

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Raybrook Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. Prior to the service, there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments beginning at 5:00 pm in the Chapel Fellowship Room.

VIBRANT LIVING CLASSES OF THE MONTH

♦ Heart Healthy Dance -

Wednesdays, August 8, 15, 22, and 29. at 3:30 pm in the Friendship Room

The choreography focuses on improving cardiovascular health and coordination. No prior dance experience is required. Join Alisha Van Epps for this fun and upbeat class!

♦ Seated Stretch and Flex -

Monday, August 13 from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Buiten Wellness Center

During this seated class we will be performing yoga poses and stretching to increase our flexibility and improve our range of motion.

♦ Training with Weights -

Monday, August 27 from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Buiten Wellness Center

Let's focus on strengthening the muscles in our upper body. We will be primarily working with the free weights also called dumbbells.

RAYBROOK FARMER'S MARKET

On August 14, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am, Newton farms will be here at Raybrook to hold a farmer's market! Fresh produce and canned goods will be available for purchase in the Raybrook Manor parking lot, along with some fresh made, seasonal snacks from our chefs. There will also be space available for residents to display and sell produce, hand crafts, etc. Contact Nate Munn at 235.5682 if you would like to have a table at the market. We have 2 markets left this summer on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (August, and September) from 9:30 – 11:30. See you there!

NEW RESIDENT LUNCHES WITH MINA

If you are a new resident on the Raybrook Campus, you are invited to attend a special information sharing lunch with Mina Breuker, CEO and Scott Halquist, Exec. Dir - HH Foundation. These lunches will be held in the Estates II Small Dining Room on Monday, October 8 and Monday, October 22. RSVP is required. Seating is limited to 8 residents per date. Call Marcia Timmerman at 235.5118 to reserve your seat!

SCRIPTURE & STRINGS

Thursday, August 16 at 3:00 pm in the Chapel ~ Scripture will be read publicly and a violinist from the GR Symphony will play sacred music, all to encourage our souls. Refreshments will follow.

MEET SAM SIMON

Greetings! My name is Samantha Simon, but most people call me Sam – and I prefer it!

I will be working here as the Administrative Assistant in the Estates Health Center. I am looking forward to taking on the duties in each of the Health Centers and assisting our fabulous nurses as they

serve the residents they love. I began my career here at Raybrook in September of 2009 in the Manor as a certified nurses aide, and primarily I have worked as unit secretary on both 3rd and 4th nursing floors. I really enjoy being able to work side by side with our residents, nurses and physicians – the dedication and commitment that is displayed by the team is a stellar example of Holland Home's staff embodying our mission statement.

When I am not at work I usually spend most of my time outside gardening and landscaping – I just can't seem to keep my hands out of the dirt! My husband Patrick and I also like to work on our house that we just purchased in January. It may be "new" to us but it was built in 1860 – that was during President Lincoln's administration! We really take pride in renovating and building so we will have a lot to look forward to in the coming years while we craft our own style into our home.

I have been greeted and welcomed by so many here since I have transitioned from the Manor, and I can't wait to meet you and get to know more about the different aspects of the Estates and Homes. The strong sense of a real and caring community has pleasantly surprised me and I promise to do my best to contribute to that as well.



MEET NEW RESIDENTS

~Jackie Venegas~

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Phone: 259.9795

Jackie was born in Ocheydan, Iowa where her parents John and Anne Mulder, were serving as pastor/wife of the CRC. From there they moved to Peoria, IA and then to Moline, MI. When Jackie was in 8th grade, her father became the pastor of the Sherman St. CRC. Her education continued in the GR Christian Schools



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and Calvin College.

After teaching 2 years in Timothy Christian Junior High School in Cicero, Jackie moved to New York City in 1966 and worked as a staff member for the Manhattan Chr. Ref. Church. Teaching 9th grade in S. Bronx in 1968 was truly an "adventure" most of us would be happy to forgo. One of the students in her class became the notorious murderer, "Son of Sam."

Jackie met Dante Venegas at the Manhattan CRC in 1967. Dante was born in NYC of Puerto Rican descent. Jackie and Dante were happily married until his passing to Glory 11 years ago. They are the proud parents of two daughters and 6 grandchildren.

