

## Anchors Banquet 2011 Get Your Tickets Today!

By Ernst Wiens

You are invited to attend the annual Anchors Banquet, a fundraising event to support the mission of Memorial Home, on Saturday, March 26 at 6 p.m., in the Wellness Center. Tickets for the banquet are \$100 per person, and proceeds will help grow the Memorial Home Endowment Fund, which provides important financial resources to support the ministries of Memorial Home. Reservations are required and tickets can be purchased by contacting Memorial Home at 620.345.2901 by Friday, March 18.

The dinner will be prepared and served by Melissa Bartel and her Panhandler's Catering group, and entertainment for the evening will be provided by singer/songwriter Jake

Schmidt on guitar and accompanied by Larry Jensen on the piano.

Originally from central Kansas, Jake's interest in music was sparked at a young age while singing in church with his mother. He grew up on a dairy farm, learned to play the guitar when he was eight and wrote his first song while tilling the soil at age 11. He has performed in a variety of venues with his country gospel band "Jake Schmidt and The Journeymen." His debut album, "The World Stood Still," earned first prize in the Wichita Eagle's song writing contest, and his second album, "The Bridge," features inspirational songs written to reflect his deep faith.

It will be a great evening of fine dining, warm fellowship and inspirational music that you will not



want to miss! Reserve your tickets today by contacting Memorial Home at 620.345.2901 or dropping by the front office at 86 22nd Avenue.

## Corporation Meeting Takes on Special Importance

By Jim Huxman

The Memorial Home, Inc. and Memorial Home Endowment Foundation Annual Corporation meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Wellness Center.

The evening will begin with a soup, sandwich and homemade pie meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Memorial Home, Inc. Corporation meeting at 6:30 p.m., then the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation Corporation meeting will wrap up the evening.

The meetings will consist of the normal reporting as well

as the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee elections. This year there will be a special agenda item, a recommended name change. For more than 50 years the name Memorial Home has served well, and as times change so do perceptions. Today's market demands a name that is more contemporary and appealing. This recommendation is the outgrowth of the six-month marketing consultation entered into as a result of the low census during 2010. More details will be shared at the Corporation meeting prior to the vote being taken. Your attendance and input is strongly encouraged.

### Upcoming Events:

**March 1** - Bus Trip to George Washington Carver Exhibit at the Ottawa County Museum; 8:30 a.m. – Minneapolis, KS

**March 8** - Moundridge Senior Singers Practice; 1 p.m. – Wellness Center

**March 26** - Anchors Banquet; 6 p.m. – Wellness Center

**April 5** - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; Noon – Wellness Center

**April 23** - Angel Feet Dance Troup Performance; 10 a.m. – Wellness Center

**April 25** - American Red Cross Community Blood Drive; 1:30-6:00 p.m. – Wellness Center

**May 7** - Mother's Day Tea; 2 p.m. – Wellness Center

**May 24** - Moundridge Senior Singers Spring Concert; 2 p.m. – Wellness Center

## Memorial Home Announces Life Enrichment Director and Director of Marketing

By Shelby Shaw



**Dennis Huxman**

Dennis Huxman has been named the new Life Enrichment Director and Shelby Shaw has been named the Director of Marketing for Memorial Home. Huxman, who is no stranger to the community, originally joined the team as part-time Chaplain two years ago. He was involved in activities through his Chaplain position and when the Life Enrichment Director position opened, Huxman was a natural fit. Huxman still serves as Chaplain, but also organizes all the activities for residents in health care, assisted living and Memory Lane.

Huxman was raised in Moundridge, but has recently moved back from Brazil, where he and his family lived for 30 years doing mission work. He and his wife, Rosalie, will travel back to Brazil at the end of March to visit a growing church which they helped start while living there.



**Shelby Shaw**

Shelby Shaw is a new face to Memorial Home and joined the team on December 13. The Director of Marketing is a new position, and Shaw's main functions include the selling and promotion of the facility to prospective residents, as well as handling the marketing and public relations.

Although Shaw is fairly new to the area, she is a native of Kansas, growing up in Meade. She and her husband, Landon, relocated from Lubbock, Texas, to McPherson about a year ago. Shaw is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelors and masters in agricultural communications. Prior to joining the Memorial Home team, she was the advertising and events manager at the Salina Bicentennial Center and previous to that she was the communications director for the Lubbock (TX) Chamber of Commerce.

