

SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS

WOODLAND *Views*



**Phase 1  
Rendering**  
Center Circle Walkways

**Phase 1  
Rendering**  
New Water Feature

**FOUNTAIN RESTORATION & LANDSCAPING PROJECT**

Last summer, with plenty of encouragement from residents, we made some temporary repairs to the fountain in the center circle. The residents made it known that they missed their fountain, the sound of the water and being able to just sit and watch the soothing motion of the fountain. From their remarks it became clear that this was an important aspect of life here at Schmitt Woodland Hills during the warm weather months.

Because of the attraction of the fountain and the green space provided by the center circle, a number of residents had begun to walk in front of the building. With the recently completed expansion and renovation project the walking paths behind our campus were lost and the residents had little choice but to walk in the parking area that surrounds the center circle. We are concerned for the safety of the residents as they continue exercising in this manner.

With spring being just around the corner we began to look for a solution to this dilemma. Last fall we met with some landscaping professionals and began to gather some exciting possibilities. These preliminary plans include a complete redo of the center circle which would incorporate walking paths to provide safe space for the residents to exercise and a new water feature to replace the fountain. New plantings, new lighting and other improvements will be included as well. This would be Phase 1 of the project. Two other phases would be

included with Phase 2 being an upgrade to the scenery provided for the Garden View residents of the Health Center and some upgrades to the Woodland Walkway. Phase 3 would include other upgrades to the landscaping around the front of the building and also around the new Health Center. *(continued on page 2)*

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# FOUNTAIN RESTORATION & LANDSCAPING PROJECT (continued)

We are extremely excited about this project and the impact it will have on the residents. We hope to begin Phase 1 of the project this coming spring. None of the funds for this project will come from our operating budget. In order to complete this project we will be seeking private donations to bring about these needed improvements.

## AREA LENTEN SERVICES PLANNED

Once again Schmitt Woodland Hills in cooperation with the following churches: First Baptist, Town and Country Presbyterian, Peace United Methodist and Trinity United Methodist will be hosting five Lenten Services to be held at Schmitt Woodland Hills in the second-floor activity room.

This continues a long tradition of sharing in very meaningful services which include special music, an offering for Passages, a message from God's Word and a time of fellowship.

The theme this year "Near the Cross" will enhance the journey to Easter. The services will be at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

A special free will offering supper of chicken dumpling soup and ham salad sandwiches, prepared by the great

cooking staff at SWH will precede the first service March 8th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor dining room.

The remainder of the services will be followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship.

The schedule of services is as follows:

March 8th	Pastor Cathy VanLanduyt
March 15th	Pastor Wiley Gladney
March 22nd	Ron Fruit
March 29th	Joan Bethke
April 5th	Pastor Jan Starr

Plan now to attend these services. Any questions call John Tews, Activity Director, at Schmitt Woodland Hills, at 647-8931.

### *We share our energy, passion and time*

to be part of making a difference.....Please help us!

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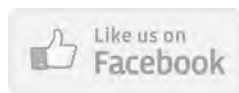
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## 2ND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PARADE

On Tuesday November 22nd the residents of Schmitt Woodland Hills had their second Thanksgiving Parade. The parade was a take-off on the Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving Day. There were many large helium balloons and music echoed through the 2nd floor hallways of the new Health Center.

Resident wheel chairs were decorated like parade floats and many of the residents were in costume as well. The parade started at 10:00 am. Many resident's families and friends were on hand for the parade and many more stayed for treats and lunch following the parade.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The residents of Schmitt Woodland Hills were treated to a special New Year's party this past year. Residents from the retirement apartments, Westview and the Health Center were in attendance along with several family members. Several Department Heads along with the Executive Director acted as hosts for the celebration. Grasshoppers, slushes and Bloody Marys' were served along with a beautiful array of hors d'oeuvre prepared by our food service A'viands.

