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Bridgeway Pointe News is a monthly publication for residents and families of Bridgeway Pointe, a tight-knit assisted living community located at 165 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45216. (513) 418-4370 | UCHealth.com/BridgewayPointe

August Calendar

- August 4** Cincinnati Zoo presents "Rhinos"
2 p.m. | Club Room
- August 10** Watermelon Social
10:30 a.m. | Courtyard
- August 15** Dog Days of Summer Celebration
11 a.m. | Courtyard
- August 17** Trip to Target
10:30 a.m. | Flag Pole
- August 20** Bocce Ball
1:45 p.m. | Club Room
- August 23** Karaoke Sing Along
3 p.m. | Club Room



Resident Spotlight

Bill Blom

Bill Blom, a Cincinnati native, is the oldest of three children. His father started a family trucking business –the boys, Bill and Paul, were drivers, and sister Claire ran the office. Bill eventually became co-president, remaining there until his retirement. An avid sports fan, he participated in sports through grade school and high school, and played for Lefty's Tavern team in early adulthood. A tight-knit family, there were many get-togethers at their parents' farm.

Bill was introduced to his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth, by a mutual friend. The Bloms always found time and finances to take the family on a summer vacation. A favorite spot, Seagrove Beach, Florida,

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eventually became Bill and Elizabeth's second home, as well as the second home for the next two generations of the Blom family.

World War II sent Bill into the Navy. His assignment was to escort merchant ships across the North Sea to Europe. It was a dangerous job because German U boats were intercepting the supply chain. Although Bill doesn't bring it up, when asked, he loves to talk about it. Like all men from that generation, he is quite proud of what he did. His grandchildren are even more proud!

Bill recently celebrated a birthday and, due to his love of the Cincinnati Reds, the theme was appropriately—Reds' baseball.

Elizabeth and their son Bill, toured Bridgeway Pointe and immediately fell in love with the building and more importantly, the staff. The laughter between the residents and staff was amazing, Bill said, who visits his Dad quite frequently. As it turned out, Elizabeth also came to live for a while at Bridgeway Pointe. Bill was thankful that he was able to spend those last month's together.



Mary Jackson	August 9
Marian Downey	August 13
Bill Makstaller	August 14
Dorothy Hinnenkamp	August 25
Marianne Otten	August 26
Frances Hunter	August 29
Mike Ruebel	August 29
Obadiah Williams	August 31



Bridgeway Pointe Day

In celebration of the 16th Anniversary of Bridgeway Pointe, the residents had the first annual Bridgeway Pointe Day! The residents wore their red Bridgeway Pointe t-shirts to celebrate our wonderful friendship and camaraderie we have here.

Fun Fact: Did you know Bridgeway Pointe opened its doors on July 1, 2000? We look forward to celebrating with you next year!



Lunch Catered In

Over the summer months, the Bridgeway Pointe residents enjoyed two special luncheons. The Red Hat Ladies enjoyed a catered lunch from Olive Garden to start off a brand new year of Red Hat luncheons. Residents also enjoyed a lunch from Chick-fil-A. We enjoyed spending time with friends during these hot summer days!



National Ice Cream Month



What could be more perfect on a hot summer day than ice cream? Residents celebrated national ice cream month with an ice cream social. With the hot weather, the group decided to enjoy our tasty ice cream cones inside to savor our tasty treats!



Flowers In Full Bloom

Besides the flowers being in bloom in our courtyard, many of the apartments and common areas have beautiful flowers due to the crafty hands on our Bridgeway Pointe residents! The group has spent their summer days arranging flowers and socializing with friends. A huge thank you goes to the Kroger in Brentwood for the donation of lovely flowers that continue to brighten the resident's days!



Big Bands Come to Bridgeway

We have had some amazing entertainers and bands come to Bridgeway Pointe recently. We've had musicians from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Duos, Trios, and even a nine piece band. The nine piece band, Highlandaires Band, performed the music from the big band era and had all of the residents tapping their feet to the roaring 20's. Come see our wonderful line-up of entertainers in August in the Club Room!



We Need Your Help!

Residents and Families, we have noticed an increase in the large grocery purchases that residents have been making on the monthly store outings. Unfortunately, we are unable to accompany residents on large grocery trips and act as personal shoppers. We need your help to limit your purchases to small amounts. Families, if your loved one needs large amounts of groceries, we are asking for your assistance with this. Thank you!



Attention Family Members

To keep our contact list up-to-date, please email Kris Collins (Kristie.Collins@UCHealth.com) if you have changed any personal information such as email addresses, mailing address, or phone numbers. Thank you!