



THE Villager

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Summer 2019

Grins and Gratitude Abound at Annual Event. PG. 2-8



Residents, Staff and Families Treated With Appreciation



When Sunnyside says 'thank you', it's expressed with an enormous amount of sincere gratitude. This year was no exception. The fourth annual Sunnyside Appreciation Event provided an opportunity to renew our sentiments and share our appreciation to our residents, their families, our staff, and their families who make Sunnyside a welcoming community. Children and the young at heart took part in fun festivities that included face painting, a variety of bounce houses, and competitive games of corn hole. Of course, when it comes to food, Sunnyside excels. This year, everyone enjoyed a variety of delicious dining fare from artisan-fired pizza to smoked barbecue chicken and ribs, tasty picnic sides, and an abundance of ice cream treats and decadent cookies. The gathering resulted in many happy faces and the creation of new memories with family and friends.



Wayne and Pat Kindt



Debbie Bruneau with Barbie Keyser



Maila Aylsworth and Mackenzie Stutzman



Jim and Betty Mills with Director of the Foundation, Michael Smith



JR and Rhonda Yoder with their daughter Courtney and grandchildren Iris, Simon and Walter.



Sabrina, daughter of Manor Activities Director, Brittoni Cain, shows off her face painting



Rose Astorino is all smiles



Director of Finance, Chad Stutzman with Mary Bew and Rae Aloisio



Irene Robinson and Maietta Moshier



Campus Patrol staff, Jerica Sutton with her mom, Jerri.



Health Services Administrator, Alex Maliwacki, with daughter Emma



Sales Counselor, Kelly Bender and her husband Brian



Flo Foss and Peggy Long



Director of Dining Services, Ed Catalane, and Tina Catalane, Activities Assistant, with their sons Noah and Finley



Cameron Rowe looks up at his great-grandmother Verilla Holliday



Shirley Ludke with her granddaughter and great-grandson



Iris Cannatello



John Stevenson and Maria Glowinski



Three generations: Marketing and Sales Director, Darla Schrock, with her mother Lou Herschberger and daughter Krista Lee.



Director of Facilities, Justin Helmuth with his daughter



Resident Liaison, Debbie Smith with her mother, daughter and grandchildren



Suzanne and Crockett Walker



Betty Mills with son Rick Mills



Dutch Johnson with her grandson



Health Center Server, Maria Jara with her granddaughters



Angela Knepp, Health Center Activity Director, enjoys the slide



Dottie Peterson with her friends

*photos by Julie Platt, Darla Schrock, Angela Knepp and Howard Wilson

Relationships

By Chaplain Jarvis Hochstedler



The Chapel at Sunnyside Village.

Relationships...Aren't they fun?! I recently made a visit to my daughter's house in Arkansas to spend time with her family and especially our grandson, Henry. It was his fifth birthday. It cost us money, time and effort to make the trip. Was it worth it? To me that's a dumb question...absolutely! It's worth everything and more. It's about tending familial relationships that have eternal implications.

This past year I have observed three different relationship systems experiencing death and trauma.

One system had experienced some serious injury along the way. Through the initiative of parents and children, forgiveness ruled the day and in the end the gospel story was passed to the next generation.

The second system experienced pain in a different way. Death and physical trauma came to one of the parent's early on. Because of the faith and foundation laid by the parent's, the system stood firm and, at the death of the second parent, many years later, the gospel was passed to the next generation.

The third system made wealth, and everything involved in getting it, the priority of family system. When physical trauma struck the leader, despair became the order of the day. Instead of the system rallying around the injured party it exploded leaving everyone alone and hurt.

My encouragement to you this summer is to mind your relationships. Tend to them as you would a garden and they will yield a bountiful harvest of love and companionship.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



Gary and Donna Cox

A shuttle launch is an awe-inspiring event. So imagine what a thrill it was for Gary and Donna Cox to be able to see one in-person while sitting with the families of the astronauts; that adds a whole new layer of excitement and depth to the experience.

