

# RAYBROOK LIFE

A Monthly Newsletter for Raybrook Estates & Homes  
A Vibrant Way of Living

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## MEET STEPHANIE HOTZ - HOLLAND HOME FINANCIAL LIAISON

Did you know... Holland Home has a Financial Liaison that is available to help you with any questions or concerns you have regarding your finances, including the Holland Home Continuing Care Agreement, Medicaid, benevolence, Elder Law Attorney referrals, and more!



Stephanie Hotz, Financial Liaison, has been with Holland Home for 12 years and has almost 20 years of experience in the long term care industry. As the financial liaison, she works closely with many of the departments within Holland Home. Whether it is with the sales team by reviewing financial qualifications for prospective residents or the social services teams by assisting residents and their families with financial matters Stephanie's expertise spans the entire continuum of care for our residents.

In addition to being the financial liaison, Stephanie oversees the benevolence program, assists residents/families in applying for Medicaid and helps direct them in other complicated financial situations such as divestment, tithing and other issues that may impact benevolence or Medicaid eligibility.

Her knowledge and guidance is just one of the many services Holland Home provides to you! To reach her, call 616-235-5020 or email [stephanie.hotz@hollandhome.org](mailto:stephanie.hotz@hollandhome.org)

## KEEPING THE PROMISE - CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual Holland Home "Keeping the Promise" Christmas Dinner featuring Christian artist, Michael W. Smith, will be held on **Monday, November 21 at the DeVos Place.**

Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Resident Assistance Fund. Cost is \$150 per person. Sponsored Tables are available (8 seats per table). Complimentary charter bus transportation will be provided for residents. Watch your mailbox for the invitations.

Questions: please contact Marcia Timmerman at 235-5118 [marcia.timmerman@hollandhome.org](mailto:marcia.timmerman@hollandhome.org)

## **Exercise with the Grand Rapids Ballet – Mondays – 2:00 pm – Friendship Room**

This seated exercise class strives to increase coordination, balance, flexibility, and strength through music and movement. This class is led by Attila Mosolygo.

\*Please note that class will be offered in the Gathering Place on Monday, October 10.

## **Tai Chi – Thursday, October 6, 13 & 27 – 1:00 pm – Friendship Room**

Tai Chi is scheduled for October 6, 13, and 27 at 1:00 pm in the Friendship Room. Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise that helps improve balance. This is a standing class with modifications for those who would like to stay seated. Tai Chi is led by Denise Karsen.

## **Bucket Golf – Thursday, October 20 – 2:15 PM – Estates II Courtyard**

Bucket golf shares the same rules as golf or mini golf with one addition. Hitting the outside of the bucket counts as scoring to end each hole but chipping your ball inside the bucket ends the hole and subtracts 1 stroke off your score on that hole. We encourage participants to bring a water bottle and to wear shoes appropriate for activity. We invite you to bring your own golf wedge if you have one. \*Weather permitting\*

## **Steps in September: The Road to Wellness**

Thank you to all who participated in Steps in September. Congratulations on moving more! Please return your tracking sheet to the fitness center by October 5th to be entered in the prize drawing and so we can measure just how far we traveled together.

## **Supporting You on Your PATH to Vibrant Living**

Our annual fitness assessment measures strength, endurance, flexibility, and balance. This annual review helps facilitate goal setting and track improvements in functional fitness. If your birthday is in October and you are interested in participating,

*please contact Zack House. 616-235-5472 [zachary.house@hollandhome.org](mailto:zachary.house@hollandhome.org)*

Please join us for:

## **Keeping Peace in Your Family**

Hosted by Holland Home Foundation

Presenter: Lindsay Canan, J.D., Estate Planning Attorney, Barnabas Foundation

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room**

Communication is the key with estate plans. Lindsay will present why sharing plans with those closest to you benefits all involved and how best to accomplish this.

This practical presentation will include a question and answer time with Lindsay. We encourage you to invite family members to attend with you. All attendees are eligible for a special gift drawing at the conclusion of the presentation. You must be present to win.

