



Oak Hills Living Center

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Residents Enjoy Participating in Various Activities



Top left: Erma Zahn exercises on the NuStep machine in assisted living. Erma will celebrate her 110th birthday this April!

Top right: The new deli space is open and ready for visitors!

Insert: Staff photo.

Left: Elaine plays the new keyboard in assisted living





Candas' Column

Candas Schouvieller,
Administrator
Oak Hills Living Center

We are proud to report that we opened our new cafeteria on January 22nd. It has been a great addition to our facility. We have received many compliments and we are very pleased with the number of people who have visited us. We are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Stop in and check it out the daily specials. We also offer take home freezer meals each month. The area where our old deli was, will now host the Oak Hills Gift Shop.

Our activities department will host an intern for a few months. We are very excited help a student who is interested in this type of work. We always seem to get great ideas from our interns as well. Oak Hills has also partnered with local kindergarten classes. They will be visiting a few times a month and doing activities with the residents.

Several employees from Oak Hills Living Center attended Leading Age Institute in February at the Civic Center in St. Paul. Staff had opportunities to listen to motivational speakers, attend learning sessions, check out new products, and network with others in our industry. Oak Hills had the honor of being a presenter at one of the breakout sessions, and was one of three organizations invited to present on different approaches to new employee mentoring. We discussed the benefits of the mentoring program, retention rates, and employee satisfaction with the onboarding process. The Living Center also was awarded a workforce grant to hire two Team Lead positions for our afternoon shift. The focus of the new Team Leads will be new employee mentoring and ensuring our new hires receive good training so that they feel confident in the care they are providing to our residents.

Oak Hills Memorial Foundation has granted Oak Hills Living Center money for a new sound system in our Chapel and Hillside Haven. This will be a wonderful addition for our church services and all of the entertainment we host in our building.

The Memorial Foundation has also wrapped up their annual bowling fundraiser. Once again, it was a huge success. We are thankful for the community

support we continue to receive. This year we raised funds for a walking path outside the Living Center. Our residents love to be outside as much as possible. We want to create a safe, smooth pathway where residents can go for a walk or family members can push loved ones in wheelchairs.

The next big event the Oak Hills Memorial Foundation will be planning is the Frolics which is scheduled for Friday, May 4th at the Best Western with a theme of "Cinco de Mayo". It should be a fun evening! If you are interested in participating or sponsoring this event, please contact Oak Hills at 507-233-0800.

Changes Are Coming for Our Gift Shop

Well, the March winds have been blowing quite a bit over the last few months. Winds bring change and that can be a good thing! The Oak Hills Auxiliary is in the early stages of making some changes too. We will continue to operate the Gift Shop, although the shop will be undergoing some changes to provide a better shopping experience for residents and visitors alike. The Card Rack will change inventory and location but the quality products we offer will not change. Our auxiliary volunteers will continue to provide assistance to the staff of Oak Hills for as many events as possible, such as Fine Dining, Birthday Parties, etc. The change in reporting means that Rachal Becker will be the coordinator to make sure that staff get the support they need.

One thing that isn't changing is the excitement we have for the annual Ice Cream Social that will take place this year on Wednesday, July 11, 2018! Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this fun event. More details will follow at a later date. We will keep you informed about other changes as we continue to work with the staff of Oak Hills Living Center to maintain the high-quality facility that our community enjoys.

-Patty Matthews, Chair, Oak Hills Auxiliary

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Bowling Classic Is a Big Success

The Oak Hills Memorial Foundation hosted the 15th Annual Bowling Classic fundraiser on Monday, February 12th. This event started the first few years raising funds to help buy electric beds, followed by a handicap-accessible van. The goal this year was to help pave a wheelchair-accessible walkway around the entire Living Center. In addition to bowling, the event included a silent auction, a live auction, and a fantastic meal prepared by Oak Hills' own Gutes Essen Deli and Catering. Special thanks to Joe Maidl for donating his auctioneering expertise! Live auction items included a beautiful area rug from New Ulm Furniture and a Ducks Unlimited print from United Prairie Bank.



We are extremely grateful for all of our sponsors. Special thanks go to our "Kingpin" level sponsors: Citizens Bank Minnesota, and Farasyn Construction; and to our "Strike" level sponsors: Alliance Bank, Bank Midwest, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Frandsen Bank & Trust - Wealth Management, United Prairie Bank, Full Service Electric, LeadingAge Minnesota Solutions, Community Insurance Agency, Fischer Law PA, Horizon Agency Inc, and MR Paving. The Bowling Classic would not have been as successful were it not for the generosity of Thrivent Financial who again awarded us action funds this year. And we are very grateful to Concordia Lanes in New Ulm for hosting this event.



Another big "thank you" goes to our committee members who make this event possible. And we extend our thanks to everyone who attended; your participation is important to the Foundation and to Oak Hills. Mark your calendars now for next year's event, February 11, 2018!

-Kathy Austinson, Consulting Director, Oak Hills Memorial Foundation



Residents get ready to celebrate Valentine's Day by making decorations with help from our excellent volunteers.

Upcoming Events:

March

- 3 2:00 Puppy Love Therapy Dogs
- 7 5:15 Wine and Dine
- 10 2:00 Nick Stadick
- 14 9:00 Eagles 4 Preschool
- 14 1:00 Eagles 4 Preschool
- 17 10:00 Robbi Koons
- 20 2:00 CAST Choir
- 28 6:30 Jeff Franta
- 29 4:00 Memorial Service
- 30 3:45 Lenten Sing-Along

Other activities coming in March: A resident performance of Irish songs with handbells, an Irish sing-along, coloring Easter eggs, and other Irish and Easter crafts.

We have begun a new partnership with the Kindergarten classes at Washington Learning Center. They have been visiting regularly and doing activities with our residents.

Updates will be added to the events calendar on the Oak Hills Living Center website.

Note: Be sure to check the calendar online at www.oakhillsnewulm.com/events/ for the most up-to-date information. As events are scheduled or exact dates are determined, the online calendar is updated. Contact Rachal Becker at 507-233-0819 for more information.

April

- 3 2:00 Tom and Aggie
- 11 9:00 Eagles 4 Preschool
- 11 1:00 Eagles 4 Preschool

Other April activities will include: bus outings, Earth day, celebrating Volunteers' month.



Catherine Hagen with amaryllis flowers in the Assisted Living area. It was blooming in 7 weeks, and is growing rapidly everyday.

We have had many groups of students from preschool to college that have made homemade cards, come in for visits, completed school projects here, and have done other activities with us! We are very thankful to see their smiling faces and have the interaction. Thanks to all the community for their support.

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Volunteer

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