

OUR Brookestone Village Family

Providing Dignity In Life for Our Elders

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Resident Spotlight: Fran Scholtes

Francis Scholtes was born on New Years Eve of 1916 to his father, Nick, an accountant, and his mother, Eva, a homemaker. He had an older brother, Bill, and a younger sister, Betty.

Growing up in South Omaha, near 30th and Vinton, Fran's parents valued education and sent him to Catholic School at St. Adalbert's and St. Joe's. He vividly remembers the Sisters who were in charge, and how much he learned in school, including why he should stay out of the Principal's office! He loved to play outside as a child, and on Saturdays, he would go on hikes all day with his friends from the neighborhood.

Every summer through high school, Fran, Betty, and Bill would stay at the Scholtes Family Farm, with their grandparents, aunts and uncles. Their parents would put them on the train and they would ride all day to be dropped off for the summer. They would work on the horse-drawn plow, mowing, harvesting the 300 acres of corn to be sold and doing various other chores on the property. When Fran was too young to work with the horses and machinery, he would help his grandmother in the garden. After a couple hours of working, they would come inside for a break, and his grandmother would give him a little taste of her home-brewed beer. Although it's not beer, Fran still enjoys a glass of sherry in the evenings.

He fondly remembers his grandparents' Model T Ford that was only driven to church on Sundays. Fran has a collection of about thirty model cars, four of which he displays in his curio cabinet outside his room on Prairieview.

Fran's first job was working as a messenger for Federal Land Bank for \$60 per month; he later studied on his own to become an accountant and get his CPA license. It was a true blessing because that's where he met his wife, Dagny, whose name in Danish means, "new day." Fran recalls, "We hit it off



*Fran Scholtes and his wife, Dagny
(1948)*

right away and I never saw another woman after that."

Fran and Dagny married on September 25, 1948, and soon after, Dagny became pregnant. On the very same day that they found out Dagny was pregnant, Fran found out that he needed to be hospitalized for a serious illness. He was hospitalized for three years. Dagny went to live with her sister in South Dakota and Fran did not get to meet his first-born, Stephanie, until she was two years old. His

second daughter, Gina, was born five years later. He has a wonderful relationship with his daughters, who are both married and live locally. He also has six grandchildren.

Fran served our country in the Army for three years working in the finance department. He spent two years in Orlando, FL, doing payroll, and a year in the Aleutian Islands. He worked as an accountant until he retired in 1981 and began keeping books for a friend in his newly-acquired free time. He was an active member of the Elks Club and also involved in his church. He enjoys living at Brookestone Village because of the surroundings: "real nice furnishings, good food, and nice people."



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Note from the Director

Greetings!

Spring is finally upon us! As the flowers begin to bloom, I am reminded of all the wonderful growth that Brookestone Village is experiencing. There are so many exciting things that I look forward to sharing with you!

In May we are celebrating National Nursing Home Week. Please take a look at page 3 for a listing of the events that Life Enrichment has planned for us. There really is "no place like home," and I encourage you to join us as we transform our residents' home into the land of Oz for the week of May 8-14.

We also have very exciting plans to expand Brookestone Village! In the early fall, we will be breaking ground on a 4,000 square foot therapy gym and 21-bed household specifically for short-term rehabilitation. Please stay tuned to the next issue of *Our Brookestone Village Family* for more details on this very exciting project.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello! My office door is always open.

Cassandra Putnam
Executive Director



The Rails Come to Brookestone Village

On April 8th, Bob Matthews and Mark Nelson of the Nebraska Iowa Railroaders displayed a set of trains in the Great Room at Brookestone Village. Many residents stopped in during the two hour period to enjoy the sights and sounds of the electric trains, fire station, and drive-in restaurant.

Special thanks to Kim Duckworth in Life Enrichment! Knowing that some of the residents have an interest in trains, she attended the Model Train Show at the Qwest Center this year and invited the Nebraska Iowa Railroaders to Brookestone Village!



Pictured left to right, Danielle Swanger, Life Enrichment, talks about the display with Isabella Threlkeld.



