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Oak Crest Pen Pals



Oak Crest residents & their second grade pen pals from Brooks Elementary school spent a day together & enjoyed a western themed scavenger hunt, lunch, craft project, & concert compliments of the Oak Crest Kitchen Band.

Calendar of Events

Fri. June 10	2pm	“Musical Notes” Saxophone Ensemble
Tues. June 14th	2pm	“Salute to the Flag”
Wed. June 15	7pm	State Representative Robert Pritchard, “Update on Happenings in Springfield”
Mon. June 20th	7pm	Visiting Artist- Susan Edwards, watercolor painting
Mon. June 27 – July 1		Oak Crest Employee Recognition Week
Mon. June 27th	7pm	Floats & Notes featuring Barbara Grulke, piano
Thurs. June 30th	7-9pm	Good Ole Summer Time Ice Cream Social (Entertainment by: New Orleans Stompers. John Skillman, director.)
Wed. July 6th	7pm	Chamber Music -Victor Ryzhof, Tom Cappert, Gary Mattin & Lynn Vogl.
Mon. July 18th	7pm	Floats & Notes featuring the Garage Orchestra
Mon. July 25th	7pm	Floats & Notes featuring Jill McCormick, vocalist
Sat. Sept. 10th	10-2	Craft Fest at Oak Crest

Lighthouses, Shipwrecks, Ghost Stories & Folklore of the Great Lakes

Please consider joining your friends here at Oak Crest as Dr. Dan Dillman, retired NIU Professor shares his experiences and love of the Great Lakes. Series begins at 7:00 p.m.in the Oak Crest Little Theater.

June 6th & 13th • July 11th • Aug. 1st, 15th & 29th • Sept. 12th

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*Bill & Anita Elwell – Lombard, IL
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Jan Nelson – DeKalb, IL
Fran Buckner – Sycamore, IL*

News of Interest to the Oak Crest Community and Friends

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Oak Crest Volunteers Recognized

“We Tip Our Hats to Volunteers” was the theme for the Volunteer Recognition program this year. This was an opportunity to thank the many volunteers who give of their time and talents throughout the year. The program began with a welcome by Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator. Elizabeth Hoppenworth, Director of Resident Services, expressed appreciation to all the volunteers for their service.

The Oak Leaf awards were presented to community and resident volunteers in recognition of their dedication, hours of service and impact of service to the residents. This year the Community Oak Leaf Award was presented to Cheryl Johnson. Cheryl is the granddaughter of Oak Crest resident Charlie Bradt and has been a part of the Oak Crest volunteer program for many years. Always willing to lend a hand, Cheryl is an important part of the Oak Crest experience. She is also a gifted actress and vocalist and has shared her time and talents with a number of area organizations. Each week Cheryl can be found singing and performing during the Saturday morning music program here at Oak Crest. She was even the featured performer for the evening’s festivities and was caught quite by surprise when her name was called to receive the volunteer honor. Cheryl said, “I have never won anything in my life and can’t believe I have been selected.”

The Resident Oak Leaf Award was presented to Blossom Winslow. Blossom moved to Oak Crest from her home in Taylorville, IL in the spring of 2007. From the moment

Blossom joined the Oak Crest family she has made it a point to assist others in any way possible. Each week Blossom volunteers as a Receptionist at the East Reception Area. She also spends mornings volunteering in the Oak Crest library. As a talented musician, Blossom plays for worship services, sing-alongs, Floats & Notes, retired teachers, and numerous special events. Perhaps most memorable to her many friends here at Oak Crest is her willingness to play the piano during the Oak Crest Christmas Eve church service. A staff member participating in the service said, “When the music started and I looked at the many faces gathered to worship I was reminded what a real community this is.” Blossom is always willing to spend her time and talents helping others. She is a smiling face, a comforting hand and a true friend. Upon receiving the award Blossom said, “There are others more deserving and others who do more. I am so blessed with good friends and good family.”

For information on becoming an Oak Crest volunteer contact Joan Launer at (815)756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org.



This years Oak Leaf Award recipients, Blossom Winslow & Cheryl Johnson.

Dear Friends,

As chairperson of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who graciously continue to support the Good Samaritan Fund.

So far this year, in support of those individuals who have outlived their financial resources, the Circle of Care Campaign has generated nearly \$10,000 in cash contributions and pledges! Our goal is \$50,000. If you have not already made your contribution, please consider it now. We look forward to hearing from you.

Truly, it is through your continued generosity and support that Oak Crest's commitment of quality care and services continues.

