

The Gardens Gazette

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Visit from Felician Services

Felician Village had a wonderful visit from Dr. Michelle Santana of Felician Services Inc from January 11-14.

Dr. Santana is the new Managing Director of Social Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Belonging at Felician Services Inc. She is planning visits to all the ministries of the Felician Sisters to learn how each ministry functions. During her visit at FV, she met with administration

and staff to learn how she can develop programming or enhance existing programming focusing on Catholic Social Teachings, Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Belonging. Those who had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Santana found that she was supportive and very pleased with our mission driven work here. She noted it was clear to see that in our written communications and in our actions, we welcome all people. She even loved the snowstorm!



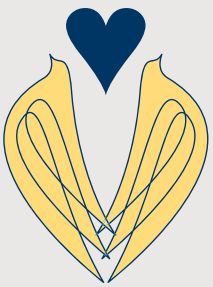
The Felician Village at Home Program is Thriving!



We were recently blessed with grants from two different funders, The Roy and Darlene Geigel Charitable Fund and The Green Bay Packers Foundation, both to support Felician Village at Home.

Helen Koch, one of our earliest members, admits that she is so grateful for the program. "I feel so blessed that Felician Village at Home is available here. Recently, a volunteer helped me with some light housework that I couldn't do on my own, I just didn't feel safe trying to put some things back up on a high shelf, so someone came to my apartment and helped me."

Helen also uses the Felician Village at Home vehicle regularly. "Someone drives me to the beauty shop, or takes me for groceries, or to a quick eye appointment." Helen feels that it's well worth the monthly membership fee to keep her independent and engaged. "This week I'll be visiting a friend. I could not be as active if it weren't for this great program," she added. Another benefit? Helen doesn't have to solely rely on her daughter to take her places that she can use the vehicle for.



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The resident newsletter of The Gardens

Bus Trips

Friday, February 16
Shopping at Aldi
12:30 PM

Friday, February 23
Shopping at Meijer
12:30 PM

Tuesday, February 27
Jenn's Java
11:30 AM

*Please sign up in the
activity binder outside
The Gardens offices.*

February Movies

*All movies begin at 1 PM in
the Glab Lounge.*

Saturday, Feb. 10
Lethal Weapon 3

Saturday, Feb. 17
An American in Paris

Saturday, Feb. 24
Europe '51

We Love our Green Bay Packers!

Residents and their pets
sporting the green and gold
during the great play-off run
by the Packers.
We can't wait til next season.



We are going back in time to 1977-1979 to party with the Ropers!

Landlords to the infamous Three's Company roommates, Jack, Chrissy, and Janet; Helen and Stanley Roper became their own TV sitcom celebrities. Mrs. Roper's symbolism to the spirit of unity, joy, and camaraderie is easily comparable to the desires of our Felician Village residents who wish to remain independent, healthy, active, happy, and engaged.

Why the party? We are raising funds for a much requested and desired pub and patio area at The Gardens. The area will provide additional opportunities for residents, families, staff and community members to gather, which helps keep everyone healthy and well, irrespective of age. Consider this as a FUNdraiser for all of those who enjoy having a good time!

Save the Date Mrs. Roper's Romp



**Friday,
April 19, 2024
from 5-9 p.m.
at the newly
renovated Inn
on Maritime Bay!**

Open to the public!

*Watch for more
details &
ticketing information
coming soon!*

Congratulations CNA Graduates!

On Friday, February 2,
a graduation ceremony was held
in the Blessed Angela Chapel
followed by a reception in the
Village Cafe for the recent CNA
class graduates.

May God bless Lanitra,
Saquora, Yer, Odessa, Anthony
and Jessica, and offer them
support and guidance as they
begin their new roles.



Pictures of Love

We are celebrating Valentine's Day by having residents bring in photos of them and their partners! Residents are really enjoying looking at the photos figuring out residents and looking at everyone's dresses!

Stop by The Gardens library and take a look if you have a chance.



Let's play "secret resident"

- I was one of three children in my family and attended Manitowoc St Andrews and then Lincoln High School.
- As a child I was given violin lessons yet hearing the boys playing baseball outside seemed like more fun. My parents passed on their love of hunting and fishing which was sport and food on the table.
- One night I went to the bar after work and it was a game changer. I met Therese from Oconto. She and her co- worker girlfriends happened to stop at the same bar after a day of work at Mirro. We got along great, yet soon after, I was off to Korea (1950-1953).
- I was an Army medic, and earned Master Sergeant. During that time, Therese and I wrote letters back and forth.
- In 1953, I returned home and married Therese. We were blessed with three sons. Their families live near me today.
- Prior to leaving for the service I was working at Bahr Construction and upon my return was given my job back. I worked my way up to a heavy equipment superintendent requiring travel around the state and countless miles on the company truck.
- My Monday thru Friday construction job gave me the skillset to build my own home on Gass Lake and later a cabin in Dunbar where my boys and I continued our tradition of hunting and fishing. The cabin was on a trout pond where I learned to fly fish and make my own flies.
- I enjoyed my over 10 years as Newton Town Chairman and my time on the Manitowoc County board. After retirement from Bahr Construction I returned for another 8+ years on a part time basis.
- I've lived at Felician Village for over 8 years, and you'll find me in the workshop.

Who Am I?

Answer on page 6.

Valentine's Riddles

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What flower gives the most kisses on Valentine's Day?