It was a wonderful evening for everyone involved. There was much conversation and laughter. Although we didn't get to see the big ball drop, the combination of residents, family and staff all gathered together on such a special occasion made for a very special evening. We're already looking forward to ringing in 2018.



### Giving Tuesday

*Thank You*

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

November 29, 2016

Schmitt Woodland Hills presented the Richland Community Food Pantry, Inc. with over 6 boxes of food items and over \$1,830.00 in cash raised from our #GivingTuesday food drive.

# OUR SUPPORTERS BROUGHT THEIR SWING TOO HELP OUR RESIDENTS GET INTO THEIR SWING

We are delighted to bring you a wrap-up to a wonderful story. As you may remember reading here in the Woodland Views, the proceeds from the 2015 Golf Outing Fundraiser held in July of 2015 were designated to purchase two (2) gazebo wheel chair gliders. Residents who are confined to wheel chairs are able to use these swings with the help of family or staff.

Through the wonders of the *World Wide Web* we were able to make connections with a company by the name of Iron by Chad located in California. After a few conversations, it was obvious Chad was an artist and not just a glider builder. His wheel chair gliders are really a work of art. Chad's specialties were actually architectural iron work: such things as sculptures, benches, raised panels, staircases and railings. To see more of his work go to his website, [www.ironbychad.com](http://www.ironbychad.com). His first wheelchair glider was actually built for a niece who was confined to a wheel chair. As the old saying goes, the rest is history.

Once we had confirmed that sufficient funds had been raised by the golf outing we ordered two of the gliders from Chad. The gliders were custom built and were ready for delivery late in the fall of 2015. Can you imagine our shock when Chad offered to pay for the freight to ship the two gliders from California to SWH as a donation? It was obvious that the good Lord was watching over this project.

When they arrived we placed the



gliders in storage. When the winter of 2015-16 began to loosen its grip we began to make plans for the installation of the gliders. When the weather broke our crew from Environmental Services assembled the gliders, tested them and placed them in their current locations on the ground floor patios. As a final touch, an instructional video was produced to show staff and family members how to use the mechanisms that secured the wheel chairs to the glider in a safe manner.

As humans, we value our social interactions. Our relationships and connections with each other give us a sense of purpose, belonging, and meaning.

The design of the glider makes it a powerful social activity tool. The gentle swinging is relaxing, interactive, and enjoyable. Also, most people identify with swinging. Residents, friends, children, family, staff, and volunteers can now experience this together. Swinging is especially ideal for visiting children, because it is a fun activity.

We are happy to report that this project, in just one summer, has exceeded our expectations. The gliders were well received and were in use throughout the summer and early fall. We were surprised by the number of family members who sat down and watched the training video and then utilized the gliders with their loved ones. We look forward to even greater usage of the gliders this coming summer as people get more comfortable with them.

## INSPIRATION *Schmitt Woodland Hills Saints by Rev. Craig Peach*

*A little girl was visiting a beautiful cathedral with her aunt. It was late afternoon and the sun's rays were streaming through a stained-glass window that featured the figures of several saints. The little girl pointed to one of the figures standing out in the strong light and asked, "Who is that?" "That is Saint Peter," the aunt replied. Then pointing to another, the girl asked who that one was. "That is Saint John," was the reply. When she pointed to still another she was told, "That is Saint James." Then, with a sigh of satisfaction, the little girl said, "Well now I know what a saint is. A saint is somebody the light shines through."*

As I walk here at SWH, I see saints each day quietly going about their work. In each department employees

work diligently guided by our Christian philosophy, which truly makes a difference in our resident's lives and the quality of life in our House Calls clients. The light shines through your compassion and concern for the elderly. Anyone can provide the basic care needs of people, but to do so with professionalism and spiritual conviction makes all the difference in the world. Often, residents have spoken about how this is a wonderful place and that it's "the God thing or element" that permeates the work here that causes SWH's to stand out from the crowd. I certainly agree. As we seek to treat our residents and clients the way we would like to be treated the Light of God really shines through.

