

SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS

WOODLAND *Views*

CHARLOTTE BINDL – N4051N



In the 1930's Dr. B. I. Pippen and a few others were the first residents to show an interest in flying in Richland Center. The first airport was located on what was then known as Perkins Farm.

Phil Leyda bought a Piper J-2 in which he sold shares and started the first flying club.

In the early days of the club, farmers' fields were used to practice take offs and landings, much to the objections of the farmers. The planes always seemed to leave before the farmer's truck arrived.

Sometime near the end of the war several businessmen planned a new airport in Lone Rock.

Charlotte Newkirk was born Dec. 6, 1925. She grew up and went to school near Pleasant Ridge. When she was 13 she started working full time for Sherriff Ben McClaren, cleaning and cooking for his family and the prisoners.

Charlotte married Robert Ghastin when she was 18. They lived on a farm across from the airport and later moved to a cabin at the airport. Robert was also a pilot and sometimes they would fly together.

Charlotte worked at the Richland Airport Café and took her flight training there with Dwight "Woody" Woodard. She flew Cessna 140's and 120's and was the first licensed female pilot in Richland County and the first to fly solo.

Charlotte flew with her husband and flew planes to Madison to pick up parts for planes that needed repairs. She often talked about a trip with Don Julson to the Cessna plant

in Wichita to pick up a new plane. Don left ahead of her and Charlotte lost sight of him and navigated her own way back to Sextonville. The plane had the call letters N4051N and Charlotte remembers them to this day. The plane was bought by Betty Schlafer's family and later by Gus Slayback who restored it. The plane is still in Sextonville.



In the 1960's, she and Robert had 2 children, Kirk and Kathy, and she continued to run the airport restaurant and work at Keegan's Drug Store. She stopped flying but continued with the restaurant. In Feb. 1963, the night Kirk was born, the restaurant burned down and she lost her log books. She had 3-4 thousand hours in the air. She was credited with some of the hours but not all. She started doing the books for

the flying club and they gave her 2 hours per month flying time. She never got to use them all. She also worked at H&R Block for several years. While working at H&R Block, she also did the books for Richard Havlik and House of Richard hair salon. She was the bookkeeper for Huffman's Hair Design and bought it in the 1980's and ran it until 1999 when it was taken over by Connie's Creations.

Robert passed away in 1971. In 1974 Charlotte met George Bindl, a farmer from Plain and later married him.

She kept her pilot license for years and was a member of the Richland Flying Club.

Charlotte loved to travel. She and George visited Europe several times and visited her brother in Washington State often.

Even today at age 96, she would love to go back up in a small plane.



WE ARE GUESTS IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME

The world of food service at Schmitt Woodland Hills during the pandemic has been challenging to say the least. But our team is and always will be up for the challenge. We all have the attitude to provide the highest quality food and service to our residents while following all the ever-changing guidelines. We have made sure to meet residents needs and preferences despite limited product availability caused by the many supply chain disruptions experienced because of the pandemic. Luckily our food supply company has been working diligently to get the products we need and have them available even if in limited quantities. That has come at a cost, higher prices, as I'm sure you have noticed yourselves when grocery shopping. Even with food shortages we always make sure we have what we need to complete our menu and to satisfy our residents.

The pandemic has created an ever-evolving food service in our retirement community. For example, in our Westview Assisted Living Community, we have created a brand-new kitchen and we have updated the dining room. All this was done to allow us to provide home cooked meals right there in Westview. The residents enjoy the aroma of breakfast cooking every morning. Appetites have improved since the assisted living common spaces are filled with the aromas of freshly prepared meals. This project was no small task, as a commercial range hood had to be installed to be able to cook on a stove top in the dining room. Once the new hood was in, we had to wait on other materials to arrive to make it a full kitchen. Food supply hasn't been the only thing affected in this pandemic. As I'm sure you are aware if you've done your own projects at home. It seems like you were always waiting for something. However, we were determined to complete this project and to open a new and refreshed dining room for our Westview residents to enjoy. The residents have embraced and continue to enjoy the new kitchen remodel.

