

The Way I See It

8-13-16



You already know we have a garden but **HAVE YOU BEEN OUT THERE!** I took a quick walk through this morning and could not believe all the tomatoes. It is really incredible. I was equally surprised by the beautiful grapes. I am actually going to sneak out after I write this to taste a couple. Do not tell Isolde! Earlier this year I wondered if it were worth keeping a scraggly tree. Today I was amazed by all the apples it is pushing out.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful space and I hope all patients, residents, and staff get the chance to enjoy it.

Isolde Graumann is responsible for so much of the work behind the garden and I am grateful to her.

Joe Volk took two residents to Bismarck for Dr's appointments and on his way home, he stopped and bought each of them a chocolate malt. According to the residents, they enjoyed the treat **(Submitted by Sister Mary Agnes)**

I would like to thank **Christy Arends** for attending to the Switchboard so I could go to my grandson's T-ball game. When I got to work that afternoon she asked if I was going. I said I wasn't because I couldn't work it out, as someone would have had to do a double shift and I would not ask anyone to do that. She told me that she would go home and get supper started and then come back. I sure do appreciate it Christy! It was a lot of fun and I think my grandson was happy that Papa and Grandma could be there to watch him! The helpfulness of co-workers to rearrange their schedules so others can enjoy time with their family means so much! Makes me so happy and proud to say I work at St. Aloisius. Thanks again Christy! You Rock!!!! **(Submitted by Dianne Lageson)**

Thank you **Bob Gray** for getting one of our med carts fixed. It was a long process but it now works!!! One down and one to go! **(Submitted by Candie Thompson)**

I would like to recognize **Ruth Schuh, Becca Opp** and **Chris Henderson** for getting a balloon and cupcakes for a residents Birthday. In addition, they then gathered the rest of the staff to go in to sing Happy Birthday. It was nice to see the smile on her face. It was so nice of them and it showed the true compassion they have for others. **(Submitted by Mavis Troftgruben)**

A big thank you to **Bob Gray** for airing up my flat tire while I was working. I just happened to look out the window and noticed Bob working on my car. I did not even know my tire was flat. He saw it and just took care of it for me. It is so wonderful to work for a facility that has people that will go out of their way to help others. Thank you Bob! **(Submitted by Sarah Gregg)**

I would like to recognize **Brenda Finley** for her excellent professionalism. I have watched her on a personal bases doing therapy with 2 members of my family. Her knowledge as well as positive attitude when working with these patients is what has helped keep them determined to regain their strength and mobility. Without her diligent hard work

I would not see them continue to strive as hard as they do to reach their personal goals. **(Submitted by Mavis Troftgruben)**

A big thanks to **Pam Stewart** for sharing her expertise with Excel and helping out whenever anyone has a question with Microsoft programs. **(Submitted by Danita Rixen)**

Thank you to **Bruce Snyder** for picking up a patients prescription and discharge instructions from the parking lot as the person had lost them. **(Submitted by Danita Rixen)**

A big thank you to **Joe Volk** for transporting our Residents to many out of town appointments. He is always willing and balances it out with his OT schedule. He even stops and treats them to burgers or milk shakes for the ride home. He never wants to be reimbursed for it. The residents have even commented they enjoy these outings. You are much appreciated Joe! 😊 **(Submitted by Kathy Sieg)**

A big thanks to **Leann Krahler** for changing her day suddenly on Monday to help take residents to appointments. 😊 **(Submitted by Kathy Sieg)**

A big thank you to my awesome teammates, **Wendy Held** and **Kristen Steichen** for assembling the infant/toddler swing set. It makes our swing area much safer! **(Submitted by Lona Jelsing)**

Kudos to **Kim Rust** and **Lucelle Barbarano**. A patient came for lab and said she dislikes having to come each week for tests, but is so thankful that Kim and Lucelle are so good at their job and always get it done on the first try. **(Submitted by Danita Rixen)**

I would like to thank **Mark Sommer, Trisha Austin, Lori Sieg, Gary Kennedy** for coming in on his vacation and bringing his son **Christopher** with, and **Joe Volk** for helping unload our new furniture for the nursing home. This was a big task, but with Christopher, and Joe helping, the task was accomplished much quicker. With all the help, the furniture was unloaded, opened, and put where it needed to go in under an hour. Another hour later, you wouldn't have known anything had gone on. The team work involved in this was wonderful. **(Submitted by Lorie Sieg and Gary Kennedy)**

Upcoming Events:

1. We will announce our next employee of the month on Tuesday 16 August.
2. I am going to China on Wednesday 17 Aug. I will be back at work on 2 Sep. Please send all input for the Way I See It to SANDY TEUBNER. Sandy will be putting the document together up to and including 2 Sep.
3. We are in the window for the LTC State Survey. These are unannounced but we expect we will be visited in August.
4. We are developing the 2017 budget and things are moving along well. As I mentioned, we are taking cuts in travel, marketing, and other areas that do not impact patient care or employee pay/benefits. I actually hope to grow some revenue so that we do not even notice the rate cut next year.
5. We are opening up our beds that were on layaway. Our LTC will be back to 95 beds.