



Sunnycrest Manor  
Home is where the heart is

# HOME & HEART HERALD

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A Note from our Administrator...

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*First off, I would like to say how thankful I am for the team that I work with here at Sunnycrest Manor. The mission of Sunnycrest is ascribed to by all and the residents truly reap the rewards from that. Whether that is the food they eat, the environment they live in, the activities they participate in or the care they are receiving, it is all done by the hands of those who genuinely care about them.*

*Secondly, I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. Hope all who are traveling get to your destination safely. May the joys of being surrounded by friends and family warm you on these cold winter days.*

*Lastly, Happy New Year everyone! We look forward to another busy but exciting year of advancements within our facility this upcoming year. Some of the changes are being directed by new regulations and others are from our own team being creative in changing the way we perform our tasks.*

**Please join us for Family & Friends Nights!**  
**December 5 (Special night and time-1st Wed. of month!)**  
**Winter Wonderland with**

**Ron Lubbers entertaining and Santa Visit! SANTA VISITS 6-7pm in  
FAMILY PARLOR; RON LUBBERS PERFORMS  
6:45pm-8pm in DINING ROOM  
January 23—Back to regular schedule of 4th Wed. at 6:30pm!**

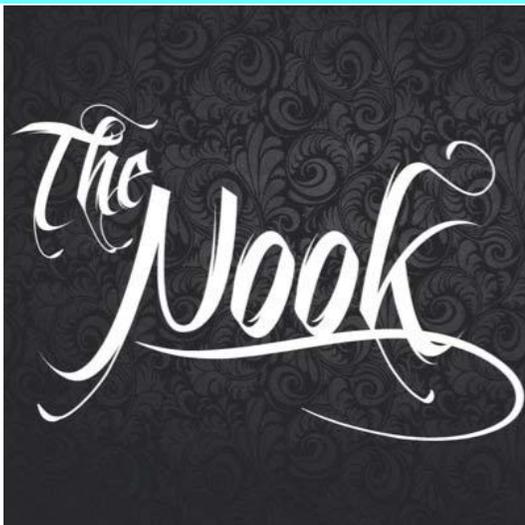
### **Christmas Gift Ideas for Our Residents**



When it comes to gifts, our residents enjoy practical gifts. Gift cards are among their top request! Some can be purchased right at Sunnycrest, including



Beauty Shop and cable payment gift certificates. These can be purchased in the Business Office. You can give a certain cash amount towards these services. To give an idea of cost, haircuts are \$10 each while a month of cable costs \$13. Clothes, including underwear and socks are always welcome. However, please make sure tops/pants fit the resident and that you hand them into staff for proper marking. As they don't have a lot of room to store things, consumable treats are a nice idea also, i.e. favorite pop, favorite snack, body wash, shampoo, tissues, etc. Cash is always a welcome gift, but we suggest you deposit cash straight into their resident trust account in the Business Office for safekeeping. Consider make a "gift card" for them to open stating you have made a cash deposit. If you bring cash/gift cards during non-business hours, please turn them into the nurse for safekeeping as they can lock them up securely until business hours resume.



*Sunrise Residents have started a gift shop and coffee shop called "The Nook"! Residents in the Gemini program will be making handmade items, as well as selling some small gifts. All proceeds will support the Gemini program for Sunrise residents. The items will be displayed in the curio cabinet next to the elevator, currently, and can be purchased Monday-Friday when the business office is open. We have plans to sell Sunnycrest shirts in the future. In January, that curio will move to the Coffee Nook, where coffee shop items are presently located.*

*Additionally, Sunrise residents have opened up a coffee shop. Hours are currently Monday and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 am. They will be selling coffees, cappuccinos, cider, hot cocoa, and tea. Please stop by and support the Sunrise program and enjoy a hot beverage.*

**Residents, staff and visitors have something really neat to look forward to come mid-January! The Sunnycrest Auxiliary has purchased a new and bigger aquarium for all to enjoy! It will be maintenance-free and serviced by Serenity Aquariums. The aquarium will be located at its original spot near the lobby elevator on 1st floor. We will post feeding times for the fish for you be able to watch them swarm to the food. You may also be surprised with some games involving the fish!**