In 1978, God called Dante and Jackie to ministry at Madison Square CRC in Grand Rapids. Dante served as co-pastor with Rev. Dave Sieplinga and later with Rev. Dave Beelen. From 1978 - 1981, Dante attended Calvin Seminary. In 1981 he was ordained under Article 7 of the Church Order which allowed for the ordination of people who, without the normal credentials, demonstrated exceptional giftedness for ministry. During this time, Jackie received her Masters in Social Work from W. MI. U. The church flourished and Jackie worked hard for the church and as a Social Worker in the GR public schools.

Jackie has lived her adult life in a biracial world. Some stories are sad, others are uplifting, but all were fascinating to this writer. Most of their vacations were spent with family in the East but home in the area of Madison Square was their place of fulfillment.

~Jake & Nelly Quartel~

Address: Estates I, #3002
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Jake and Nelly were both born in the Netherlands, and during their early school years they were both products of the German Occupancy Forces for four and one half years.



Nelly Bosselaar, along with a sister and brother, were born and raised in the province of Zeeland. She attended a two room school identified as a Bible School until she was twelve years old. Then her dad decided to immigrate to Chatham, Canada. There they lived in a migrant shack and worked on a farm harvesting tomatoes and tobacco. The farmer's wife felt sorry for Nelly and succeeded in getting her a job with the Canada Bell Telephone Company. An uncle from Grand Rapids paid them a visit and said, "You are going to come to the Promised Land (USA)." Nelly was able to transfer employment to the Bell Telephone Company in Grand Rapids..

Born in 1933 in Den Haag, Jake grew up with his two brothers. He attended preschool for one year

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and then a Bible School through the sixth grade. Jake spent the next two years attending a trade school specializing in electrical skills until he was fourteen years old. His dad arranged an employment opportunity in a factory utilizing his electrical skills. After a couple of years, he was sick of working in a factory and volunteered in the Dutch Navy when he was sixteen. His nautical fundamentals took place in a wooded landscape after which he was transferred to Amsterdam supporting land based naval operations. He resigned from the Navy and employed his navigational experiences as ship's mate technician cruising the rivers of Eastern Europe, including the Rhine. In 1953, storms damaged many of the dikes in the Netherlands, so Jake spent one and one half years repairing them. He returned home to his parents and was employed manufacturing electric locomotives. Shortly thereafter, the whole family migrated to Grand Rapids under the auspices of the Reformed Church in America. Housing was provided by a Rottschafer family associated with Standard Lumber, who also researched employment for the family. Jake worked for a couple of different electrical companies and with his hard earned cash bought a sailboat with a buddy of his. One time his friend invited a girl to join them while they went sailing on Lake Michigan. That relationship between Jake and his buddy's friend blossomed into a never-ending romance which started 55 years ago. Following a year of courtship, they were married in Eastern Ave. Church by Rev. Mel Hugen. Their honeymoon consisted of a trip to Washington, DC, where a thief broke a window in their car and stole Nelly's luggage.

They returned to Grand Rapids and bought a house on Everglade near Seymour Christian School. Jake worked for Sobie Construction Company. One of his projects was to install the skylight windows in our chapel. Small world! Their family eventually included a son and daughter who found it convenient to attend Seymour Christian. In the meantime, Nelly attended Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) and met Helen De Vos. This relationship flourished into a very personal one, culminating in Nelly being her housekeeper for seven years. Following this assignment, she worked in Dr. Kenneth Frieswyk's dental office for seven years. Jake was employed by Sobie Construction for 37.5 years before he retired. Jake and Nelly enjoyed the wide open spaces and so, on one occasion, while camping at Ottawa Beach they noticed an old dilapidated house for sale near the Coast Guard Station. They purchased the property, tore down the house, and built a new year around home. They enjoyed many years of living there until they felt Raybrook knocking on their door saying they had just the right apartment for them. Once they viewed apartment 3002, they were convinced they should sell their beach property and take up a more relaxed style of living. Jake and Nelly are convinced they made the right move and at the same time enjoy their family of five grandchildren not too far away.