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MARWOOD MATTERS

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## December Staff Anniversaries

Sherman, Karen	LPN	14 yrs
Kuretich, Hilary	Community Relations	11 yrs
Davis, Di'Mond	LPN	10 yrs
Jones, Tiffany	HSK	5 yrs
Reidel, Corin	LPN	5 yrs
Schatzberg, Darien	Maintenance	5 yrs
Fairman, Margaret	CNA	4 yrs
Varty, Demi	CNA	4 yrs
Lemanski, Lindsay	CNA	3 yrs
Rattee, Jamie	LPN—Adm. Coord	3 yrs
Gantt, Natishianna	CNA	2 yrs
Latimer, Helene	CNA	2 yrs
Kicinski, Samantha	CNA	1 yr
Miller, Kimberly	CNA	1 yr



# Administrator's Corner

2020 is fast approaching! I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels like 2019 went by like the blink of an eye. As I reflect on this past year, I'm genuinely proud of what we've accomplished and look forward to continuing our efforts in to 2020. Before I share the highlights of 2019, I'd like to thank our amazing residents, dedicated staff, loyal volunteers, attentive physicians, and our supportive families for all that you do to make Marwood the best place to live and work.

As we prepare for the next chapter, I feel extremely proud of what we've accomplished this past year. Let's take a look back...



Brian J. Oberly  
Administrator

- In January, we welcomed our seventh Music Therapy intern to Marwood. This program has been very successful in that it supplements our current Music Therapy program and adds opportunities to reach more residents.
- In February, Penny Warsinski was named 2018 Employee of the Year. Penny has worked at Marwood for over 30 years. She was recognized as employee of the year because of her positivity, willingness to help others and her continuous efforts to keep Marwood in tip-top shape!
- In May, Marwood was honored with the **Governor's Award of Excellence**. This award recognizes participants for their dedication and success in improving healthcare quality and patient safety in Michigan. To be eligible for the award, participants must have achieved, maintained and continually improved in specific and rigorous milestones.
- In June, Marwood was one of the 590 long term and post-acute care providers in 48 states that awarded the 2019 *Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award* by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL).
- In July, we started the renovation and updates on Independence Pointe which included updating the residents **rooms, hallways, flooring, walls, furniture and the nurse's station desk**. We also gave the Blue Water room a makeover.
- In August, we hosted our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Men & Women Who Cook fundraising event which raised over \$25,000 to support the purchase of a new transit passenger van that will be used for resident appointments and activities.
- In August, we welcomed Chris Jenerau, RN, to our leadership team. Chris is the Rehab Case Management and Social Work Manager. She has several years of managerial and nursing experience and we are very excited to have her on board.
- In November, we purchased the new transit passenger van with the funds raised from the Men & Women Who Cook events! We are so thankful to our Men & Women Who Cook chefs, donors, staff, families and the community for choosing us as your charity of choice!
- Early this month, we will wrap up the year with a special holiday tea in celebration of our fantastic residents and families.

In 2020 we will continue to work on improving our environment along with striving for continuous excellence in nursing practice.

Thank you for being a part of Marwood and the residents we serve. If you have comments, questions or concerns at any time, please contact me at (810) 982-9500.

*Warmest holiday greetings and best wishes for a very happy New Year.*

Brian

## NEW TRANSIT PASSENGER VAN

I am extremely pleased to announce that through last year's fundraising dollars that were generated by the 2019 Men & Women Who Cook event along with the continued support of our generous staff, families and donors we were able to purchase a new transit passenger van. This new vehicle is mid-sized transit passenger van that accommodates five passengers and two wheelchairs. It will be primarily be used for transporting residents to appointments and small group activities and we'll continue to use the current bus for larger activities. The bus was delivered at the end of November.



Thank you for your support!

## TIS THE SEASON...FOR SHOPPING!

If you are an Amazon shopper, when you shop choose **Amazon Smile**. The difference is when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. It's really simple. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and select **Marwood Nursing & Rehab** as your charity. Every dollar counts toward helping us live our mission *to provide our residents with quality care in a safe and comfortable environment*.

Happy Shopping!

## FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Please remember these important tips for keeping you and your loved ones healthy during flu season:

- Handwashing is your BEST defense against the flu virus.
- If or your loved one is not feeling well, plan to visit another day.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow- not your hands.
- If you forget- hand sanitizer, face masks, and tissues are available at all the nurse's stations and entry doors.

Here's to a safe, happy, flu-free holiday season!  
Valarie Lane, RN, IP-BC  
Infection Control Coordinator

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# December Employee of the Month

## Ciara Hunger, Dining Services



December 2019 Employee of the Month is Ciara Hunger. Ciara started working at Marwood in August 2015 in our Dining Services department. She is recognized by her coworkers for always being willing to help. "She is an outstanding team player." One coworker wrote "She is great at what she does. She always helps around the kitchen and is pleasant to work with, and always has a smile."

Congratulations Ciara! We are glad you are part of our team.

## Little Store

The Little Store on Wheels is available on Fridays from 12:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.

On the third Thursday of every month, the Little Store will set up shop in the Main Lounge from 12:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

*Please note, the cart will not be available the Friday following the Main Lounge sale.*

## Sunday Church Services

10:00 am—Main Lounge with Rev. Max  
Will also live stream on Channel 20 for those that can't attend.