Pictured left to right, Herb Underwood, Sydney Loneman, Spa Aide, Chuck Broadwater, and Paul Hartmann enjoy the display.

If you would like to experience the trains, the Nebraska Iowa Railroaders have nine layouts in their 6000 square foot space at the Gretna Outlet Mall. It is open to the public every Saturday from noon-4:00 p.m.

National Nursing Home Week May 8-14

Our theme for National Nursing Home Week this year is "There's No Place Like Home." Brookestone Village will be transformed into scenes from *The Wizard of Oz*, complete with a yellow brick road, rainbows with pots of gold, Professor Marvel's wagon, a hot air balloon, and an enchanted forest.

Events to celebrate National Nursing Home Week include the following, but be sure to check out the May activities calendar for any possible additions to the celebration!:

Saturday, May 7

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Decorating for the Oz Ball

Sunday, May 8

8:00-9:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Breakfast, where all mothers will receive a flower

Monday, May 9

4:00 p.m.: Auntie Em's Pie and Polka Party, with music provided by Wayne Miller

6:30 p.m.: A showing of the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, in the Great Room

Thursday, May 12

9:30 a.m.: Little Munchkins Morning, with children as our guests to do crafts and view clips of the movie that take place in Munchkin Land

1:00-4:30 p.m.: Professor Marvel's Magnificent Margaritas in the Great Room

Friday, May 13

7:00 p.m.: Oz Ball featuring entertainment by Johnny Ray Gomez and The Links

Saturday, May 14

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Carnival featuring face painters, a magician, games, food, and an opportunity to have your photo taken in the hot air balloon we are creating for the event

4:00 p.m.: Breaking down Oz. We welcome any family members or friends of Brookestone Village to help break down the decorations from National Nursing Home Week.

Special thanks to Stony Brook HyVee for donating flowers, 180th Street Village Inn for donating 10 pies, and 144th Street Pinnacle Bank for sponsoring Wayne Miller's performance!

Exercise Your Creative Spirit!

Do you have great decorating ideas or just want to lend a hand? Were you on the prom committee in high school?

We are seeking individuals to help decorate and set up the Oz Ball on **Saturday, May 7 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Spend time with family, friends, or your community organization while enriching the lives of Brookestone Village residents. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Life Enrichment at lyork@vhsmail.com or 402-885-6831.



Pictured left to right, Madisen, Eliana and Kim, family of Sophie Schmitz, helped create yellow brick roads for National Nursing Home Week in the Great Room on April 6th.

Take Time to Care

On March 25th, about twenty Brookestone Village staff members completed *Take Time to Care*. This day-long workshop is designed to instruct and inspire staff members to continue to provide quality care for our elderly and to ultimately enhance the dignity in life of those whom we serve. *Take Time to Care* is held multiple times per year to ensure that all staff members have an opportunity to participate.

The workshop consists of several interactive exercises focusing on relationship-building, team-building, nurturing the whole person, understanding, and enjoying life. The underlying theme of the workshop is that we can all be better caregivers if we take time to care for ourselves.



Pictured left, Kevin Farr, Maintenance, leads a blindfolded Cleve Greaves, Assistant Director of Nursing, in a trust activity during Take Time to Care. Using only verbal cues, one partner led the other around the room, dodging furniture and other obstacles. In this case, Kevin quickly learned that Cleve responded best to specific directions, such as "turn 90 degrees," and "walk seven steps." By learning how to effectively communicate with each other, they were very successful in this exercise.

It's Never 2 Late...

Brookestone Village introduced the IN2L to the residents in March and it has been a huge success. The IN2L, or "It's Never 2 Late," is a computer system that utilizes touch screen technology and/or single-click to provide easy accessibility to software/hardware that assists residents in meeting their needs. They have enjoyed Skyping with their families, playing word games, and using email and internet. If you would like to see a demonstration of the IN2L, please contact Janie in Life Enrichment.

Would you like to have a live video chat with a resident? Skype is free to download to your home computer from www.skype.com.

