



# VILLA ST. FRANCIS – FEBRUARY 2010

## February is All Heart Month

This month always emphasizes emotions of the heart especially on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, with famous quotes such as the following:

“Attention is the most basic form of love, through it we bless and are blessed.” John Tarrant

“Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.” Peter Ustinov

“Love doesn't make the world go round, love is what makes the ride worthwhile.” E. Browning

“Love is always bestowed as a gift—freely, willingly, and without expectation... We don't love to be loved; we love to love.” Leo Buscaglia

“Love is the greatest refreshment in life.” Picasso

“Spread Love everywhere you go; first of all in your own home. Give love to your children, to a wife or husband, to a friend, to a next-door neighbor.” Mother Teresa

Also, this month begins the Christian Season of the greatest gift of love anyone can give and that is the gift of one's self. Yes on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season 2010. Lent is considered a time of fasting, repentance and deep soul searching. The origin of Lent can be traced back to the footsteps of Jesus, who spent 40 days wandering in the desert wilderness, facing temptations from Satan. Jesus is believed to have overcome the devil's temptations through fasting and sincere repentance. Today, Christians vow to give up something of temporal significance in lieu of actual fasting. In Roman Catholic tradition, meat is not eaten on Fridays during Lent. In Protestant tradition, followers will often give up something they consider a vice – junk food, cable TV or anything else blocking their focus on true repentance. The other customs of Lent include increased commitment to prayer, particularly repentance, and almsgiving.

Going along with the theme of the heart, let us all strive to imitate the love God has for each one of us by showing that love to one another by words of kindness, a smile, understanding, patience, lending a listening ear or a helping hand. Together, we will all rejoice and sing ALLELUIA this Easter Sunday!

### VILLA NEWCOMERS

Ruth Tomaszewski Apt. 108

Betty Lorbeske Apt. 212

Welcome to Villa St. Francis, a warm, spirited community! May you enjoy your days ahead, make many friends and enjoy the various activities Villa has to offer. A **Newcomer's Party** will be held on **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. in the Villa's dining room.** Enjoy the featured entertainment of **Roger Boll.** Come on out and meet your new neighbors.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Sunday, February 14

To celebrate **Valentine's Day** this year, we will have a special **Heart Bingo** game on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at **6:15 P.M.** in the Villa's Dining Room. We'll see you then!



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Vivian Beyer	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Alice Galaska	Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Smith, LaVerne	Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Elizabeth Grybush	Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Mildred Pepin	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Evelyn Stout	Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Helen LaClaw	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>
Dybinski, Al	Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup>

Cupid sends a valentine of good wishes to these residents during their birthdays in the month of February. This month the birthday party will be held on **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. Michael Dombrowski** will entertain us that afternoon.

## **PRESIDENT'S DAY PROGRAM**

To celebrate President's Day this year, Marquette professor Stephen Hauser will be here to speak on: "America's Forgotten President." Who is that? Come and find out!

## **Community Outings**

Over the past month or so we have been experiencing a couple problems with how people sign up for trips in the Villa's van. First of all, only sign up for yourself when going on an outing. Be sure that you really want to go! Secondly, if you change your mind or something unexpected happens, please cancel out at the front desk as soon as possible.



## **GROUND HOG DAY**

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ground Hog Day! During Current Events we'll have a few things to say about the weather, superstitions and whatever. Come on out and add your two cents.

## **LENTEN SEASON**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> this year. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held each Friday during Lent at 10:30 in the Chapel.

## **BINGO OLYMPICS**

During the month of February to celebrate the Winter Olympics, we will have our own competition here at the Villa. We will keep a record of Bingo winners throughout the month. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals plus prizes will be awarded to the three finalists who win the most games. On Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> the prizes will be awarded. You can't win if you don't play! So come on down! Good luck to all!

## **In Memoriam**

Dorothy Pilch  
Dolores Fliss  
Ray Shadow  
Rosella Freda  
Rest in peace ...