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2010 Volunteer Recognition Program
"Volunteers Mean the World to Us"



Join your friends on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Crest Vista Room. The evening will begin with an appetizing and delicious dessert buffet followed by the presentation of the Oak Leaf Award. This annual award is presented yearly to a deserving volunteer for their hours of service and the impact their service has on others. All volunteers are invited to come, socialize and enjoy the evening with good friends and residents and fellow volunteers.

Calendar of Events

Tues. Mar. 30	7pm	Homemakers Ed. "Music Therapy"
Wed. April 7	7pm	"Happenings in Springfield" with Rep. Bob Pritchard
Thurs. April 15	2pm	NIU Nutrition Student Presentation
Thurs. April 22	7pm	Volunteer Recognition Program
Sat. May 1	7pm	"Ocean of Memories" Annual Spring Dance
Wed. May 5	7pm	Philippine Youth Leadership Program
Wed. May 26	10am-3pm	Books Are Fun shopping
Sat. June 19		"Under the Big Top" special event
TRIPS		
Thurs. Mar. 11		2010 Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier
Mon. April 19		"Andrew Sisters Tribute at Starved Rock"

Please contact Joan Launer at (815)756-8461 to register

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Beverly Lulow - Albuquerque, NM
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News of Interest to the Oak Crest Community and Friends

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Circle of Care



Oak Crest's Twentieth Annual Giving Campaign begins May 1, 2010. We are again looking to our friends in the community for support. This fund benefits those who may outlive their financial resources. In past years Oak Crest residents have used in excess of \$120,000 from this fund. This rate of utilization continues to increase to accommodate the growing number of residents requiring assistance. The Good Samaritan Fund is supported solely through contributions and donations. All proceeds generated by the Circle of Care Campaign directly benefit the Good Samaritan Fund.

At the time of our 25th Anniversary we established the Silver Acorn Donor Program. Supporters of this program have made a donation or pledge to the Circle of Care Campaign in the amount of \$2,500 or more. A number of people are already participating, and we wish to thank them again for their continued support and invite you to join them. Of

course, each and every donation is welcomed and appreciated.

Letters will be sent to previous and prospective donors. These letters will tell you more about the Circle of Care Campaign. Please consider making a donation. Your generosity will ensure that the Good Samaritan Fund continues.

If you should have any questions, or would like additional information on the Circle of Care Campaign, the Good Samaritan Fund, or Oak Crest please call Stephen Cichy at (815)756-8461. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support.

Tony Chulick
Community Relations



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Good Samaritan Nomination

Annually the Board of Trustees of the DeKalb Area Retirement Center- Oak Crest recognizes and honors an individual in the community as a modern day Good Samaritan. This award is presented to someone who has demonstrated his/her commitment to the community and to its people, in any number of ways. A modern Good Samaritan is a person who cares for others beyond the normal compassion of most people; or a person who actively participates in various community organizations and combines community service with personal caring; or a person who works quietly to better the lives of others. Currently, nominations are being accepted. This year the honor will be bestowed on a deserving individual on Friday, August 6, 2010. You are encouraged to nominate someone who exemplifies the high standards of the Good Samaritan. Application forms are available at the Oak Crest reception desk, by phone at (815)756-8461 or email sgoudy@oakcrestdekalb.org

From The Executive Director

Although I enjoy reading I rarely seem to find the time. This last year I did manage to sit down and read Tom Brokaw's The Greatest Generation. As I read I reflected on the last couple of years and thought how unsettling this last year has been. The unknowns associated with a volatile market and the ups and downs in the area of real estate have made this last year difficult to predict. Like many organizations, Oak Crest has certainly seen the effects of a down-turn in the market but I am proud to say that with a forward-thinking Board of Trustees and a staff committed to providing the best in quality care and services Oak Crest's foundation remains strong. During this time I have had many people ask what the Oak Crest residents think about the economics of the world we live in today. I have to be honest, when speaking to the residents there are certainly varied degrees of uncertainty but most respond, "We'll get through this we always have. After all, we have lived through a world war and the great depression. You don't get to be our ages without a few bumps and bruises along the way." This is the kind of attitude that allows people to look forward. This can-do attitude as Tom Brokaw would say, defines "The

Greatest Generation." I have had the privilege of working at Oak Crest for twenty-five years and can tell you what makes this the best place to live and work is the attitudes of the people who make their home here. These are the people who have worked hard their entire lives, have given to their families and communities, have overcome great obstacles, and in some cases; heartbreak and still greet each day with a positive attitude and a willing spirit. These are the people who have weathered a storm but see the promise of tomorrow. It's true that we are in the midst of the unknown but by their example we can be confident that this too shall pass, and with the promise of spring comes new opportunities and possibilities. I would like to extend a thank you to the many Board Members, Residents and Staff that make Oak Crest much more than bricks and mortar. It truly is the people that live here, work here and share their time and talents that makes Oak Crest a community of which to be proud.

