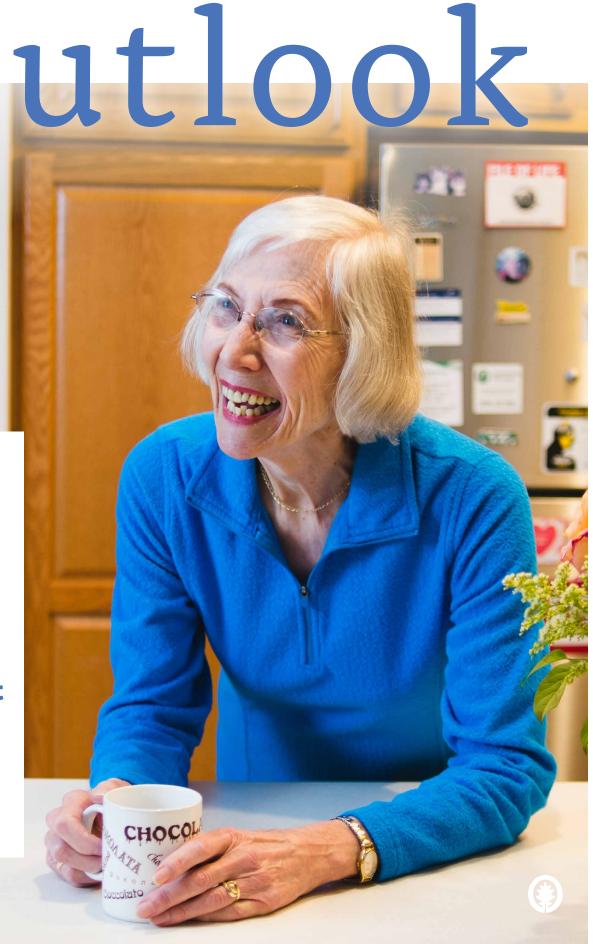
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LIFELONG LEARNING THAT **NEVER GROWS OLD**

Oakwood Welcomes PLATO to Campus

PLATO is a community of intellectually curious adults, typically 50 and over, which explores subjects of interest through memberled discussion groups, lectures, travel, and cultural activities. "Really, the name of the organization summarizes us nicely," Kathy Brown, PLATO Board President, explains. "Participatory Learning and Teaching Organization-each of those words has meaning and value."

As of this past fall, PLATO's office can be found on the Oakwood Village University Woods campus, on the second floor of the Tower building. This is convenient for the many Oakwood residents who are PLATO members, and it also builds on the longtime relationship between the two organizations.

"There is a strong natural connection between Oakwood and PLATO," Kathy says. "Both organizations have a commitment to individual wellbeing and keeping people engaged."

The partnership between Oakwood and PLATO began years ago when Oakwood Village University Woods became a host location for PLATO classes. That relationship grew when Prairie Ridge began hosting courses. While PLATO also offers classes at other locations such as the Madison Senior Center and Capitol Lakes, four classes are currently being offered at Oakwood Village University Woods this spring semester. PLATO has strengthened the partnership further by moving its office onto campus.

Kathy, who is also a member of SAIL, credits AgeBetter Executive Director Ann Albert with connecting her to Oakwood Management when PLATO needed to find a new office

"Relocating our office to Oakwood has been a very positive experience for us," Kathy says. "This is a very friendly and welcoming community. It's a beautiful campus in a convenient location. There's plenty of



parking and our office space is larger. We're close to the Oakwood life enrichment staff, so we can schedule programs and reserve rooms easily." PLATO currently has around 1,000 members who pay a \$60 annual fee to access an amazing array of classes, lectures, and other special events.

There are 40 courses being offered this spring alone, which cover topics such as film history, environmental sustainability, jazz, and philosophy. Classes are offered in virtual, in-person, and hybrid settings, and members can also attend events such as theater trips and breakfast gatherings throughout the year. To keep track of all the opportunities available, members receive weekly emails about upcoming activities and other topics of interest.

Just as important are opportunities for members to contribute to the organization with their time and knowledge, whether through joining a committee, teaching a class, helping to organize trips, or sharing their talent in the Agora, a juried literary magazine featuring original writing and art by PLATO members. PLATO also gives back to the community through an Education Fund that supports educational opportunities for low-income youth and adult students.

"It's very easy to get involved," Kathy says. "Not only are there great courses to take advantage of, but members can join discussion groups, one-time lectures, writing, and art classes; not to mention all the teaching opportunities."

While Kathy serves as Board President, her experience as a PLATO member is common.

"I'm a teacher by background; I taught at the high school and college level and in the business community," Kathy shares. "I joined PLATO in 2014 because I really value the concept of lifelong learning. My first course was current events, and I was



"Members can participate however they choose. There is a volunteer spirit and so many opportunities to get involved."

- KATHY BROWN



immediately hooked. What I quickly discovered is that PLATO is also a great way to meet people."

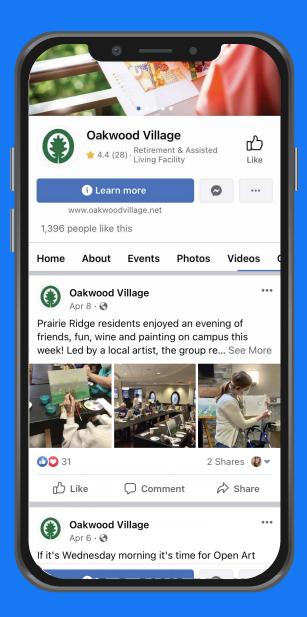
Members of PLATO will meet many more Oakwood residents and staff as the partnership between the two organizations grows. When Kathy describes the many benefits of her organization, it's difficult to tell whether she is describing PLATO or Oakwood Village.

"Our tagline is 'where love of learning never gets old,"
Kathy explains. "Members can participate however
they choose. There is a volunteer spirit among our

members and so many opportunities to get involved. We've been adaptable too; we've needed to evolve with the pandemic just as others have, but we've maintained our focus on keeping people with a love of learning connected."