*Contact the Foundation Office 616-235-5125 for more information.*

# RESIDENT LIFE STORIES

## JACK & JUDITH MORGAN - EST I 4007

*by Caroline Hoeks*



Jack and Judith Morgan moved into Estates I in July but they have joined in activities so quickly that it feels like we have known them longer. They were both born and raised in Grand Rapids. Jack attended Ottawa High School and Judith went to Lee High. Jack attended Grand Rapids Junior College until he decided calculus was not necessary for a good life and he went to work at General Motors as a draftsman, a job he held for 33 years and then was transferred to the G.M. plant in Rochester, N.Y. where he worked on motors.

Judith went to Wheaton College after high school graduation. She attended for one year and then she and Jack were married. Judith was interested in the business part of the medical field, so she enrolled in Davenport and worked in a number of doctor's offices.

While living in Rochester, the Morgans started a Berrien Baptist Church which is still there. They have been long time members of Calvary Church here in Grand Rapids. They have been married 68 years and have five children, three daughters and two sons, all living in this general area. They also have nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren with more on the way.

For many years, Jack and Judith had a cottage at Silver Lake, Jack's hobby was rebuilding dune buggies. Now he likes working on the computer. Judith enjoys reading "good authors who don't use bad language".

They moved to Raybrook when it was time to be done with lawn care and snow shoveling. Welcome to Raybrook, Jack and Judith!

## JOAN MEADOWS - EST II 2045

*by June Primus*



Joan VanDoorne/Meadows was born in Utrecht, The Netherlands. She went to school there and came with her family to the U.S. at age 17. She finished her last year of high school here in Grand Rapids at Grand Rapids Christian High School. After special training she became an X-Ray Technician.

It's while working in that field that she met her husband Ben Meadows, who was also an X-Ray Technician. He passed away in 2007.

Joan has 3 children: a daughter in Grand Rapids, a son in Eastern Michigan, and a son in Seattle, Washington. She also has 3 grandchildren.

Sewing, reading, and gardening are Joan's special interests.

Her mother, Cora VanDoorne had been a resident at Raybrook for some time, so the Holland Home is very familiar to Joan. Her brother Bill and his wife Grace also live in Estates 1.

For over 60 years, Joan has been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. Welcome Joan!



## **CAROL LINNEMAN - EST II 5043**

*by June Primus*

Carol Linneman was born in Detroit , Michigan. She attended the Grosse Pointe Christian Day School where there were 11 students in her grade. Going on to the Grosse Pointe High School, she found herself in a class of 819 students! She earned a Secretarial Degree at the Detroit Business Institute, and worked as an Administrator of Employee Benefits at Canteen Services.



A mother of 2 children, Carol also has 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

As an interested traveler, she has visited many places in both the U.S. and abroad. She has also gone on several medical mission trips to Nicaragua.

Over the years, Carol has taken many photographs of her travels, and also of her grandchildren playing sports. She is now taking them of her great-grandchildren.

She enjoys spending time with those great-grandchildren, as well as sewing, doing counted cross-stitch, and crocheting.

Carol moved to Grand Rapids in 1966. She is a member of Seymour Christian Reformed Church.  
Welcome, Carol!

## **DON & CAROL VANDENBERGE - EST II 3052**

*by June Primus*

Don VandenBerge was born in Grand Rapids in the Cascade area, and lived there nearly all of his life. He attended Snow School and also Baldwin Christian School.



Carol Marsman VandenBerge was born in Grand Rapids and has spent her life here. She attended Baldwin and Ada Christian Schools, and Grand Rapids Christian High School. She finished Calvin College in 1961.

After working at Kelvinator for some years and then driving a truck for a heating company, Don became the Sexton for Cascade Township Cemetery until his retirement in 2004.

