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the Pleasantview Home

Fall 2018

2018 Benefit Sale takes a look at the future of PV

This year's Benefit Sale had a little extra excitement beyond the auctioneers cries for bids. A special announcement was made to unveil building plans to improve and expand Pleasantview. After the first round of quilts were auctioned, Executive Administrator Nick Jedlicka and Board Chair Michael Loss took the stage to talk about the project.

Several hundred Pleasantview supporters in attendance got to hear first-hand the plans for Pleasantview's future -- and see project renderings that gave folks a visual of what Pleasantview is planning.

The plans include a renovation of the original Pleasantview building, currently being used for nursing care. It will be converted into 31 *Assisted Living* apartments. Assisted Living will bridge the gap between *Independent Living* and nursing care.

The second part of the plan is adding a *Memory Support* wing to the building which would allow for better care for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Board member Lowell Yoder chats with a Benefit attendee interested in Pleasantview's building plans.

To date and through a "quiet phase" of fundraising, Pleasantview has raised almost $1.7 million. The project as a whole (Assisted Living and Memory Support) will cost an estimated $10 million. Plans are to raise $5 million and finance the remaining $5 million. Pleasantview has no long-term debt, which enhances the ability to borrow funds for the project. Ground-breaking could potentially happen late in the spring next year,

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Annual staff *Safety Fair* promotes safe practices

On August 1, Pleasantview held its annual employee safety fair. The goal is to enhance safety for Pleasantview staff members, present any new information and provide a fun way for staff to connect with one another.

Another aspect that makes the PV safety fair a favorite event is the drawing for door prizes, but there are always sweet snacks and other refreshments for attendees, which makes the training session even more enjoyable!

The main purpose of the event is obviously safety. What happens in the event of a fire? Tornado? How does one perform a lift that minimizes the possibility for injury? Why is it important to wash hands properly?

These are just a few of the many

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Pleasantview Assistant Social Services director Kaitlin Yoder examines a safety display.

Staff News

Skelton appointed to state board...Fernau voted to AANAC board...Yoder set to retire

Pleasantview Director of Nursing (DON) **Amy Skelton** was selected to serve on a sub-committee of the Iowa Board of Nursing (IBON).

The committee is called the Iowa Center for Nursing Work Force. Skelton had to apply for the position and go through an interview process with the Associate Director of the IBON, and was then appointed by the Board of Nursing. It is a three-year term.

According to the IBON website: "The Nursing Work Force centers across the country exist to address nursing work force challenges in the areas of supply, demand and education, to ensure an adequate supply of qualified nurses to achieve population health in the United States."

Their mission statement is: "The Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce exists to support a dynamic, well-prepared and diverse nurse work force to meet the health and wellness needs of Iowans."

Pleasantview is very excited to have a member of our team serving in such a prestigious role.

"Amy is a great leader for our clinical program and has very good knowledge of nursing work force-related issues in addition to her excellent clinical acumen," said Nick Jedlicka, Executive Administrator of Pleasantview.

Skelton was appointed DON at Pleasantview in 2013.

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Pleasantview's Minimum Data Set (MDS) nurse, **Carmen Fernau**, was recently voted onto the long-term care nursing education foundation board through the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC).

"This is very exciting for Carmen; we are very happy she has the honor of serving on the AANAC board," said Nick Jedlicka, Executive Administrator of Pleasantview.

The AANAC is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting long-term care nurses and professionals who provide quality care for nursing home residents across the nation. Since its founding in 1999, AANAC has earned the reputation as the premier resource and network for long-term care professionals involved in the RAI/MDS process. Now with more than 15,000 members, AANAC is committed to the success of the entire interdisciplinary team and delivers accurate and timely information, educational opportunities, advocacy in legislation and a peer community of support.

Fernau has been at Pleasantview since 2016.

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Dori Yoder will retire in December after many years of service at Pleasantview. Dori has worked in both the Social Services and Activities departments throughout her tenure.

Her first role at Pleasantview was as a consultant for five years; she was then hired as the full-time Director of Social Services.

"Pleasantview has been a big part of my life," says Dori. "My parents and in-laws all lived their last years at Pleasantview.

"Over the years my life has been enriched through relationships with co-workers, residents and their families. I am excited to see where the future takes Pleasantview Home."

The last several years, Dori has been accompanied in her duties as by her loyal canine companion Luke. He is a Cavachon that has had training to be a therapy dog, and is a favorite of residents, visitors and staff. In addition to Dori, Luke too will retire...and also will be missed by many!

Staff Safety fair…

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Director of Advancement Larry Swartzendruber checks the quiz completed by Dietary staff member Dirk Logan while CNA Rachelle Parrott studies the board.

topics addressed at the event.