Kathy encourages others to explore everything a PLATO membership has to offer. "My experience with PLATO has truly enriched my life."

To learn more about PLATO, visit www.platomadison.org, email info@platomadison.org, or call (608) 572-6869 (



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Creating Personal Connections

Firsthand Experience Informs and Inspires Oakwood's Sales Team

"I've always believed you cannot be a successful salesperson unless you truly believe in the product you are selling," says Keith VanLanduyt, Vice President of Marketing at Oakwood.

"This is why one of my favorite things about working at Oakwood is when our team members come across new residents on campus a few weeks or months after they have moved in," Keith says. "You've answered all their questions, supported them through the often-stressful process of downsizing and selling their home, and now they are settling in and are extremely glad to be here. Inevitably, there are details that need to be worked through when someone moves in, but by and large, residents and their families consistently express to our team how happy they are to be here. It's constantly reaffirming and rewarding in terms of job satisfaction."

While Oakwood's Sales and Marketing team has gone through a few changes in the past 12 months, including the addition of three new team members and the promotion of Patty Keller to Sales Director, a few things have remained constant. Namely, the fact that Oakwood's sales team views themselves primarily as educators as they introduce prospective residents and their families to services offered at Oakwood.

In her supervisory role, Patty reports to Keith and directly oversees the sales staff at both Prairie Ridge and University Woods. She provides daily support to team members, improving cross-campus collaboration and helping to ensure consistency between the two locations.

It is the hope of every team leader to have employees who love what they do and feel a sense of purpose. A few members of Patty's team have a particularly strong connection to the campuses, as they currently have or have had loved ones living at Oakwood.

Meet Kurt Schuhart

Kurt Schuhart, who began his Oakwood career in 2018, has a personal connection to the organization. Kurt's parents moved into a Prairie Ridge apartment home in 2016. Knowing it had been a good move for them, Kurt explored an open sales counselor position when he was looking for a career change a few years later.

"I remember saying in my interview 'it won't be hard for me to sell Oakwood because it has been such a positive experience for my family and me," Kurt recalls.

Prairie Ridge Sales Counselor Kurt Schuhart and his mom, Elissa Schuhart



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- KURT SCHUHART

"At first, I wasn't sure I was prepared for this position. But once I took a tour and had lunch with residents to hear why they chose Oakwood, I became really excited about making those connections and helping other people along their journey."

- ASHLEY TUBBS



Part of the reason Kurt's parents moved to Oakwood was because of the continuum of care. As Kurt puts it, they knew they wanted a community where they could get additional support if needed.

Since their move, the health of Kurt's father has declined. He moved into assisted living last summer, while Kurt's mother remains in her apartment home.

"Going through this past winter, knowing Mom didn't have to worry about driving to see Dad, and that she could just walk down the hall—that was so great for my family," Kurt shares.

Kurt's firsthand experience of moving his dad into assisted living has given him new insight into what the families he works with are going through.

Understanding the complexities of assisted living and memory care, Kurt's approach is to guide families and help educate them throughout the process. "Even if we're not the right fit, I hope they will be able to continue their search with the information I've provided them and that will make things a bit easier for them," Kurt says. "The work I do here is really fulfilling. The thing I appreciate most is helping families navigate what can be a really challenging time."

Meet Ashley Tubbs

Ashley Tubbs, Kurt's colleague at Prairie Ridge, is also a Sales Counselor. Ashley also started in 2018 and has a similar connection to Oakwood.

Growing up nearby in Sun Prairie, Ashley was familiar with Oakwood before she began her career here, as her paternal grandmother spent time in the Health and Rehabilitation Center at Prairie Ridge. After college graduation, Ashley sought a position at Oakwood because she wanted a career that entailed a high level of customer interaction.



After Ashley began working at Oakwood, her mother became the primary caregiver for her parents. Ashley noticed the toll it was taking on her.

Ashley's grandparents had been on Oakwood's waiting list for a while, and ultimately her family made the decision for her grandparents to move into assisted living together, where they could receive care right across the hall from each other.

Having moved in during the fall months, Ashley's family got to experience holidays on campus, holding both their family Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings at Oakwood.

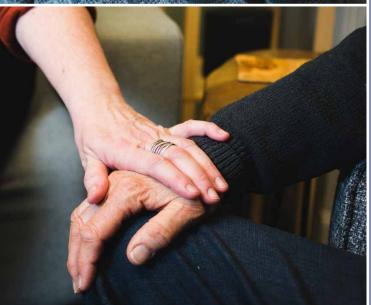
"I was able to see personally, as a family member, how convenient it is to be a part of the Oakwood community," Ashley shares. "I could see that my grandparents enjoyed still being able to host family for holidays, as well, and that was really special." While Ashley's grandparents have since passed away, the experiences her family had at Oakwood have served as a foundation for her work as she approaches her four-year anniversary as a Sales Counselor.

"Oakwood was a sanctuary for my family, especially for my mom," Ashley says. "Right away, I could see my mom was more relaxed when my grandparents moved in. Having the burden of being the caregiver taken off her plate and seeing her just be a daughter again is something I think about when I work with others."

Meet Beth Ravenscroft

Beth Ravenscroft joined the Oakwood Village University Woods campus as a Sales Counselor in the summer of 2021. Her parents had moved from their home in Rockford, Illinois into University Woods in 2013, after her mother was diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment. The family knew Alzheimer's was likely





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- BETH RAVENSCROFT

in her future. While her father was mom's primary caregiver, Beth and her two sisters lived in Madison.

Her eldest sister started researching retirement communities on Madison's west side, near where all three sisters lived. After deciding on Oakwood and waiting for an apartment home to become available, Beth's parents were set to make the move up to Madison.

While the family expected they'd be moving into independent living together, Oakwood staff recommended Covenant Oaks memory care as the best fit for Beth's mother

"It was very sad, and a big shock for us," Beth shares.