# MEMORIAL LISTING

The residents and staff are deeply grateful for the following gifts received during January through December 2016.

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# PLANNED GIVING

## “Your Legacy Matters”

*Two brothers worked together on the family farm. One was married and had a large family. The other was single. At the day's end, the brothers shared everything equally, produce and profit.*

*Then one day the single brother said to himself, “It's not right that we should share equally the produce and the profit. I'm alone and my needs are simple.” So each night he took a sack of grain from his bin and crept across the field between their houses, dumping it into his brother's bin.*

*Meanwhile, the married brother said to himself, “It's not right that we should share the produce and the profit equally. After all, I'm married and I have my wife and my children to look after me in years to come. My brother has no one, and no one to take care of his future.” So each night, he took a sack of grain and dumped it into his single brother's bin.*

*Both men were puzzled for years because their supply of grain never dwindled. Then one dark night the two brothers bumped into each other.*

*Slowly it dawned on them what was happening. They dropped their sacks and embraced one another.*

**-Unknown**

I ran across this short story the other day and as I read it, thinking about the brothers in the story, I couldn't help but liken their story to the relationship that Schmitt Woodland Hills enjoys with its supporters.

## SOUTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Since the 2007-08 school year Schmitt Woodland Hills has been providing scholarships to deserving students who are enrolled at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore, WI. This scholarship program was established to assist students enrolled in a Nursing program. Richland County residents receive first preference and the recipient must be enrolled in the Nursing-Associate Degree program or the Certified Nursing Assistant program. Preference will also be given to applicants who have demonstrated an interest and a willingness to work in the field of long-term care. Applicants with previous experience in a long-term care setting will receive additional consideration as well.

This past year, SWH spent over \$1.2 million from its operating income to cover the care of those residents who have depleted their resources and can no longer cover the cost. This happens every year, we take grain from our bin to help those that are in need and yet our bin never seems to dwindle.

Our bin never seems to dwindle because of generous supporters, those who believe in Schmitt Woodland Hills and our mission to serve those in need in Richland County. These gifts to SWH come in many forms and sizes and are designated for a variety of uses and continue to replenish our grain bin. But, each gift allows to stretch our operating income so that we can continue to care for those in need. Without your support we would not be able to continue to support our residents' needs.

Won't you please consider remembering us in your will or other estate plan? For more information or should you have questions, please contact Bill Bartlett, Development Director, at 608-647-8931 or [www.swhdev@mwt.net](mailto:www.swhdev@mwt.net). You make this and so much more possible!



In recent years SWH has been awarding two \$250.00 scholarships to students in this program. For the first time since we began this program both of the scholarship recipients were current SWH staff members. Pictured below are Linsey Bennett and George Hege receiving their scholarship awards from Jackie Carley the Executive Director of Schmitt Woodland Hills. Both Lindsey and George are enrolled in the Nursing-Associate Degree program. We wish them well as they continue their studies.



# MARJORIE WALLACE... WHAT A LIFE!

Marjorie Kolman was born in 1921, one of six children, in Muscoda. Her father was a carpenter and built their home. After the depression, they lost their home and became renters. As Marjorie tells it, back in those days March 1st was moving day, so anyone who was interested in relocating did so on March 1st. Marjorie and her family lived in various locations in the Muscoda area and Marjorie attended a number of rural schools.

After completing 8th grade her father thought she should stay home and work and not continue on to high school. Marjorie had other plans. At age 13 she left home, found a place to work in Muscoda and attended high school.

When she graduated from high school in 1938 her father again wanted her to come home and work. Again, Marjorie had other plans. She found work, room and board with the family of the Presbyterian Pastor in Muscoda. This included doing laundry at 4:00am before classes.