Here's how the fair works: several booths are set up in Miller Chapel, with each booth hosted by a Pleasantview supervisor/manager. Each station contains information and materials relating to their specific topic (e.g. fire safety). Staff members sign in when they come to the safety fair and receive an answer sheet. They spend approximately 10 minutes at each station learning about the topic; they then take a brief quiz on that topic and record their answers on their sheet. Once the entire circuit of safety topics is completed, the employee is entered into a drawing for one of several door prizes given at the end of the day.

It is a unique and educational way for staff members to become excited about safety training.

The fair is mandatory for all employees, whether a recent hire or 40 -year employee.

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but depends on the ability to raise more funds for the project.

Campaign organizers will visit with any individuals, groups or businesses interested in helping reach the goals of the project.

Director of Advancement Larry Swartzendruber and Executive Administrator Nick Jedlicka, along with a Steering Committee of volunteers and the Board of Directors, are spearheading the efforts for the project.

The Benefit Sale itself, now in its 63rd year, drew many from both the local community and other locales. Bidding was spirited, food was consumed and much fellowship took place as attendees enjoyed the festivities at Iowa Mennonite School.

The Sharon Bethel Quartet and the Wellman Mennonite Church Worship Team provided entertainment on Friday, November 2.

A delicious turkey tender dinner was served Friday evening, while the breakfast Saturday featured all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage.

Proceeds from the Benefit will go toward the aforementioned project, with net results of more than $65,000.

The 2019 Benefit will be held on November 1 and 2.

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There were many items from which to choose during both the live auction (top) and silent auction (bottom).

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One very important item: you cannot personally touch the money you plan to withdraw from your IRA to donate under this QCD. The money must be transferred directly from the IRA custodian to the charitable organization (such as Pleasantview) where you are contributing the money. In other words, don't have the check sent to you so you can forward it to Pleasantview. The IRA custodian will need the Tax ID number of the charity and they will forward the check from your account. If the money gets sent to you, you will pay the taxes.

I have shared this piece with local attorney Michael Brenneman to make sure this is legally correct. He has confirmed that it is. And though I am *not* an attorney, I would be willing to answer simple questions. Obviously you may wish to contact your personal attorney or your investment advisor or tax consultant to verify my statements.

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About Pleasantview Home:
Developed by churches in the Kalona area in 1958. Pleasantview Home is a non-profit retirement community offering a continuum of services, from independent living to nursing and Alzheimer's care.

Mission Statement:
Pleasantview is a Christ-centered community that promotes aging well and supports the quality of life for our residents, their families and our employees.

Core Values:
Integrity, quality, compassion, faith, community

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Michael Loss chairs the Pleasantview Board of Directors. The following ran in the 2017 Fall issue of "The View." It is an important piece of information that bears repeating. Though Michael's age has obviously increased in the last year, the figures and the scope of the article remain accurate. Michael can be reached at michael@mdloss.com.

Thank you for your consideration of support for Pleasantview!

I recently turned 69 years old; 70½ is just around the corner. What that means for me and anyone else having attained the age of 70½ is that if you have a *Traditional IRA* you will need to begin taking an annual *Required Minimum Distribution* [RMD] from your total IRA assets. RMDs are the U.S. government's method of receiving tax monies on all the IRA money for which we took tax deductions years ago. I would like to make suggestions on how to save some of the tax money -- and help Pleasantview Home at the same time.

In 2015 the Congress made permanent the right of persons with *Traditional IRAs* to make charitable donations that count for RMDs. Such donations are called *Qualified Charitable Distributions* [QCD]. There are limits: you may only give to QCDs up to $100,000 per year. Yes, you may fund your donation to Pleasantview from your IRA and not pay tax on that portion you give to Pleasantview; that donation will still count as your RMD. You may also give your tithes and offerings to your congregation from your IRA as well as a QCD.

This is a big deal. If you do not qualify for itemizing deductions, this is good for both for you and Pleasantview. This is simpler and better than itemizing.

The rules for that first use in the year you are 70½ are a bit complicated, but can easily be learned. I became aware of this possibility only recently and attempted to do a QCD this year; however, I am not 70½. I wanted to give my offering to the church out of my IRA this year. I was clearly told I could not do it until the day after I turn 70½. After asking more questions this is what I found out: an RMD can be made at any time in the year I turn 70 ½, so any day in 2018 I may take my RMD, but I cannot make a QCD until I am 70½. Since my birthday is May 19, the first day that I may make my qualifying gift to Pleasantview or my local congregation is November 20, 2018.

If you turned 70½ July 1 or after in 2018, your first RMD is not required until 2019; you may use the QCD on January 1, 2019. I plan to make my first QCD on November 20, 2018.

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