## Catholic Mass Schedule

Catholic Mass will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Services are held in the Main Lounge at 1:30pm.



## December Birthdays

Winifred S.	12/1
Karen A.	12/1
Bruce S.	12/2
Jaqueline A.	12/4
Vernon B.	12/7
Leslie P.	12/8
Patricia P.	12/9
Jack H.	12/10
Winnie C.	12/11
Caroline B.	12/15
Betty G.	12/18
Harry B.	12/20
Emily F.	12/20
Anna W.	12/20
Floyd K.	12/26
Jeannine C.	12/27
Artie D.	12/27
Fred J.	12/28
Patricia T.	12/29
Virginia M.	12/30
Susan G.	12/31

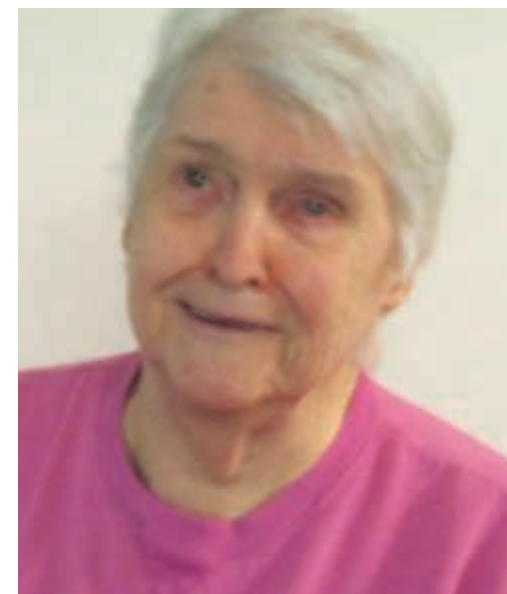
## Resident Profile...Floyd Kenyon

Floyd was born in Ferndale, Michigan and raised in East Detroit. Although you would not associate East Detroit with country living today, that is what it was like for Floyd growing up. He was milking cows since he could walk. In fact, as a youth his milking skills earned him the same wages (\$1/day) as the strapping young man who was hired help. He graduated from East Detroit High School. Floyd married his childhood sweetheart, Marian. The couple had two children before he was called up to serve in the Army during World War II. They had another son after he returned from the war. He served two years with the infantry stationed in Europe. When he came home he bought a farm in Casco Township and there he lived until about four months ago. It was hard to purchase items like machines or cars in a post war America. Floyd managed to purchase a milking machine from the farmer's co-op in Casco. He started with 7 cows. By the end of the farm days he had 30 cows. Marian would milk the one nice cow in the morning before heading in to fix breakfast. Floyd, whose mornings always started at 4:30 a.m. would head out to milk the rest of the cows before grabbing breakfast and heading to Detroit to report to work as a machinist at 7:00 a.m. He was (and should be) proud of the fact that he was very rarely late. He worked for 43 years in Detroit, retiring as a general foreman. There was not a lot of free time between work and his hobby of farming, but he still made time to go out with his wife and kids to hunt pheasants and rabbits. His family is still important and they very close knit. He has 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Floyd's words to live by are "Do unto others as you'd have them do to you. Treat people fairly. I always got more out of people with a carrot than a stick." If you find yourself on Lighthouse, stop in to say hello.



## Resident Profile...Margaret Dixon

Margaret or Maggie, was born and raised in Port Huron. She was part of the students that moved with the Port Huron High School from downtown to the current location. She loved it - it was new and clean. Maggie has fond memories of Pine Grove Park. It was her favorite spot because it was near the river and a fun spot. Maggie and her friends would go to the swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, and concerts. When they remodeled the treatment plant they turned the roof into a dance floor and held dances every Friday night. When she graduated from high school she worked at Cunningham's drugstore (across from Sperry's) as a soda jerk. She married and followed her husband, who was in the air force, to Japan. She lived there for three years and found the people friendly, the environment interesting, and enjoyed everything except for the food. Maggie has one son, who is the joy of her life. Growing up she played a lot of pick up baseball. She enjoys following the Tigers and would like following the Lions more if they were playing better. She worked for Prestolite making car parts. Maggie enjoys music and use to sing in choir for both her school and church. Today she prefers to listen rather than sing. Maggie's words to live by are "Be honest and work hard. Life will treat you the way you treat it!" If you find yourself on Dove stop in to say hello...



# Activities Corner

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Marwood Nursing & Rehab will host their annual holiday celebration on **Sunday, December 8, 2019** from **2:30 – 3:30**

for our residents and their loved ones. Please mark your calendars to join us in your neighborhood for some refreshments and live music.



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## ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by Marwood Nursing & Rehab and the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter

### 2020 SUPPORT GROUP DATES

- January 28
- February 25
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27

Facilitated by:  
Michelle Bezemek, LBSW, CDP

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month  
2 - 3:30 p.m.  
(No meetings in November or December)

**NEW LOCATION!**  
Marwood Nursing & Rehab  
Blue Water Room at  
Independence Pointe  
1300 Beard St., Port Huron

For more information, call Hilary at 810-966-5426.



Life is better when you're laughing.