

# Family MATTERS



## The Friendly Home Family Newsletter

### CELEBRATING OUR CENTENARIANS

2011 is a very special year for five of our Members, in which each turned 100 ~ or older! In celebration of these individuals reaching milestone birthdays, The Friendly Home hosted a party in their honor in October. Families, friends and other Members were invited to join in the fun, and all enjoyed an afternoon of music and visiting, complete with refreshments and decorations. Happy birthday to all of our centenarians!



**Sigmund "Ziggy" Ilgunas, Age 102, Birthdate: May 2, 1909**

*Ziggy, known as the "Mayor of Selden Place" is pictured at the 100th birthday celebration with his daughter Lorraine.*



**Myrtle Lev, Age 100, Birthdate: December 16, 1910**

*Myrtle makes the rounds of The Friendly Home nearly every day, looking in on and chatting with her friends.*



**Mary Lipa, Age 100, Birthdate: November 16, 1910**

*Mary's family describes her as wise, witty, and a great story-teller. She enjoys many friendships at The Friendly Home.*



**Mildred Marsden, Age 102, Birthdate: July 14, 1909**

*Wearing a pretty pink corsage, Mildred attended the centenarian celebration with her son Bob and daughter-in-law Rose.*



**Agnes Modinos, Age 100, Birthdate: January 28, 1911**

*A lifelong music lover, Agnes continues to take great pleasure in The Friendly Home's music programs. Agnes is pictured here with her dear friends who came to the birthday party.*



*What's a party without a birthday cake? Black, white and pink decorations added a festive party touch.*

# HOLIDAY MATTERS

Always a cheerful time at The Friendly Home, this holiday season will be filled with special gatherings and activities!

## Guest Meals

Members and their guests are invited to Holiday Open Houses in the Family Gathering Room on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Drop by for festive refreshments with your loved ones from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on these holidays. Please note that The Friendly Home will **not** be able to provide guest meals or catering services on these days.

## Holiday Parties

Members will gather to celebrate at our annual holiday parties as follows:

**Morgan Place** ~ Friday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

**Porter Place** ~ Monday, December 12, 2:00 p.m.

**Selden Place** ~ Tuesday, December 13, 2:00 p.m.

**Lindsay Place** ~ Wednesday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.

**Memory Care Center** ~ Thursday, December 15, 2:30 p.m.



## Family Photos

We are pleased to announce that once again this year The Friendly Home's Recreation staff will be taking family photos on Christmas Day in the Family Gathering Lounge from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. You are welcome to stop by during the afternoon to capture a special photographic holiday memory!

## Holiday Worship Services

The Christmas season is enriched by many events you will want to share with your loved one, including the annual Christmas Eve celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium on December 24. The Eucharist will also be celebrated on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. Though these services will follow the Episcopal Church order of worship, they are open to all denominations. Please join us!

## Family Gatherings

There are a number of rooms available to families and Members for private celebrations during the holiday season and throughout the year. Please contact your Social Worker for more information and to reserve a room.

## Holiday Gift Giving

During the holiday season, many families and friends often ask about good gift ideas for Members. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful: calendars; gift certificates to The Friendly Home's beauty salon/barber shop for any of the services they offer, including hairdressing and manicures; gift certificates to The Friendly Gift Shop & Café; a cash deposit in the Member's Fund; and magazine or newspaper subscriptions. Please note that Friendly Home staff are not allowed to accept tips. If you would like to recognize a Friendly Home employee, please consider making a donation in his or her honor to the Home's Staff Appreciation Fund (stop by or call the Marketing/Development office for details at (585) 385-0204). This fund is used for various staff appreciation events held throughout the year, including holiday parties and service awards.

## E-Greetings

Did you know that you can send an e-greeting to a Member? Please visit The Friendly Home's website at [www.friendlyhome.org](http://www.friendlyhome.org) and click on the "Send an e-greeting!" link in the upper right corner of our home page. Simply complete the form, and your message will be printed out and delivered as soon as possible. This is a great way to keep in touch during the holidays and throughout the year!

## A Final Note...

There are many recreational activities and events planned for November and December. Please check the monthly recreation calendar for details. These calendars are available at the Reception Desk and also on our website at [www.friendlyhome.org](http://www.friendlyhome.org). Happy Holidays!