Our Dietary Department staffing has also had to evolve during the tough times our country is seeing because of

employee shortages. We have been fortunate in the fact that our team has stuck together and readily accepted the changes that needed to be made to ensure we always provide the quality nutritious food we are so proud of. We have changed weekend shifts to a 12-hour day Saturday and Sunday to accommodate our Health Center residents. When this change in hours was presented to the Dietary staff, they were willing to do whatever it took to make sure all the needed hours were covered.

As the Dietary Director, I couldn't be prouder of how the team stuck together through such a hard transition. This clearly demonstrated how caring and dedicated these people are and how much they care for our residents. We all have our days, where we wonder if we are ever going to see the light at the end of the tunnel but, when that happens, we are all here to remind each other that we are here to provide our residents with the life they so greatly deserve. Without our residents we would not have a purpose.

On a personal level, I am very proud to be a member of the Schmitt Woodland Hills team. We are not just a team; we are a family who care a great deal about our residents and co-workers. Times have been challenging and the unknown seems to lurk around every corner, but one thing you can count on at Schmitt Woodland Hills is there is always someone here to brighten your mood and your spirit if you're feeling defeated. Our individual roles may be ever-changing, but we all remember to keep positive for our residents because we are in their home.

Laura Pyfferoen
Dietary Director



INSPIRATION *BY CRAIG PEACH*

In 2006, Dr. Samuel Weinstein, the chief of pediatric cardio-thoracic surgery for a major hospital in New York, traveled to El Salvador to perform life-saving operations on children with severe heart problems. One of his may patients was an eight-year-old boy named Francisco. During his surgery, Francisco lost too much blood. He required an immediate transfusion, but his blood type was B negative – a blood type shared by only 2% of the population. His chances of survival were slim.

Until Dr. Weinstein began rolling up his own sleeve. He shared the same rare blood type as Francisco. So, Dr. Weinstein laid down his surgical tools, scrubbed his arm and let a nurse draw a pint of blood. When he restarted the surgery on Francisco, it was his own blood that flowed through the little boy's veins and likely saved his life.

That's what God did on our behalf. That's what we celebrate at Christmas. When our lives were at stake, when nothing else could save us, God laid down His own majesty and authority to come in the form of a helpless baby, born to a poor family living under the control of an oppressive government. He lived the life of a traveling Rabbi and died a humiliating and agonizing death to save us from our sins. He gave up everything to ensure that we could live in God's presence forever. Could there be any greater proof of God's love for us?

IT WAS A “GRAND” GIFT



We wish to thank Joan Hansen and Dennis Goodchild of the Lone Rock area for their recent gift of a beautiful Baldwin Howard baby grand piano. The couple told us that the piano had been in the family since the 1950's. This beautiful piano now resides in the main dining room that serves the apartment residents.

One of the staff from our Activities Department who is a gifted pianist loves the new piano and is very appreciative to have it at her disposal. In addition, one of our residents who lives in the retirement apartments stopped by my office a couple of days ago and just went on and on about how beautiful the “new” piano was and how wonderful it sounded when she played it. Imagine, we hadn't even had it tuned yet!

Once again, thanks to Joan and Dennis for this lovely gift which will bring much joy to our residents for years to come.

HALLOWEEN

The day got started when busloads of trick or treaters showed up from the Ithaca School District. The elementary school students were at Schmitt Woodland Hills bright and early on Halloween morning to share their costumes with our residents. It was great to have the residents be able to interact with the children. So many smiles had by everyone. We thank them all for coming to visit.

In the afternoon it was the resident's turn to don the masks and costumes. To see all the smiles on our resident's faces during our Halloween party was amazing. They love dressing up in costumes, telling their stories of how they grew up and their Halloween traditions is always a blessing and a highlight of this special day. Happy Halloween from all our residents at Schmitt Woodland Hills!





