March 2020

Resident Spotlight: Gudrun Cappello

Gudrun Cappello is one of those people who you could talk to for hours and it feels like minutes. Her life story is so interesting! Born on October 4, 1940 in East Germany, she was the only child of Henriette and Hanz. Shortly before the war ended, Gudrun and her mother fled to West Germany.

Gudrun’s mother first heard the truth while waiting in a bread line in Frankfurt, Germany. Later, while living in West Germany, two sisters came to her door and shared the same message. That Sunday, Henriette and Gudrun walked almost 7 miles to attend a meeting. From that point on they went every week! They would leave their home at 7:00AM and return home at 9:00PM. At the age of 14, Gudrun took it upon herself to officially leave the Lutheran Church and was baptized in March of 1955.

In 1958 she traveled to New York as a delegate at the Yankee Stadium convention. It was there that she met Andrew J. Cappello. They were married in January of 1962 and made their home in Newburgh, New York. In 1963 they welcomed their daughter, Angela. Gudrun was all smiles remembering the years she spent raising her daughter. She was a strong willed, yet shy little girl, who wanted to do everything herself, and was not afraid to speak her mind. Gudrun recalled a time when they were at a meeting and Angela was about 4 years old. She was listening to a brother read the scripture in Ecclesiastes that says, “...God...finds no pleasure in the stupid ones.” Her little head popped up and she called out, “Uh oh, he said a bad word!” Anyone who has raised a child can relate to experiences such as these! Living so close to Wallkill provided for many spiritual opportunities. The Cappellos were able to host many circuit overseers, district overseers, branch representatives, and a member of the Governing Body in their home.

Gudrun lived in Newburgh for over 50 years before moving to Legacy. Spending her days surrounded by friends is what first appealed to Gudrun, and is now her favorite part of being a resident. Our residents prepare for all of the meetings together and Gudrun appreciates how this small group allows her the opportunity to comment more frequently. It is encouraging to hear our residents’ expressions of faith during these sessions. This faith continues to be a driving force in Gudrun’s life. It provides her the comfort she needs to continue to endure until the time she is able to reunite with her husband of 52 years. What a joyous time that will be for Gudrun and all of Jehovah’s faithful servants!
Happy Anniversary

Joyce Greaser is our only resident with a February anniversary. She has been part of our Legacy family for three years now! It continues to be our pleasure to have Joyce with us.

Employee of the Month

Jaylynn was our employee of the month for February. She is a high school student who works in the kitchen after school and on the weekends. Our management team appreciates a teenager with such a strong work ethic. Keep up the good work Jaylynn!

Save the Date

Senior Dance Party

We will host a senior dance party for our residents on Thursday, March 19th. Wahl Street Music will provide the music and our residents will provide the dance moves. Check our April newsletter for some pictures!

Super Bowl LIV

The Super Bowl is annually the most watched television event in the United States. Our residents were among those who watched the Chiefs beat the 49ers during Super Bowl LIV.

Our activity and kitchen department prepared snacks, decorations, and a variety of fun games and activities to make this a special evening for our residents. Before the game started the majority of our staff and residents expected the 49ers to be victorious. It turned out to be an exciting game with the Chiefs taking home the trophy! Another fun Legacy Place Super Bowl is in the books. The only thing that would make it better is if the Eagles are playing next year!
Picture Time!

Some of our Residents attended the “BubbleOlogy” program at the DaVinci Center.

Mickey and Bea singing Kingdom Melodies

Gloria is such a classy lady!

Employment Opportunities

Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Stop by for an application or contact Briana at briana.snyder@legacyplace.org.

Resident Applications

We are full in both Personal Care and Memory Care! However, we will continue to accept applications for our waiting list. Please contact Meghan at meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org for more information.

Mailing List

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please email meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org. You can request to receive your newsletter through the mail, electronically, or both!

Stuffed Animal Donation

A local sister was kind enough to donate a stuffed animal to all of the sisters residing in Memory Care. The residents were so appreciative of this kind gesture and enjoyed picking out their favorite one!

Vena receiving her stuffed animal

Terri loves her choice!

Betty giving her dog a hug

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“How to Keep Your Brain Sharp”

On March 17th at 10:30 AM, a representative from CareGivers of America will conduct an in-service for our residents. The title of the in-service is “How to Keep Your Brain Sharp.” This can be challenging for older adults who find themselves with a lot of free time, but with health/physical limitations. Residents in our community are blessed to have many spiritual activities available on a daily basis. This is very beneficial in preventing cognitive decline. The purpose of this in-service is to provide some additional suggestions and strategies to protect and improve your memory. Family members are welcome to join their loved one for this educational event.