Stephen P Cichy

Stephen P. Cichy
Executive Director

Annual Board of Trustees Dinner

The Board of Trustees of the DeKalb Area Retirement Center-Oak Crest installed two new board members and acknowledged the efforts of three members completing their terms. Board President Elegie LoCascio acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Michele Glasgow, Nancy Wirsing and David Pauling as they completed their terms of service. The three members were presented certificates of appreciation, and in the spring oak trees will be planted in their honor. Elegie Lo Cascio completed her term as Oak Crest Board President and conducted the installation of new Board President Ann Tucker. Ann Tucker is a long-time resident of Sycamore. She taught communications at Northern Illinois University and was the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Kishwaukee College at the time of her retirement. Ann has been an active member of the Board of Trustees and its executive committee and has also given her time and talents to the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra as its President. Ann's willingness to serve and her commitment make her an excellent Board Member and President. One of Ann Tucker's first duties as new President was to

perform the installation of new members Karen Manning and Tami Armstrong. Karen has lived in DeKalb for many years and she and her husband, Pat, own and operate Manning Ford in DeKalb. Karen and Pat have three grown children and are frequent visitors to the Center where Pat's parents are residents. Karen enjoys volunteering and sharing her talents with a variety of organizations and looks forward to her role serving on both the Building and Health Care Committees. Tami Armstrong is a resident of Sycamore and is the Vice-President and Marketing Director at the National Bank & Trust Co. Tami's involvement in the community has included leadership roles at the Midwest Museum of Natural History, Sycamore Rotary Club, International PEO chapter, and the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce. Tami and her husband, Bob, have three young children. Tami will be sharing her leadership skills in her role as a Board Member serving on both the Community Relations and Finance Committees. The Board of Trustees, Residents, and Staff welcome Karen and Tami and thank them for their willingness to serve.



New Board Members:
Tami Armstrong and Karen Manning



◀ **Outgoing Board Members :**

Board Members ending terms of service are Dr. Michele Glasgow, Nancy Wirsing; and David Pauling pictured here with Past President Elegie Lo Cascio



◀ **2010 Board Members :**

Back row l-r Jill Olson, Tami Armstrong, Rev. Jane Eesley, Rod Schairer, Dr. Tony Chulick, Tim Dunlop, Bill Lenschow and Ann Tucker
Front row l-r Lina Ong, Karen Manning, Bernie Looney, Richard Stokke, Elegie Lo Cascio, Carol Larson, Sherrie Martin and Steve Cichy
Board members not pictured: Ron Bemis, Rev. Larry Hilkemann, and John Hufalain

Annual Spring Dance

This year as part of our annual Spring Dance we will feature the dancing talents of the Oak Crest Board of Trustees. In anticipation for the event we will be offering ballroom dance classes. This four week course will be held Tuesdays April 6-27 (7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) here in the Oak Crest Vista Room. The cost per person is \$40.00. If you are a beginning dancer or want to hone your skills this class is for you. Come and dance the nights away and showcase your talents at the Annual Spring Dance on Saturday, May 1, 2010. For more information or to enroll in the dance class please contact Oak Crest Community Events Coordinator, Joan Launer at (815)756-8461.

Duplex Update

Imagine coming home to surroundings that address your preferences and desires - a residence that assures your comfort and financial security while leaving you free to pursue goals and interests. Such a community does exist right here in DeKalb, Illinois. Our thirty acre campus nestled in the heart of a tree-filled residential neighborhood affords all the social and cultural opportunities associated with life near a large city and a state university while maintaining the advantages of rural living. Now is the perfect time to think about a move to an Oak Crest duplex or apartment home. With entrance fees beginning at \$39,000 you will find a home that fits your budget and lifestyle preference. Residents choosing Oak Crest as their home enjoy the guarantee of future security without the worries associated with home maintenance. If you would like more information and/or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Liz Hoppenworth at (815)756-8461.

"Why Go Green" Essay Contest

Again this year local middle school students were encouraged to participate in an Essay Contest co-sponsored by Oak Crest and the National Bank & Trust Company. Sixty-one well-written essays were received and Oak Crest resident judges Ruth Brown, Jane Helmchen, Rose Marie King and Mary Lou Getschman had the charge of reviewing and selecting the winners. Savings bonds in the amounts of \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 were awarded. Indian Creek students from Waterman, IL Katie Cantrell and Jonathan Farnsworth placed first and second respectively with Lisa Beth Heegaard of Cambridge Academy Homeschool placing third. Judge Rose Marie King said, "All the children should be commended for their efforts. Their ideas and thoughts were heartfelt and well-developed."

You and a guest are cordially invited to join us for

"An Ocean of Memories"

Saturday, May 1, 2010
Oak Crest Vista Room
7:00 p.m.

Music provided by:
Pauline Cultra and Jeff Weishaar

Planned in cooperation
with Sycamore Interact
& Key Club