

MAPLEWOOD MESSENGER

Spring 2020



ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AT MAPLEWOOD

Maplewood is a leader in developing employee skills. Several positions within Maplewood do not require training prior to employment. Ironically, it is those same jobs that are the stepping stones to a career in healthcare. A person with no experience, age 16+, can take advantage of FREE training at Maplewood to become a resident helper, feeding assistant, or CNA - certified nursing assistant. It's a prime opportunity for high school or college students to get their first job.

Jobs in healthcare are in high demand so there are extremely good odds of gaining employment upon graduation. It's also an industry where the employer may pay for schooling; therefore, an employee can avoid accumulating student debt upon receiving his/her degree. Combine that with the fact that a person can make above average wages with a potential for additional "differential" pay. It makes a career in healthcare worth checking out.

There are rewarding opportunities at Maplewood for volunteering, internship/job shadow or employment. Benefits the employees enjoy:

- Insurance (medical, dental, vision, Aflac) with 40 hours worked in a 2 week pay period.
- 401K
- Flexible scheduling
- Differential pay
- Scholarships
- Career Growth potential
- Easy commute
- Free parking
- Terrific group of coworkers
- Family like atmosphere

Maplewood employs around 200 employees, which is a real benefit to Sauk Prairie. Its employees put money back into the community through local purchases. Plus the taxes Maplewood pays helps fund things such as road construction\maintenance, public schools, police protection, health and welfare benefits, plus costs associated with operating local and state government.

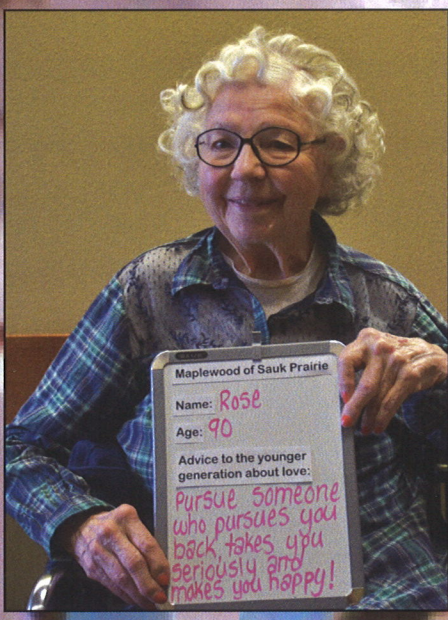
Top to Btm: Delores Schlub holding a baby duck;
Carol Smith playing balloon volleyball;
Jeanette Breunig, Marge Ripp;
Ann Haselwander, Jack Haselwander, Doug Haselwander, Joan Barth & Eric Barth.

OCCUPATIONAL AND SPEECH THERAPIES

April and May are nationally recognized months honoring occupational and speech therapists. The results achieved after utilizing therapy services at Maplewood have changed many people's lives.

After someone has experienced a health set-back, therapists at Maplewood help you regain as much function and independence as possible. Even with very profound deficits, many who undergo therapy at Maplewood can live independently.

Speech therapy can help when there is difficulty swallowing, getting words out, memory loss or putting things in order to complete daily tasks. It focuses on restoring communication problems. Occupational therapy assesses a person's environment and day-to-day activities in effort to restore a person's ability to lead a meaningful life.



Left- Top to Btm: Ray Weiland, Frances Raymer, Tim & Gail Kohl, Rose Breunig
Above: Mabel Nolden.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE - Paul Fiscus

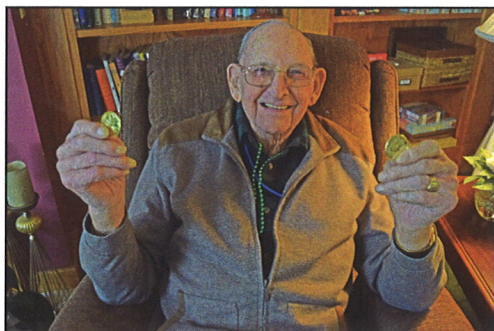
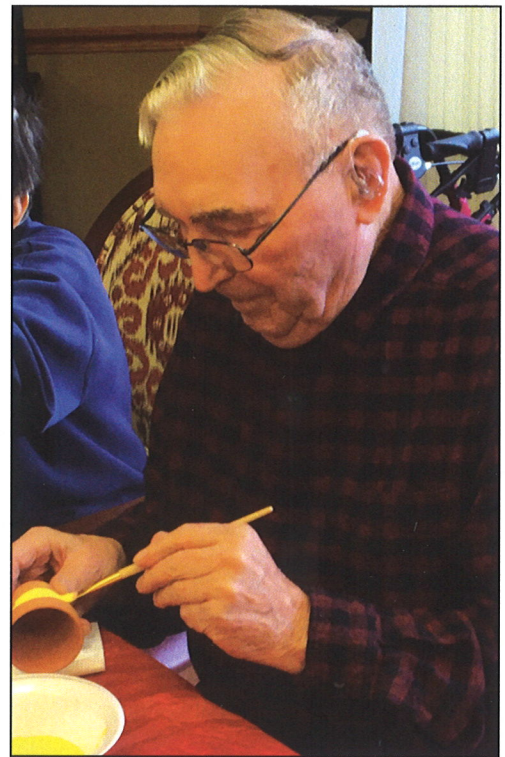


Welcome to Spring....a little different this year

This has certainly been a season to remember. Life, as we know it, has been very different. At Maplewood Sauk Prairie, perseverance through a troubling time has kept us strong!

Times of struggle present new and uncomfortable challenges. Our teams at Maplewood Health & Rehab and Maplewood Village have risen to the challenge with compassion and dedication for our tenants and residents. Thank you to all of them! I would also like to thank all the community volunteers and organizations that have helped us in one way or another during unusual circumstances. Finally, thank you so much to the families for their patience, love and understanding.

"Toughness is in the soul and the spirit, not in the muscles" -Alex Karras



Above:

Phil Carlson;

Sisters: Lou Ann Bonjour & Gladys Theis;
Lee Albrecht

Lower left, Top to Btm:

Vera Sprecher;

Harry Mann;

Marlene Kirch

ENSURING RESIDENT SAFETY

As mandates set by the Center of Disease Control are followed, safety for those entrusted with Maplewood and Maplewood Village's care, has spurred additional use of technology. Facetime and Skype have been useful tools as the activity department assists residents when communicating with family members. Social distancing has been incorporated into the daily routine including when games are played and meals eaten. It is also practiced during gym therapy sessions, yet, when feasible, therapy is conducted in tenant rooms.

The old fashioned way of staying in touch such as sending cards and receiving personal visits, still brightens a resident's day. Students have been sending notes to residents and loved ones are talking on the phone and seeing each other - through a closed window, which removes the chance of COVID-19 transmission.

There is no doubt, a sense of humor and positive attitude shared by employees, residents and family members have retained an upbeat atmosphere within the building.



White board communication: Bonnie McGuire; Social distancing: Delores Pieper; Face-to-face visits: Connie Ludlum & granddaughter Marisa.