

August 17, 2020

Dear Family of our Residents,

At the beginning of this new week, I am happy to send you some of the highlights of our Home, and I can honestly say “there is never a dull moment”! The sun is shining, the early birds are singing, and God is in His heaven!

On August 13, 59 staff members and Sisters were tested for COVID-19. We had 2 positive results, and at present these two people are on quarantine, hopefully working their way to a good recovery. Three others from the prior testing are almost finished with their quarantine and will be able to return to work. Twenty-four people, who were not tested on August 13th, will be tested Wednesday of this coming week. At present, all of our residents are negative, for which we thank God each day.

We know how eager families are to resume the visiting. Our Home will have to be completely free from the COVID-19 virus for 28 days, in order for visiting to again take place. This includes Residents, Sisters, and staff testing negative for the virus.

The Residents are active, doing various things each day; strolling through the lovely hallways, visiting our beautiful and peaceful chapel, outside walks for those who enjoy a close look at nature, and participating in various activity programs, etc. Our physical therapy department is busy each day, assisting Residents with needed mobility programs. Our activities program “Morning Stretches” helps get everyone in good condition (hopefully!) for the day.

The highlight of this week is a Hawaiian Luau; it will be picturesquely set up in the yard, with a special meal, music and activities throughout the day within the Home! We are hoping to find some dancers, which would make it very special! With our talented staff, I am sure there will be some dancing! Any ideas are welcome.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for new or unique activities or any other interesting ideas you think the Residents may enjoy, please feel free to let me or Oglanda in Social Service know. I would love to receive your ideas! St. Margaret Mary School children are making cards for each Resident; our Jeanne Jugan Associates have been sending cards and making special gift boxes with nice little things inside (Kleenex, a pen, paper, etc.). We are grateful for those dropping off some lovely cakes! Our beautician was not able to return, so we are still looking for someone.

God bless you all; we thank you for your kindness and your understanding that our only aim is to keep our Residents, Sisters and staff safe and well. We pray for you, knowing this separation from your dear ones is very difficult. God bless you, and be safe,

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