Marjorie met Warren Wallace on a blind date at the West Lima High School Prom. They were married on October 12, 1941. He worked at Sears and she taught at Rocky Branch School. Later Warren became a cheese maker in Yuba and she taught all 8 grades and 42 students at the Yuba School. Kraft foods asked Warren to work in Muscoda so they moved after 3 years in Yuba. Marjorie taught school in Muscoda for 6 years. Marjorie and Warren had 2 daughters, Carolyn and Linda during this time.

In 1953 Warren opened Wallace Insurance Agency in Richland Center. This agency would later become the Wallace Cooper & Elliott Insurance Agency that is still in existence to this day. A home was purchased and the family moved to Richland Center although Marjorie continued to teach in Muscoda. In the fall of 1956 Marjorie began teaching at the Richland County Teachers College. She was the President of the College through the transition years of the Normal School becoming The Teachers College. Her first day of classes at the Richland County Teachers College, all the students went to Krouskop Park where they were enjoying a rousing game of volley ball. During the course of the game, the ball went up and Marjorie went down, breaking her leg. The male students carried Marjorie up three flights of stairs for the first six weeks of her recovery.



Marjorie was very involved with the students at the college. After long bus trips for basketball games, the team would get home late and many of the boys slept on the floor at the Wallace house. She also made and sold chili to raise money for those bus trips. She arranged singing after school with Shirley Braithwaite and Madeline Olson accompanying them on the piano. She and several other teachers used to dress like cheerleaders before school games. She was also involved with "Trees for Tomorrow", arranging a one week trip planting trees for a 1 credit conservation class.

Marjorie pursued and completed a Master's Degree. She then started course work for a PHD at the UW Madison.

Later, she heard a rumor that 2 year liberal arts campuses would be opening in the state. She told Isabel Fowell who also taught at the College, that she would be in charge of the college while Marjorie went to Madison to investigate the rumors.

While in Madison, State Senator Jess Miller took her under his wing and introduced her to representatives and senators and after a lot of hard work a WSU-Platteville Branch Campus, which became UW Richland, was opened in Richland Center in 1967. In September 1972 it became part of the fourteen member University of Wisconsin Center System.

In the fall of 1969 Marjorie became the first woman in Wisconsin to become a Dean in the University of Wisconsin System. She retired in 1973 with Emeritus Status.

While the family lived in Richland Center they were well known for their "Halloween House". The yard and porch were decorated. There was a witch with a caldron on the front yard and a casket on the porch. With a body in it. Rick Unbehaun would lie in the casket and when trick or treaters came he would sit up to give them their candy. One older gentleman looked in the casket and when he saw the body he quickly ran off and got in his car on the other side of the street. People came from all over to see the person in the casket. Needless to say they went thru buckets of candy.

Marjorie gives the Lord credit for the wisdom and guidance over her life these many years.

Marjorie became a resident of Schmitt Woodland Hills on February 14, 2014.

# JACKIE'S JOURNAL *by Jackie Carley*

Legislation is always a big part of the long-term care health system. This year is no exception. In fact, it is considerably more so on the federal government front because most advocacy groups feel that if we are going to get change or reform from the Trump Administration that this is the year to get it done. Even at the state level we are starting to see what appears to be much needed changes.

Starting at the state level, this year is the first year in a very, very long time that the Governor has actually put in his budget for a 2% budget increase for the Medicaid long-term care sector. We have fought long and hard to no avail in the past but finally this year it appears that our voices are starting to be heard. This is where the good news at the state level comes to an end. Just because the Governor has proposed the 2% increase in his budget proposal does NOT mean that it will simply be handed to us. We, as a long-term care group, have to get out there and fight for it. The Governor's proposed budget will now go to the legislators where they may agree or disagree with the Governor's proposal for an increase for long-term care Medicaid providers. Thus, the fight to keep our 2% increase that is proposed has just begun!!!

Even with this 2% increase, Wisconsin Medicaid will still be the worst in the nation for Medicaid reimbursement for long-term care. Even though it is just a dent in the deficit that is borne by long-term care providers, it is a start. And we have to start somewhere. The mere fact that long-term care is finally being acknowledged as being worthy of the Governor's support and inclusion in the State budget speaks volumes in itself.

