

# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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## Passavant News Bits



### CONGRATULATIONS!

The Newhaven Court dining team, pictured above, has received the Regional Purpose Award from Morrison Dining Services for their efforts to enhance and enrich the lives of seniors at Passavant Community. They were presented with a crystal award and a \$250 VISA gift card to help celebrate their achievement.

### SOMERSET COTTAGES

The corner of South Green Lane and Beaver Street has been the site of construction activity for Passavant. Existing structures have been removed and 4 cottages, which will be known as the Somerset cottages, will be constructed as part of Passavant's Independent Living options.

### WELCOME BACK!



Pastor Ed Sheehan, pictured on the right in the photo, has accepted a part-time call with Lutheran SeniorLife as transitional interim pastor at Passavant Community. Prior to his retirement last year, Pastor Sheehan served on Lutheran SeniorLife's Board of Directors and was involved in several of its initiatives.

## MARK YOUR CALENDER

### PUBLIC WELCOME

#### "The Upper Peninsula"

*A Travel Program Presentation by  
Community Volunteer, Linda Thompson*

Friday, March 9

1:30 pm

Seaman Memorial Chapel  
Second Floor, Abundant Life Center

#### North Allegheny School District Fiddlers

Monday, March 12

7:00 pm

Scholl Conference Center  
Abundant Life Center

#### Sparking the Arts

*Featuring the artistic works of  
Resident, Linda Richards*

Tuesday, March 20

2:00 pm

Scholl Conference Center  
Abundant Life Center



### VOLUNTEERS ONLY

#### Annual Community Volunteer Dinner

Thursday, April 12

6:00 pm

Scholl Conference Center  
Abundant Life Center

*Features entertainment, meal,  
door prizes, and fellowship for our off campus volunteers.  
Watch for your invitation in the mail!*

## Education Corner



### Personal Care Volunteers: Annual Training

To all volunteers who serve our Personal Care residents on a weekly basis: if you have not already done so, please complete the annual training you received via email or mail and return the signed receipt to the Outreach Office.

Thanks to all who have already completed and returned their annual training!



### Important Reminder: HIPAA Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act

Volunteers cannot disclose any health or personal information regarding a Passavant Community resident to those off campus or those on campus not involved in their care. A fine can be incurred if this occurs.

Health information may be things such as sharing that a resident is declining in their abilities, walks with a walker, has lo-vision or has a specific ailment. Personal information examples would be name and location or area where the resident is living such as Nursing or Personal Care.

Any printed or e-mail information regarding a resident is also covered by HIPAA and must be destroyed or shredded.

Just remember, like Vegas, when it comes to resident information, what you see and hear here, stays here!

### Foot Pedal Policy

**In order to prevent injury, all residents who are in wheelchairs must have foot pedals on their wheelchairs before being transported to destinations outside of their household area.**

**Also, please check to be sure the resident's feet are securely on the foot rests before and while pushing them in a wheelchair.**

Please note that if the wheelchair resident propels themselves by using their feet to move the wheelchair forward, they do not need pedals. However they still cannot be transported by someone else without the foot pedals on.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### Fitness Center Receptionists



*Mary Ann Brill (seated) assists Fitness Center client at check in.*

When our busy Fitness Center staff needed help, volunteers stepped!

As Fitness Center Receptionists, these volunteers provide an immediate and welcoming presence to the Fitness Center's new and existing clients while staff is leading classes or assisting in the equipment room or pool area.

Besides providing hospitality, these volunteers also answer phones, do light clerical work and provide clients information about the Fitness Center and its programming.

Community Volunteers who serve at the desk are Mary Ann Brill, Linda Powles and Jan Weaver.

**Thanks for all you do!**



### IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

## FACES AND PLACES

### Welcome New Community Volunteers

**Jennifer Sassaman** – Nursing: Friendly Visitor

**Susie Donaldson** – Nursing: Come and Listen

**Lawrence County Career and Technology Center**

**Students** - Personal Care: Activities

**Mary Thomas** - Mt Laurel: Come and Listen

**Kathleen and Bill Petulla with sons Chase, Jack and**

**Cameron** - Newhaven Court: Bingo

### Assignment Updates

Interested in a change of assignment or want to add on to your present area of service? Contact the Outreach Office for assistance. We value your commitment and service to Passavant residents and would be happy to help you with this.

### Happy Anniversary

We recognize these community volunteers who are celebrating an anniversary in March as a volunteer here at Lutheran SeniorLife Passavant Community.