## FRIENDLY NEW FACES

There are some new staff members at The Friendly Home in which our families may have a special interest in meeting:



**Anita Burton**  
*Recreation  
Specialist,  
Selden Place*



**Dan Goldstein**  
*Director,  
Building  
Services*



**Hana Hodge**  
*Member  
Services*



**Caroline Ikpeze**  
*Nurse Manager,  
Selden Place*



**Cathy Stagnato**  
*Nurse Manager,  
Memory Care &  
Transitional Care Center*

*Beginning at the end of November, The Friendly Home will be providing coffee and tea service at no charge to Members and their guests, as well as other visitors to the Home. This service will be available in the living room area across from the Auditorium. Enjoy!*

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET DALE GERMAN

Penfield resident and Kodak retiree Dale German began volunteering at The Friendly Home about a year ago. On Thursday afternoons, you'll find him helping customers in the Friendly Gift Shop & Café. And for the second year in a row, this fall Dale is assisting Members in completing the annual Member/Family Satisfaction Survey. In addition to being a volunteer, Dale is also part of The Friendly Home family; his mother Caroline has been a Member for two years, and currently lives on Morgan Place.

Why volunteer at The Friendly Home? Dale explains, "Mom is here, and I've developed friendships with other Members and with staff. It's just a great place, so I thought 'Well, why not volunteer?'" Dale enjoys his time in the Gift Shop & Café, where he has his "regular" customers, both Members and employees. Often, his mother visits him during his shift, and in the summer months, they go outside afterwards to sit on the front porch.



*Volunteer Dale German in the Friendly Gift Shop & Café with his mother, Member Caroline German.*

Dale worked at Kodak for 38 years in market research. Today he considers himself semi-retired, working as a consultant for several local companies in various areas of research and technical writing. "Volunteering is a good experience," says Dale. "You meet a lot of friendly people and have a lot of interesting conversations with them. I enjoy hearing different perspectives and spending time here at The Friendly Home."

If you are interested in volunteering, you can find out more by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Morrow, at 385-0219 or [lmorrow@friendlyhome.org](mailto:lmorrow@friendlyhome.org). You can also visit our website at [www.friendlyhome.org](http://www.friendlyhome.org) and browse through the volunteer section to learn about opportunities and people who find volunteering at The Friendly Home to be a very worthwhile and rewarding experience.

## MEATBALLS ON MEMORY CARE!



Friendly Home Members enjoyed an Italian feast of spaghetti and meatballs in October. What made this lunch so special? The sauce and meatballs were prepared using an old family recipe brought in by the family of Venna Hendricks. In the Memory Care Center, where Venna lives, staff and Members worked together to make the sauce and the meatballs right on the unit. But the rest of our Members didn't miss out on this delicious meal because the Dining Services team also made the recipe for everyone else! Gail Roesser, Venna Hendrick's daughter, remarks, "This was the way my mother made meatballs, and my sister and I have been making them the same way for about 40 years now." Thanks for sharing this family favorite!

*Pictured from left: Helping to make meatballs and sauce were Member **Ruth Jones**, Memory Care Clinical Coordinator **Laura Walsh**, and Member **Venna Hendricks**. Many thanks to Venna and her family for sharing one of their favorite recipes with The Friendly Home!*

## PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS

Friendly Home employees showed off their creativity in a pumpkin decorating contest! The pumpkins were displayed in the living room, and Members, staff, volunteers and visitors voted on their favorites. The winner—a Mouse House submitted by our Social Work/Admissions staff!



To see the other pumpkins (and they're worth a look!) visit The Friendly Home's Facebook page. Just visit our website at [www.friendlyhome.org](http://www.friendlyhome.org) and click on the Facebook icon near the bottom left of the home page.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Friendly Home Members had a scary good time on Halloween as they watched Allen Creek Elementary School students parade through our hallways wearing their costumes! This parade is an annual Halloween treat for our Members.



*At left: Member **Anna Stasuik** hands out Halloween goodies during the parade.*



*At right: Member **Addie Carhart** treats a shark to a Halloween pencil and notepad.*

## SUMMER FUN



*Member **Jack Mahoney** raises a glass at the Men's Club picnic in June.*



*Above: Member **Lorraine Rottner** is all smiles with family at the Porter Place summer picnic.*



*Above: Member **Gary Rech** enjoys a visit from a Monarch butterfly at our annual Butterfly Release!*