

# The Gardens Gazette

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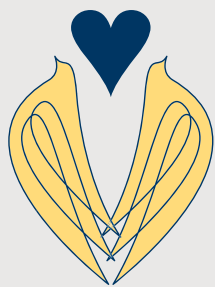
## Celebrating Catholic Sisters Week

Saying "Thank You" is such a small and easy thing to do. I read a reflection on gratitude and wondered if I thank people enough for all that they do. While we don't perform our daily tasks with the expectation of thanksgiving, it is certainly nice to have someone notice on occasion!

Saint Paul began all of his letters with some words of thanksgiving for the community he was writing to (except the Galatians – he wasn't very happy with them!). Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska, the Foundress of the Felician Sisters, also began some of her letters with words of thanks: "In the first place I thank our Lord and then you, Father, for permitting me yesterday to renew the two vows of chastity and obedience." Those words offer a recognition of the gifts she had received from someone else's work. Thank you all for your participation in the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Your generosity will make a difference for so many who are in need of support. The gifts gathered here will go out to the community to offer much needed items for individuals who require assistance. I am so grateful for your willingness to contribute to this drive. We had the occasion this month to offer thanksgiving for our Sisters. Catholic Sisters Week, from March 8-14 each year, gives us an opportunity to show our gratitude for all that the Sisters have done for our community. We had a special prayer service on Monday, March 11 and a lunch time greeting time on Wednesday, March 14. We are just so grateful for all that the Sisters offer to our residents and to our staff. Please continue to pray for Sister Michaelleen, Sister Bernadette, Sister Rosalie, and Sister Bernetta, just as they continue to pray for us all. They are a blessing for us and for the entire community. The legacy of the Felician Sisters of North America continues to be a gift to God's people.

*Barb Spies, OFS, Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care*

*Thank you Felician Village staff and residents for your donations to the local Hygiene Drive. We collected an estimated 600 items to be donated back into our community!*



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## BUS TRIPS

Friday, March 22

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer

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

## March Movies

All movies begin at 1 PM in the Glab Lounge.

Saturday, March 16

WORDS AND MUSIC

Saturday, March 23

The Age of Adaline

Saturday, March 30

The African Queen

## FV at Home Trivia

FV at Home members joined together to play a fun game of Presidential Trivia in honor of Presidents Day. Not only did everyone walk away with a fun new fact about past presidents but they also left feeling a sense of belonging and joy.



Residents and staff made the most of the 2024 bonus day.



We'd be honored if you'd

*Nominate Felician Village!*

### Services

- Assisted/ Senior Living Facility
- Nursing Home
- Retirement/55+ Community

### Beauty/Health

- Memory Care
- Rehab Facility

### Top Employer

- Felician Village



Felician Village



YOU can help Felician Village become #1 for the 15th YEAR IN A ROW in the "Best of the Lakeshore" contest, sponsored by the Herald Times Reporter. The nomination round is now open through March 21st. Scan the QR code and vote once a day!



## Cheese, wine and everything is fine!

The Gardens residents sipped a variety of wines, tasted cheeses, and enjoyed little chocolates to savor the wine. Volunteers and family members of FV residents, Jim and Kathy, are wine connoisseurs and wine makers from Appleton.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort they put into this event. All the attendees had a blast and learned a lot! Like this fun takeaway, "The 5 'S's" of wine:

- 1-see the wine
- 2-swirl the wine
- 3-sniff the wine
- 4-sip the wine
- 5-sit back and savor



### Let's play "secret resident"

- The oldest of two daughters.
- My parents rented a farm in Racine, then eventually bought a 60 acre farm. My mom milked the cows, while dad worked at Massey Ferguson.
- My father taught me "boy" stuff because he considered me the "son" of the family.
- As a tiny first grader, I could drive a tractor, yet needed to stand driving the pickup truck.
- Like most children of the time, I walked to a one room schoolhouse. High school was a culture shock.
- With mom tending to the farm, my grandmother taught me sewing and how to make my clothing which led to 4-H for years.
- My work on the farm included gardening, canning, baking and tending to my younger sister.
- As a child, my father and I took a daily early morning drive to the Sturtevant camp to pick up POWs for work on our farm for the day. Mom directed the German men of their tasks in the fields. When the work was complete, a home cooked meal in our home was provided to the POWs. An armed guard sat by a tree during the day and thought he would enter our home with his gun. No way! Mom, a woman of tiny stature said, "If the men didn't run away while working on the farm, they will not escape while eating around my table?" No gun inside my house. Word spread at camp about the Hahneman Farm which created men ready to work when the morning pickup truck arrived.
- After chores, and sewing projects, I was given permission to take a bike ride with the "boy next door."
- I went to college in Kansas City for 1.5 years but returned home because my mom was sick.
- I married the boy next door in 1964 and raised two sons.
- I've always loved to sing. I have done decorating for weddings and events and still enjoy creating.
- My husband's job moved us to Manitowoc in 1991.
- I loved my involvement with Touched Twice.
- Celebrating my 60th Wedding Anniversary and 2nd year at the Gardens!

