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THE Community MONITOR



A LETTER FROM SR. ANGELICA

“All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go.....”

We have celebrated Thanksgiving and now November gives way to the special month of December. The season of Advent gives us time to prepare our hearts and homes for the Birth of Christ on Christmas; we also get ready to bring the year 2022 to conclusion and welcome 2023. God has blessed us personally as well as St. Monica's Home in many ways and we give thanks to God for everything, also for all that was not so easy. But compared to what is going on in the world, we can only give praise and thanks.

Many good things happened during this year, I mention only a few. Just a few weeks ago, St. Monica's won the Best of Racine. Many people again showed their appreciation and supported the Home through generous donations. We were able to purchase a new bus and a special transport van for our community members. The Sisters want to thank our leadership, staff, Board members, volunteers, friends and benefactors for their loving care and support of our community members. We wish you all a grace-filled Advent Season, a blessed and merry Christmas and all the best for a happy and healthy New Year in 2023!

COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Remember we have our very own cookbooks for sale with homemade recipes from staff, our community members and their families. It makes the perfect gift for only \$20. Please see the front desk to purchase.

Ellie's Sugar Cookies By: Eloise Kerkow

Dough Ingredients:

1 c. powdered sugar
1 c. granulated sugar
1 c. butter
1 c. vegetable oil
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
4 c. flour (plus 4 Tbsp.)
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cream of tartar

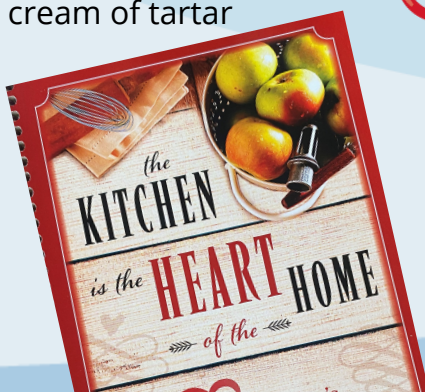
Frosting Ingredients:

1 stick of butter
1/4 c. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 box powdered sugar

Cream sugars and butters. Add oil and cream well; add eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Sift dry ingredients together. Add. Makes soft dough. Chill dough. Roll into small balls. (You will find your best amount).

Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down with small glass dipped in sugar (important). Bake at 375°F for about 12 minutes or until golden brown. When cool, frost, if desired (delicious plain, too).

Frosting: Slowly melt over low heat, 1 stick of butter, milk, and vanilla. Add powdered sugar; stir and mix well. Frost cookies. Enjoy!



Core Value Award



Ty Bolden

Integrity: Demonstrating honesty, truth, and reliability in actions and decisions.

How long have you worked for St. Monica's?

"I have worked here for 3 years and 4 months."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I enjoy sketching and braiding hair. I enjoy being a mom to my beautiful kids and love to spend time with my family."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?

"I'm always meeting new people and I feel like I learn something new each day."

What are some things on your bucket list?

"I want to fly to Paris and visit the Eiffel Tower."

Community Member of the Month

Family: 5 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren

Early Years & Hobbies: I enjoy watching college basketball, I used to coach at Park High school. I enjoy fishing and watching the Green Bay Packers. Larry also is a fantastic cook, he makes the best chicken noodle soup and chili. He's an avid reader and he loves mysteries.

Former Career: I worked at Spin Craft in Racine for 24 years.

Fondest Memory : "Coaching for my kids' basketball team and being an announcer at their school."



Larry Weisbrod

What's Happening?

12 Days of Christmas!



- Monday 12th** - Christmas Party with Brandon Covelli, special treats
- Tuesday 13th** - Paint and Sip & Paul Bauman's Christmas Special
- Wednesday 14th** - Gingerbread House Making
- Thursday 15th** - Christmas Cupcake Wars
- Friday 16th** - Ugly Sweater Day and Target Outing
- Saturday 17th** - Christmas Party with Kelly, Treats, Games & Prizes
- Sunday 18th** - Snowman Bowling
- Monday 19th** - Bill Performs his Christmas Special
- Tuesday 20th** - Kay's Special Church Service & Jingle Bingo \$1 Games
- Wednesday 21st** - St. Rita's Choir & Christmas Craft with RAM
- Thursday 22nd** - Charlie & Catherine Perform & Candy Cane Bingo
- Friday 23rd** - Warm Cookies and Hot Cocoa Bar

We are Best of Racine

winners in the following categories:

1. Best Assisted Living
2. Best Memory Care
3. Best Senior Care Services
4. Best Physical Therapist Kelly Bardosy, DPT

We are also honored to be named Hometown Favorite in the Best Place to Work and Best Employer (Greater than 50 Employees)!