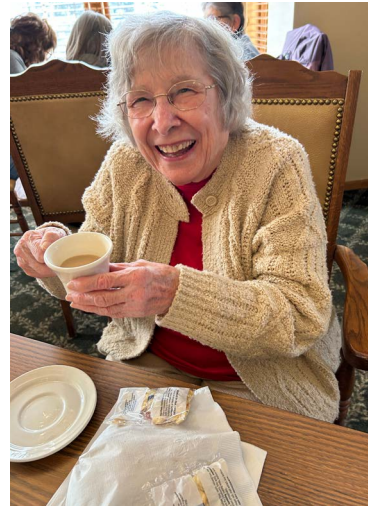
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What did the shoe say to the lace on Valentine's Day?



Chillin with Chili

On January 17 The Gardens held a Chillin' with Chili event. A special shout out to our four co-sponsors, Felician Village Culinary Department, Greenfield Rehabilitation Agency, HomeCare Health Services & Hospice, and Peggy Kadow/Re/Max Port Cities Realtors. Guests taste-tested soups, added on toppings to their liking and then finished lunch with a delicious dessert. Our volunteers did an outstanding job as well, serving guests, cleaning tables and offering to help wherever needed. THANK YOU!



National Hot Chocolate Day

Gardens residents celebrated National Hot Chocolate Day. Each resident brought their favorite mug and filled it with Mexican hot chocolate then enjoyed the company of their fellow residents in the Glab Lounge.



LAST HAPPY HOUR OF JANUARY

The last happy hour in January at The Gardens included Mission Karaoke and a butterscotch schnapps hot toddy sponsored by Home-Care Health Services & Hospice.





Blessed Mary Angela, the foundress of the Felician Sisters, offered a lot of written guidance for her Sisters in their service to those in need around them. As we create our own plans we can consider how what we do meets our own personal mission and goals.

This segment from Blessed Angela's Meditation on the Practice of Virtues

offers some recommendations and wisdom:

“The Saints tried to practice all the virtues; however, they had one predominant one for which they distinguished themselves. And so: Saint John the Baptist was known for his severe penances; Saint Francis, for his poverty; Saint Augustine, for his love of God; Saint Vincent de Paul for his love of neighbor; and Saint Francis de Sales for his gentleness.

As I meditated on what virtue God demands of me, I thought of one for which God always admonishes me, and that is, the love of neighbor, meekness, gentleness, understanding of others, forgetfulness of self, equanimity of disposition and a precise performance of my duties. If Jesus would allow me to carry out that to which he is drawing me, it will make me very happy. I have a special liking for that inconspicuously virtuous life, because, after all, that is the imitation of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth.”

Take a moment to consider the virtue that you believe God is calling you to.

- o What are the things that you do well that would allow you to accomplish that virtue?
- o What do you need to do live out that virtue better?
- o How can you take advantage of aspects of your life that would help you attain that virtue?
- o What keeps you from being able to be described as someone with that virtue?

If making that list was hard, you're not alone! Blessed Angela said: “I am supposed to practice love of neighbor and gentleness but I cannot even manage to make a resolution because what is the use of making the most beautiful promises when I know that I will not keep them.” Let's keep in mind the virtues we want for ourselves and the virtues we want others to see in us.

Blessed Angela said: “Desire more and more to grow in the love of God; holy desires are like wings which transport the soul to heaven.”

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TABLE TALK WITH FV AT HOME

A casual presentation with Lauren Daun,
Supervisor of Felician Village at Home

Thursday, March 14 - 10:30 a.m.

Manitowoc Public Library (Franklin Street Room)
707 Quay Street, Manitowoc



Excellence in Volunteer Service Nominations

It's that time of year again where we have a chance to nominate a volunteer(s) whom you believe matches the criteria for Excellence in Volunteer Service.

We have approximately 60+ volunteers providing services to our residents/staff so it will undoubtedly be challenging to narrow your choice down.

The nomination forms are now available across campus and online. I encourage all of you to make a selection(s) for a well-deserved volunteer!

A special panel of judges will be selected to review all nominations. The deadline to submit a nomination form, to my mailbox, is Friday, March 29th.

The nomination forms can be found at the following locations:

- Front Desk
- Gardens – near the mail boxes
- Café
- The Court – in front of Jeremy's office or online at:

felicianvillage.org/volunteer.html

The 2024 Volunteer Luncheon will be held in the Wisconsin Room on Wednesday, April 24th where the winner will be announced.

Thank you in advance for your participation in making this a special recognition for our volunteers!

Any questions, contact Debbie Pitsch, Volunteer Coordinator, (920) 684-7171, ext. 276 or dpitsch@felicianvillage.org



Happy 100th Birthday

On January 25, 2024, Manitowoc Lincoln High School celebrated it's 100th birthday! Many Felician Village staff and residents are proud Lincoln High School alumni.



Pat, Class of 1957
Dick, Class of 1951



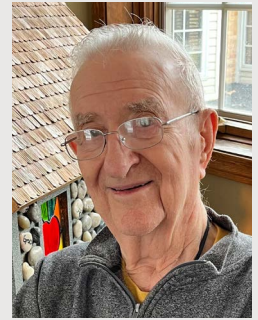
Jerry, Class of 1959



Joanne, Class of 1952



Joannie, Class of 1948
Tanya, Class of 1989



Answer:
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Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Our Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with People in Need
Justice and Peace

Valentine's Day Riddles Answers



1. Olive You
2. Tulips
3. Please be my "sole-mate."



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