

The Oaks...



Since opening in 1980 Oak Crest has enjoyed a wonderful history of

providing quality services to the community. This long history coupled with a reputation second to none, has resulted in a strong demand for retirement living at

Oak Crest. Brian Scholle, Board President said, "As an organization committed to quality services,

being able to expand our presence in the community to meet the growing individual needs and

desires of the larger community is what has prompted every project

ever undertaken. Anticipating consumer wants, responding to requests and providing compassionate

care and personalized service is what we do consistently day in and day out. That's what sets Oak Crest apart."

The Oaks Addition that opened in the fall is receiving rave reviews.

Each of the twenty-four (900', 1,000', 1,200', 1,600' & 2,200') apartments features a private balcony, well-appointed kitchen, laundry, heated parking

and access to the new onsite Bistro, wellness center and pool. More importantly we are building friendships and memories. We offer the guarantee of future care and peace of mind.

Apartment interest exceeded expectations and with one 2,200' apartment available, you won't want to

miss this great opportunity! Come and see what all the excitement is about. Oak Crest is located at 2944 Greenwood Acres Drive, DeKalb. Individuals interested in hearing more about this next chapter in Oak Crest history should contact Liz Hoppenworth at (815) 756-8461 or email her at lhoppenworth@oakcrestdekalb.org



The Door Opens In Welcome



Top to bottom:

Margie Collier – North Aurora, IL

Irene Nelson – Malta, IL

Carolyn Siebens – Geneva, IL

Richard & Karen Sjolund – Waterman, IL

Joan Stanley – Waterman, IL

Featured Apartment



DelCalle Area Retirement Center - Oak Crest
The Oaks 2000 sq ft - Unit 2010

Not to Scale

2,200 Square Feet



Photos courtesy of Stephanie Deckro Interiors



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 \$26,000 in contributions and pledges! Our goal is \$60,000. 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,

Ann Tucker

Vice President

“Volunteers Are Stars”

The brightest stars are those that shine for the benefit of others, and Oak Crest volunteers shine brightest of all. Please join us for the annual Volunteer Recognition on Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Oak Crest Vista Room. All volunteers are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a guest for this special event. Enjoy dessert, fellowship and the music of professional vocalist, Larry Breidenbach. Please RSVP on or before Friday, June 16 by calling 815-768-8461.

From The Executive Director



Here at Oak Crest, making a difference is what we strive for each and every day. From the moment you walk through our doors, we work to provide an environment where we embrace the past, enhance the present day and explore the future.

For more than thirty-four years I have had the privilege of working with people who truly make a difference. This diverse group of very talented and visionary people have created a culture of service, care and commitment unique to Oak Crest. These attributes are shared and extend from the voluntary Board of Trustees and the many volunteers who give of their time and talents, to a group of very dedicated and compassionate employees, to those of you who offer support in the form of charitable giving. It is through the generosity of local organizations and individuals that the Center continues to

grow and offer quality services and care second to none.

Over the years, I have viewed this column as the perfect opportunity not only to share information about Oak Crest, but to extend a heart-felt thank you to all of you who help to make a difference. Like most not-for-profit organizations, in support of our mission of service, we rely on the generosity of good friends and family. I am sure you will receive any number of appeals from a variety of charities. For many organizations, tax savings is a primary incentive and the theme of many of these appeals. As a not-for-profit organization, we too recognize the tax saving advantages to the donor. Besides these obvious advantages, however, we find that people give to Oak Crest because they support and believe in the organization's mission, vision and values and in a very individual way wish to make a difference.

There are many ways to make a difference. You may choose to support the organization through cash contributions, securities, tan-

gible property, and real estate. Each offers a varying degree of tax advantages to the donor and at the same time provides important financial support to Oak Crest. We all know someone who has touched our lives, whether a family member, friend or business associate. Oak Crest offers a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to those who continue to enrich our lives. Donations to the Center may be recognized with a plaque identifying the donor or may be inscribed with the name of a dear friend or family member. Gifts to the Center are always appreciated, but to take advantage of the tax savings for this year, contributions must be made by December 31, 2017.

For more information on giving, please feel free to contact me personally.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen P. Cichy".

Stephen P. Cichy
Executive Director

Memorial Day Program



This year's program was a great success. With more than 125 people in attendance, Oak Crest Resident, Sally Stevens provided a moving tribute to



our fallen heroes. She was joined in the effort by pianist Joy Hadley, DeKalb Boy Scout Troop 33 and U.S. Marine



representatives from the Marine Corp League Sycamore Post 99, Brad Davidson and Brent Bacon. The Marines presented a flag to Oak Crest oldest veteran, Mary Maxson who at 102 years of age remembered her time in the Women's Air Corps. The event concluded with bugler, Aiden Witthoff, playing Taps.

