Apartment 2105.

They come to us from Camp Hill, PA where they have lived most of their lives. Terry is retired from the Navy and has sailed around the world. Nancy is a retired Secretary. They like to spend time together and watch TV and be on the computer. If you see them around be sure to say Hi!



Eugene and Susan Baldwin moved into West Apartment 2119. They moved from Mechanicsburg, PA.

Eugene was a principal at a Cumberland Valley middle school. Susan was a teacher at Hampden and Sporting Hill. They know some people at Bethany already and are excited to make the transition to life here. If you see them around be sure to say Hi!

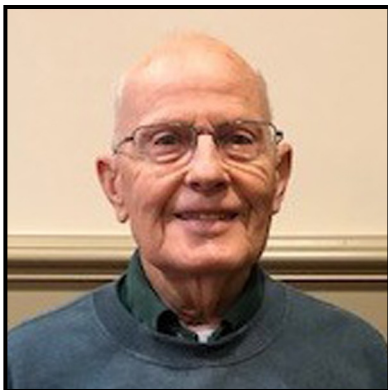




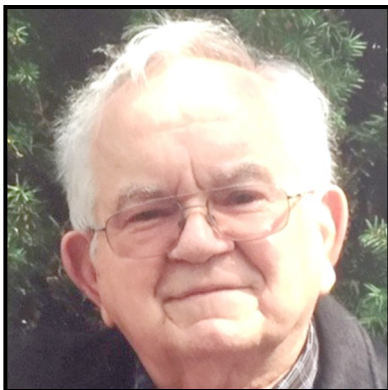
Richard and Joanne Sterner will be moving into West Apartment #3117 12/15/21. They are moving here from Mechanicsburg where they have lived for 43 years. They are originally from Allentown. Together they have 4 children. Richard is an avid reader about History. He works with ARP at the state level and was an educator for PSCA for 25



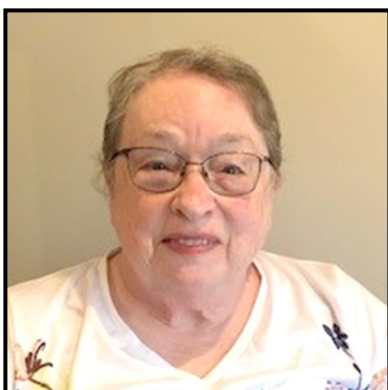
years, this is what brought them to Mechanicsburg. Joanne loves to sing and sings for her church choir. She loves to play bridge, read, cook and bake. Joanne and Richard are very involved as well with Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels.



Walter Greene moved into West Apartment 2131. He is from Camp Hill. Walter is retired from the Navy. He's run 66 marathons and has qualified for and run the Boston Marathon ten times. He also times local races and is an active member of HARCC- Harrisburg Area Road Runners Club! So, if you have ever run any local races, there is a very good chance you know Walt. He loves going out to eat with his family or even in general. If you see him around be sure to say Hi!



Dale and Esther Mellott moved into West Apartment 3116. They came from Shiremanstown, PA. They both love music and had a grand piano in their home! Dale is a retired Civil Engineer and Esther is retired from Retail. If you see them around be sure to say Hi!



Laurretta Robeson moved into West Apartment #4138. She moved here from Thurmont, MD to be closer to her Son and Grandchildren who are local. She enjoys reading and being with her family. She is excited to live here at Bethany. When you see her around be sure to say hi!

Linda Humes is moving into Bethany Village Court Apartment 3313. Linda is a graduate of Hood College and a MASH alumni class of 1955. In the 1970's Linda served on the Mechanicsburg Visiting Nurses Association Board (VNA). The VNA provided excellent home health nursing care to community residents. She is a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church. In the past she was a board member for Bethany Towers

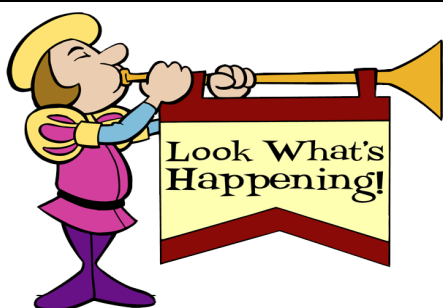
Over the years Linda has been involved with the following community activities: Cumberland County Historical Society, Board of Directors, Program Committee Chair; Bethany Development Corporation, Board of Directors; Mechanicsburg Revitalization Task Force/Main Street Trust; Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, Board of Trustees, Past President, Past Treasurer; Cumberland County Library System, Board of Directors; The Advisory Committee of The Mechanicsburg Area Foundation; and the Mechanicsburg Museum Association.