"Alzheimer's is a horrible disease. But what I appreciate about Oakwood is that it offers a place for your loved ones, even if they can't live together."

For Beth and her sisters, knowing their mom was safe, their dad was not taking on too much, and that their parents could visit each other every day (regardless of weather) was invaluable.

Once her youngest daughter went to college, Beth decided to get back into the workforce. The first place she thought of was Oakwood, but there weren't any open positions at the time. She found a job at another



University Woods Sales Counselor Beth Ravenscroft and her dad, Dick Spencer

retirement community in Madison and was there for four and a half years.

Eventually deciding she needed a change, she found her way to Oakwood when her dad informed her there was an open sales counselor position.

Having seen Oakwood from the perspective of a family member for nearly eight years, Beth says she thought she knew Oakwood well.

"Since I started working here, I've seen that Oakwood is even more than I was hoping for. I didn't know how long Oakwood has been serving Madison. I didn't realize how deep its roots are and that there are literally generations of families who have come through our doors."

Beth's mother has passed away, but her father continues to live in his apartment home in The Oaks. In the subsequent years, Beth shares that she and her sisters have had an opportunity to know their dad in a way they hadn't before.



Having her dad as a resident has meant that not only does she have a lunch buddy (they meet in the Garden Terrace Bistro for lunch regularly), but it has given her a unique perspective as she works with future residents.

"When I'm explaining the continuum of care to prospective residents, I can tell them firsthand why it's so important. I'm ridiculously excited about the new Hebron Oaks that's being built. When you've had a loved one who has spent time in a skilled nursing facility, you understand how important the environment is and how much time you as a loved one will spend in that space as well."

Ashley, Kurt, and Beth make up three of the seven sales team members responsible for the 685 apartment homes, assisted living, and memory care suites available at Prairie Ridge and University Woods. Their

dedication and success reinforce the idea that if you hire the right people, you can teach them the necessary skills.

"I am so honored to be a part of this team," Patty says. "They work hard and they care. Everyone is here because they want to help people and they truly believe in the services Oakwood offers. It's rewarding to see the kind of connection our staff members establish with prospective residents and their families."

If you or a loved one are thinking Oakwood could be a part of your future, we invite you to begin your relationship with us today by calling (608) 230-4580 or reaching out via our website at www.oakwoodvillage.net/contact (6)







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Men's and Women's Groups Build Community at Oakwood

What is it like to move a spouse into memory care? How do you manage the aches and pains that come with aging?

These are topics that are discussed thoughtfully and candidly in the weekly Men's Group at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge.

"Men who have gone through some of these scenarios that often come with aging may find it hard to talk about," group leader Ron Mach says. "But in our group, there's likely someone who's been through a similar experience who understands."

Ron and his wife, Carol, have called Prairie Ridge home more than 20 years. Ron spent his career as a Lutheran pastor, with his last full-time position working for the ELCA bishop in the synod office.

"When we moved, our goal was to get rid of everything that prevented us from carefree travel, and our house was number one," Ron says.

Fast forward 20 years, and Ron has become an integral part of the culture at Prairie Ridge. He started the weekly

Men's Group about 10 years ago, on the recommendation of a fellow resident who had started a Women's Group. In addition to the Men's Group, Ron coordinates a resident golf league throughout the warmer months and preaches and fills in for pastors if needed.

The Men's Group met monthly at first, but eventually became a weekly fixture. Around 20 men typically attend each meeting, with a few filling in for Ron as facilitator on occasion

When the group started, they established a rule that they would not get into religion or politics. While the men now have discussions that cover both topics, they uphold a strict policy that there will never be an intent to persuade or convert. Instead, the group serves as a forum in which all opinions are welcome.

"My responsibility is to continue to draw men in through whatever I'm reading or whatever is going on in the news," Ron says.

He provides the opportunity for a monthly check-in at meetings by asking the group if there's anything they're





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celebrating or struggling with. Men may choose to share or not, but it's a safe place for them to open up, and he instructs the group that what's said there, stays there.

Although he chooses weekly topics largely from a list he created working with the prior leader of the Women's Group, he is keenly responsive to what the group needs or wants to talk about.

"If I hear that somebody is having an issue, I'll start there, and then kind of feel my way through the meeting," Ron says. The growth and active membership of the Men's Group is rewarding for Ron. "I love hearing the men's stories and seeing the connection between them. It's incredible the kinds of backgrounds and gifts these men have brought to our community."

In one recent session, Ron asked the men to bring two photos: one of their wedding day, and one other picture. The topics for the day included describing your wedding day, sharing why you're still married (if applicable), and explaining what your kids learned

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- JEANIE SIELING



from your marriage. The topics generated so much conversation that they didn't get to the third question, but Ron assures them they'll return to it.

Prairie Ridge is also home to a Women's Group. Led by Jeanie Sieling for the past couple of years, the women meet monthly.

Jeanie and her husband, Jerry, have called Prairie Ridge home for three years, having moved there from Fitchburg.

Jeanie spent her career in politics, serving on the Fitchburg town board, which then became the city council, and served two terms as Fitchburg

Mayor before becoming Director of Planning and Development prior to her retirement. In addition to her professional career, she has always been an active volunteer, leading small groups at church and serving as a volunteer coordinator with the library.

"I enjoy leading groups, so when I was asked to head the Women's Group here, I agreed to it," Jeanie says.

Like the Men's Group, the women's discussions center on a predetermined topic. The group usually consists of 12 to 15 women.

Jeanie looks for input from the women in the group as to what they would like to discuss, learn, or hear more







about. She often asks speakers from the Oakwood staff to come and meet with the group.

Popular topics in the Women's Group have included sharing memories of their fathers in honor of Father's Day, discussing Christmas or holiday memories and traditions, and having Savanna Anderson, Prairie Ridge Exercise and Fitness Specialist, teach the group about calming practices such as yoga and meditation.

