

The Gardens Gazette

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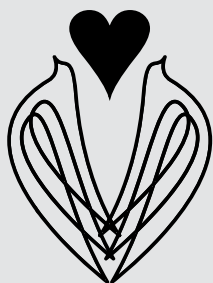
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Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

celebrate CENTENARIANS



We celebrated four incredible residents who recently turned 100 years young. Together, we gathered for a beautiful Mass and were honored to welcome Mayor Justin Nickels, who joined us in recognizing these remarkable centenarians and this extraordinary milestone. Reaching 100 years is a rare blessing. Each of these residents has lived a century filled with faith, love, resilience, and countless memories, leaving a lasting impact on their families, friends, and our Felician Village community. It was a privilege to celebrate their lives and the legacy they continue to share each day. Please join us in congratulating these amazing centenarians! What a gift it is to celebrate a century of lives so beautifully lived.

THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S STARTS WITH YOU.



Walk to End ALZ Saturday, September 26

Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA, 205 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc

8:30 AM Event Opens | 9:40 AM Opening Ceremony | 10:00 AM Walk Begins

Scan the QR code to learn more about joining the Felician Village team and raising funds!



Resident meeting

Resident meetings are moving to once a quarter.

The new schedule will be:

January

April

July

October

3rd Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

Please watch the monthly newsletters for regular updates or memos posted on the bulletin boards.



Reminder, if you have an email address and you would like to

receive Gardens communications via email, please update with Tanya in the Gardens office.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



Thursday, Sept. 3
8:30 a.m. FREE Ride
\$18.00/ ticket

**Rescheduled Shalom
Wildlife Zoo/Sanctuary +
Golf Cart ride at zoo**

Tuesday, Sept. 8
11:30 a.m. FREE!
Festival or Meijer

Friday, Sept. 18
12:30 p.m. FREE!
**Hobby Lobby, Ollie's &
Family Dollar**

Tuesday, Sept. 22
11:30 a.m. FREE!
Piggly Wiggly

Friday, Sept. 25
12:30 p.m. \$8.00 Ride
**National Shrine of our Lady
of Champion and
Spirituality Center**

Saturday, Sept. 26
9:30 a.m. FREE!
Walk to End ALZ

**Please sign up in the
activity binder outside
the Gardens office.**

CANCELED

**August 21
Block Party**

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

August Question: *This or That?*

Ice Cream or Popsicles

Lake Day or Pool Day

Concert or Movie

Road Trip or StayCation

A "Question of the Month" will be posted on the table near the mailboxes. Simply fill out a slip, and your responses may be featured in next month's newsletter.

July Question: *If you could relive one summer day from your life, which day would you choose and why?*

"My favorite summer days were in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan when projects were completed, to spend the day on the lake kayaking or canoeing or just floating & watching the eagles soar on the air currents on a warm, cloudless day."

- Eunice Waack

"A day in the park. It was my grandson's high school graduation luncheon. The weather was perfect. My family was all together, even my great granddaughter! Who could ask for anything more."

- Joyce Robbins

"Fourth of July at Crystal Lake Cottage. It was warm & always had family & friends. Lots of food, friendships and usually super weather. Wear swimsuit all day

long and swim, water ski, windsail, kayak or canoe around the lake.

Would like to go back one more time."

- Jan Steber

"I would love to go back to 1987 - when I put together a ZAK family picnic. I rented the big cabin at Lincoln Park. ZAK was my mom's maiden name. We had about 125 people attend plus my family. Most of the relatives have died since then."

- Janice Hanson

"I remember my first brand new blue 1957 Buick special. This causes one to laugh as Joan and I lived humbly in a rental flat and my wife feared we'd look like we were showing off."

- Don Schanke

"I was 15 years old. I was an only child. My parents went to visit with a neighbor. It was about 1 PM and I decided to take our work horses for a ride. I put on her horse collar. There was not a saddle. I went up the railroad tracks to Long Lake, about a two mile ride. I did not want to go into Long Lake, but the horse did. I cannot swim and in we go for about 15 minutes. The horse loved it. Finally it decided to leave, so we dried off on the way back to our farm. My parents never found out about the trip. Naughty, but safe."