Many thanks,
Tony Chulick
Community Relations

From The Executive Director



For nearly a quarter of a century I have prepared an article for the Door and on more than one occasion have focused on the important role charitable giving has played in the development of the DeKalb Area Retirement Center. Well over thirty years ago a dedicated group of forward-thinking men and women began to envision what a life care community would mean to the people of DeKalb County. They knew that a project of this size and scope would require more than vision. To develop a continuing care retirement community would only be possible through the support and generosity of others who shared their values and vision. Today more than 275 people call Oak Crest home, employs a staff of 220, and is a recognized leader in the field of long-term care and services.

Some communities and organizations may be content to sit back and admire their handy work. However, Oak Crest leadership has always looked forward to what the future holds. Some of you reading this article may be in a position to assist us in securing the future. Giving opportunities are innumerable and each and every type of donation is appreciated

and allows the donor the flexibility to choose a manner of giving that best fits their individual situation and intent.

An individual or couple reviewing their will may consider making Oak Crest a beneficiary. Another popular method of giving is to make Oak Crest the recipient of a life insurance policy. Donors may also choose to make a gift to the Center in the form of real estate or stocks and bonds. Gifts of this kind may enable the donor to make a donation and avoid paying capital gains on appreciated value. The use of a Unitrust is also a great way to make a gift and still receive lifetime income. At the end of the donor's life the remainder would go to the Center.

It is true that, as a not-for-profit organization, charitable gifts made to Oak Crest can allow considerable savings to the donor. Perhaps most importantly, your gift can make such a difference to the people we serve now, and in the future can benefit from your generosity. If you have any questions please contact me (815)756-8461 or scichy@oakcrest-dekalb.org

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Hollywood Rewind

Residents, family and friends enjoyed a lively evening complete with Hollywood glamour, silver stars, balloons, white lights, toe-tapping dance music, and beautiful young ladies and handsome young men in formal attire. Pauline Cultra, Jeff Weishaar, Dick Cole and Cheryl Johnson provided the evening's

dance music. For many years the dance has been made possible thanks to the planning and effort of the Sycamore High School Key Club and Interact Club. Not only do they participate in the planning but what a delight it is to see all the young people dressed for the occasion and dancing.



Trips & Outings

- Sat., June 4-5 Chicago Cubs vs St. Louis Cardinals
Cost \$225.00 double and \$305.00 single
- Sat., June 4 Wurlitzer Theater Organ Concert
"Place de la Musique"
Sanfilippo Estate, Barrington Hills
Cost \$169.00 per person
- Wed., June 15 La Salle Boat & Historical Tours
Cost \$59.00 per person
- Thurs., July 14 Casino Fun at Jumer's Casino Rock Island
Cost \$10.00
- Sat., July 16-17 Chicago White Sox vs Detroit Tigers
Cost \$195.00 double and \$290 single
- Fri., September 9-10 Wine on the Vine ...A Grape Harvest Tour
Cost \$199.00 double occupancy

Please contact Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator at (815)756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Make this the summer you instill in your children a spirit of service. Studies show that children exposed to an environment of volunteer service have a greater tendency to share their time and talents throughout life. Come and experience all that Oak Crest has to offer. Think about joining your children and experience the sense of fulfillment that comes from giving to others. This summer we could use help with gardening, league bowling, campfire cookouts, outings and craft/woodworking. We offer volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Whatever your talents, we can tailor a program to fit your schedule and interests. The volunteer opportunities and possibilities are endless.

To learn more about volunteering contact Joan Launer at (815) 756-8461 or e-mail jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

Craft Fest

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 10th. Invite your family and friends to join you for a day of shopping and lunch in our Terrace Dining Room. Residents and community volunteers are meeting every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place to work on craft items and socialize. They welcome others to join them. Craft vendors are needed for the Fest. Please pass this message along to others. For additional information and to sign up for a booth call 1-815-756-8461 and ask to speak to Joan Launer.

Good Samaritan Nominations

Each year Oak Crest presents the Good Samaritan Award to an individual who provides outstanding ministry to human need, who cares for others beyond normal compassion, and is the quiet unseen Good Samaritan. Currently, nominations are being accepted. 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, or you may call (815)756-8461 and request a form be mailed or faxed. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, June 30, 2011. The award will be presented at a dinner on Friday, August 5, 2011.

King & Queen Crowned

2010-2011 Reigning King and Queen Roy Talbot and Janan Rieff passed along their crowns and scepters to Barry & Kay Schrader along with their warmest wishes for the coming year. The two couples then took to the dance floor for a celebratory waltz before family members and well-wishers. Barry & Kay Schrader moved to Oak Crest in July of 2006 and continue to be actively involved in the DeKalb community. Their year-long reign will include appearances at community events and programs. Oak Crest extends heartfelt congratulations to the 2011 - 2012 King & Queen.



Oak Crest King and Queen Barry & Kay Schrader