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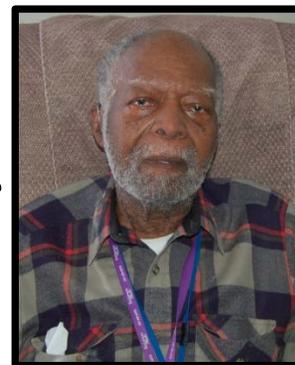
Daniel Drake Center
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DECEMBER Calendar

- Dec. 4 **Cooking Group**
11 a.m. | Cooking Kitchen
- Dec. 7 *Annual Christmas Party* 
2-4 p.m. | Drake Cafeteria
- Dec. 9 **Linda Vallery**
3 p.m. | Club Room
- Dec. 10 **Christmas Tea with Niki Pappas**
3 p.m. | Club Room
- Dec. 12 **Richard Scott**
2 p.m. | Club Room
- Dec. 15 **Chair Volleyball**
1:30 p.m. | Club Room
- Dec. 16 **Holiday Affair at Parky's Farm**
10 a.m. | Meet at Flag Pole
- Dec. 23 **Mark Cormican, Birthday Party & New Resident Welcome**
3:30 p.m. | Club Room
- Dec. 25 *Merry Christmas* 
- Dec. 27 **Bingo**
1:30 p.m. | Club Room
- Dec. 29 **Dr. Cusher Podiatrist**
9 a.m. | Clinic
- Dec. 31 **Music with Frank & New Year's Eve Festivities**
3 p.m. | Club Room

Resident Spotlight

**Obie
Williams**



Obediah "Obie" Williams was born in 1926 in Birmingham, Alabama. He grew up with his father, mother, four brothers and four sisters. He finished high school in Alabama, and then made his way to Cincinnati.

Soon after Obie moved, he was drafted into the Army for World War II. He explained how the Army was segregated then, so being African-American in the Army was sometimes challenging. Because of Obie's high school degree, and college preparatory courses, the Army wanted him to go to Officer's Candidate School. Obie refused to go to the OCS because his dream was to go to medical school.

So finally, he attended medical school to become an operating room technician to eventually travel overseas to help the medical teams save injured soldiers.

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He graduated with the largest class of African-Americans to ever go to medical school at Williamsburg General Hospital in El Paso, Texas. While in his medical internship, he received orders to go overseas to Japan. They would not let him practice in the operating field because of his color.

While overseas, the war ended and he returned to Cincinnati, but no one would hire him to work in a hospital. Obie decided to go back to school for a Bachelor of Science in theology. While attending Anderson College in Indiana, he met a girl named Edith. They were married soon after. Once they returned back to Cincinnati, Obie wanted to be a good husband and support his wife. He went through hard times finding a job. He even had to lie and say he could not write to get a job, because they would not hire African-Americans with “too much” education.

Finally, Obie caught a break. The superintendent of Taft High School called and said an English teacher had just quit. Obie was excited because usually schools did not hire African-American teachers in the secondary level, except for physical education.

Obie taught English in room 317 for nine years at Taft High School. He then went back for his Masters degree in counseling at Miami University. After that, he worked at Sawyer Jr. High School, then went on to be an administrator.

At the same time, Hughes High School appointed an African-American principal, and he requested that Obie be moved to his school to become assistant principal. He then worked with staff to teach them how to interact with African-American students. Once other schools learned of his talent of teaching how to deal with different races in schools, Obie was asked to help merge two schools to create one successful learning environment. After years in different schools, Obie was offered a principal’s position at Princeton Jr. High School.

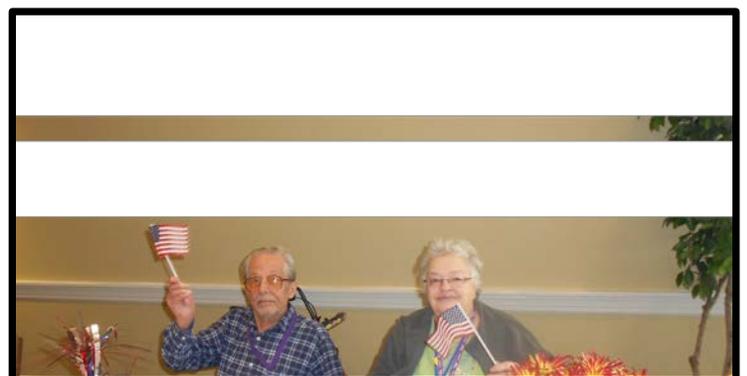
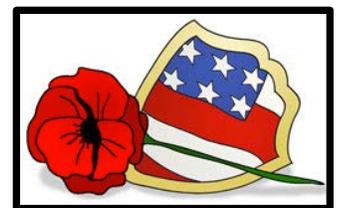
Over the years, Obie and his wife, Edith, had three sons and three daughters. Now, he even has triplet grandchildren!