Many CONGRATS to Dr. Michael Pothen (St. Monica's Visiting Physician from Aurora Health Care) for winning Best Physician and Best General Practitioner.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who voted!



Administrative Professional's Month

Administrative Professional's month is observed annually to show appreciation for administrative teams everywhere. A strong administration is absolutely essential for maintaining office decorum and seamless day-to-day operations. Make sure to stop and thank these lovely women for everything they do when you see them!

"I love my job because everyone shares the same vision and is dedicated to the mission."
-Val Hines

"My motto is *If you can make a difference everyday in some small way, then the day has been worthwhile.* I do that here by assisting community members and guests. I take time to make that human connection that is absent in so many areas today."
-Pam Hargrove



Left to Right: Stephanie, Kathy, Val, Pam, Barb, & Dana



OAK LANE

NEWSLETTER



Q&A with Tasha Booth, our Memory Care LPN!

What do you like to do in your free time? I love to play piano, draw/paint, and read in my free time. Sometimes my community members get to enjoy my piano playing when I am working and I have some down time. In the summers, I enjoy going to car shows with my fiancé and planning trips to travel. I really would like to visit Ireland and Finland.

What do you like most about your job? What I love most about my job is that I am reminded daily that the Memory Care unit takes a special person to be able to work at. I am proud that St. Monica's chose me to be a nurse here, and that I get to be a shoulder for families who struggle with the challenging changes that can be seen throughout Memory Care.

School background? I graduated from Palmyra-Eagle High School in 2011, where I received my CNA license my senior year. Back in 2013, I attended The Art Institute of Milwaukee for a year trying to get my degree in Graphic Design. Working my job as a CNA and alongside the nurses, I was motivated to become a nurse instead with the support I received around me. My first CNA job was on a medical floor at Waukesha Memorial Hospital for 4 years. From there, I wanted more experience and transferred down to the ICU for a year. This was when I started school at Herzing University for my nursing degree. In the ICU, I became a tech, was able to experience the emergency department and performing blood draws and being in charge of removing femoral sheaths. These experiences I am proud to have been a part of, but I didn't see myself in that type of work forever.

I ended up moving to Madison where I completed my last full year of being a CNA at the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital. This position allowed me to finish nursing school with their flexibility in work schedules. I worked in the ICU there as well, part-time night shifts, and took on a part-time day job helping families in their homes who were on hospice due to terminal cancer.

Family? I have one brother named Cody who is a year older than me and lives in West Virginia. My dad lives in Adams Friendship and I have 1 daughter who is 8 years old. My fiancé and I will be married in July of next year, 2023. He is my high school sweetheart.

Interesting Facts? I always wanted to work with children/adults in Oncology. While having this dream of working in Oncology, I unfortunately had my experience caring for my mom. I cared for her through her chemo treatments and through hospice care. When she passed, I was hired here at St. Monica's and felt I was placed exactly where I needed to be at the right time.



Know Your Rights

Right to reasonable accommodations of individual needs and preferences. In cases where resident rights may be in conflict, St. Monica's along with residents, must strive to find a balance of rights.



December Birthdays

Remy Carmona 3rd (S)
Ellaina Palacios 9th (S)
Jada Klyce 10th (S)
Lorraine DiPasquale 13th (CM)
Barb Tracy 13th (CM)
Diana Mendizabal 18th (S)
Jack Lichter 20th (S)
Susan Croak 21st (S)
Elizabeth Lisowski 21st (S)
Nicole Overstreet 24th (S)
Elizabeth Sanders 25th (S)
Joyce Schmitt 27th (CM)
Debra Monroe 27th (S)
Grace Manchester 29th (CM)
Ross Gietzel 30th (S)

Christmas Word Search



Santa	stocking	carols	bauble
sleigh	tree	wreath	snowman
reindeer	star	presents	elf

Staff Anniversaries

Ross Gietzel 5 years
Sharon Mellberg 4 years
Laura Maldonado 4 years
Josephine Strutz 3 years
Lora Mayweather 2 years
Jennifer Owens 2 years



Useful Information

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