

Marion Senior Living Community Newsletter

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MSLC Board Begins Selling Gift Certificates

Usually around this time in August, MSLC begins selling tickets to its annual lasagna dinner fundraiser. But as with so many other things delayed and changed, the pandemic has forced the organization to rethink its fundraiser again. As it did last year, board will be selling Zio John's Spaghetti House gift certificates. The gift certificates cost \$5 each and do not expire. MSLC receives \$2.50 of each certificate sold. They can be used at any of the Zio John's locations in Cedar Rapids, Marion, North Liberty, and Iowa City. Several board members have volunteered to be the sales contact at each of the supporting churches. Another contact is Dick Grimm at 319-440-2123. Thank you for your support of the fundraiser in the past and again this year.

Christ Community UMC Sponsors 5k Race

Each year Christ Community Church sponsors of a 5k race in support of MSLC. The pandemic caused the cancellation of the race in 2020, but fortunately the race will be held again this year. On Sunday, September 26, Christ Community United Methodist Church is sponsoring its 7th annual 5k or 1 mile run/walk to support MSLC. The race begins at 4:00 pm. \$20 early registration before September 11, 2021. Early registration includes a t-shirt. The no t-shirt option is \$15. Groups of five get one free registration before September 11. Registration after September 11 is \$25.

To register go to www.getmeregistered.com/SOS5k or download a form at www.marionchristcommunity.church or call 319-373-1955.

To volunteer sign up at www.marionchristcommunity.church.

If your church or organization is interested in sponsoring an event in support of MSLC, please contact President Dick Grimm at 319-440-2123.

Board Improves Campus Landscaping

The campus was not spared the effects of the derecho last year. On the property north of Moundview Manor, which is reserved for a fourth building, the King of Kings Lutheran Church disaster recovery team and board members removed damaged trees and shrubs from the site. Several trees on other parts of the campus were damaged and were removed. After the stumps were removed, board members planted grass in the affected areas. Board members surveyed the campus in early summer and made suggestions to improve the campus. One of the ideas is a windbreak on the west of Moundview Manor to replace rows of arborvitaes trees damaged by the derecho. The Eden Project of King of Kings Lutheran Church will help with the planting of a fir tree windbreak at the end of August.

Churches Continue to Support MSLC

Through July the supporting churches have contributed \$13,629.20 to MSLC. Since the churches were first asked to help donate a match of \$60,000 to help build Moundview Manor, they have contributed \$487,332.60. The Board of Directors and the residents thank the churches for their support.

Board Elects New Board Member

Conrad Ramsey has joined the MSLC board. He is a retiree of Rockwell Collins and was the owner of Ramsey's Wine Bistro.

Residents Enjoy Summer Concerts

New board member Conrad Ramsey organized Sunday afternoon concerts for the residents. During the months of May, June and July, they enjoyed the music on the grounds of Moundview Manor.



You Might Benefit From Helping MSLC

The mission of Marion Senior Living Community is "Providing independent, affordable, quality housing and services for seniors with low to moderate incomes". Marion Senior Living Community is a 501C(3) charitable organization, so any monetary donations you may wish to make in support of this mission are tax-deductible. There may even be an opportunity for donors over the age of 70 ½ - (and who doesn't celebrate their 70 and 1/2 birthday?) - to make their donation out of the Required Minimum Distribution from their IRA or 401(k)/403(b) plan and pay 0% taxes on the distribution. It may be something worth considering. To learn more, consult your CPA or tax preparer.