Pictured right, three residents enjoy playing "Chicktionary," a chicken-themed word game on the IN2L that involves creating words from a selection of letters.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR Upcoming Events

Wine & Cheese Entertainment

May 6: Charlie Glasgow

May 20: Roger Webb

May 27: When Swing Was King

June 10: Joe Cole, Magician

June 17: Wayne Miller

June 24: When Swing Was King

National Nursing Home Week

See page 3 for special events!

May 18: Ladies Night
Families Sharing the Caring

May 26: Men's Breakfast

May 31: Ladies' Breakfast

June 9: Ladies Breakfast

June 16: Men's Night
Families Sharing the Caring

June 19: Father's Day Cookout

June 30: Men's Breakfast

Fishing on the Lake
with 8th graders from
Morton Magnet Middle School
June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21,
23, 28, 30, July 5, and 7.
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Volunteers needed to help with the fishing program! Please contact Life Enrichment if interested.

Welcome Maggie Verhalen, Community Relations Coordinator

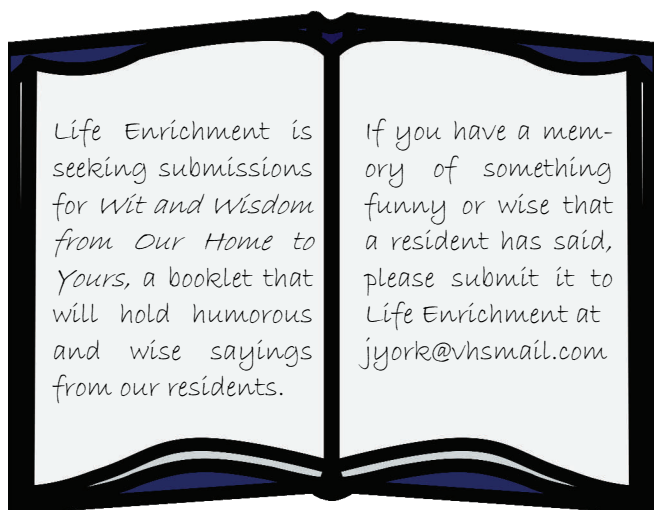


My name is Maggie Verhalen and I joined the Brookestone Village family on March 21, 2011 as Community Relations Coordinator. I knew from my first encounter with Brookestone Village that I wanted to work here. I have never experienced such a warm and positive work environment! I bring with me experience in marketing and public relations from a 178-bed hospital and healthcare system in New Jersey. I hold a bachelors degree from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I was born and raised in New Jersey and moved to Omaha in December 2009. I am getting married on June 12th, and my fiancé, Mike, is originally from Lincoln and is a staff nurse at The Nebraska Medical Center. I love to cook, bake, and do anything outside. I am a volunteer dog walker at the Nebraska Humane Society and have a dog and two cats at home.

Please stop by the Community Relations/Guest Relations office to say hi if we haven't already met! I look forward to getting to know all the team members, residents, and families!

Wit and Wisdom from Our Home to Yours



Chaplain's Corner By Pastor Joe Lape

Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the King

"When Jesus had finished saying all these things, He said to His disciples, as you know, the Passover is two days away, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

Matthew 26:1-2

After facing much opposition for his teaching, Jesus is betrayed by Judas, disowned by the disciples, crucified, and buried. Three days later, he rises from the dead and appears to the disciples, confirming that he is indeed King over life and death. The long-awaited King has brought in his kingdom, but it is different than expected, for he reigns in our hearts until the day he comes again to establish a new and perfect world. I hope you had a blessed and happy Easter!

Individualized Therapy Inspires Creativity

At Brookestone Village, we strive to provide residents with individualized care and therapies from which they will receive the best possible outcomes.



Pictured above, resident Isabella Threlkeld works with Occupational Therapist, Heidi Hynek, OTR/L, on activity tolerance and fine motor activities. Isabella has always been an artist and creates beautiful paintings on canvas and sketches of staff and other residents in the sketch book that she carries with her at all times.

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 Quality Life
 Quality Care
 Excellent Teams
 Outstanding Facilities
 Quality Reputation
 Stewardship

Our *Values*
 Serving
 Integrity
 Teamwork
 Excellence



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