He says Lynne, Kris and the rest of the staff make his stay comfortable here at Bridgeway.

After living here and looking back, Obie has found that “knowledge and wisdom are the two major things in life.”

Honoring Those Who Have Served Our Country!

VITAS helped honor our Bridgeway Pointe veterans last month with a special veteran’s Day program. Each veteran received a certificate honoring his/her service to our country. The residents also enjoyed a special cake and punch to celebrate the day!



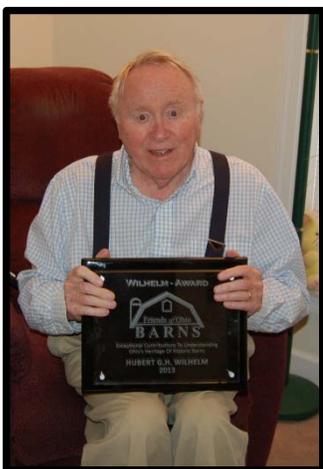
DECEMBER Birthdays!

Jan O'Herron	Dec. 4
Rita Nierlich	Dec. 7
Evelyn Schulte	Dec. 19
Catherine Thomas	Dec. 20
Annette Mohrhaus	Dec. 27

Happy Birthday to All!

Resident Hubert Wilhelm Honored with Friends of Ohio Barns Award

Hubert Wilhelm was presented with an award named after him from the Friends of Ohio Barns for the pioneering of his studies of farms and barns in Ohio. Hubert has a Ph.D. in geography and has been researching and teaching about barns for most of his life, including teaching at the Ohio University for more than 30 years. He says what interested him about barns is that they are representative of all different cultural influences. Every year a new recipient will be honored with the Wilhelm Award.



"There are only two places where one takes off his hat: churches and barns."
-Hubert Wilhelm

Welcome to Bridgeway Pointe!

Jane Hill

Baby Boomer Thanksgiving

This month, the Baby Boomers did something a little different from their normal monthly outings. The group decided to share a meal together and celebrate Thanksgiving. A wonderful array of food was prepared for the evening, and they celebrated being thankful for family, friends, and Bridgeway Pointe! We are thankful for all of our residents and volunteers!



Audiology Clinic

Information from First-Year Audiology Doctoral Students Kelly Doone & Jenny Brace

Our Audiology Clinic at Bridgeway Pointe is working to educate the residents about the importance of hearing aids. We are always looking for family support to accompany them to appointments because the hearing loss is perceived differently for the family versus the patient.

Some of the benefits of hearing aids include improved mental health, alleviation of some of the symptoms of dementia, greater independence and security, better relationship with family, better self-esteem, decreased risk of fall and injuries and decreased risk of developing depression.

We are in Room 317 at Bridgeway Pointe on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We offer...

- Hearing screenings
- Hearing aid cleanings
- Full comprehensive hearing tests

Thank you for your support!



We Remember...

Gene Ochs

Thank You to Our Outstanding Volunteers!

Volunteers Claire Hite and Jane Mueninghoff (daughters of Bridgeway Pointe resident Ann Mueninghoff) were nominated as outstanding representatives of the Bridgeway Pointe mission for 2014. They were honored at the 2014 Outstanding Caregivers event which was held on Nov. 9 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Thank you Claire and Jane. We appreciate all you do at Bridgeway Pointe!



IT PAYS TO REFER



Don't forget:

Residents who refer a family member or friend to Bridgeway Pointe will receive a one-time discount of \$1,000 off a month's rent...and the referred new resident will receive the same discount!

See Kris Collins in the front office for specific details. *Some exclusions apply.