Gary and Donna were both born and raised in Danville, IL, and married right out of high school 58 years ago. They must really know the secret of getting along with each other because

they also worked together. They owned a supermarket in Illinois, and when they moved to Florida in 1986 they purchased a Hallmark card and gift shop.

Gary enjoys golfing, hunting, flying, cruising the Caribbean and following the Chicago Cubs. Donna is happy to spend her free time reading, knitting, doing puzzles and crafts. They are looking forward to meeting and making new friends at Sunnyside Village.



Don and Dee Dammann

Full-time RV'ing is the dream of many people, and Don and Dee Dammann have been there and done that. They have not confined their travels to the continent, however, and have gone on world travels as well.

Don was born and raised in East St. Louis and went to the College of Commerce there. He also served in the Army on active duty and active reserve from 1950-1958. He went on to be a railroad administrator, and at some point ended up in Galveston, Texas. He enjoys physical activities, sings and

keeping up with the Houston Astros.

Dee is probably a good reference for any crafting questions that may arise since she owned and operated an arts and crafts store and also taught arts and crafts classes. She still enjoys crafts, traveling and physical activities, as well as the Houston Astros. She was born and raised in Findlay, Ohio and later moved to Galveston, Texas.

Don and Dee met each other through an introduction by two of their children. Between them, they have seven children and four grandchildren.



Lois Dowd

Lois Dowd was Illinois state racquetball champion five times! Aside from being a racquetball pro, she was also a legal secretary. She now enjoys watching pro tennis players, long bike rides and anything outdoors.

Lois was born and raised in Chicago, IL, and has also lived in California. In fact, she has a daughter who lives in

California and a son who lives in Illinois. You could almost say she left part of herself in each place. Lois describes herself as very friendly and helpful, and she has loved living at Sunnyside, saying she has felt at home from the first day. Her sister, Bonnie Hoskins, also lives at Sunnyside Village.

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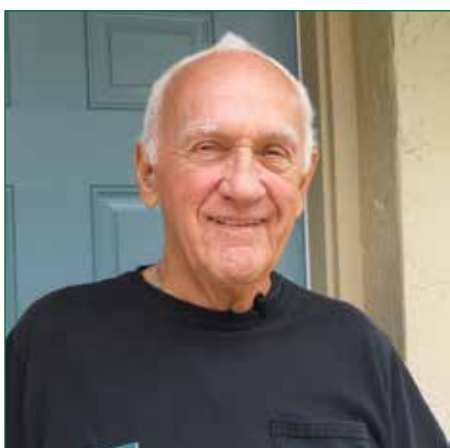
Harold and Dorothy Eady

In 1985, Harold and Dorothy Eady were invited to visit China by the Chinese government. That very unique opportunity came about through Harold's position as President of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers and was a highlight for the couple who have traveled the world.

Harold enjoyed a long career in the film and television industry from 1947-1991 and must have seen many stars come and go in that time! He and Dorothy were both born and raised in Toronto, Canada, and later

moved to New York. Harold and Dorothy have a son and a daughter, four granddaughters, and one great-grandson. Dorothy chose to stay home and raise the children as well as do some bookkeeping, farming, teaching both nursery school and figure skating, and some shopkeeping.

Both of them enjoy painting, tennis, and golf. Harold would add swimming and singing to his list as well as following his favorite team, the New York Yankees. They were drawn to Sunnyside by the warm and caring environment and location.



John Hans

Being in the U.S. Air Force for more than 22 years gave John Hans a front row seat for much of American history that many of us just read about in the text books. He was an aircraft maintenance worker and was on duty when President Kennedy left on that fateful journey to Texas. John was also on duty when the president's body returned on Air Force 1.

He spent about 15 years in the presidential squadron, starting when

President Roosevelt was in office and also served the presidential aircraft for Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Ford and Nixon as well as serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

John was born and raised in Williamsport, PA. and also lived in Virginia, moving to Sarasota in 1990. He is a Washington Redskins fan and is looking forward to meeting new people at Sunnyside Village.

