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Rosewood on Broadway

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AND BLESSING OF THE NEW ADDITION



On February 11, 2016 we celebrated the opening of the new addition with a Mass, followed by a blessing of the Berg Family Addition by Bishop Folda and a ribbon-cutting ceremony with several ambassadors from the Chamber of Commerce.

I received some great feedback on how nice the lounge areas and resident rooms provide a home-like space for the residents. Thanks again to everyone that has helped to get the new addition up and running...it has taken a lot of hard work from all staff.



SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT

One of our top priorities is the safety of the residents of Rosewood. Rosewood on Broadway is home to 125 residents as well as clients that attend our adult day program- Rainbow Square. For the safety of residents, clients and visitors, it is important for us to know who is visiting and in some cases why. Visitors can be family members, volunteers, clergy, friends of residents, vendors, or many other people visiting the facility.

Long gone are the days when communities can claim, "We don't need to worry; we're in a safe place". Violent threats and acts can happen anywhere, at any time. Therefore we will be implementing on April 15, 2016 a Visitor Sign-In procedure. Upon entering the building, we ask that you sign-in on our Visitor Log and sign out when you leave. In the event of an emergency, this log will allow us to know who is in the building.



We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause; but it is necessary and will help to maintain a safe environment. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MEET EVELYN SKRIEN...

I have had the pleasure of hearing many of the residents' life stories and thought I would share them with you. I hope you enjoy! **Jill Freed – Resident Programming Manager & Julie Tschider – Rainbow Square Manager**



Evelyn was born on August 23, 1914 to Alma and John Jorgenson in Devil's Lake, ND. She was their one and only child. Living in the country as an only child did get lonely at times, but Evelyn had her beloved doll named Snickerfritz and her dog named Buff to keep her company.

While growing up, Evelyn remembers her dad having to hook up his team of horses to the covered wagon whenever her family wanted to go anywhere. It was at least a two mile trek to reach civilization. Evelyn also remembers how good her mom's cooking was and that she loved to make quilts.

Evelyn and her family moved to Alborn, MN where Evelyn attended a country school house through the 8th grade. While in high school, Evelyn joined the girls' basketball team. Evelyn also took part in the Girl's Glee Club. Her group was so good they won the Silver Loving Cup during a singing competition.



It was at the age of 22 when Evelyn met the love of her life, Oscar Skrien. Age was not a factor in their relationship, Oscar was 15 years older than Evelyn and still she said "it was sort of love at first sight." They courted for one year and were married in Duluth, MN in 1937. Their wedding vows were exchanged at the pastor's home with Evelyn's parents as witnesses.

And so, Evelyn and Oscar started their joyous life together as husband and wife. They moved to the town of Ulen, MN where their adventure together continued. Oscar was a farmer and Evelyn was able to jump right in with the duties that came with being a farmer's wife. She watched her mother do it before her, so she knew a bit of what to expect. What she was unfamiliar with was driving, but it didn't take long for Oscar to teach Evelyn how great driving a car can feel!

Life in the farming business was not easy, but Evelyn and Oscar worked together as a team. If being a farmer's wife, milking the cows, gardening, canning and baking wasn't enough, Evelyn was a mother as well. She and Oscar had 5 children, Jim, Oslyn, Eileen, Shirley and Sharon, who brought them much joy and provided some help on the farm as well.

As the years went on, Evelyn took on many roles in her community in Ulen. She was a member of the Parent Teacher Association and 4-H. She also took part in Circle and volunteered as a Ladies' Aid at Ulen Lutheran Church. In Evelyn's later years she worked at the Ulen Lunch Counter and the Lefsa Factory in town.