Pen Pal Day



Louise Lowe, retired elementary school teacher and resident said, "This Pen Pal experience has been so wonderful. I

loved the time I spent as a teacher and the time I spend with my pen pal is absolutely delightful." This

sentiment is shared by the other seventeen Oak Crest residents including Dave and Barb Samulowitz who said,

"The children are just wonderful. They are so excited to see us visit their classrooms each month and it is wonderful to be a part of their lives." Most would agree that in this day of computers and cell phones there is something very satisfying about opening the mailbox and finding a handwritten letter. Ms. Carolyn Vaughn, Brooks 2nd grade teacher who developed the program a decade ago said, "This

program pairs up young emerging writers with residents of the retirement community. The goal is for the

second grade students to further develop their communication skills in the areas of reading and writing. An added benefit is that in the process they make a new friend." Oak Crest residents in turn have the opportunity to share their life stories, assist Ms. Vaughn in resurrecting the lost art of letter writing and in the process give back something to their local elementary school. The students and their pen pals exchange letters and then join each other at the school for special programs and events. Each visit begins and ends with smiles, hugs and plenty of laughter. This year's



program culminated with a field trip to visit their Oak Crest pen pals and enjoy an "Oak Crest Round-up."



A Tropical Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser to benefit the Oak Crest Good Samaritan Fund will be held Saturday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. You don't want to miss this fun evening where you can match wits with some of the best Trivia teams in town. Cost is \$10.00 per person with a maximum of five players to a team. Join your friends and compete for prizes and trivia bragging rights. Register your team by calling (815) 756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

Art & Craft Fest

Mark your calendars and join your family and friends on Sat., Sept. 23th, 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. for this annual event. Art and Craft participants and volunteers are welcomed. Vendor applications are available by contacting the Oak Crest main office. For additional information or to volunteer contact Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator, (815)756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

A Starry Summer Evening Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars and join your friends at Oak Crest for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 p.m. in the Vista Room. Enjoy homemade baked goods, creamy ice cream and live music featuring the musical talents of Dick Cole & Friends Saxophone Quartet.

An Evening Under The Stars



Residents, family and friends enjoyed our 37th Anniversary Dance complete with music provided by "Jazz in Progress." For many years the dance has been the highlight of the spring season and made possible thanks to the planning and effort of the Sycamore High School Key and Interact Clubs.

Upcoming Programs and Presentations:

The community is invited to join us for these exciting and informative programs. They feature knowledgeable guest speakers on topics that educate and entertain.

Travelogue Series

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

June 19 - Paris

July 3 - Prague

July 17 - Cuba

August 7 - Hawaii

August 21 - Danube Cruise

September 4 - China

September 18 - Canada - Quebec & Montreal

October 2 - Philippines

Summer School Classes

Tuesday, June 13, 2:00 p.m. "The Effect of Yoga and Exercise on Parkinson Disease" - Carol Reed

Tuesday, July 11, 2:00 p.m. "Fraud Prevention" — Officer Kelly Sullivan, DeKalb

Tuesday, August 8, 2:00 p.m. "Brain Health" - Deanna Cada, DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board

Tuesday, September 12, 2:00 p.m. "Heart Health" - Ann Lehan, Lehan Drugs
Register for classes by calling 815-756-8461. Limited seating.

King & Queen Crowned



2016-2017 reigning King and Queen Bob Brayfield and Jane Randolph passed along their crowns and scepters to



residents David and Barbara Samulowitz with their warmest wishes for the coming year. Dave and Barb moved into Oak Crest in April of 2015 and quickly immersed themselves in the many varied programs and activities. Both are active volunteers and willingly share their time and many talents with their neighbors and the community at large. Both Dave and Barb are looking forward to their new roles, including taking to the road with appearances at community events and programs. Oak Crest extends heartfelt congratulations to the 2017-2018 King and Queen.

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. To request an application form contact Oak Crest by calling (815)756-8461 or email cbuehler@oakcrest-dekalb.org. The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 30. The award will be presented at a dinner on Friday, August 4, 2017.

Truck



Oak Crest is looking for a full-sized pick-up truck for donation or purchase. Please contact Stephen Cichy at (815)756-8461 or scichy@oakcrestdekalb.org

Calendar of Events

Board of Trustees

Mike Borden	Rev. Young-Mee Park
Rev. Joseph Gastiger	Brian Scholle
Jack Goodrich	Kathy Spears
Karen Grush	Dick Stokke
Rev. Paul Judd	Dr. Paul Stromborg
Richard Katz	Ann Tucker
Carol Larson	David Van Buren
Dave Louis	Wendy West
Karen Manning	
Linda Mason	<i>Executive Director</i>
Mary Jo McAdams	Stephen Cichy

Thurs., June 22	7:00 pm	Volunteer Recognition "Volunteers Are Stars"
Thurs., July 13	7:00 pm	Annual Ice Cream Social "A Starry Summer Evening"
Sat., Aug. 19	7:00 pm	Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser
Sat., Sept. 23	10 am — 2 pm	7th Annual Art and Craft Fest

Trips & Excursions

August 1-3	Lake Michigan Summer Harvest: Ferry, Dunes & Blueberries
Wed., Aug. 2	"Church Basement Ladies" at the Fireside
Sun., Aug. 6	Ravinia, "A Tribute to Henry Mancini!"
Thurs., Aug. 24	Arlington Race Track
Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Mackinac Island
Sept. 12-20	Grand Hotels of New England
Feb. 15-26	Panama Canal Cruise - Tour

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Mission Statement



The DeKalb Area Retirement Center is a faith based not-for-profit community serving people 62 years and older through a continuum of services enhancing an individual's quality of life.

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