THANK YOU

For your donations & time

Thank you to the staff of Quail Run and Mick Cosgrove for organizing and setting up the Night Golf Tournament for our Night Golf at Quail Run and Auction. Also thanks to Mick for being a great auctioneer for our Live Auction and thank you to the bidders at the auction for making it a successful event. Funds will go towards our Memory Care Unit.

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All the vendors that allowed us to display the Ranger UTV at their premises and sold tickets for our raffle!

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Also thank you to the SWH staff members, Board of Directors members, and friends of SWH that sold tickets.

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6th Annual TOMMY P. HARVEY Golf Outing

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Memory Care Unit

SOMETHING OLD.....SOMETHING NEW

It was billed as the “Summer of Fun”. Two separate golf-related fundraising events were staged over the summer to raise funds for projects that would benefit the lives of our residents and the senior citizens of Richland County and the surrounding area.

The traditional Tommy P Harvey Memorial Golf Outing was held on the third Thursday in July, just as it has been for many years. This event, started in 2000, has been a major fundraiser for SWH for 23 years. Because of the restrictions that the Pandemic has placed on so many of the activities and events we were used to, we added some new activities to the summer calendar.

The regular July golf outing saw 67 golfers gather at Viroqua Hills Golf Course for an enjoyable afternoon of golf followed by a wonderful post-game cook-out prepared and served by our Schmitt Woodland Hills Dietary Staff and sponsored by Martin Brothers Food Service. The day included two hole-in-one prize opportunities sponsored by the Fillback Family of Dealerships and Wallace Cooper and Elliott Insurance Company. There were other on-course games staged on various holes on the course, plus raffles, a silent auction, and contests on specific holes for the longest drive, longest putt, and closet shots to the hole.

Our thanks to the 67 golfers who participated in the outing and to the 24 businesses and other entities who sponsored holes out on the course. We would also like to thank all those people and businesses who provided the raffle and auction prizes. Without your support we couldn't fulfill our mission to the senior citizens of this area.

Once the dust settled on the Tommy P Harvey Memorial Golf Outing we begin to look towards a new event planned for September which was dubbed “Nine at Night”. True to its name, this event featured nine holes of golf played after the sun went down on September 17th. The Quail Run Golf Course was lit up with all sorts of glow-in the-dark markers

and each golfer had his or her own glow-in-the-dark golf ball. Seven 4-member teams teed off in a shotgun start for the best ball event.

Prior to the golf teams hitting the course there was a live auction with many nice auction items including gift certificates, exercise equipment, a pool table and much more. The highlight of the evening was the raffle drawing featuring a 2022 Polaris Ranger 1000 UTV complete with a tilt-bed trailer; over a \$20,000.00 value. 2nd prize in the raffle drawing was a Traeger pellet grill and 3rd prize was a pair of Kayaks plus accessories. The UTV was won by Roger Weber, while the 2nd and 3rd prizes were won by Bill Troxel. Who says lightening doesn't strike twice. Both gentlemen are from Richland Center.

We had a great turnout for the event, and everyone seemed to have a great time at what was a fun-filled evening. Thanks to everyone who helped make the “Nine at Night” event possible. A special thanks to Mick Cosgrove for acting as the auctioneer and Richland Rejuvenates for all they did to help set up the event and make it the success that it was.

We would also like to thank Pete Walsh and the gang at Walsh's Ace Hardware for their donation of the Traeger pellet grill and Brent Montry and Tri-state Basement Repair for their gift of the pair of kayaks for the raffle prizes.

Finally, thanks to the Schmitt Woodland Hills Golf Outing Planning Committee for all their hard work and all the local businesses who allowed us to display the UTV and trailer on their premises to help promote raffle ticket sales; Julie Carins State Farm Insurance, the Fillback Family of Dealerships, Phoenix Center, NAPA, Peoples Community Bank and Quail Run.

Thanks to all our supporters, named and un-named, for all their support and we will look forward to seeing you all again next summer.



ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

CAMPFIRE NIGHT

Summer Campfires were again a big hit this year.



