

Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our residents and staff celebrating in July and August.

Residents:

Janet Sobkoviak,

July 24

Marilyn Burke,

July 26

Ruth Hauck,

August 20

Janet enjoys a beer on her 90th birthday.



Janet's birthday was the same day as the monthly lunch outing to Bandana's. Seated at their table are, from left, Executive Director Amy Lepper, Activity Director Brooke Lorenz, Shirley, Sue, Janet and Pat.

Staff:

July: Matthew Yaw, 2nd; Barb Ramsey, 7th; Ashley Granderson, 21st; Kevin Lavin, 24th

August: Tiara Cooper, 9th; Yvette McBride, 29th

Off the wish list

Thank you to Eugene Reisinger for your generous donation of a backpack-style leaf blower from the May/June wish list. Terrence approves!



Hello, families and friends! Summer is quickly coming to an end, but we sure packed a lot of fun into these past few months. Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 29. We had a fabulous turnout, and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to all the volunteers who made the day possible. We could not do it without you! See the photos on page 3. In addition to Strawberry Festival, the ladies celebrated Christmas in July, had their own Olympic

games, shucked corn for the kitchen, had a yummy lunch at Bandana's Bar-B-Q and had fun getting to know our new facility dog, Gunner. We were also able to enjoy the patio several times during the unseasonably cool weather in August and witnessed many family members visiting their loved ones in the fresh air and sunshine. With summer almost behind us, that can only mean that fall is right around the corner, and we have already started making plans for our annual Chili Cook Off and Fall Tea, which will both be held in October, so look out for more information on these events! As always, don't forget to follow us on Facebook (our page is The Mary Culver Home for the Visually Impaired) and Instagram!



Amy's Updates



Above, Margie, center, and her guests enjoy their strawberries and ice cream at the Strawberry Festival. Below, Ruth, second from right, and her visitors appreciate Joe's piano-playing at the festival.



Amy

Wish-List Items

- Birdseed
- A donor to fund a one-year, \$100 Audible subscription, so the ladies can continue to listen to their favorite audio books during book club meetings
- Gorilla Glue

Summertime snapshots



Pet therapy

Volunteers with nonprofit organizations Dogs on Duty, above, Duo Dogs, below left, and Love on a Leash, below right, regularly share their pets with the residents.



Fancy nails

Joan is feeling anything but blue about her nail color choice.



Christmas in July

Clockwise from above left, June, Marilyn and Gunner get into the holiday spirit.



Corn-shucking

From left, Pat, Willene and Vera happily participate in one of the most popular activities: shucking corn for an upcoming meal. The ladies say they appreciate the opportunity to feel useful.

If you need a good reason to clean out your packed-to-the-rafters basement or overstuffed closet, how about The Mary Culver Home?

We are seeking donations of new and gently used items for our **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** and **FALL TEA** Boutiques. Items can be dropped off with the receptionist any day of the week between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Call 314-966-6034 if you have questions.





Charge nurse Ashley with Joan.



Activity assistant Gail and Janet.



Lorraine and her daughter Connie.

Strawberry Festival returns



Lorraine welcomes family members to the festival.



Marilyn's family finds a spot in the solarium.



Above, Millie with her daughter, Brenda. Right, Director of Dining Services Terry Beals sets up the table where the strawberries will be served.



Eleanor welcomes her family to the festival.

Kaelynne Kovac helps to decorate.



Karen Smith, left, and Anne Horner slice several pints of strawberries.



Joyce Rothenberg rang up sales in the Boutique, and Joe Mueller played piano.

Making it happen



From left, Anne Horner, Chris Kottmeier and Cathy deJong tackle the daunting task of pricing items for the Boutique.

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The mission of The Mary Culver Home is to provide visually impaired women with dignified, compassionate, holistic nursing care in a warm family atmosphere, as well as to promote security, confidence, and an excellent quality of life.

Staff spotlight



Planning and carrying out activities for the residents are the responsibility of Activity Director Brooke Lorenz, left, and Activity Assistant Gail Curl. Their creativity is matched only by their affection for the ladies.



Meet Gunner, who has been certified as a facility dog by Paws Giving Independence (PGI). Gunner underwent training with Brooke, his owner/handler, and he now accompanies her to work to provide assistance in the Activity Department and companionship to the residents. The main objective of PGI is to train service dogs to assist people with different disabilities.

This summer, soaring temperatures prevented many of the usual outdoor activities. To see how residents stayed busy indoors, check out the photos on page 2.

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