Carol was a teacher for several years at Kelloggville Christian School. She also spent three summers working for Migrant  
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## **CELEBRATING October BIRTHDAYS!**

### **Estates I**

03 Larry Kuipers  
05 Rosemary Radius  
06 Elnora Tyrell  
16 Phyllis Dykstra  
16 Marlene Vugteveen  
18 Larry VanTongeren  
20 Marianne Kooiman  
31 Thelma Wolffis

### **Estates II**

04 Marilyn DeJong  
06 Jim Holwerda  
13 Myra Weesies  
26 Everett Veldman  
27 Jessica VanderWall  
28 Marcelyn Streekstra  
31 Marie Greidanus

### **Estates III**

06 Dorothy Hagedorn

### **Homes**

05 Helen Meulink  
11 Henry Verkaik  
21 Emily Brink  
22 Judy Steigenga  
28 Sheryl Haeck



Ministries in Colorado, mostly with Navajo Native Americans. During that time, she learned to love the West.

Don and Carol were married in 1972. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the middle of their move to Raybrook.

The VandenBerge's have two children and four grandchildren

Both Don and Carol have loved to travel. They enjoy travel books and magazines. Don enjoys drawing and painting. Carol has been active in Coffee Break. She is a reader and also likes to knit and crochet.

Their children encouraged them to come to Raybrook. Don and Carol realized they were ready and say, " God brought us here."

The VandenBerge's are members of Ada Christian Reformed Church.

## **RAYBROOK WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**October 25, 2022**     *The Four Winds:* Author Kristin Hannah  
Discussion led by Anamarie Joosse.

**November 29, 2022**     *Just Like that:* Author Gary Schmidt  
Discussion led by Judith Markham.

There will be books, signup sheets and discussion questions questions sheets in the library. Join us in the Gathering Place at 7:00pm



## **PET DIRECTORY**

Calling all pet owners!

The office would like to put together a pet directory which would list the animals we have at Raybrook and their photos. So if you have a furry friend, we would like to take a picture of your pet. That way if your pet were to wander off, we would know who to look for.

*Please contact Sharon VanDoorne 616.235.5006 [sharon.vandoorne@gmail.org](mailto:sharon.vandoorne@gmail.org) and arrange a time when she can come and take your pet's picture.*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20  
6:00PM | RAYBROOK CHAPEL  
REV. JOSHUA BARON

# Service of Remembrance

Honoring Residents Who Passed Between  
January 2020 & July 2020

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*Family members of the deceased are invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one. Residents will have an opportunity to place a stone in the baptismal font in remembrance of your friends and neighbors.*

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICES TO COME:

- Thursday, November 10: Residents who passed between August 2020-December 2020
- Thursday, January 19: Residents who passed between January 2021-September 2021
- Thursday, February 9: Residents who passed between October 2021-June 2022

## **Deceased January - July 2020 -listed by month**

Jay Volkers, Ida VanderVelde, Ken McNeil, Terrence Conklin, Lois DeBoer, Jean VanderVeen, Janet Visbeen, Ezra Cameron, Lucile VanWesep, Jerry Boomstra, Maxine Bruinsma, Rose Scharphorn, Marjorie Sparrow, Doris Bierens, Beatrice VanderMey, Corrie Baar, Catherine Bouwsma, Ruth Brightman, Trudi Vonk, Susan Molter, Ted Vanlier, Betty Eberlein, Sierd Woudstra, Richard Herrema, Fred Sparrow, Warren Mix, Nancy VanLopik, Ruth Plaisier, Barbara Zoet, Bob Steward, Richard Kuipers, Henry Hunderman, Frances Vryhof, Alice VanSingel, Henry Barlow, Lloyd Kaufman, Marjorie Kalkstine, Mary Anne Soderberg, Hudson Nyenhuis, Jay DeBoer, Eugene Pyne, Louis VanVels, Ruth Teune, Luke Dieffenbach, Wilbur DeJong, Mary Mollstyles, Marilyn Battjes, Donna Havenga, Stanley, DeHaan, Lorraine Zeeuw, Irene Boelema, Ken VanderMolen, Lucretia Marble, Eleanor VanderWoude, Adem Ejupovic, Catherine Smalligan, Verna DeHaan, Henry Schut, Joyce DeVries, Lela Omta, Irene Van'tLand, Mary Bruinsma