**Visitors/Staff: We are looking for a new home for our present aquarium. Someone may be able to get quite a deal on it. We will post a silent auction bid sheet on the aquarium on Dec. 3 with an end date of Dec. 17. Funds will go to Sunnycrest Manor Auxiliary, who funded all new purchases for the aquarium. We remain grateful to The Janet Burnes Family for the aquarium and starter fish to Sunnycrest! The aquarium comes with a lot, including fish, rocks/landscaping, aquarium lights and more! It would make an awesome Christmas present!**

**If you'd like to bid, stop up to Sunnycrest or e-mail your bid to [beth.houselog@dubuquecounty.us](mailto:beth.houselog@dubuquecounty.us) and she will record your bid.**

**Happy Birthday, December Birthdays!**

- 1 Tom F.
- 6 Theresa S.
- 6 Ricky D.
- 8 Nate G.
- 10 Jayne Z.
- 10 Bonnie O.
- 19 Marcus A.
- 22 Casey R.



*Please join us for the monthly birthday party in the Dining Room!*

*Dec. 17 at 2:30*

*Jan. 21 at 2:30*

*Dining Room*

*Birthday treats will be saved for residents unable to attend party.*

- 7 Hugh B.
- 17 Greg S.
- 21 Dee Dee H.
- 26 Russ W.
- 27 Frank G.
- 31 Sara B.

**HOLIDAY BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS and FAMILY PARLOR RESERVATION**

The Business Office will be closed for the holidays on Dec. 24 and 25 as well as Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Please contact the receptionist at (563) 583-1781 for Family Parlor reservations. If you need anything from Dietary, i.e. silverware, pitchers of water, please also contact Kim Sheldon, Dining Services Director.



*John Lampe*  
 1/29/1964-11/15/2018  
 Sunnycrest Resident  
 since 6/2018



*Richard Giese*  
 4/1/1951-11/24/2018  
 Sunnycrest Resident  
 since 3/1983

**If Only Time Could be Timeless by Beth Houselog, Life Enrichment Director**

As with all deaths at Sunnycrest, we are saddened by the passing of John Lampe and Rich Giese. When I looked up all the dates listed above about these men, I thought about how blessed we as staff of Sunnycrest are to be entrusted with the lives of all of our residents. Sadly, we all feel we didn't get enough time with John. He joined us for the last 6 months of his life. We got to know him well enough to know he cherished his role as Danny, from when he was in a school play of Grease. He enjoyed music and could sing a long to songs. He could fake his way through any series of questions:) During the summer, he enjoyed some outings with us. As time went on, John preferred the comfort of his village and staff there.

Now, while no time ever feels enough, we are truly lucky to have gotten 35 years with Rich Giese. Many long time staffers could fill a book just with Rich stories! Personally, I enjoyed catching a big bass with him in summer of 2006. I loved dancing with him at all the Proms especially when he would mimic the piano solos. I remember when one of our former bookkeepers, Geri Grabbert, brought in a school algebra book for him when she heard he enjoyed math. She worked out the quadratic equation with him! Probably my favorite memory of him is taking him to Eagle's Coutry Market to purchase some snacks. On the way, we noticed we needed gas. I led Rich through gasing up one of our "old cop cars." He seemed to really enjoy that. He told me that was the first time he ever gassed up a vehicle, but maybe he was saying that to make me feel good:) Richard tuned into politics and sports, especially the Cubs and Bears. Richard, John and all our Sunnycrest angels—We miss you!

“Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.”  
 —Henry VanDyke



**Meal Tickets**

Visitor & staff meal tickets can be purchased from the Business Office M-F 8am-5pm. During hours other than these, they can be purchased from the nurse. Meal tickets are \$3 each. We've implemented a new 5 week menu. Check it out and enjoy a meal with your loved one!



**We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Susie Lovejoy and Terry Pike, who committed themselves to each other in a ceremony held here at Sunnycrest on November 14, 2018**  
**We wish you many years of “wedded bliss!”**



**Sunnycrest loves our veterans! Pictured here are (bottom row l-r) Steve McMurray, Jim Noel, Kevin Fox, Bonnie Ott, John Ehlers; (top row l-r) Ricky Dole, Dick Hosch, Bob Pitz, Jeanne Marshall, Andy Nash. Not pictured: Terry Pike**



*Deckin' our Halls!  
From our home to yours,  
Happy Holidays!*