Her civic service includes serving as a member of the Mechanicsburg Borough Council since 2003 and past chair of the Borough of Mechanicsburg Planning and Zoning Commission. As a member of Borough Council, Linda has served on the following committees: Community Development & Downtown, Chair; Loan Review, Chair; Ordinance-Administration Legislative, Chair; Finance; Public Communications; and the Recycling Committee.

As you can see she has many interests! But some extras are local history, reading, traveling and birding.





The SCUTTLEBUTT Bulletin Board

As a second floor Resident, I would like to thank the Art Committee for their Marvelous Job on placing lovely works of Art on our walls...We watched these folks working tirelessly, organizing the pictures, for just the right location.

Please come stroll down our hall and take a look. You will be happy you did.

Many thanks to Ray Saunders, Jean and Paul Voss, Marcia Conner, Tom Fabian and who ever else helped.

Sue Brennan

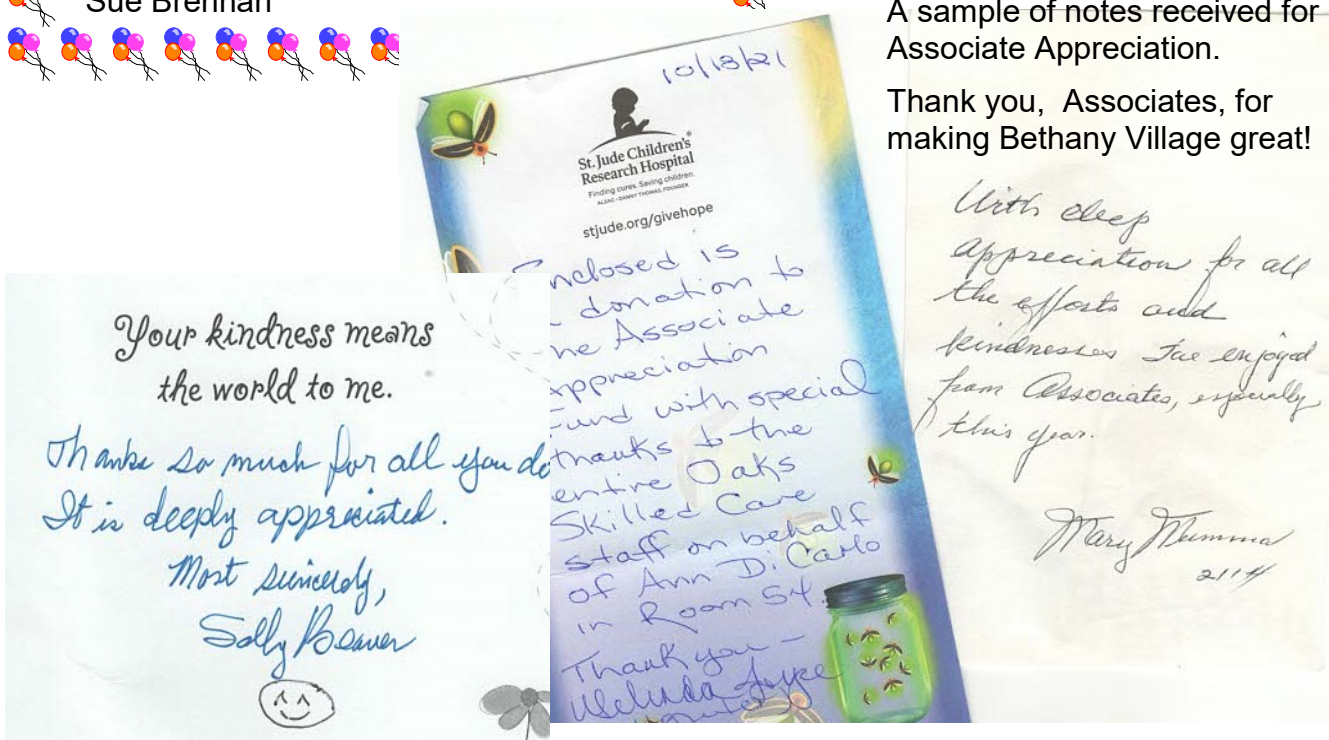
*This is a very
modest thank you
for the invaluable
work you do for
all of us!*

*I appreciate you
so much*

Janey

A sample of notes received for Associate Appreciation.

Thank you, Associates, for making Bethany Village great!



THE SCUTTLEBUTT is a community bulletin board for announcements or communicating with our resident community. Included could be want ads, a brief thought to share, or thoughts for a new activity. If you would like your thoughts or ideas to fill this space, send them to dale.meadowcroft@verizon.net

Items of appropriate content, good for our community will be reviewed and published.