

# Home Front Newsletter



## Welcome - from Human Resources

On any given day in the Office of Human Resources (HR) you can find our team working on a variety of tasks. A typical day includes working on recruiting/staffing, focusing on safety in the work place and completing a variety of benefit/payroll functions. In addition, HR also keeps employment records and processes a wide range of essential paperwork, from reasonable accommodations to investigation/disciplinary policies.

While our day-to day administrative tasks can become overwhelming, we always try to stay focused on our most important duty - building and strengthening our partnerships with our employees. HR has an impact on each employee who walks in our doors and our responsibility is to treat them with the utmost respect and to provide the best service possible. Similarly how our employees, in turn, provide service and the best quality care possible for our Members. Essentially, creating an environment of mutual respect and caring for our employees and our Members.

At the end of the day we treat every interaction with our staff as an opportunity to show what HR is all about - We try to never let any opportunity pass where we can add value to the WDVA UG Home and make it a better Home for all.

Human Resource Team

# MEMBER Spotlight

## Fairchild Hall Member of the Month

**Frank Denoto**



Fairchild Hall Member of the month is Frank Denoto. Frank proudly served in the United States Army. He always enjoyed working with electronics and worked in the television repair business for 50 years. He was also an amateur radio hobbyist. Frank loves woodworking and can often be found making clocks, frames, or bird houses in the Fairchild Hall woodshop. Frank is very proud of his Italian heritage and can captivate an audience with his storytelling. He has a sense of humor that knows no bounds! He is an outdoorsman at heart having been an avid hunter and fisherman. Frank never misses a bingo game and enjoys a game of poker every now and again...he's a pretty lucky son of a gun too! Fairchild Hall just wouldn't be the same without Frank!

## Boland Hall Member of the Month

**Joe Mooradian**



Boland Hall Member of the month is Joe Mooradian. Joe proudly served our country for 5 years in the Merchant Marines and the Army as a Paratrooper in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. Joe is originally from Chicago, Illinois and worked as a Bricklayer for a company his Grandfather started. Joe married the love of his life Phyllis and together they had 3 boys- Mark, Mitch and Matt. When asked what he likes about living at the Veterans Home Joe replied, "There are a lot of GREAT people that work here!" Joe loves to attend a variety of activity programs and stated, "Anything that takes me away for an hour is what I like!" Joe loves to be prompt and is often the first in line to attend his favorite activities. Some of his favorites include bingo, happy hour, watering hole, Leather crafting and countryside cruises. Joe is a great guy and loves to visit with staff and peers so if you have a few minutes come find Joe on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor! Joe we are SO lucky to have you as part of our 1<sup>st</sup> floor family here at the Wisconsin Veterans' home!

## Volunteer of the Month

**Rhonda Bose**



Rhonda has been a loyal volunteer since 2005. She began to volunteer by request from her niece and nephew who opened and ran the original deli. Rhonda remembers one of her first 'customers' was Buzz, his mother, and Buzz's uncle who was also a former Member.

From 2006-2016, Rhonda has provided 3,854+ volunteer hours. When asked why she has chosen to provide her time, she stated that it's about them, referring to the Members. She said the deli makes them "so happy". In addition to her time spent serving breakfast on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, her deli volunteers also provide special lunch, or holiday meals. Their Thanksgiving dinner hosts so many Members and their families that tables and chairs overflow through the deli doors.

In her spare time, Rhonda and husband John enjoy spending time at their camper and babysitting their 8 granddaughters, 1 grandson, and their newly born great-granddaughter. She came into this world on the day of our recent March blizzard.

Rhonda, we are truly grateful for your continued loyalty to our Members, and your energy is contagious. Thank you for the many volunteer hours you have provided. You are a wonderful gift to our Members.

# Happenings at the Home:

Drum Circle that was held at Gates Hall in February; very popular with all Members *and* staff.



## Sharing and Caring Support Group

We are pleased to announce changes to our monthly support group. Beginning April 25, 2017 we will introduce our Sharing and Caring Support Group. Often in life situations can cause complex feelings that we don't understand and don't know how to process. Drawing on the support, experience, and encouragement of others is an invaluable tool in the coping process.