Who Am I?

*Answer on page 6.*





The Gardens held its annual Valentine's Gala in February. Residents and guests sipped champagne, enjoyed the company around them and took in the sounds of entertainer, Jim Ohlschmidt. The Felician Village Culinary Department did an outstanding job prepping, preparing and serving a delicious meal.



## *Last Call...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 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](https://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](mailto:dpitsch@felicianvillage.org).

**The deadline to submit a nomination form is Friday, March 29th.**

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# President's Column

As we journey through the month of Easter, I am filled with a sense of renewal and hope, and I trust that this sentiment resonates deeply with each of you. Our mission to provide compassionate care rooted in the values of our faith is significant, especially during this sacred time of the year. We praise and thank the Lord our Savior for all the blessings he has bestowed on us at Felician Village this Easter.



I appreciate many of you taking the time to attend the Felician Village Campus Town Hall meetings held recently. I look forward to receiving your thoughts and incorporating resident feedback into the Felician Village strategic plan. Your perspectives provide valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for us. As we move forward with our planning and budget process for the new year which starts July 1, 2024, we will use your perspectives to help align Felician Village for strategic and financial growth and success. Thank you to our Board of Directors for their time and talents to help guide our strategic plan and budget.

We will celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-13. We are honored to have these dedicated and devoted Felician Sisters on our campus interacting with our residents and staff. Thank you, Sisters, Bernadette, Bernetta, Michaeleen, and Rosalie- for your continued spiritual guidance, hard work, and everlasting love of God and the Felician Community.

May this Lenten season provide you and your loved ones an opportunity for reflection followed by the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter.

*Luke J. Schubert*

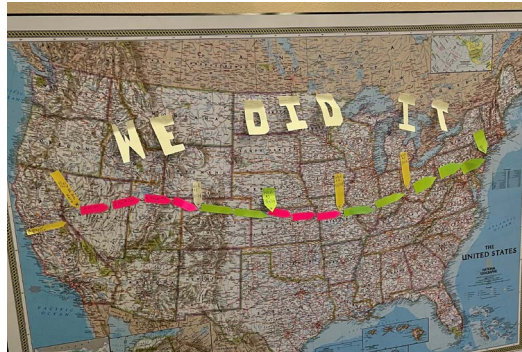
Luke Schubert,  
President/CEO

## Walk Across America

The Gardens residents had the opportunity to participate in Walk Across America during the winter months. A great idea to keep them active and on the move.

- 58 Garden Residents participated
- 7,517,610 steps (3,759 miles) San Francisco to New York City
- Goal accomplished in 42 days

Residents celebrated with homemade "buckeyes" made by a group of resident bakers!



# Mrs. Roper's Romp

Friday, April 19, 2024

5 - 9 p.m.

Inn on Maritime Bay

101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc

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!

### Open to the public!

Tickets for the "Mrs. Roper's Romp" event are available to purchase:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,  
Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
at Felician Village reception desk

OR online at:

[felicianvillage.org/mrs-ropers-romp.html](https://felicianvillage.org/mrs-ropers-romp.html)

*Raffle Prizes Needed!*



We are seeking donations of raffle prizes or raffle baskets for the event.

If interested in donating please contact Megan B. at [mbruckschen@felicianvillage.org](mailto:mbruckschen@felicianvillage.org).

*Esther provided this photo as well. She is the little girl standing and the men around her are POWs.*



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## Music Therapy at Felician Village

March 1 was recognized as World Music Therapy Day. In 2020, Felician Village began a music therapy program guided by a certified music therapist with funding from donors. We are unique in the area in this offering.



Music therapy uses interventions to accomplish individualized goals. The music therapist will gather information about the resident through referrals and conversations with staff and will conduct an assessment to figure out the needs of that individual. Then they will set up their plan for meeting those needs. Some examples of goals are: to utilize cognitive ability, to increase verbal communication and self-expression, elevate mood, decrease anxiety, and decrease isolation while increasing engagement.

Initially there was a music therapist who was on-site, but then the pandemic hit and we needed to figure out a way to continue virtually. So, a FV pastoral care associate acts as the interventionist for the virtual music therapist. She brings the computer into the resident's room, connects to the music therapist on zoom, and they begin their session. They have some conversation and then move right into music. The interventionist supplies any physical items to assist with the session to provide additional sensory input, and for the resident to work on range of motion and attention to the music. The therapist knows the best kind of music and elements of music to implement for that individual in order to meet their needs.

Music therapy is one of the most powerful interventions FV offers. 100% of residents who have used music therapy have benefited from it.

### 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



**March 31, 2024**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16*

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