August-September 2021



A Newsletter for residents, families, staff, and friends of the Mary Culver Home

Welcome, New **Residents!**

Please welcome our newest residents: Marie Smith, Joann Munson, Jeanette McMillin, and Peggy Holden

Birthdays! August:

Carolyn Joseph: Aug. 18

Ruth Hauck: Aug. 20

Joann Munson: Aug. 28

Consuelo Washington: Aug. 29

September:

Jeanette McMillin: Sept 16

Jeanne Hermann: Sept. 27



While we do on average live longer these days, living to the age of 100 is still a rare and wonderful thing. About 97,000 Americans, or just 2.9 percent of the population (as of 2018) have reached that milestone. This year, three of them reside at the Mary Culver Home:

Our Centenarians:

Alraine Rodden (January) Marie Smith (March) Polly Sizemore (April)





It has been a busy summer at the Mary Culver Home. We welcomed new residents, celebrated birthdays, enjoyed the music of a visiting musician (Lauren, page 2), held a party on the patio (page 3), and chowed down on some White Castles (page 2).

Coming up in September: The Home will have a parade entry in the Kirkwood Greentree Festival. Look for us in the Home's car along the route. The Festival runs Sept. 17, 18, and 19, and the parade will be held on Saturday morning, September 18, starting at 10:00 a.m.

New Staff: Welcome to Beth von Behren, the Home's new Community Relations Director who joined us on August 9. Beth is the former Public Information Officer for the City of Kirkwood and has a background in journalism and nonprofit marketing and communications. She is a Webster University graduate and has two grown children (Sara and

Simon) and two dogs (Abby and Chester). In her non-MCH hours, she likes to hike and to travel.

Visitors Always Welcome: The residents love getting visitors, so please stop by and see your friend or family member. Just remember that we are still exercising caution to keep everyone safe and healthy. We ask that you sign in at reception, have your temperature checked,

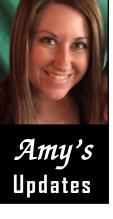
Our Facebook Page is Back! We have regained access to the

and wear a mask. Please do not wander the building. Thank you!

Home's Facebook page, so please look for us and give us a "like" or a "follow" to make sure future stories and party pics make it into your own Facebook feed. Look for The Mary Culver Home for the Visually Impaired.

Right: Nine-year-old Emma Grace Wohlschlaeger donated \$50 to the Home in memory of her greatgrandmother Joyce Bowman, a former resident — money she made from making and selling bracelets.







Songstress Visits Mary Culver Home



THANK you to Lauren for visiting the Home on August 10 and singing for the ladies. Lauren is an accomplished guitarist as well.









White Castles Are in the House!

The ladies said they wanted White Castles, and White Castles they got! *Pics below!*



Left: Executive Director Amy Lepper assists Barb while DaJuana (staff) and Ruth look on. Right: Residents (I to r) Gertrude, Marie, and Willene enjoy their meal. Below: Addie and Sue (foreground) and Joan (back table) dig in to their burgers and fries.





Party on the Patio 2021!

THANK you to everyone who came out for the Party on the Patio in June. It had been such a long time since we were able to get together—and to see all of your smiling, happy faces. We know our residents were overjoyed to talk to and hug family members after so many months. There was wine and music and conversation—all the best ingredients for a super party on our lovely patio.



Addie and family on the patio!



Alraine and her family



Polly and family on the patio!







- Barb and family enjoying some snacks together

Rachel and her daughter —>



NEW WISHES

If you would like to donate items to the Home, here are a few requested items:

- Candy
- · Popcorn for Bingo
- Nail Polish (& remover)
- Paints—crafts, watercolor tins
- Birthday supplies—decorations, table covers, candles
- Halloween / Thanksgiving decorations

THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have we mentioned that WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS! If you have a few hours to give, we can use your help with the following (temperature checks and mask wearing required):

- Do you play an instrument? Our residents love music.
- Reading to residents.
- Folding this newsletter and getting it ready to mail (end of October).

To volunteer, call or email Beth at 314-966-6034, ext. 104, OR Beth@maryculverhome.org.

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On one of those gloomy, stormy days in August, two of our residents enjoyed the quiet and warmth of a peaceful fire.