In addition to Women's Group, Jeanie stays busy on campus as an alternate for her floor rep, and she has organized a women's coffee group for her floor.

"I can't express how much we love it here," Jeanie shares. "It's just wonderful. It's that sense of

▲ Men's Group Leader Ron Mach (top) and Women's Group Leader Jeanie Sieling (bottom, left)

fellowship and community."

Stemming from her career and life experiences, building community is very important to Jeanie.

The Women's Group offers a chance for all the women who attend to share opinions and memories, which Jeanie believes is important.

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HEBRON OAKS CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

New Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Schedule to Open Winter 2022-23

Construction on the new Hebron Oaks Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is proceeding on schedule, which means that in less than a year, Oakwood residents and older adults throughout Madison will have a modern, comfortable option for short-term rehabilitation.

While much of 2022 thus far has focused on pouring the concrete decks that will comprise the floors of the three-story project, the building will soon be enclosed and work on interior walls and finishes will begin. Once complete, the new Hebron Oaks will offer a total of 60 rehabilitation suites.

The first floor of the building will be home to a bistro, therapy services, a serenity room, a salon, spa, and other key services, as well as a palliative care wing consisting of 12 suites. An attractive patio and green roof will be located off the palliative care wing, offering residents and families easy access to the outdoors. As part of the enclosed connection between the building and the rest of the Oakwood campus, a new pharmacy will be created in the lower level of Covenant Oaks.

The remaining 48 suites will focus primarily on serving those in need of short-term skilled care as they recover from surgery or an unexpected health event. Resident suites are designed with the patient experience in mind. A separate living area from the bedroom addresses the need for more privacy by offering a designated space for family and guests to visit beyond the bedroom. In addition, a supply cabinet, or "nurse server," which can be accessed from the hallway, allows staff to stock clinical supplies in the suite without disturbing patients.

Suites will include kitchenettes to accommodate patients and guests, along with large windows in the bedroom and living area offering wooded views and ample natural light. A table and chairs as well as a convertible couch make suites more comfortable and accommodating for visitors.

Clinically, a nurse call system similar to those used in hospitals will be installed throughout the building. Built into the wall at the head of each bed will be hookups for suction and piped oxygen, allowing



Oakwood to serve a number of complex medical diagnoses. This will also reduce the need for oxygen tanks throughout the building.

Bedrooms in the suites, as well as bathrooms, are designed to accommodate lifts and patients requiring extra assistance. Showers are nearly zero entry; low enough for patients to easily get in and out of the shower while keeping water in. Four specially designed bariatric suites will provide even wider clearance and larger doorways.

Once complete, the new Hebron Oaks will offer
Oakwood residents and seniors in the greater
Madison area a comfortable, state-of-the-art
rehabilitation option designed to enhance the patient
experience and support the healing process.

Follow construction updates, view a photo gallery of the project, or livestream the construction site online at oakwoodvillage.net/hebron-oaks-construction-updates



A rendering of the bistro area just off the main entrance to the building. The first floor will be home to a bistro, therapy services, a serenity room, a salon, spa, and other key services.





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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Tom Pierce

Tom Pierce knows how to acquire things, especially in very large quantities. From computers to bulk food items to modeling clay for art classes—he can find all of it

He spent years as a purchaser for the Madison Metropolitan School District, along with several businesses and state agencies, including the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Department of Corrections. That work gave him plenty of experience in procuring everything from paint to enough road salt to take care of snowy streets and roads throughout Wisconsin.

"I worked for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections' prison industry program called Badger State Industries. I bought all the raw materials they needed like wood or bulk aluminum for license plates," Tom says. "Most of my work life was behind the scenes. I wasn't the one cutting the ribbon to open the bridge or the new school, but I bought the stuff that went into those projects."

What's the most interesting thing he ever purchased?

"I used to buy road salt by the ton or by the shipload to get a better price," Tom explains.

Tom was born and raised in Madison. Along with his late wife, Caye, he settled into a ranch-style home in Sun Prairie, where the couple raised their son and stayed for 42 years. Tom moved to Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge in 2019.

"Caye passed away six years ago, but we had always talked about coming to Oakwood. It was a good move for me. You can be as busy as you want to be here," Tom says.

Tom was one of the first residents to move into The Grasslands buildings. Even though he made the move on his own, he was greeted by familiar faces. Joe and Marsha Belisle lived on the same cul de sac as Tom and Caye in Sun Prairie, and now live one floor above him.

"The people in our building are great. Everybody is invited to get together informally every Saturday, and formally once a month, for lunch or dinner. We also have a coffee group every morning at 8:30 for anybody who wants to come."

Tom has taken on various volunteer roles to serve the needs of residents. He gives his time in the Village Mercantile store and also helps out as a handyman.

Tom joined the Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge Homes Board earlier this year.

"I'm a real newbie," he says.

Tom's extensive experience in state government gave him the tools to work with a wide range of people and understand their needs. In addition, he gained Board experience by twice serving on the church council at Madison's Bethel Lutheran Church.

"You don't know what you'll bring to a Board until you get there, but based on my experience, I thought "...we had always talked about coming to Oakwood.

It was a good move for me.

You can be as busy as you want to be here."

- TOM PIERCE



I would be a good board member, so I threw my hat into the ring," Tom says. "I'm a darn good manager of a program, but I'm not as good of a leader as someone like a governor. I believe you must know what you're not good at, too."

Tom continues to look for new ways to apply his knack for purchasing things. ③

PHARMACY **FOCUS**

How Oakwood Pharmacy Can Help You Thrive

Oakwood Pharmacy, with an onsite location at both Oakwood campuses, employs a fulltime pharmacy team to serve residents and employees alike. One of the many benefits to residents of having our own pharmacy is the outreach and educational opportunities that come with a team of skilled professionals.

