



UNDER THE ACACIA TREE

GREETINGS FROM ACACIA VILLAGE

NOVEMBER 2018

You are cordially invited to:

***Acacia Village
Holiday Party***

***Thursday,
December 20, 2018
3:00 to 4:00 P.M.***

Refreshments

R.S.V.P BY Friday, December 14, 2018

Entertainment by Frank Canistra

For easiest access, use the Welsh Bush Road Entrance - Parking in the Building A Lot.

Acacia Village Chorus

Holiday Performance

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Community Center Multipurpose Room at 2:00 p.m.

Please let us know if you plan to attend (315) 798-4775

LETTER FROM LINDA AVOLIO

“Give thanks for each new morning with its light; for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, and for everything thy goodness sends.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Every day I hear residents say how grateful they are to be living here at Acacia Village. As the days grow shorter and colder, I love seeing them enjoying each other’s company in front of one of our cozy fireplaces. They love knowing that as winter weather approaches that they don’t have to deal with shoveling and snow blowing. They are free to enjoy a wide variety of pursuits; Book Club, Art Club, Chorus, Bible Study, exercise classes, lectures, movies, musical entertainment and more.

Right now we have a group of ladies that are having a ball decorating a tree for the “Festival of Trees” to be held in the Administration Building at the Masonic Care Community through Sunday, November 25th. Their tree is made of plywood and will feature stuffed animals of various sizes and one huge Teddy Bear. The proceeds from the trees that will be raffled off will benefit the Ziyara Shriners, who support The Shriners children’s hospitals.

Fall Fest in October was so much fun. It was a big party with the Country Western sounds of the Nelson Brothers band. Residents and staff donned their hats, boots and bandanas with prizes awarded to the best dressed. Our line dancers and others did their share of “Boot Scootin” too.

It was convenient for people to vote this year. Their polling place was right here on the Masonic Care Community Campus and we had a bus to shuttle them back and forth throughout the morning. Many enjoyed a hearty breakfast in the café upon their return.

One highlight this fall for many was a trip to the Stanley Theater on Veteran’s Day for the United States Air Force “Heritage of America Concert Band” with door to door transportation. If you have a chance to attend next year, I highly recommend it.

If you’re getting together with family for Thanksgiving you might want to take a peek at our website and our facebook page to get a feel for what life is like here. Soon we’ll be decorating for the upcoming holiday season. It’s the most wonderful time of the year to visit and see all the lovely decorations. Call anytime for personal visit.

Warmly,

Linda

CAMPUS UPDATES: PURPOSED CONSTRUCTION

In our last newsletter we talked briefly about our upcoming expansion and many of you called to let us know that you'd like to be kept up to date on future plans. Right now our Board of Trustees and the management of Acacia Village are meeting with SFCS.

SFCS is an architectural firm that specializes in designing Senior Living Communities.

They have the proven engineering; planning and interior design experience needed and are working collaboratively with our staff in the design process. SFCS plans to update our existing Acacia Village Community Center to accommodate our growing population. They are currently proposing another connecting villa style apartment wing, cottages and garden homes. Soon they will be bringing their plans and pricing to the Board of Trustees to exam the financial feasibility of each piece moving forward. In addition to the updates to Acacia Village, we are also very excited about a year round campus greenhouse project initiated by the current Grand Master Sardone, to provide the very freshest food possible for a farm to table experience for our residents. The hope is to have the greenhouse completed by 2020 while the Grand Master Sardone is still in office.



The above picture is an artist rendering of the interior of a cottage. A possible location for the cottages is next to the pond.



Above is the exterior of the cottage rendering. These pictures represent one facet of the purposed additions.

We are excited about our future here and will continue to keep you up to date on our progress.

If you haven't visited our beautiful village, give us a call and schedule a tour and lunch on us! (315) 798-4775.

ACACIA DIDN'T KNOW - ACTIVITIES NEWS



(pictured above from left Taylor Bouse, Chris Hoffman and Karen O'Mara)

We are saying good-bye to Karen O'Mara, Activities Coordinator at Acacia Village. She is retiring after working at Acacia for 14 years, 5 months and 26 days. (Karen was counting). Karen coordinated many exciting programs over the years keeping our residents occupied and stimulated.

Karen semi-retired in March of 2015 when she went part-time and Chris Hoffman took the lead as the full-time Activities Coordinator at that time.

Now we are welcoming Taylor Bouse to our family. Taylor has a degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Utica Collage. We continue to look for new and exciting programs and activities to help keep Acacia Village a premiere retirement community.

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