## Outstanding Years of Service

Every year Memorial Home is proud to recognize those employees who continue their faithful service to its residents. 2010 marked a significant year for our employee Bev Craig, as she was awarded for her 25 years of service! Bev works as a CNA in Applewood Lane. We also recognized the following individuals for their years of service:

### *25 Years of Service*

Bev Craig – CNA

### *10 Years of Service*

Bob Loganbill – Director of Environmental Services

Karen Ratzloff – Wellness Center Instructor

Evelyn Harms – Laundry

Ashley Stucky – CMA

### *5 Years of Service*

Judie Steiner – LPN

Cathy Neiman – Dietary Aide

Rod Huebert – Dietary/Transportation

Resa Core – Laundry Supervisor

Brenda Allenbach – CMA

### *2 Years of Service*

Marsha Stucky – Life Enrichment

Trisha Huie – CMA

Alisha Bean – CMA

Shannon Phillips – Director of Human Resources

Arletta McGinn – Assistant Director Food Services Operations

Paul Stika – Dietary Aide

Dennis Huxman – Chaplain

LaHauna Hodges – Neighborhood Coordinator

Judy Goering – Life Enrichment

Donna Davis – Dietary Aide

Broc Carr – Dietary Aide

Jeanine Becker – Dietary Aide

Abby Jantzen – Dietary Aide

Tessa Simpson – CMA



**Bev receives her 25 years of service award from Jim Huxman, Administrator.**

## Become part of the Pine Village/Memorial Home, Inc. Community!

Available Independent Living Units:

- Krehbiel Apartment #3 – 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 630 sq. ft.
- 1806 Magnolia Duplex – 2 bedroom, 2 bath, finished basement, 1 car garage, 1,100 sq. ft.
- 1707 Magnolia Sixplex – 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 900 sq. ft.
- 1708 Magnolia Sixplex – 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 900 sq. ft.
- Building sites also available

For a tour or more information on any of these units or information about Assisted Living, Health Care, Skilled Care, or Memory Lane, please do not hesitate to contact Shelby Shaw, Director of Marketing, at 620.345.2901 ext. 257, cell 620.951.4664 or shelbys@memorialhome.org.

## OLYMPIC GAMES

By Becki Yoder

February 21 marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Olympic Games held in the Wellness Center. The event began last year with the 2010 Olympics held in Canada and residents enjoyed it so much, Memorial Home decided to make it an annual event! Residents from health care, assisted living and Memory Lane participated in a fun afternoon. They had the opportunity to play Wii bowling on the big screen, basketball, use the parachute, and test their accuracy with the beanbag toss.



## PINE VILLAGE GROWS

By Jim Huxman

I'm pleased to write that Pine Village has the highest occupancy since my arrival at Memorial Home in October 2001. Today, available homes include one duplex, two six-plex apartments, and a one bedroom Krehbiel Apartment. For more information on any of these units, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Shelby Shaw, Director of Marketing, at 620.345.2901. It does feel great to have Pine Village nearly full.

Let me introduce you to our newest Pine Village residents:

**HOMER and MARIE L. WEDEL** took up residence in the Krehbiel Apartments in early September 2010. The Wedels are long standing members of the Moundridge community. Professionally, Homer was a farmer and salesman, and Marie faithfully served as school district clerk. I've known Homer and Marie for many years as they faithfully followed their son, Frank, to many a Thresher football game. I know this for fact as I had the privilege of playing with Frank at Bethel. One could always count on seeing the Wedel, Reimer and Huxman parents in the stands

– yes, win or lose and unfortunately in those years way back then there were a lot of losses. Welcome Homer and Marie!

**LAURA B. JANZEN** took up occupancy in a duplex home in early October 2010. Laura's goal was to make a move to the Village so she would not have to spend another winter on the farm. Today, Laura resides in the duplex home that she cleaned professionally for years here in the Village. In relocating, Laura now hopes to have plenty of time to pursue her interests in crafts. Laura says the move went well for herself and her cat. Welcome Laura!