MUSIC

Resident Barb Baxter with son KJ and friend. Residents enjoyed some outdoor musical entertainment.



Monty Berger is always a favorite.



NOODLE BALL

When the weather's bad, there's always Noodle Ball!



Some light weekend entertainment was provided by resident Enda Slayback singing and playing her autoharp.

JUNE SHOWERS BROUGHT JUNE FLOWERS

This spring our Activities Staff and other volunteers spent a fun afternoon planting flowers with the expert help of some of our residents! We placed raised planters at strategic locations throughout the campus so all our residents would have easy access to one or more of the planters and could easily join in the fun.



SPECIAL GUEST

This year we were lucky enough to have 2 donkey visits. Always a hit with the residents.



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. SWH employees and 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.

April 29th, 2022

Dear Schmitt Woodland Hills,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Schmitt Woodland Hills Nursing Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

This scholarship will help continue my nursing career. As you know, since I've been working at Schmitt Woodland Hills, I continue to enjoy working for Schmitt Woodland Hills. I have learned a lot, and this will help my nursing career.

I am currently enrolled in the Nursing program and plan to graduate in May of 2024. My goal is to pursue a career in the Nursing industry. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I promise you I will work very hard and I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,

Emily Philippucci

PO Box 288
Richland Center WI 53581

May 4, 2022

Dear Schmitt Woodland Hills,

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship. I was pleased and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient.

I recently transferred to Southwest Tech and have enjoyed my time here. I am currently finishing my general's and have about two weeks left. My goal is to get my RN through SWTC and get a job as a nurse right away and then eventually get my bachelor's degree. This scholarship is important because you're helping me further my dream of becoming a Nurse.

I am currently enrolled in the Nursing Program and will be starting this fall, and I plan to graduate in the Spring of 2024. My goal is to pursue a career in Nursing as I have wanted to be one ever since I was young. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I promise you I will work very hard, and I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift!

Sincerely,

Falbi Greene

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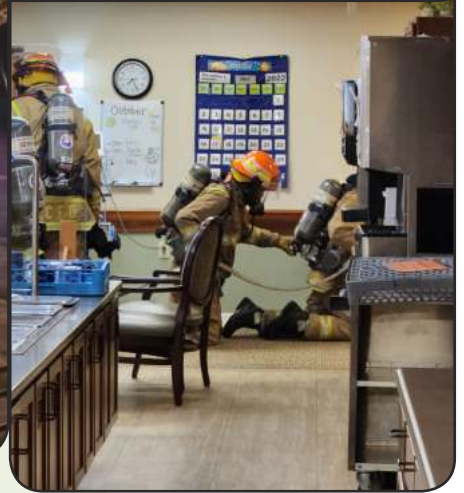
*This year Dean Braithwaite and Eunice Moore
got to ride in the Canyon of Lights Parade with driver Kathy Hamby.*

FULL SCALE FIRE DRILL

On October 17th, Schmitt Woodland Hills in cooperation with the Richland Center Fire Department and the Richland Center Police Department conducted a Full-Scale fire drill. The purpose of this drill is to be sure that SWH staff, the Richland Center Police Department and the Richland Center Fire Department all understand and practice what will need to be done in the event of an actual fire emergency.

During the drill the Richland Center Police Department assisted with evacuating residents and securing the premises. The Richland Center Fire Department arrived with multiple vehicles including a ladder truck, engine and rescue squad. The fire department entered the building as if the fire were real and proceeded to locate and extinguish the mock fire.

All involved in this drill agree that it was a success and a great learning experience for both SWH staff and all that responded. Schmitt Woodland Hills would like to thank both the police and fire departments for the great job that they did, and insight provided after the drill.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2022

Carolyn Freeman (1953-'55)

Carolyn Josephine Freeman, age 98, was born in Rockbridge Township. She attended the one room Mosher School and graduated with honors from Richland Center High School in 1942. She attended the Richland County Teachers College from 1953-'55 and UW-Platteville with a degree in Elementary Education in 1962. Carolyn taught grades 1-8 at Lower Hawkins Creek, Rocky Branch and Pine River one-room schools, Gillingham Union School, Richland Teachers College, Jefferson and Doudna Schools, all for a total of 31 years of teaching.