-Ken Schwanke

"It is fun to remember the centennial date, 1948, when Wisconsin was 100 years a part of the USA. Each country school in Manitowoc celebrated many nations. The one I was in celebrated Holland and I was in costume and could dance in proper garb and Dutch shoes."

- Anonymous

"When I was 10 years old I saved my allowance and babysitting money for a horse back ride around Loon Lake near Shawano. My sister and girl friends were along. I was given the last horse, a grey mare. It was a two hour ride & the trail was dusty. I was very 'dusty' at the end of the ride. So I asked the guide, 'Why was my horse last?' He said, 'Your horse kicks!' A dip in the lake was very necessary after that ride!"

- Barbara Ruffell

Young Hearts, Big Impact

Students from Faith Church and Hope Community Church spent time on the FV campus pulling weeds, playing games and sharing quality time with our residents. They made such a positive impact!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2—Joann Erhardt

5 - Glenn Schulz

- Pat Holler

14 - Theresa Toedter

18 - David Feile

20 - Dan Kleckner

24 - Lynn Wagner

25 - Rev. Richard Klingeisen

31 - Helen Koch

SOUNDS OF SUMMER
FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS
Open to the Public

Wednesday, September 2
6 - 7 p.m.
Bobby Darren & Sheila Marie Country Show

The Gardens, 1700 S. 18th St., Manitowoc, WI
Food & beverages available for purchase from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FV Gardens summer concerts sponsored by Nicolet NATIONAL BANK

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AUGUST

6 - Don & Joan Schanke

21 - David & Annette Feile

SEPTEMBER

7 - Dennis & Rochelle Salzman

23 - Jerome & Germaine Krueger

July Question of the Month continued

"When I was born, July 14, 1944. When I married my wife on July 3, 1968. When I would have off from my job for two weeks in July because of a shutdown."

- Jim Bursek

"When I spent the whole week at the county fair with my friends. We rode rides, played games & chased boys. We didn't have a care in the world."

- Megan Bruckschen, Chief Marketing & Strategy Officer

"Going to Marriot's Great America (Six Flags over Illinois) when my kids were little...Any problems in life disappeared & there were no clocks - it was like you were in a different world & life was good & fun!"

- Sandy Bursek

"When all of our family would get together at my grandparents on Sundays and play outside with all my cousins - Plus I LOVED Six Flags every summer with my brother and parents."

- Pam Kuczynski (Jim & Sandy's Daughter)

"If I could relive a treasured summer day, it would be up at the lake in Park Falls riding in the pontoon boat with our family and all the dogs. Anchored in the middle of the lake, the scene was peaceful and serene. Spotting the loons and listening to their calls turned any day into magic." - Renee Thompson, Fund Development Manager

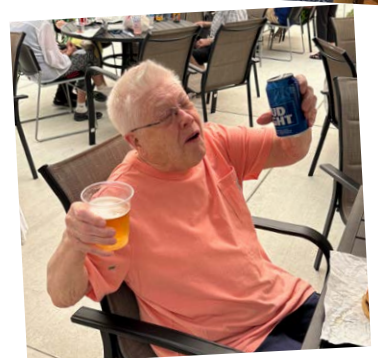
The Gardens Garden Club

The Gardens Garden Club Crew has been hard at work helping our flowers and gardens flourish all month long. One of their favorite traditions? Fertilizer Fridays!



The Del Ray's

The Del Ray's provided an awesome summer concert on the patio in July. From the hits of the '50s, '60s, and '70s, it was a night filled with great music and wonderful company!



President's Column

As we begin another fiscal year, our Board of Directors has approved the 2027 budget after careful planning and consideration. Like organizations across the country, Felician Village continues to experience rising costs due to inflation, including increases in wages, utilities, insurance, food, medical supplies, and other essential services. Even with these challenges, our commitment remains the same: to provide high-quality care, maintain and improve our campus facilities and services, and invest in meaningful improvements that enhance the lives of those we serve at Felician Village.