For example, pharmacist Jaimi Barkley, an Oakwood employee since 2015, puts on a monthly series for residents called Pharmacy Focus, highlighting different topics related to resident health.

Pharmacy Focus, originally called "Ask A Pharmacist," began as an opportunity for residents to ask questions directly to a member of the Oakwood Pharmacy team. Wanting to make sure the series was welcoming to residents even if they didn't have a specific question,

Jaimi changed the name to Pharmacy Focus to draw in more participants.

Each month her series focuses on a specific topic, along with time reserved for individual questions from attendees. Even if the subject matter is familiar, she has found that residents still learn something worthwhile.

"I love to teach," Jaimi explains. "I also know that, in an information age, it is incredibly difficult to keep up with changing health guidelines and recommendations when it's not your full-time job. I enjoy being a resource to Oakwood residents in that regard, since they have so many other things to which they can devote their time. I consider it my contribution to the community."

Topics are usually inspired either by the season of the year, current events, or common questions that have



been asked at the pharmacy by residents, and Jaimi loves receiving topic suggestions from residents.

The benefits to residents who attend her series, Jaimi says, are like the benefits of routine car maintenance.

"You can spare a whole lot of expense and hassle by regularly setting aside time to consider a variety of health topics before they become a significant concern."

Jaimi likes to offer "homework" or "action steps" residents can take to be more proactive regarding their health. Whether it's a reminder to check the expiration date on your medication bottles, tallying how much calcium you are getting through your diet and supplements, or tips for getting the most benefit out of your eye drops or inhalers, these are easy measures to implement that provide great benefits. (a)

UPCOMING PHARMACY FOCUS TOPICS:

Should I Be Taking Aspirin?

What's With the Warning about Meds and Grapefruit?

All About Eye Drops

How to Pick a Seasonal Allergy Medication

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LOVE AT PRAIRIE RIDGE

Oakwood Staff Members Meet and Marry on Campus







"Diana told me she was getting married and asked me to be her Maid of Honor," Lori Vind recalls. Lori is the Environmental Services Supervisor at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge.

"I said I'd be honored," Lori continues. "And I asked, 'When is the wedding?""

"This Friday," replied Diana Fortney, a housekeeper at Prairie Ridge for over 20 years.

Understandably surprised, Lori asked where the wedding would be taking place, as she started thinking about coordination and taking off work to attend the nuptials. Diana informed her that she and her fiancé Jim Banks, a Facilities Services Technician, would be getting married right there at Oakwood.

"I said, 'Oh in the Chapel?' and she said 'No; in the conference room," Lori explains.

With that, Lori started planning her Maid of Honor duties. Although the couple intended to keep things small and private, and they didn't intend to get dressed up, Lori knew a bride must have a veil. She purchased one for Diana, along with sparkling wine, champagne flutes, and a sign to mark their wedding date.

Jim asked a colleague in the Facilities Services department to serve as his Best Man. One of Diana's coworkers in Environmental Services, who happens to be an officiant, would be performing the ceremony.

On Friday, November 12, Jim and Diana said their vows in the Prairie Ridge conference room. After taking a few photos, the unassuming couple went back to work and finished their shifts; though Lori, Diana's supervisor, told her she could have the rest of the afternoon off.

It wasn't until the following Monday that the newlyweds shared their happy news with their colleagues. The couple had kept their romance a secret from their coworkers for almost three months after they started dating.

Their relationship was as much of a surprise to themselves as it was to their coworkers, as neither was necessarily looking for love.

"If someone were to ask me advice on how to find love, I would tell them, don't go looking for it," Jim shares with a knowing smile. "That's when it'll just happen!"









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RESIDENT PROFILE: ANN WALLACE

New Community, Same Enthusiasm

Moving to Oakwood Village University Woods during a pandemic didn't stop Ann Wallace from hitting the ground running. Soon enough, she got busy volunteering, precisely as she did during, and after, her long career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ann grew up on a farm in the tiny community of Oil City in Wisconsin's Driftless Area. Oil City is little more than a wide spot in the road, she explains, just two miles from Ontario near the hilly terrain of Wildcat Mountain State Park.

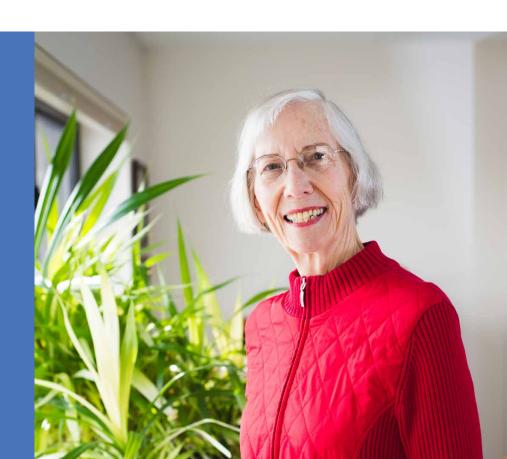
Ann came to Madison in 1959 to attend the University of Wisconsin, where she received a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1963. Soon afterward, her long career at UW began.

"I started working in the sociology department three weeks after graduation. I worked for 15 years on a series of research and training projects there before moving on to the UW School of Education Dean's Office," Ann shares.

During her time at UW, Ann was also involved in academic staff governance. She served on the

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Academic Staff Assembly and decided that, given the nature of her work in the Dean's Office, she was a natural for the Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Committee. She chaired that group until she retired in 2005.

"It was great exposure to many people outside my unit. That's why it was so satisfying," Ann says. "Now I'm connected with people all over the Oakwood campus because I know a lot of people throughout the University who live here."

Upon her retirement, Ann volunteered as the executive director of the UW-Madison Retirement Association (UWRA) for many years. UWRA provides retired and current employees of a variety of UWrelated organizations with an opportunity to stay connected with former colleagues, meet new friends, participate in activities, and continue to learn. Membership is also open to the employee's spouse, partner, widow, or widower who may or may not be affiliated with UW. Others with no affiliation other than friendship are also welcomed as members.