**GORDON and ANNIE SCHRAG** became residents of Pine Village mid-November 2010. Many of you will know Gordon as a teacher and insurance salesperson. On several occasions I personally got to observe Gordon as a master fisherman. Annie has worked as a teacher, a para and a CNA. Word has it that Annie really enjoys refinishing furniture and sewing. I have called on Annie and Gordon several times recently to show their duplex home to people interested in Village housing. The Schrags have been so gracious and

willing to help out this way. Welcome Gordon and Annie!

**LEO and SHERYL MILLER** are the newest Pine Village residents joining us in February 2011. The Millers come from Larned, Kan., but have their roots in Hesston, Kan. Leo has experiences as a teacher, hospital administrator (at Salem Hospital in Hillsboro) and most recently as a State counselor. When I first met Leo and Sheryl I showed them the duplex home that is now occupied by Gordon and Annie Schrag. On a subsequent visit the Millers were disappointed to learn that the Schrag's duplex was no longer a housing option for them. Since the duplex had been renovated the Miller's asked if it might be possible to see the renovation. I contacted the Schrags and they said, "Sure bring them over." When I rang the door bell with the Millers standing alongside me I wish you could have seen the Miller's and Schrag's facial expressions when they saw one another. You guessed it, they knew one another. The friendship cemented the deal and now the Millers and Schrags are cul-de-sac neighbors. Welcome Leo and Sheryl!

## Resident Highlights

By Shelby Shaw

### Assisted Living - Irl Arrowsmith

Irl Arrowsmith has been a member of the Memorial Home community since January 2009. Irl, who is originally from Halstead, Kan., lives in an assisted living suite and says his favorite part about living here is the service.

“This is a very nice place, and we are taken good care of,” Irl said. “I enjoy the company the most.” Irl also said he likes that there are activities always going on that he can take part in if he so chooses.



Irl worked for the government for 30 years in Washington, D.C. and used to make grandfather clocks in his spare time. One of the most exciting life adventures Irl has ever taken part in is a trip to Rome and Venus when he was in the service. He was able to tour Italy and enjoyed experiencing the different culture and architecture.

### Health Care - Dorothy Stucky

Dorothy Stucky has been a member of the Memorial Home community for seven years. Dorothy is originally from Newton, Kan., and this past January celebrated her 99th birthday. Dorothy is a resident of the Heritage Neighborhood and enjoys taking part in the different activities including Bingo, movies and therapy, just to name a few. Dorothy is retired from 30 years with the postal service and 25 years as a church secretary, and used to quilt and read in her spare time.

One of the most exciting life adventures Dorothy has ever taken part in is having tea with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House in 1939. Dorothy said that during her tenure as post master in North Newton, the first lady had extended an

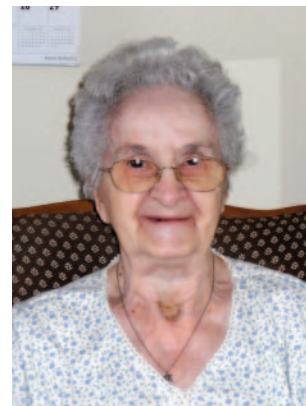


invitation to join her for tea while there was a convention taking place in Washington, D.C. Another adventure Dorothy enjoyed was climbing the steps to the very top of the Statue of Liberty's crown.

Dorothy has four children, eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter who just turned one.

### Memory Lane - Martha Gaskill

Martha Gaskill has been a member of the Memorial Home community for almost three years. Originally from South Dakota, Martha is a resident of Memory Lane. Her parents' mission work moved the family from Kansas to South Dakota, but retirement brought them back to their home state. Martha's favorite part about living at Memorial Home is the friendship. She enjoys visiting with her friends, helping with the dishes and folding clothes in her spare time. Additionally, she enjoys quilting, especially state flower quilts. Martha grew up on a farm and enjoys animals of all kinds, plus she likes to watch the birds outside her window as well as gardening.



### Independent Living – Verne & Ruth Goering

Verne and Ruth Goering have been members of the Memorial Home community since December 2005. Originally from Moundridge, Verne & Ruth say their favorite part about living at Memorial Home is not having to care for the lawn or house maintenance. They also have enjoyed the accommodations which Memorial Home has provided for them including a garden plot and installing a water hydrant.

In their spare time, Ruth stays busy keeping house and volunteering, and Verne enjoys watching the Jayhawks play basketball and woodworking. This past year Verne made his annual donation of wood trucks to Toys for Tots and Wal Mart in Newton matched toy for toy. Verne also celebrated a milestone of building his 4,000th toy since 2001.