This August marks an exciting milestone as Felician Village celebrates 139 years of serving our community. Since 1887, we've remained dedicated to adapting to the changing needs of older adults while staying true to our mission and core values. As we celebrate this anniversary, we're also looking ahead and beginning plans to commemorate our 140th anniversary in 2027, a remarkable achievement that we can't wait to celebrate with all of you.

I hope you'll join us for our annual Family Fest on Thursday, August 13th. It's a wonderful opportunity for residents, families, staff, and volunteers of Felician Village to come together for an afternoon of food, entertainment, fellowship, and fun. Events like these remind us that our community is about so much more than the buildings on our campus, it's about the people and relationships that make Felician Village feel like home. I will also be in the dunk tank that afternoon, in the good spirit of fun!

I'm also pleased to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, Felician Village has added a new wheelchair-accessible transportation van in addition to our Chevy Equinox and bus. Both the bus and van were 100% donor funded thanks to the kindness of so many of our generous supporters and advocates. The new van will provide transportation for residents who are non-ambulatory, helping them safely access medical appointments and other essential outings. In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more information about transportation services, how to schedule rides, and opportunities to attend an information session.

Thank you for your continued trust in caring for yourselves and your loved' ones. Together, we continue to build on nearly 140 years of compassionate service while preparing for an exciting future.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



Mission Message

Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. I'm thinking especially about the verse that speaks of a

time to plant and a time to uproot. I came here three years ago and found a wonderful ministry in which to plant myself. Everything was new and different for me, having come from a university setting for the twenty previous years. Even the Manitowoc community was new for me, as I live in the greater Milwaukee area. I found that there was a caring community in this space of Felician Village that allowed me to be planted and that even watered and cared for me.

Now is the time to uproot. I have accepted a new role in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This new path is in formation for deacons. It brings me back to my roots of teaching. It incorporates my work as a Franciscan to form and guide the paths of others. And it is at a location that is so much closer to my home.

I want to thank you all for welcoming me into this ministry and this Felician family without reservation. I am so appreciative of your willingness to walk with me and to support me. You have shown me ways of expressing God's love for all people that I had not experienced before. I am so very grateful for these three years with you all, for the smiles, for the kind words, for the time spent praising God together.

As I head back to the Milwaukee area for my next mission, know that I am keeping you all in my prayers. The mission of Felician Village is strong and is well lived out by staff and residents alike. You care for each other in community, checking in on your neighbors, serving each other, and holding each other up in prayer. The values of the Felician Sisters resonate in this place. Blessed Mary Angela said that she wished she could multiply herself a thousand times and travel to all parts of the world bringing God's love and mercy to all. All that you do in this place answers her prayer. Peace be with you all.

Written by Barb Spies, OFS,
Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care

Sweet Treats Are On the Way!

August 18

1 - 2 p.m.

Court Parking Lot

2 - 3 p.m.

St. Mary's
(Division Street)



In Loving Remembrance
July 2026

Eugene "Gene" Bloedorn, St. Mary's



Thank You
for voting us **THE BEST**
the past 17 years!

WHERE GOOD TIMES GATHER

Residents from all living areas have been gathering at The Pub to enjoy cold drinks, great conversation, and time with friends.



Sorry We're
CLOSED

The Gardens Office
will be closed:
Monday Sept. 7

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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

President & CEO
Luke Schubert

Chief Marketing & Strategy Officer
Megan Bruckschen

Executive Office Manager
Kim Christoffel, *Editor*

Meet Me at The Pub!



Sip, socialize, and enjoy an afternoon beverage with fellow residents!

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday in August

(Closed Thursday, August 13 due to Family Fest)

Cash bar or residents can use their food accounts to purchase.



**PACKER/PUB
PARTY**

**Sunday,
September
20**

**11:30 a.m.
The Pub**