"There's a social aspect, and we have many committees that plan programs, like a committee on financial matters or electronic technology," Ann explains. "To me, it's all about what you learn from the programming and the monthly newsletter."

Years ago, UWRA offered a program to help members learn more about Madison-area retirement communities That was Ann's introduction to Oakwood.

"I was thinking about retirement communities then, and a friend of mine told me I should get on Oakwood's waiting list so I would be at the top of the list when I was ready."

In December of 2020, Ann was ready. She moved from a modest home on Madison's southwest side where she had lived since 1976. As she settled in, she discovered several of her new neighbors were old acquaintances.

Today, Ann says it feels luxurious sitting in her recliner in the large living room of her new apartment.

"What do I love about Oakwood? Oh my gosh, that's easy," she says. "I'm so happy I moved here. The major thing is the programming. I enjoy the Center for Arts and Education. We've had so many musicians performing here. You just take the elevator downstairs to see them!"

During her career, Ann was involved in academic staff governance. She benefits from that experience as she serves on the Life Enrichment and Dining committees at Oakwood. She calls it a great chance to get to know more people and be involved in the workings of her community.

"The other role I have is as a new-resident advocate," Ann says. "Some people come in not knowing everything they need to know. We have floor representatives to help new people feel welcomed, and new-resident chat groups that meet every two weeks. I'm part of one, and we've chosen to organize two more groups. That's very satisfying to me. I get to know new residents, and we become friends."

"I couldn't ask for a better place to live."







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FEATURED ARTIST Edward Johnson

Oakwood is home to many talented artists.

Check out these beautiful pieces by Prairie Ridge resident Edward Johnson now adorning the walls on campus.















Leaving a Legacy

Dick and Meg LaBrie Step Up to Support the Hebron Oaks Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Dick and Meg LaBrie learned a lot from their respective parents. One lesson they learned was the value of a retirement community that offers multiple levels of care. It's part of what brought them to Attic Angels' Prairie Point, where they have lived happily since 2017.

Meg is from Pepin, WI, where her mother eventually ended up in a small local nursing home toward the end of her life. It was a positive experience, even as her mom suffered from dementia.

"My mom was a feisty schoolteacher," Meg says. "The staff there encouraged her personality and appreciated her sense of humor. The building was old, but the people made it a wonderful place."

Dick's mom was cared for in assisted living in the Stevens Point area where he grew up. To this day, he is still moved by a celebration the community threw for his mom's 100th birthday. A staff member from the community spoke at his mom's funeral service.

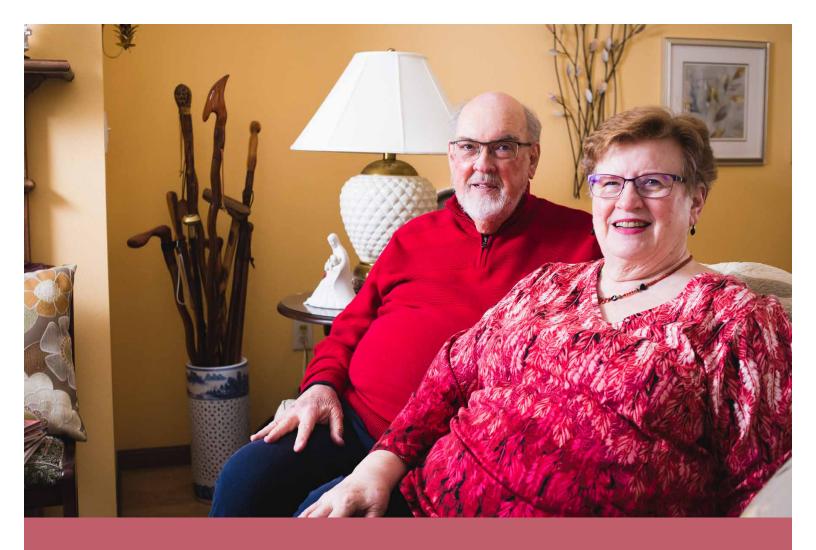
"The peace of mind we had from those experiences was important," Dick remarks. "We were able to sleep at night knowing they were cared for."

In some ways, they consider their recent gift to the Oakwood Foundation for the construction of the new Hebron Oaks to be payback for the care that was given to their mothers.

"People are living longer," Dick says. "We need places like Oakwood. We don't want to see a company from out of the area take the place of any of our great local organizations. We donated because we believe this is an important project that deserves our support. This is a need in the Madison area, and we feel Oakwood provides great care."

The new Hebron Oaks Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will feature 60 one-bedroom suites, a new rehabilitation gym, and a bistro. In the new serenity room, residents can meet individually with an Oakwood Chaplain, gather with visitors outside of their suite, or simply find peace and quiet.

Resident suites will be private and nearly double the size of current Hebron Oaks suites, averaging approximately 450 square feet and consisting of spacious bathrooms and dedicated bedrooms and living areas, which are intended to better accommodate family and guests. Large windows will showcase trees and water retention ponds, and should



"We're inspired less by the building... more by the people who will be served."

- DICK LABRIE

enhance the healing process for those recovering from surgery or a health incident. Green roofs, common outdoor patio areas, and beautiful landscaping will add to the aesthetics.

A number of suites will be designed to serve the bariatric population and will be even larger than the standard suites in order to accommodate lifts and other equipment.

The new palliative care wing will offer dedicated programming and care to ensure Oakwood residents and other members of the community receive appropriate and compassionate support at the end of life.

The LaBries believe Madison is lucky to have several high-quality retirement communities. While timing and a beautiful condo led them to Prairie Point, they were on the waiting list of both Oakwood and Capitol Lakes.



"What really matters is that we want to see this happen for Oakwood."

- MEG LABRIE

Dick and Meg became familiar with Oakwood as association church delegates from Peace Lutheran Church in Waunakee. In fact, Dick served as a volunteer for several years in the Tabor Oaks Oakleaf Shop in the 1990s. He says he found many conversations with residents on quiet Saturday afternoons thought provoking and inspiring.

