

Birthdays!

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



Residents:

Janet Sobkoviak, July 24

Donna Kuban, August 5

Bobbi Hauptfleisch, August 7

Ruth Hauck, August 20

Susan Temple, August 28

Staff:

July: Matthew Yaw, 2nd; Yolanda Banks, 22nd; Kevin Lavin, 24th

As summer winds down, I've been reflecting on what an incredibly fun season we have had here at MCH. From our annual Strawberry Festival (page 3) and patio party (page 4) to our barbecues, lunch outings and lots of ice cream, it was such a joy to see everyone enjoying these moments together. Thank you to our residents, families and staff for filling our summer with warmth, connection and lots of fun.

Every two years our unofficial end to summer is our Arctic Lounge gala, held in mid-August. This year's gala was a huge success, and we owe so many sponsors, families, volunteers and donors a HUGE thank-you! Please see page 2 for a glimpse of the event, along with the names of our sponsors and contributors to our live and silent auctions. We appreciate everyone who made Arctic Lounge possible! We truly couldn't do it without you.

I feel so grateful to be part of a community that feels like family. Here's to a wonderful autumn ahead, filled with crisp mornings, colorful leaves and of course, our annual Chili Cook Off and Fall Tea!



**Amy's
Updates**

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Happy Retirement! Receptionist Barb Ramsey calls it a career after 36 years

This summer we celebrated the retirement of a Mary Culver Home legend, Barb Ramsey.

Barb retired after 36 years of service. When she was hired in 1988 to work in the housekeeping department, The Mary Culver Home was still known as the Blind Girls Home. (The Board of Directors changed the name to The Mary Culver Home for Visually Impaired Women in 1993 to honor our benefactress.)

She made the switch to receptionist 10 years ago.



Barb is surrounded by her daughters, Heather and Amanda.

Barb's coworkers describe her as loyal, honorable, caring, hardworking, friendly and fun-loving. She has been our party-planner, enthusiastic cheerleader and unofficial Mary Culver Home historian.

Barb always said she loved everything about her job — the residents, coworkers and families, as well as The Home itself.

While we are sad to see her go, we know her family is eager to spend more time with her after her well-deserved retirement.



Current and former coworkers, residents and their families, and friends gather to wish Barb the best in retirement.



Karen Smith gets a hug from her great-nephew Lawson after she successfully bid on a firetruck ride to school.

Arctic Lounge 2025

Biennial auction enables Home to continue caring for women with visual impairments

Thank you to all those who contributed to the live and silent auctions, including:

Agape Construction, Tom Alferman, ApexNetwork Physical Therapy, Arch Engraving, Sarah Capps at Spa721, Cornucopia, Marie Davis, Cathy deJong, Mike Duffy's, Pat Flynn, Great Harvest Bread Co., Ray Halagera, Anne Horner, J.A. Whitney, Kirkwood Florist, John and Kim Kovac, Donna Lauck at Red Mule Ranch, Pet Supplies Plus, Paul Pytlinski, Joyce Rothenberg, Jim Seubert, HR Sheevan, Karen Smith, Tower Tee and Barb Watkins



Tom Alferman, center, and John Kovac share a package that includes Cardinals tickets and a quilt made by Joyce Rothenberg, left.



From left, Anne Horner, Barb Watkins, Liz Jegel and Marie Davis tally the results of the live and silent auctions, Fund a Need campaign and 50/50 raffle.



At left, auctioneer Nate Haskins and his wife, Allison, urge the crowd to start the bidding. Above, about 60 people attend the Arctic Lounge fundraiser at MAC West.



Above left, some guests show their love of strawberries with their clothing choices. Above right, Eleanor welcomes her family to the event in June.

Strawberry Festival is summer standout

Edith and her sister, Margaret, enjoy the treats.



Above, Joe Mueller plays piano to entertain visitors. Right, board members Barb Watkins and Ray Halagera dish up strawberries and ice cream.



Receptionist Carol wears a festive strawberry apron to greet visitors.

Lorraine enjoys the day with her children Robbie, Jo Ann, Eugene and Connie.



Volunteer Diane Schwartz, second from left, visits with Willene, Margie, Jenny and Janet. Strawberries are a favorite fruit for many of the residents.

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Sun shines on patio party guests

