

President's Corner: A Message from Shaun Smith

September 4, 2020

Dear Employees,

One of the values of Albright Care Services is inspiration. This week I had the opportunity to help honor a resident who has gone above and beyond in the role of a volunteer.



Bob Kuhn moved into Normandie Ridge in 1997. Since that time he has been fully engaged as an active member of the community. I first met Bob in 1999. By that time he had already established himself as a gifted volunteer in the wood shop where he helped many fellow residents. Bob crafted many helpful items for the rehabilitation department, including items for individual residents and actual pieces of furniture that helped residents in wheelchairs sit closer to tables.

Bob has spread his generosity to the Grand Illumination event and the golf fundraiser, which both benefit Benevolent Care. Bob's humble demeanor and kind spirit are truly an inspiration. We have many staff members who, like Bob, go way beyond what is required without anyone knowing. Thank you for inspiring those around you.

With much gratitude,
Shaun Smith
President, Albright Care Services

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Employees,

Labor Day is here, and usually our first thought as the holiday approaches is to think about a day off from work to mark the end of summer. This year we have an opportunity to think a little differently. On Monday, I'm suggesting that we all take a moment to reflect on the incredible amount of "labor" we've all put in this year, particularly since the beginning of the pandemic.



We are more than seven months into combating COVID-19, and we've seen an incredible amount of time and effort put in by the 250 employees here at RiverWoods to ensure our community is as safe as possible and that residents are served in unique and different ways. Many residents, family members and those from the greater community have also put in a fair share of work in recent months, whether that be making masks, volunteering in some form or fashion or by simply taking time to encourage others to follow the precautions and measures we have in place.

While Labor Day recognizes the efforts of workers, it does not necessarily mean a holiday off from work. As you know, we operate 24/7, 365 days a year. Many RiverWoods employees will be busy going about their sacred work this long weekend, serving residents, families, and each other. If you are one of those working on Monday -- thank you.

It is remarkable what can happen when we come together for a common cause. COVID-19 forced us to collaborate and work together – to embrace our “we’re in this together” attitude. It’s commitments like this that are at the heart of how we fulfill our mission of creating the highest quality of life for those we serve.

We take pride in having the opportunity to serve. This is not just a job, it is a “labor” of love. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Welcome New Staff!

We are happy to share that the following employees have recently joined the community!

- **Kayla Martin – Cook (RC)**
- **Susanna Teemer – Receptionist (RC)**
- **Rosie Young – Nursing Assistant**

Have a great photo, painting or poem to share?



Above is one of many great photos we've seen this year of RiverWoods in action. It's photos and other great visuals like this that we're looking for to show off the best of RiverWoods in a possible submission for the LeadingAge PA 2021 calendar. **The submission process for 2021 begins soon and we need your help!** This year, LeadingAge PA is celebrating health care heroes and their accomplishments. The 2021 calendar will feature the lives and experiences of staff and residents who supported one another throughout this unprecedented year. **Do you have something you'd like to share for a possible submission?** We are asking residents, family members, and associates to submit their artistic interpretations of health care heroes. Submissions can include:

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Photographs
- Mixed media
- Poetry
- Written prose

To submit an entry or if you have questions, please contact Graphic Designer Rachel Mitchley at Rachel.Mitchley@albrightcare.org or call her at (570) 522-3859. Submissions are due no later than Tuesday, Sept. 15. Thank you for supporting RiverWoods' health care heroes! LeadingAge PA has been serving non-profit senior service providers as the primary source of advocacy, networking, news and education since 1963.

Facilities Update

- RiverWoods is adding a security booth at the entrance to the campus in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Please remember to slow down while driving on campus.** Measures for speed control will be put into place in the near future.
- RiverWoods has contracted with a new groundskeeping/landscaping company. Beginning Oct. 1, we will welcome Brightview Landscaping to campus!

Residents Celebrate 68 Years of Marriage

What's the secret to a long marriage? "Keep talking!" says Neil Woodruff, who celebrated 68 years of marriage to wife Christine on Sunday with a special meal of fried shrimp, French fries and chocolate milk shakes.

In keeping with COVID-19 safety guidelines, Christine joined in via Neil's window and they chatted via cell phones during the dinner. The couple met in grad school at Yale University. "Neil swept me off my feet!" said Christine. She left school to marry Neil, but later returned and got her degree. Congrats to the happy couple from RiverWoods!



Christine and Neil Woodruff celebrated their anniversary with a physically distant but special dinner together.

2020 Albright Golf Challenge Raises \$129,292 – WOW!

The weather was perfect as we welcomed our fundraiser and sponsored golfers and guests on August 31 at the Bucknell Golf Club in Lewisburg.



Congratulations to our top fundraiser golfers! Safe distancing is key, and pictured above physically distanced from left are: Rev. Bill Gibson (\$3,000.67), Rev. Al Horst (\$3,042), Rev. Doug Eberly (\$9,041), Rev. Myron Jones (\$4,150), Top Fundraiser Normandie Ridge Resident Bob Kuhn (\$9,230.20), and Steve Foust (\$3,441).



Also honored were seven fundraisers for reaching milestones in their cumulative totals. Pictured above from left are: Sue Jamison (\$50,000 raised since 2006), Dave Bell (\$10,000 raised since 2013), Fred Harris (\$25,000 raised since 2007), John Kerchner (\$10,000 since 2015), Fran Ashby (\$10,000 since 2012), Rev. Doug Eberly (\$100,000 since 2001), Shaun Smith (\$25,000 since 1999). ACS Board Vice-Chair Eric Raski (far right) presented the plaques to the honorees.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors and donors whose generosity made this possible. And many thanks to the Bucknell Golf Club staff who worked hard to accommodate us, given

the COVID -19 restrictions.

For a list of all sponsors and fundraiser totals, please visit AlbrightCare.org/golf

We are all in this together. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.
We are #RiverWoodsStrong!

Sincerely,

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