The LaBries explain that being familiar with the history of Hebron Oaks makes them excited to be a part of this new project.

"When we received the mailing for support, it really spoke to us," Dick shares. "We knew [Oakwood Foundation Executive Director| Keith VanLanduyt from when we were on the Oakwood waiting list, and always found him considerate and respectful. The appeal wasn't pushy, and it stated a clear need."

Dick and Meg also appreciate the strong role that faith plays at Oakwood. Much of their gift was designated toward the planned serenity room in Hebron Oaks. The opportunity to support Oakwood's Religion and Pastoral Care program appealed to them. "We like the idea of a place where people can go where it's quiet; to reflect," Dick states. "We didn't have that where our moms were"

Not only did their parents teach them the value of communities like Oakwood; Dick and Meg both grew up understanding the importance of helping others. They explain that their parents inspired them to be philanthropic, and while growing up, their families couldn't always contribute financially to organizations. Instead they gave their time.

"My parents didn't have a lot of money," Dick says. "But they gave however they could; oftentimes by volunteering."

They are glad to be in the position today to establish their own legacy of philanthropy.

"We gave this gift gratefully," Dick explains. "We are grateful for the work of Oakwood and that we are able to help. For us, leaving a legacy is important. We hope that this may inspire others to give as well."

"What really matters," Meg says, "is that we want to see this happen for Oakwood."

CONTRIBUTE TO A TRADITION OF SERVICE

Oakwood has a long history of continuing to serve residents who outlive their financial resources. While this is an important part of who we are, this care places a significant financial burden on the organization.

Nowhere is this burden felt more than in our skilled nursing programs. Providing skilled nursing care is expensive, and most of Oakwood's charitable care goes toward supporting the most vulnerable among us.

While there are several opportunities to support the new Hebron Oaks Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, perhaps none will have as much impact as your gift to the Continuing Care Endowment Fund. We must continue to grow the Continuing Care Endowment Fund in order to ease the burden on Oakwood and help those who need us the most.

In 2021, the Continuing Care Endowment Fund covered \$675,000 of the more than \$2.5 million in charitable care provided by Oakwood. While that is nearly 27 percent of the charitable care provided, there is more we can do!

By giving to the Continuing Care Endowment Fund, you'll help Oakwood achieve its long-term goal of building our endowment so it covers 100 percent of charitable care.

Your gift of any size helps bring us closer to our goal and will provide peace of mind for the next generation of Oakwood residents and their families.

To discuss giving options or how you can help grow Oakwood's Continuing Care Endowment Fund with a legacy gift or multi-year pledge, please contact David Mossner, CFRE, at (608) 230-4441 or via email at david.mossner@oakwoodvillage.net



Booting Up Tech Support

PILOT PROGRAM PROVES AN **OVERWHELMING SUCCESS**

Trouble with our technology can shut us off from others and prevent us from accomplishing the most necessary tasks.

In a world where we rely daily on technology for communication, information, and services, residents are extremely grateful to have a friendly human being to help when they become disconnected.

A Resident Information Technology position was added to each campus in 2021 as a pilot program after Oakwood was having trouble with services contracted from an off-campus provider. Management approached the Oakwood Foundation to explore whether funds might be available to create in-house positions on a trial basis.

These pilot positions were possible thanks to your gifts to the Oakwood Mission Support Fund. The Oakwood Mission Support Fund directs unrestricted donations to the Oakwood Foundation and provides the organization with the resources and financial flexibility to address challenges and pursue new opportunities to improve resident lives.

To say the new positions have been a success would be an understatement

"Having our own information technology person here at Prairie Ridge is one of the best things that has happened since we moved here over nine years ago," Donna and David Ankley explain. "We all need help with our internet, phones, and TV, and Rob is just the person to solve our problems. He is very friendly, on time, and works very hard to please everyone."

Rob Snyder joined the Prairie Ridge Life Enrichment team after working as a technician with a local cable company. After years as the "cable guy", Rob appreciates the immediate feedback and gratitude he hears daily from residents.

"There are times when residents are feeling overwhelmed," Rob says. "If I can simplify or smooth it over so it's not a problem anymore, they genuinely appreciate it, which makes my job so awesome. I'm blessed to be in a position where others appreciate something I like to do."

Not only do the Resident Information Technology positions support residents with personal technology needs, but technicians also provide training on Zoom, Oakwood's Touchtown Community App, and Microsoft Office Suite. All of these have been essential tools, especially over the past two years. The technicians are also responsible for maintaining





campus-owned equipment used for resident communication.

Bill Guetschow joined the University Woods Life Enrichment team in 2020, working with residents in assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing. When the Resident Information Technology position was created, his personality, experience with technology, and background as a musician and production assistant at a local television station made him a good fit for the new role.

"I learned quickly the computer will do exactly what you tell it to do," Bill shares. "I'm not a programmer or an engineer, but am a good end user and problem solver"

As a new resident to University Woods, Sue Ross was eager to set up her internet and phone. The Resident IT team stepped in to take care of her router.

"The in-house services were critical to my good start at Oakwood," Sue explains. "Bill, specifically, was a blessing. He stuck with the problems until they were resolved, and did it with good humor."

Thanks to donors like you, Rob and Bill are taking worry away when it comes to technology. This pilot program allows Oakwood to try a new concept and assess its value before adding it to the budget.

"We understand the growing importance of personal technology for residents living at Oakwood, as well as the need for support," Linda Johnson explains. Linda is the Chief Financial Officer at Oakwood. "When our third-party provider was unable to provide staffing for these roles, we were fortunate to have the Oakwood Foundation fund these pilot positions in house. Based upon the feedback we've received, we will explore ways to operationalize these roles when the Oakwood Foundation grant expires at the end of 2022."