<b>Blanche Lozar</b>	12 years	Outreach Office Newsletter
<b>Sandy Schmeling</b>	10 years	Outreach Office Assistant
<b>Carol Flinn</b>	6 years	Social Services
<b>Diane Briant</b>	6 years	Newhaven Court Bible Studies
<b>Alex Hlopek</b>	4 years	Tech Tutor
<b>Shirley Cooper</b>	4 years	Compassionate Friend
<b>Ellie Painter</b>	3 years	Visitor
<b>Jan Weaver</b>	3 years	Volunteer Greeter
<b>Marlene Horanski</b>	3 years	Gift Shop
<b>Elaine Zalewski with "Marbles" And "Autumn"</b>	3 years	Pet (cat) visits
<b>Michelle and Shealin O'Shea</b>	1 year	Personal Care Activities

*Whether you serve throughout the years,  
for a special project or for a season;  
your time with us is valuable.*

## PLACES TO SERVE

**Gently Used Shop** – Shop helpers provide customer service and ring up sales; assist with sorting, storing, pricing and displaying donations. Training provided. Substitutes are needed for any Monday – Thursday to assist with the shop's clerking and/or donations. Some lifting involved. This is a great fit for thrift store enthusiasts!

**Pianist/Organist/Instrumentalists** - Provide music on the organ or piano for residents who just enjoy listening to music in their household. Days and times flexible

**Hymn Sing/Sing-along Accompanist (Piano or organ)** - Accompany residents as they sing from song sheets. Music can be provided. Days and times flexible

**Fitness Center Receptionist**- Assist fitness members with check in, provide information to inquiries, and answer phones. Training provided. Shifts: Friday, 10 - noon or 1 - 3



### Referrals

Because we believe Passavant has a GREAT group of Community Volunteers, we look for people with the same dedication and caring hearts to serve our residents.

Any Community Volunteer referring a new volunteer who completes orientation will have their name placed in a drawing to receive a \$25 gift card. The drawing is held once a quarter.

Volunteers are often not focused on the perks that may be offered, but we care about having a quality team of volunteers. This gift card is our way of saying "thanks!"

*"Our best referrals are word of mouth.  
If you have enjoyed your volunteer experience,  
please tell a friend."*



### Annual FIRE SAFETY Reminder

If you discover a fire, do not hesitate to sound the alarm at one of the fire alarm pull stations, regardless of whether the fire appears significant. The visible fire may only be a sign of a much larger, hidden, smoldering fire, ready to burst into intense flame.

In the Abundant Life Center, a pull station is located by any stairwell marked with an exit sign to the outside. Please check with your assigned staff member for the fire alarm location in your area of service and if you are serving in other buildings. Instructions will be on the fire alarm pull station.

Remember: **RACE**

**R** - Rescue the Resident. Move them away from the flame.

**A** – Alarm or alert others by pulling the alarm.

**C** – Confine the fire as you proceed to the assignment area (shut a door behind you as you leave or close any open windows if you can do so safely).

**E** - Escape to your \*assignment area.

**Maintenance assumes the responsibility for extinguishing fires unless you have prior training on fire extinguishers.**

**Maintenance assumes all responsibility for contacting the Fire Department.**

#### \*Assignment Areas

Abundant Life Center: Volunteers report to the fire safety area for the location they are in. Follow the lead of your staff.

Newhaven Court: Report to the library on the 1st floor or, if necessary, evacuate the building.

Wittenberg Place: Report outside at least 10 yards from building. The Wittenberg gazebo area may be used for this purpose.

**The purpose of the Community Volunteer Newsletter is to provide information, appreciation and education to the Community (off campus) Volunteer and is the creation of the Community Outreach Office Coordinator, Donna Cawthorne and Community Volunteer, Blanche Lozar.**

## Mission Statement

### ABUNDANT LIFE®

**“I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10b**

“These are the words that guide our ministry of care for our seniors. Regardless of their level of independence, abilities, health or financial circumstances, we strive to help all seniors enjoy the richness and fullness of life. A vital element in carrying out this mission of Abundant Life® is the volunteer from the outside community who comes to serve our elders.”

**Whether you volunteer on special occasions,  
seasonally or on a weekly basis  
you are making a difference in the lives of others!  
Thank you for being a part of this mission.**

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**Passavant Community is rated as a 4-star certified nursing home by the Federal Government’s Center for Medicare and Medicaid Studies (CMS).**

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Community Outreach Office at 724.453.5414 or by visiting [www.lutheranseniorlife.org](http://www.lutheranseniorlife.org). On our website, select the “Volunteer” tab on the top of the page, then follow the **How to Apply** directions.