The Goerings also keep busy with their annual bus trips, which they have been going on for the past 20 years. The trips have taken them throughout the United States to places including Yellowstone, San Antonio, the Grand Canyon, and Wyoming, just to name a few.

Verne and Ruth have been very happy with their move to Memorial Home and recommend that people should make the move while both spouses are still healthy. The Goerings recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February – Congrats!

*What you build easily will fall quickly. – Slovenian Proverb*

## CHILI COOKOFF

**March 15**

**By Becki Yoder**

It's that time again. The Memorial Home Wellness Center Chili Cookoff and Cinnamon Roll Contest will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at the Wellness Center. The taste testing will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m., at which time the winners will be announced. Come and enjoy the fun, food, and vote on your favorite chili and cinnamon rolls! Anyone can enter their favorite chili and/or cinnamon rolls, and you can enter as an individual or team. This contest is open to anyone: residents, staff, and the community. Everyone is invited to sample the chili and cinnamon rolls, and you don't have to bring food to sample.

All chili and cinnamon rolls will be judged in two categories, the Judges Choice and the People's Choice. There is no fee to enter or to sample and taste. You must register your chili and cinnamon rolls by Friday, March 11 at the Wellness Center office. All food must be prepared at home and brought to the Wellness Center the day of the contest. For more information or to get a registration form, contact the Wellness Center office at 620-345-2901.

## VALENTINES AGLOW

**By Becki Yoder**

Pink, red, and white balloons, cookies, chocolate hearts, a group of caroling cupids, and not an empty seat in the house - that describes Memorial Home's Annual Valentine's Day party held in the Wellness Center on February 14th. Coming together to enjoy the afternoon were residents from Pine Village, Krehbiel Apartments, health care, assisted living, Memory Lane, and

from the Moundridge community. The Moundridge High School Singers, under the direction of Chris Shaw, performed a special Valentine's concert. In addition, they delivered some personalized singing Valentine's to those "special someone's" in the audience. Valentine Bingo, a baby picture guessing game, and poem, were just a few of the fun features of the afternoon.



## NEW DECADE NEW YOU Fitness Challenge

**By Becki Yoder**

Thirty-eight people, 120 days, an anticipated 380 pounds lost, a lifetime of health and fitness; this is what is anticipated to be gained and lost as Memorial Home Wellness Center kicked off the 4th Annual Employee 12-Week Health and Fitness Team Challenge.

The Wellness Center staff has once again challenged employees to put into practice good health and well being by being an active participant in their own good health and accepting the challenge. Staff could either recruit members for a team or sign up individually and be placed on a team; teams are generally within the departments.

Prior to starting, the Wellness Center staff performed basic baseline assessments on each person. Some of the assessments were height, weight, percent body fat, and body mass index, just to name a few. Participants will be reassessed at six weeks and at the end of the 12 weeks.

The 2011 challenge has a little different twist than previous years, it is based on a minimum of 20 minutes a day of specific types of exercises that are repeated several times per week

Those types of exercises are: the Peak-8 challenge, a 20-minute intense interval training session performed twice a week, strength training circuit performed 1-2 days per week, a 20-minute Zumba workout as many times a day and as many days per week as possible, plus additional aerobic sessions as desired.

Participants and teams will be recognized weekly for the most percentage of weight loss and the most number of exercise sessions per week. The Wellness Center staff will track weight by a weekly weigh in. The exercise sessions are tracked by the participant and turned in weekly to the Wellness Center. Our overall group goal of 380 pounds will be split between all participants is only a loss of 10 pounds each, which falls into the 1-2 pounds per week for healthy weight loss.

"I have been so pleasantly surprised about the commitment, excitement and enthusiasm," said Becki Yoder, Wellness Center Director. "When people found out it was only a minimum of 20 minutes a day for exercise I think they said 'I can do this.' The Peak-8 challenge has some great research on its effectiveness, and a 20-minute Zumba workout is available to staff essentially anytime. We have staff coming over lunch, before and after work. Many people are coming to do these workouts two and three times per day."

About a third of the Memorial Home staff signed up and are ready to take the challenge to be the healthiest facility in Kansas!