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Lamar and Patty Holsopple

As a retirement gift to each other, Lamar and Patty Holsopple took a train trip across the Canadian Rockies; one of the most interesting things they have done.

Lamar was born in a little town named Holsopple, PA., and was raised in Archbold, Ohio. He later went to Goshen College where he earned his Bachelor of Science and met his wife, Patty. Lamar went on to Ohio State for his Master of Arts, and then taught high school Language Arts and English for 44 years. He was also a teacher in Sarasota.

Patty was born and raised on a farm in West Liberty, Ohio. She loved farm life, and though she has lived in the city for the last 50 plus years, she is still a farm girl at heart. She and Lamar lived in Ohio where she worked as a bank teller and they raised their family of two children. They now have four grandchildren.

They moved to this area in 1973, and still follow Ohio State sports as well as the Tampa Bay Rays. They both enjoy reading, and Lamar is a biker, swimmer, and walker, while Patty is a knitter.



Fee Mercer

Fee Mercer was born in Dunhen, Germany and immigrated to the U.S. in 1955. She also lived in New York, Massachusetts, and Maryland before moving to Sarasota in 1974.

Fee attended Baylor University from 1966-1968 and was an operations manager for Zayre Department Stores for 18 years, and then a human resources manager

and payroll manager for a nursing home in Bradenton.

The most unusual thing she has done is zip lining with her family. It was thrilling but a bit scary, too. She loved it! She has two children and three grandchildren who are now in college.

Fee volunteers at her church as a small group facilitator and as a Stephen Minister, helping those in need.



Ken and Marcia Myers

Playing bridge is a fun pastime for many people, but it paid big dividends for Ken and Marcia Myers because they met playing bridge. A standout memory for them is cruising to Iceland on the ship, the Queen Elizabeth.

Ken was born and raised in Lockport, NY served in the U.S. Air Force and also worked as a consultant. He now volunteers at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on the surgery floor. He has experience

with pain and the process of recovery since he went through it all when he recovered from a serious auto accident.

Marcia spent her childhood in Pittsburgh and went to Iowa State University. She worked as a publicist. Ken and Marcia moved to Sarasota in 2006. They have a son, and three granddaughters who are spread out across the U.S. in New York, Los Angeles, and Portland.

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Joy Sicks

Joy Sicks came to Florida from West Virginia when she was six, and it was a good thing she did! She met her husband when they were only in second grade. They were married for 43 years and had one daughter and two grandchildren.

Joy is a University of South Florida graduate with both a BA and MA and

taught for 43 years in Sarasota County schools. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Upsilon chapter, as well as the Junior League of Sarasota, Sarasota Retired Teachers, and Florida Retired Teachers Association.

She has enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and cruising, and also enjoys reading and knitting.



Miriam Nauman

Travel has provided some of the most interesting things that Miriam Nauman has seen. She has visited many natural parks and spent a month in Alaska, but the highlight was a two week trip to the Holy Land that was a surprise gift after 20 years of ministry.

Miriam was born in Lancaster, PA. and where she went to school at Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing. She worked part-time as an

RN and was also a pastor's wife. They had three children, seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Miriam lived in Florida from 1973-1993 and then moved back again in 2010. She feels very blessed to be at Sunnyside Village and is looking forward to meeting new people. She volunteers with Helping Hands, and in her free time enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, scrabble, and playing the piano.



William Simmons

William Simmons most important accomplishment in life has been to survive 85 years in generally good to excellent health! He may have some interesting tales to tell of those 85 years since he was in the U.S. Navy for 27 years and was a flight surgeon and psychiatrist.

William was born and raised in

Colorado Springs, CO and went to the University of Colorado. He met his wife while there and had four children and seven grandchildren.

Sunnyside was a good choice for William since his house was too big for one person and the yard was more than he wanted to take care of. He now enjoys walking and reading.

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Becky Smith

Serving in missions gave Becky Smith the chance to live and work in some unlikely places. She lived in Austria, ministered behind the Iron Curtain, and made short trips to the Dominican Republic. She also traveled the Alaskan Highway, raised a family and made a home. But she also enjoys quilting and art. Quite a varied resume.

