

SUNSET WELCOMES NEW CFO

Sunset Retirement Communities is happy to welcome Mark Minard, Chief Financial Officer & Vice President of Finance for Sunset Retirement Communities.

Mark began transitioning in December from his former position with Mercy Health Partners to his new role with Sunset. His first official day was January 16th. Welcome Aboard Mark!

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Due to recent changes in our accounting department, some tax information will not be ready until later in the year.

We ask for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Families and/or residents needing information from SRC for tax purposes are asked to contact Business Office Manager, Janet Martin, 419/724-1200.

Janet will keep a list of all requests and will contact you when the information is available—no later than March 31st.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

HOSPICE: HOW IT BEGAN

Before the 20th century, the concept of hospice was not widely known. It wasn't until Cicely Saunders, a British physician developed many of the basic principles of modern hospice care during the 1950's and opened St. Christopher's Hospice in a residential area outside London in 1967.

Over the next twenty years, the American hospice concept evolved from a grassroots effort into a moral imperative. The Connecticut Hospice was the official first hospice program in the US, started in 1974. Since then, the growth has been exponential. In 2009 over 3,400 hospice programs provided medical care, psychosocial and spiritual support to more than a million and half dying persons, and those who love them.

In 2010, Sunset began Ashanti Hospice & Palliative Care to serve our residents as well others within the community. Please call Ashanti Director Sandra Bondelier 419/724-1047, for more information on Ashanti Hospice.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunset Retirement Communities is partnering with the American Red Cross to sponsor a week at the Toledo Donor Center February 13th through the 18th. February is American Heart Month so make a heartfelt difference by donating blood through the American Red Cross.

It's easy to schedule an appointment! Just call 1-800-RED CROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org.

The Red Cross Donor Center is located at 3510 Executive Parkway, Toledo. Donation Times are: Monday 8am-4pm; Tuesday through Thursday 10:30am - 6:30pm; Friday 7am - 4pm; and Saturday 7am-2pm

Unable to donate? There are still ways that you can help! Volunteer at the Donor Center to greet donors as they walk in or help donors in the canteen, after their donation.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

We invite you to visit our website for a listing of activities, outings & events in February www.sunset-communities.org. Click on any event for more details.

Be sure to visit the Sweet Shoppe every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

HEALING ARTS

Ashanti Hospice staff will present Healing Art Sunday, February 26th, 2 to 4 pm at Sunset House, 4020 Indian Road, Toledo.

Friends, family, and children are welcome to explore the healing power of art.

Local art therapist, Bob Davis will show how to create uniquely special keepsakes in memory of loved ones. You are encouraged to bring small mementos and/or photos to incorporate into the art. The end result will be a special commemorative of your loved one to take with you that day.

You don't need to be an artist to participate, and there is no charge. All materials will be provided (except the mementos you wish to bring) and refreshments will be served.

Contact Tiffany Duraney 419/724.1225 ext. 2305, or tduraney@sunsetcommunities.org by Friday, 2/17/12 to reserve your spot. Please let us know how many individuals will be attending. In the event of inclement weather, check your local television news.

Find the precious, symbolic meaning in handmade creations that can only be made by you. We look forward to hearing from you.

SUNSATIONS: A CELEBRATION!

Sunset's annual fund raiser **Sunsations: A Celebration** will be Thursday, April 12th, at Inverness Club. Adding to the fun and excitement this year will be **The Toledo Jazz Orchestra** for our guests' listening and dancing pleasure. It will be a sensational evening, and with your help, a successful fund raising event for our Residents' Assistance Fund.

We would love for our families to join us! Please contact Dorothy Mockensturm 419/724-1225, ext. 2309, or dmockensturm@sunset-communities.org for more information or to request an invitation.

BOOKENDS

We are happy to once again host BookEnds, a multigenerational book club at Sunset Village.

Young readers, age 10 and above, meet with our elders the first Tuesday of each month to choose, read and discuss books together. Led by Susan Schafer of the Sylvania Library, readers share books that are personal favorites, beloved classics, or brand new selections.

If you know of a reader who would like to participate, please contact Karen Weigel, 419/724-1200 or kweigel@sunset-village.org; or Susan Schafer at Sylvania Branch Library, 419/882-2089.

WISH LIST

Elders and staff of Sunset Village have wished for the following items. Donations of new or gently used items are greatly appreciated!



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