Leading Age Wisconsin, Wisconsin's long-term care advocacy association, will be at the capitol in Madison on March 8th along with many of its members including staff from Schmitt Woodland Hills. We will be there to remind our legislators that these residents are not just strangers we are caring for, these are our grandmothers and grandfathers, moms and dads, aunts and uncles. This is not a Richland Center problem, but a state wide problem. In fact, this is not even just a state wide problem. It is a national problem and everyone's support is necessary.

I implore you to take a stand and place a call to your legislators! The long-term care providers need to give their front line staff, especially their CNAs, increases if we are to maintain good quality staffing. It is such a crisis already at this point that there are days when it seems impossible to recruit or retain good front line staff. This 2% will help us to look at wages at the front line level.

Another issue that we are fighting at both the State and Federal level is getting a variance or an outright repeal of the Federal regulation banning 17 year old CNAs from being able to use a mechanical patient lift without someone else helping them. This ruling seems quite crazy when you look at the sole purpose of the patient lift. The sole purpose is to help ensure safety in transfers of the resident and the caregiver involved in the transfer. This is an issue that we have recently gotten the ears of State and Federal Legislators and are on the hunt for reform in this area.

Those issues that long-term care providers have targeted to be addressed at the federal level and more specifically by the

Trump Administration include the following:

Delay of the Mega Rule provisions.

Review of our current nursing home survey process and to allow states to pilot test alternative nursing home survey systems.

The establishment of an Office in the Domestic Policy Office of the Presidency to address issues of caregiving and services. This office would show the in-coming Administration's interest in supporting family caregivers who provide long-term care and services to their loved ones in a bi-partisan, non-partisan concern across the aging and disability spectrum.

Suspend the CMS rule establishing requirements for home and community-based services Medicaid waiver eligibility. The current rule is prohibiting some Assisted Livings on certain campuses from being able to accept Family Care residents and payment.

Simplify the Payroll Based Journal Reporting System which has created more paperwork and more hours spent on paperwork on the long-term care providers. This is turning resources away from patient care and into what seems like never ending paperwork and resources being swallowed up to comply with this new reporting process.

Rescind the category of Observation Stays as related to the 3 day hospitalization stay requirement for a Medicare beneficiary to qualify for a Part A Medicare stay at a Skilled nursing facility. This is disallowing many Medicare beneficiaries from being able to qualify for and use their Medicare A or Skilled Nursing benefit. So either these beneficiaries are many times having to pay privately out of pocket for their needs to be met in the Skilled Facility or they are simply going home because they do not have the funds to pay and many are ending up back in the hospital within a short period of time.

Revisiting the Nursing Home 5 Star Rating to change its current practice of grading on a curve to assess stars to skilled nursing facilities to an approach that sets performance benchmarks for each star rating making five-stars attainable by all. This would allow the 5 Star rating system to mean the same thing from state to state.

I know this all seems quite overwhelming because it is. But the key to much of this is reform to fix systems that are currently broken and to stop adding requirements to long-term care facilities that are not improving resident care but instead are diverting resources and funding to non-resident care concerns.

**IF YOU DO NOTHING ELSE WITH THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PHONES AND CALL ON YOUR LEGISLATORS TO DO THE NECESSARY AND THE RIGHT THING TO KEEP THE 2% MEDICAID PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET. THIS IS A NECESSITY FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROVIDERS. WITHOUT IT THERE WILL BE SOME LONG-TERM CARE PROVIDERS IN WISCONSIN WHO HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CLOSE THE DOORS TO THEIR FACILITIES. WISCONSIN CANNOT AFFORD FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.**

Thank you to all of you out there that support Schmitt Woodland Hills. Schmitt Woodland Hills could not provide the services that we provide without both your financial support and your support of love and compassion for what we do.