Becky was born in Indiana, raised in Ohio, and met her future husband after she moved across the street from him. They had two children and four grandchildren.

She just recently moved to Sarasota from Nashville, TN and misses her friends and church, but is optimistic about finding new friends at Sunnyside Village.



Richard and Dottie Wagner

Richard and Dottie Wagner went to high school together but didn't meet until their fortieth reunion at Falls Church High School in Virginia. Apparently, it was finally the right place at the right time. They are together now and they both enjoy plays, opera, cruises, and travel.

Richard went to school at Randolph-Macon College in Ashburn, VA on a football scholarship and still enjoys watching a good game of football. Richard was a U.S. Marine Corps A4 fighter jet pilot from 1953-1994 and takes

part in U.S.M.C. activities. He also worked as a Nationwide® insurance agent for a season.

Dottie attended Northern Virginia Community College from 1984-1985 taking library courses and worked in Fairfax County Schools in the Library for 15 years. She has three children (one deceased), and four grandchildren. Dottie's most interesting travels were in Egypt and China.

They are very thankful to be living at Sunnyside Village because of the residents and the staff.

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Marilyn O. Ward

Marilyn O. Ward and her family opened up their home to three high school exchange students from Brazil, Mexico, and Spain, and she says it opened up the world to her family. They even traveled to visit one of their students in Spain and also met up with their son in Madrid while he was doing a University of Wisconsin study abroad program.

Marilyn is a native of Rockford, IL, and has also lived in Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, WI. She attended the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana from 1946-1948, where she

met her husband of 70 years on the first day of class. Her chosen career was as a home engineer. She poured herself into making a healthy, happy and loving home for her family.

She moved to the area in 1990 and has friends who were already very happy living at Sunnyside and recommended it. She is looking forward to making friends and participating in community activities. Marilyn enjoys constructing purses and bags, needlework, crafting, and reading, and has a cat named Shadow.



Donna Wanvig

Many people might think twice about doing something that requires wearing a transponder in case of an avalanche, but Donna Wanvig took it in stride as part of the adventure of snow skiing in New Zealand. To get to this remote location she hopped into a helicopter, then enjoyed a picnic in the snow, skied down...and did it again!

Donna was born and raised in Illinois, went to Taylor University Upland in Indiana from 1950-54 and moved to the Sarasota area in 1967. She taught home economics and

English, and she and her husband, who passed away three years ago, had three children and three grandchildren.

Tennis is Donna's favorite sport. She also enjoys a good book, puzzles, games, and Mah Jong. She is friendly, quiet, and a good listener, and is looking forward to making new Christian friends at Sunnyside Village. She volunteers at the Sunnyside Manor and the Lakeside Dining Room serving beverages.



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Sunnyside is affiliated with Mennonite Health Alliance, Southeast Mennonite Conference, LeadingAge and LeadingAge Florida.

The mission of Sunnyside Village is to honor God by enriching the lives of residents, staff and the community by providing homes, services and programs in a Christian environment.

Pictured on the front cover: Pat Frazier and her friend Ilse Brosnan enjoy a moment of fun in a bounce house



The Sunnyside Foundation hosted an educational town hall meeting on April 23 for more than 200 residents, future residents, and supporters. Michael Smith, Director of Foundation, was joined by Executive Director, J. David Yoder; Health Services Administrator, Alex Maliwacki and Director of Rehabilitation Services, Patrick Laskowski. Each speaker shared insights about cutting edge developments for the new Health and

Rehabilitation Center and the construction progress. The innovative developments – such as an anti-gravity treadmill and a specialized aquatic therapy pool – aim to promote positive rehabilitation outcomes for residents. If you would like to make a contribution towards the Therapy Fund for the advanced aquatic and strength training equipment, contact Michael Smith at extension 338.



Foundation Director, Michael Smith, shares details about initiatives coming to the campus.