DEDICATED TO SPARKING JOY

Meet Donna Anderson, Winner of the 2022 Oakwood Outstanding Service Award

Donna Anderson has been named the 2022 Outstanding Service Award winner for both Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge and Oakwood Village University Woods.

Donna began her volunteer service at Oakwood Village University Woods in Tabor Oaks assisted living back in 2007.

In 2021, Donna and her husband moved into an apartment home at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge. Shortly thereafter, Donna began volunteering in assisted living at Prairie Ridge while continuing her service at University Woods.

Donna's volunteer service in Tabor Oaks includes playing piano each week in the Tabor Oaks dining room during meals, as well as playing for resident sing-a-longs and monthly birthday parties. She leads resident groups in spelling bees and poetry readings, in addition to showing documentaries and running other monthly programs. Donna also helps Oakwood recognize veterans on Veterans Day and visits with residents one on one. Donna provides administrative support for the Tabor Oaks Life Enrichment team and

can be found volunteering on the University Woods campus as often as four days a week.

Tabor Oaks Life Enrichment Coordinator Jill Leichtfuss shares that Donna graciously volunteers to help with programs and extra tasks, which allows Jill to be more productive in her role.

"I would be lost without Donna," Jill says. "She truly cares about residents, and really takes time to get to know them. Residents know her by name and appreciate seeing a familiar, friendly face helping them with programs. They light up when they see Donna around"

Donna's volunteer service at Prairie Ridge includes playing the piano in Oakwood Seasons assisted living during lunch and offering sing-a-longs in Oakwood Knoll memory care. Donna also recently began volunteering on The Oak Tree newsletter committee on the Prairie Ridge campus.

Prairie Ridge Life Enrichment Specialists Jennifer Lousberg and Sarah Wieloch appreciate that Donna jumped into volunteering soon after joining the Prairie Ridge campus last November. They admire



how creative and thoughtful Donna is with her music selections and documentaries, and applaud her for her dedication and the connections she creates with residents and staff members. Jennifer shared a recent example from this winter where Donna finished volunteering at University Woods one afternoon and navigated rush hour traffic to make it back to Prairie Ridge to lead a sing-a-long in Oakwood Knoll.

Prairie Ridge Life Enrichment Specialist Gail Beaver, who previously worked on the University Woods campus gives her testimony to Donna's dedication.

"Donna pours her heart into everything she does. Her care and compassion for residents is evident, along with the joy she brings to whatever it is she is doing."

Thank you for your service, Donna!





HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

Colors Abound in Campus Gardens

Savannah Conradt and her horticulture team have exciting things planned for this year!

The theme for the plantings at Oakwood this year is a sunburst. Expect to see lots of blues, pinks, lime, and black at both campuses. Begonias, coleus, dahlias, geraniums, lobelia, petunias, and sweet potato vine are among the flowers that will adorn the campuses. The plants are sourced from Heidi Heath Farms in Coloma, Wisconsin.

The team will be busy installing a new gardening area with 140 new resident gardens at Prairie Ridge. New display areas in the Community Center will be added to the campus as well.

At University Woods, seven new oak trees will be planted this spring in the Nature Preserve. A sunburst display will go up near the main entrance as well as one near the Heritage Oaks entrance.



The Prairie Ridge garden project and the planting of new oak trees at University Woods are both made possible thanks to donor support of the Oakwood Foundation.

Residents will have the opportunity to go on walking tours of the campuses with Savannah's team this year, and can learn about the different annuals, shrubs, and trees on the grounds.

Become a Member of the Oaktree Circle

Join Residents, Community Members and Employees in Supporting the Oakwood Foundation with Automatic Monthly Giving

Members of the Oakwood's Oak Tree Circle give to the Oakwood Foundation on a scheduled monthly basis, either via automatic checking withdrawals, credit card, or employee payroll deduction. There are many reasons to join the Oak Tree Circle–it's convenient, easy to set up, and provides the Oakwood Foundation with a consistent baseline of monthly support.

Gifts range from \$5 per month to \$250 per month—you choose the amount that's right for you. It's not important how much you give, but that you give.

We recently checked in with a few members of the Oak Tree Circle and asked them why they choose to make an automatic donation to the Foundation each month. Join them by contacting David Mossner at (608) 230-4441 or via email at david.mossner@oakwoodvillage.net (9)



"Working at Oakwood Village is challenging and rewarding. I have spent my entire career as a pharmacist helping individuals as much as possible. Both residents and staff appreciate our work and the help we offer. I like helping the Foundation because we're working for everyone here."

- JAMES LIEN, OAKWOOD PHARMACIST

"I love taking care of seniors. They make my day. I like to see them smile and know someone is taking care of them. I give because the residents give to me."

- VICKY GRAHAM, UNIVERSITY WOODS HOUSEKEEPING





"Having been a part-time receptionist for over 25 years at Oakwood,

I have seen the positive impact of ongoing campus improvements.

I like being a member of the Oak Tree Circle because I care for residents' health and well-being."

- ELLIE NINEMEIER, FORMER EMPLOYEE

"I give because it is my way of giving back to the place where I work. It is easy and painless, and it's a way to help people as they grow older and make their life easier and more enjoyable."

- TONY RUSSO, UNIVERSITY WOODS HOUSEKEEPING





"I learned about Oakwood's work while I was in the Health and Rehabilitation Center at Prairie Ridge recovering from a shattered femur. But it wasn't until I moved to an apartment home that I really learned what a great place it is."

- CAROL UGLOW, PRAIRIE RIDGE RESIDENT



2021 New Donor Society Members OAKWOOD FOUNDATION

Your gifts improve the lives of Oakwood residents.

While we deeply appreciate the support of each and every donor, we take a moment to acknowledge the following individuals who joined an Oakwood Foundation donor society for the first time in 2021.

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Oakwood honors the memory of friends whose legacy gifts were gratefully received in 2021.

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Your support is meaningful and makes a difference in lives of our residents.

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