*God bless each and every one of you!!!! - Jackie Carley*



# THE GIVING TREE - NEW DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

Donors will advance through various categories of membership based upon the cumulative total of their giving. A Green Leaf awarded for a cumulative gift of \$250.00 to \$999.00 will be removed from the donor tree after five years from the date of the last gift has passed. If gifting should resume at some point after the Green Leaf has been removed, the Green Leaf will be placed back on the donor tree and all previous gifts will be included in cumulative total.



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The William and Oda Schmitt Society is a recognition program for donors who have shown their support for Schmitt Woodland Hills. Donors with \$10,000.00 in cumulative gifts to Schmitt Woodland Hills and those who have included us in their estate plans will be recognized as William and Oda Schmitt Society members on the Donor Recognition Wall located within the "Main Street" of the SWH Community. An annual Society Recognition Event will be held to thank all of the Society members for their support.

Requests for naming rights for individual gifts will be considered by the Development Committee and the Board of Directors in accordance with current policies and procedures.

Corporations, Companies or individuals who support SWH by becoming a major sponsor of the Golf Outing Fundraising Event will be recognized on the Donor Recognition Tree. A major sponsor is defined as a gift valued at or a sponsorship fee of \$250.00 or more for which the donor receives no goods or services in return.

If there are questions or for further information please contact Bill Bartlett, Director of Development at 608-647-8931.

## WE'VE DONE IT! TUBS - TO - SHOWERS CONVERSION UPDATE




Thanks to your generous donations and three successful golf outings in 2013, 2014 & 2016 we have been able to raise \$98,536.84 to complete this project. With the money raised we have sufficient funds to convert 24 tubs-to- showers. 22 of the rooms are already completed with two remaining to be completed. 6 additional rooms are efficiency apartments which will be outfitted with shower modules which were not part of this project and 5 apartments were residents declined to have the conversion done.

**VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS**

*Answer the Call  
Become A  
Schmitt Woodland Hills Volunteer*

♣ Do you want to give back to your community?   ♣ Does caring for senior citizens appeal to you?  
 ♣ Would you like to be part of a faith-based team?   ♣ Would you like to meet new people and make new friends?

**We are actively seeking volunteers to help us fulfill our mission of caring for the senior citizens of Richland County. We have openings for volunteers to assist with resident activities, to work in the Handy Shop, to work one on one with residents and more. We can offer flexible times and flexible hours. If you are ready to experience the joy of giving to others please call 647-8931 and ask for John Tews.**



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Those residents who are already using their new showers are very happy to have them. We have received many comments from residents about how much safer they feel, not having to climb over the side of the bath tubs. **Thank each and every one of you who helped bring this project to a successful conclusion. God bless you, we couldn't have done it without you!**





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## WHAT A TEAM!! 5-STAR RATING ACHIEVED FOR 2017

For the third straight year Schmitt Woodland Hills has received recognition as a “Top Nursing Home in Wisconsin 5-Star Rating as published in [www.medicaid.gov](http://www.medicaid.gov). We completed another excellent survey in January when the State survey team was here for our annual survey. The survey team concentrates on three functional areas: health inspections, staffing and quality measures.

Medicaid created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas about which you may want to ask questions.

The Nursing Home Compare Website features a quality rating system that gives each nursing home a rating of between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with 5 stars are considered to have quality much higher than average and nursing homes with 1 star are considered to have quality much lower than average. A 5-Star rating is the highest rating that can be achieved.

The entire staff in the Health Center, Environmental Services and the Dietary Department are to be commended for always being prepared for the survey team to arrive.



*Jackie Carley, Executive Director and a number of Department heads gather as the new 2017 5-Star plaque is mounted outside the employee breakroom. Pictured from left to right are Sharyn Knudsen, Social Services and Admissions Director; Jackie Carley, Executive Director; Joanne Amell, Director of Nursing; Eric Rynes, Environmental Services Director and Bill Bartlett, Development Director.*