Besides full time teaching and raising her three daughters, Carolyn held numerous leadership roles within the community. She also continued her education, accumulating over 40 credits in the field of education which she felt would make her a better teacher as a reading specialist.

As a devoted parent, she saw her children thrive and continue their educations: Sherry attended Methodist Hospital School of Nursing; Jean graduated from Platteville in Social Work; Vicki went to UW-LaCrosse having a career in investments.

Carolyn was divorced from her first husband Ansel Schoonover and in 1959 she married Vernie "Pete" Freeman and lived happily together until his death in 1996. In addition to her children, Carolyn boasts 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Today Carolyn lives independently in an apartment at Schmitt Woodland Hills, where she participates in book club, lecture series, Bible Study and attends her First Presbyterian Church services each Sunday.

Let it be known that friends of Carolyn have children who were students of "Mrs. Freeman" and who hold her in the highest esteem to this day. No higher praise can be given to a teacher than to be not only remembered, but also respected by former students. And that is the case with Carolyn Freeman!



JACKIE'S JOURNAL: *The True Meaning of the Season*

It is so hard to believe that the Holidays are upon us. It seems like just yesterday that the New Year began and soon we will be ready to ring in another. Time is precious and we always need to be reminded of the love and positive aspects in our lives.

God has truly blessed Schmitt Woodland Hills this year. We have now been through almost 3 years of COVID and yet we are still standing strong. We have endured more in the healthcare field in the past few years than most have endured in their entire career. There are days that we all wonder why we are still working in the Healthcare Industry.

I can tell you it is not the money that we can make. I can tell you it is not the long hours that we get to put in. I can tell you it is not because we love a stressful and exhausting career.

However, I can tell you why we do it. It is because of the love and joy that each resident brings to our lives. It is because we can see and feel the differences that we make when we hold the hand of a resident in need or just take the time to sit quietly next to them. Sometimes words do not even need to be exchanged because the love and compassion can simply be felt in the air between resident and caregiver. It is because we feel a calling to help those

who cannot help themselves. It is because each of us that do this for a living have a love that is continuous and unconditional. It is because we would feel empty in any other career or industry because we have too much to give to not be in the caregiving business.

What a blessing to have that kind of love and to be able to give it to others every day when we come to work. What a blessing to have the same kind of love given back to us at work by a resident's smile, a resident's simple thank you, or a resident's hug. Wow! We are all blessed to call Healthcare our mission, our vision, and our lives.







So, this holiday season please take a hand, share a smile, or simply sit with another in need. The pure joy and love that you will feel, and they will feel, can never be topped. It is something that you will take with you day in and day out. It is something that will get you through the tough times and something that will make you a more positive and giving person. It is a blessing, and we all deserve a blessing this holiday season.


Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!! Remember that the Holidays are for giving not receiving!!

- Jackie Carley, Executive Director



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QUILT SHOW RETURNS



Friendship Quilters Guild

Annual Quilt Show

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October 1 & 2, 2022

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Quilt Show – Viewing of member quilts & display of cash & carry items.

Meet and Greet – Featured Quilter, Susan Unbehaun, local quilter, publisher, and businessperson.

Bed Turning – View antique quilts and listen to historical narratives. The Bed Turnings will happen on Saturday October 1st at 9am (for SWH residents & family only), 11am and 2 pm & on Sunday October 2nd at 2 pm.

Historical Documents – Viewing of scrap books from early Friendship Quilt Guild Events.

The Guild has established special hours for Schmitt Woodland Hills' residents and their families to attend the show. These hours are:

**October 1st 8:00 am to 10:00 am
& 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

October 2nd 8:00 am to 10:00 am

These times are reserved for SWH residents and their families only.



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