After 40 years of marriage, Evelyn's husband Oscar passed away. In January of 2013 Evelyn attended Rainbow Square the Adult Daycare here at Rosewood 3 days a week. Since January of 2015 Evelyn has been a full time resident here at Rosewood. Evelyn's vision of life and living are clear and inspirational to all who meet her. Evelyn will turn 102 years of age this coming August, her mother lived until the age of 103 and Evelyn is looking to do the same. No matter how many years Evelyn has left, she will live a bright and vibrant life, looking forward to the day she is reunited with Oscar. Evelyn was reunited with Oscar on March 17, 2016

VISITING THE SICK

During this year of Mercy, the Holy Father Pope Francis, has asked us to focus especially on performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These are not new, but have been taught by Jesus, himself, proclaimed in the Scriptures, and taught by the Church throughout its history. Due to the fact that we are weak and sometimes forgetful, the Church periodically reminds us of our responsibilities so that we can faithfully carry them out.

The work of mercy that I want to give special attention today is to “visit the sick.” It includes several of the others and certainly includes visits to the elderly and the service and cares we give them. First of all, I will mention a Scripture or two and then we will briefly discuss the visits themselves.



In Matthew Chapter 25 Jesus makes it clear that we have a serious moral obligation to care for our neighbor. So important is it that he makes our eternal salvation dependent upon our service. He says, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked, and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Vs 35b-40). As we scroll down to verse 45 and 46, we hear him say, likewise, “Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Thankfully, here at Rosewood, we are blessed to have many wonderful families who faithfully visit their elderly and sick loved ones.

A more specific and direct admonition is given to the Elders of the Jews by Jesus. He states, “For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘Whoever curses father and mother shall die. Yet you say, ‘If a person says to father or mother, ‘Any support you might have had from me is qorban’ (meaning dedicated to God), you allow him to do nothing more for his father and mother. You nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition that you have handed on” (Mark 7:10-13b). I think it is clear that we can draw an absolute responsibility from Jesus words; that is, that we must care for the needs of our elderly and sick relatives. It is our debt to them. You might say that they cared for us when we were young and unable to care for ourselves, now we owe them the return favor.

Certainly it applies that when our elderly and sick loved ones need nursing care that we are unable to adequately supply at home, we fulfill our duty and obligation to them by seeking nursing home placement. You could say that all of us who serve them here are an extension of your (families of our residents) hands, heart, love and compassion as we serve them for you to provide what you cannot. We, at one and the same time, fulfill our obligation to the families of our residents as well as to Jesus, when we provide loving care to all who have been entrusted to us in your name and in his name.

In carrying out the loving duty to visit the sick, often family members will not know what to do or say, especially when their loved one is confused or not responding like they used to. The answer is simple really. We can read to them and talk to them about life and family as well as all the things they used to talk about with us. A rule of thumb I follow is that I always assume that they can hear and

understand me regardless of their physical or mental condition, though they may not be able to respond to me. I have had concrete proof of this many, many times over the past several years. We really don't always need to be talking or doing something. We can sit quietly and hold their hand or touch them gently. We can pray aloud or sing the prayers and hymns they love. We can participate with them in the activities they like or just sit with them while they do. Our loving presence is what is truly important. Often too, some of our residents will lament their loneliness and how they miss their home and family. This is very deep and real suffering that we can alleviate by our coming to visit as often as we are able.

At other times family members or other visitors may be upset or embarrassed by something their suffering loved one says or does, particularly in the instance of those who are suffering from dementia or the effects of some other serious illness. We need not be nor should we be embarrassed, as hard as that may be. The staff understands and is trained to deal with these things and to never take comments or actions personally. The reason we are here is to provide the loving care and service your loved one needs. We have the privilege of providing service for them at Rosewood on Broadway, which is their home.

In conclusion, we, the staff at Rosewood, take very seriously, our responsibility to provide the very best care that we possibly can to your loved one. We see this opportunity as an act of love that helps us to grow in holiness and virtue. Love and mercy are inseparable. They are really two sides of the same coin. When we look at Jesus hanging on the Cross, we see embodied both divine love and divine mercy. We pray that as we carry out these acts of mercy that our compassion and love would be like his and continue to deepen for your sakes, for our own and especially and most importantly, for the sake of the residents we serve each day. During the course of our service, they have become our beloved family members as well. We thank their families and our good and loving God for the gift of those we are privileged to serve in our lives. The Pastoral Care Staff

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

This year Rosewood is proud to congratulate the following staff members who are celebrating milestone anniversaries:



Nancy Paur—40 years
Elaine Timmerman—35 years
Theresa Kadrie—30 years
Sandy Zimmerman—30 years
Sue Buth—25 years
Chris Glatt—20 years
Elaine Hettwer—20 years
Anne Jarisch—20 years
Gladys Pollert—20 years
Pat Moen—10 years
Christine Sauvageau—10 years
Aimee Stomenger—10 years

In addition, residents and families nominated 27 of Rosewood's staff members for the North Dakota Caregiver of the Year Award. In the past, Rosewood has had two winners of this award.

“Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS AT ROSEWOOD

CHURCH SERVICES

Chapel services – Sunday and Wednesday at 2pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3pm Wednesday
Catholic Mass – Thursday at 10am
Rosary and communion – Monday at 10am
Bible Study – Thursday at 1pm
Benediction and Holy Hour – Friday at 3pm
First Lutheran Communion Service – 4th Thursday at 2pm

BINGO

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 5:30pm
Tuesday and Saturday at 2pm

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Dakota Rose (3rd floor) last Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm
Prairie Heights (4th floor) last Wednesday of the month at 3pm
Second floor 1st Thursday of each month at 2pm



Rosewood Auxiliary's Pie Day Fundraiser – 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30pm
Daily coffee/Social Time – 1:30 – 3pm in the dining room

LIVE MUSIC & ICE CREAM EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 2PM

April:

1st Steve Kraushaar
8th Rockin' 60's
15th Robin Bannister
22nd Rick & Loretta Miller
29th Sideline

May:

6th Steve Kraushaar
13th Rockin' 60's
20th Raw Sugar
27th Kringen Accordion
Band

June:

3rd Steve Kraushaar
10th Rockin' 60's
17th Brian Brietbarth

Mission Statement

Rosewood on Broadway, inspired by the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, serves those in our care with respect and compassion as we strive to fulfill the healing mission of Jesus.

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Cecelia and Delores making blue ribbons for all to wear to honor slain Fargo Police Officer Jason Moszer.



Getting cookies ready for St. Patrick's Day. Alice, Arlene and Fran.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMING UP...

Barbershop Quartet coming Thursday April 14th at 5:30.

Red Hawks baseball games starting in May.



“It’s a small World with a big Heart”

is the theme of this year’s National Nursing Home Week. During the week of May 8th thru May 14th, Rosewood will be honoring mothers on May 8th with a Mother's Day Dessert Buffet. Rosewood’s Auxiliary will host a Spring Tea during the week and Rosewood’s volunteers and Auxiliary members will be honored at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Banana Splits and music entertainment will also be offered.

FROM ROSEWOOD’S AUXILIARY

It’s hard to believe that the first day of spring is here. We’ve had a mild winter. We celebrated our Christmas tree lighting on December 6, 2015. Greg Hager and family from Valley City provided entertainment. The dining room was over-flowing with residents and family members. Christmas treats were provided and served by the Auxiliary members. We had a great time. This event is a major fundraiser for the Auxiliary.

Pie day is on the first Thursday of every month. We welcome everyone. What a deal - \$1.50 for pie, ice cream and a beverage. This is a great time to get to interact with the residents and listen to their personal history.

The new Berg addition to Rosewood is now open and occupied. The Auxiliary will be purchasing two more CD players for the new addition.

The Auxiliary sends a special thank you to the people who have sent memorials and donations. The mission of the Auxiliary continues based on the generosity of those who donate.

Let us keep the Pladson family in our prayers. Gayle passed away on March 23rd. Gayle was an active member of Rosewood’s Auxiliary. We are grateful for her hard work and dedication. What a privilege to call her our friend. Rest in peace Gayle.



EARTH DAY



EVERYDAY

Earth Day, April 22

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. Native American Proverb

ROSEWOOD DEPARTMENT COORDINATORS

Administrator/CEO— Tony Keelin
Director of Nursing—Liz Letness
Finance Director—Meldine Tang
Dietary Manager—Deb Anderson
Environmental Services Coordinator—LaVonne Olander
Case Management Coordinator—Teri Walter
Pastoral Care—Deacon Jim Hunt



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