## 2010 Benefit Day Events Raises More than \$32,000 Thank you to supporters!

By Ernst Wiens

The 2010 Benefit Day was held October 21 and raised more than \$25,000 from the auction, meal and cash donations received from businesses and individuals. Additional funds of about \$7,300 were raised from the Variety Show, Walkathon,

and Garage/Bake Sale.

All funds help cover the costs of providing person-centered nursing and rehabilitation care, and life giving physical, social and spiritual activities for Memorial Home residents. Additionally, the funds also help to provide the Point-Of-Care technology that allows staff to work towards meeting new requirements for electronic health records.

Memorial Home is grateful for the continued partnership of individuals, congregations and businesses that support our mission. Thank

you to the more than 60 businesses and professionals, which provided items for the auction or made cash donations.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made Benefit Day a success! A special "Thank You" to the Benefit Day Planning committee chaired by Connie and Clark Graber, the Memorial Home Auxiliary who planned and served the meal, and our lead auctioneer Van Schmidt and his auction assistants Troy Wedel, and Lloyd Vogt.

Planning has already begun for Benefit Day 2011, with the auction scheduled for Thursday, October 13; the dates for other events will be announced soon. Please mark your calendars and for information on how you can get involved or make a contribution contact Ernst Wiens, Director of Fund Development at 620.345.2901 ext. 224.



Auctioneer Van Schmidt auctions off a donated quilt.

## IRA Charitable Rollover restored

Just before Christmas Congress passed a bill which includes the restoration of the IRA Charitable Rollover through 2011. This again allows taxpayers, 70<sup>1/2</sup> years and older, to make direct tax-free distributions from their IRA to a qualified charitable organization like Memorial Home. Persons age 70<sup>1/2</sup> and older are required to take a minimum annual distribution from their IRA and a charitable rollover donation helps to reduce their taxable income.

Please consider providing Memorial Home with a gift from your IRA in 2011 to not only take advantage of this tax benefit, but also to help Memorial Home continue its ministries. For more information, contact Ernst Wiens, Director of Fund Development, at 620.345.2901 ext. 224.

## Something to consider... Gift Annuity Benefits

If you are considering making a charitable donation, you may want to consider the Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), as the current rate of return on CGAs is 6-7% if you are 70-80 years of age. A CGA provides a guaranteed annual fixed income for life; you may receive a charitable income tax deduction in the year the CGA gift is made, and a portion of your annuity payments may be tax-free. Additionally, you can designate one or more charities as shared beneficiaries of the same CGA, plus you are leaving an important charitable legacy at the end of your life to support the mission of Memorial Home.

CGAs are irrevocable and it's important that you consult with your financial or estate planning advisor to make sure all of your financial needs are taken into consideration. A \$10,000 CD earning 1.1% provides an income of \$110/year, while a CGA for a person age 75 could earn 6.5% and increase the income to \$650/year. For more information or to make a gift to Memorial Home, contact Ernst Wiens, Director of Fund Development, at 620.345.2901 ext. 224

*With time and patience, the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown. – Chinese Proverb*

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*Thank you for your gifts!*

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Memorial Home residents are pictured with the William Allen White impersonator (center). Residents include (L to R) Ruth and Verne Goering, Marvin and Marjorie Stucky, William Allen White, Felise and Clyde Goering, Shirley Wenger, and Marie Krehbiel.

## KANSAS SESQUICENTENNIAL

Happy 150th Birthday Kansas! In keeping with 150th celebration of our statehood the Wellness Center has been taking bus trips throughout Kansas for more than a decade. For the last three years, our mission has been to visit all of the 8-Wonders of Kansas. Initially, there

were only eight sites, but as time has passed more and more categories have been added to bring the number from eight to 216.

For Kansas Day this past January, eight Memorial Home residents traveled to the William Allen White House in Emporia for a guided tour given by Mr. White himself (a character impersonator). White, the famous journalist, Pulitzer Prize winner, and editor of the Emporia Gazette, was recently named one of the 8-People Wonders of Kansas. Lunch was enjoyed at the historic Grand Central Hotel in Cottonwood Falls, Kan., which is one of the 8-Cuisine Wonder nominees.

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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lynette Wenger, Life Enrichment Assistant, and Justin Johnson, employee of MJ's Truck Repair, Moundridge, on their recent wedding.

The beautiful ceremony took place on September 18, 2010, at Pete's Puddle. The Memorial Home family wishes you the best for many happy years!



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