Please join us in welcoming from the community Marlene Daniels and Julie Seegers. Marlene and Julie have several years of experience facilitating support groups related to grief and loss in the community. We are excited to welcome them to UGVA. Marlene and Julie will follow the programs "The Journey of Grief" by Doug Manning, and "Understanding Your Grief" by Alan D. Wolfelt Ph.D. Each month a topic will be presented that will include short videos, handouts, and a discussion period.

Lisa Buse, Senior Social Worker for Gates Hall will also facilitate our Sharing and Caring Group. Lisa has her Advance Practice Social Work license with a certificate in Trauma Informed Practice, and experience in the community as a Psychotherapist.

We look forward to you joining us for our first meeting on April 25, 2017 at 10:00am in the UGVA Chapel. Our first meeting will give an introduction and overview to our support group and will focus on the topic: Open to the Presence of Your Loss.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Buse at 262-878-6700 x5302



Building	Where To	Date/Time	Volunteers/Needed
Boland Hall-1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Walmart Bowling and Lunch	Thurs., April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm	3
		Wed., April 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	2
Boland Hall-2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Walmart	Wed., April 5 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm	3-4
Boland Hall-3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Lunch - \$\$ Needed Walmart	Tues., April 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:45am	2
		Fri., April 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30am	4
Gates Hall	Lunch	Fri., April 7 <sup>th</sup> 11:00am- 2:00pm	2
	Walmart	Mon., April 17 <sup>th</sup> 1-4:00pm	2
Fairchild Hall	Walmart	Mon., April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 12:30pm	2
	St. Roberts	Thurs., April 13 <sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 1:30pm	2
	Walmart	Mon., April 17 <sup>th</sup> 12:30pm	2
	Movie Theater	Tues., April 18 <sup>th</sup> noon	2
	Bunker	Fri., April 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:00am - 2:30pm	2
Other Volunteers Needed	BH & GH entertainment - MPR	Sat., April 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:00am - noon	10
	Easter Hymn Sing MPR – in house transport	Mon., April 10 <sup>th</sup> 1:15 – 3:00pm	5
	Memorial Service MPR – in house transport	Wed., April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:45pm	5

# Volunteer Opportunities and Resources

**Volunteer Information** – Please update the Volunteer Director, Terri Presser, with any address, phone, or e-mail changes.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – If you are interested in the following volunteer opportunities, please contact the Activity and Volunteer Director, Terri Presser at 262-878-6725 or email at [Teresa.Presser@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Teresa.Presser@dva.wisconsin.gov)

- Assist activity staff on Member outings.
- Assist activity staff with shopping.
- Escort Members to Happy Hour on Fridays at 2:00pm.
- Escort Members to bingo on Tuesdays at 2:00pm.
- Switch out seasonal bulletin boards.
- Assist with writing Member's stories for their Memories in the Making art projects.
- Run Happy Hour in FH.
- Pass Member Monthly activity calendars.
- Assist in Deli on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Play Monopoly, Poker, or UNO with 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Members.

**Annual Tornado Drill** – The annual State Tornado Drill will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Newsletter** – If you wish to receive this and any future newsletters via email please let Michelle Adamek know at [Michelle.Adamek@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Michelle.Adamek@dva.wisconsin.gov) so that she may place you on the email mailing list for newsletters only.

**Cable Update** – The new cable contract has been signed by the DVA Secretary and is out for signature for Spectrum. Once the contract is signed, cable boxes will be installed on all TV's and additional channels will be available.

**Member Pictures** – As a reminder, please do not take pictures of Members without checking with Activity or Nursing Supervisor, this includes posting pictures or information about Members on social media (Facebook, SnapChat, Instagram, etc.).

**Member Safety** – When transporting Members in wheelchairs, please make sure they have foot pedals and some type of footwear on.

**Volunteer Sign In** – The Chapel side room will be converted into an office. All supplies have been relocated to include the volunteer sign-in book. Please utilize the volunteer sign-in book in the library, deli, or at the receptionist desk at Gates Hall.

**Veteran Honor Wall** – “Remember Those Who Gave All”. All funds generated by the sales of tiles at Union Grove will be used to continue support for the Member Veterans with various special events. Contact Terri Presser at (262)878-6725 if you wish to purchase a tile or for additional information.

Dates To Remember 2017

3/30 - Doctors Day  
4/2 – 4/8 – Health Information Professional Week  
4/26 - Volunteer Banquet @10:00am  
4/23- 4/29 – Volunteer Week  
7/15 - Family Picnic