



# ELTERNHAUS NEWSLETTER

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## OUR WINTER WONDERLAND...

Elternhaus was a cozy haven in the winter storms.

**MANY FAMILIES  
JOINED US** at The  
Olde Country Buffet for a  
Thanksgiving Feast.



Florence Tilkens and Family



Jimmy Wheatley and Family



Irene Cermak and Family

**Old  
Country  
Buffet**



Debbie  
and  
Romaine  
Weand

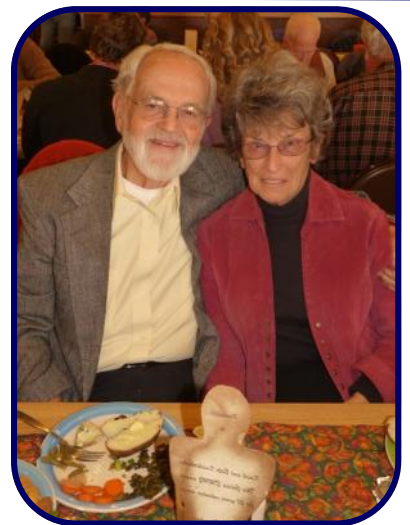






Grandpa Melvin Setzer,  
Amber, and Linda

Distinguished Winners  
of Cardboard Oscars  
for being Long-Time  
Friends— Knick and  
Betti Knickerbocker  
(They will return on  
the Christmas page as  
Santa and Mrs. Claus)



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Ginny  
Sonen  
and  
Family



Helen Manuel and  
long-time Friends,  
the Castros (They  
will return on the  
Talent Show page as  
food decorators)

*More  
Old  
Country  
Buffet*

Mary  
Janos  
and son,  
David



Romaine  
Weand,  
Jim and  
Sandy



Mary  
Rainey,  
and  
daughter,  
Kathy  
Schofield

Family  
of  
Roland  
Hegstad





## Even More Thanksgiving...



Hazel Zimmerman and Family



Family of Norma Sines



Vada Gentry and Jackie Carson



Gertie Ross and Her Family



Jerry Cullum and Family



Sisters Alma Lee and Judy Winkle



**Christmas Caroling with Ted and Nancy Wilson, Clinton and Gina Wahlen, and Their Families...** Page 4



Ted and Nancy's 7 Grandkids



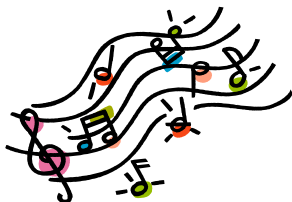
Heather, home from Fountain View Academy, plays piano.  
Gina sing.



Future Moms and Their  
Pampered Dollies



Clinton as Chorister





## Gifts with Lisa Pomeroy —

23 bags of readables, eatables, and wearables.



Sarah Sturtz and Alma Lee. Sarah is so lucky to have her daughter here to help with her.



Lisa was sick, but carried on anyway.



Gertie and Jimmy share the goodies.



Vada, Norma, and Mary Janos.



Norma



## Exercise Class—Streeetchhhh!!



Irene, Florence and Hazel



# Christmas Day At Elternhaus~

Everyone had a photo with Santa. Here are just a few—



Jerry Cullum and Family.  
Knick Knickerbocker returns as Santa.



In our Dining Room, feeding Santa and Mrs. Claus after a long night of Christmas Cheer.



Norma whispers in Santa's ear. Santa visited residents in their rooms.



Dorothy enjoyed her chocolate Christmas treat from Santa





*DIAMONDS IN A RHINESTONE WORLD*

## Official Order of The Tea

Arrival & Seating of Guests  
Welcome, Prayer  
Personal Tea Cup Selection  
Tea Etiquette

1<sup>st</sup> Course: Scones, Jams, Fruit, Nuts  
Video Presentation

2<sup>nd</sup> Course: Tea Sandwiches  
Ornament Exchange

3<sup>rd</sup> Course: Assorted Tea Desserts  
A Christmas Message  
Group Christmas Carole Singing

*The Ladies of Ellicott City Assembly of God have enjoyed preparing this Tea for you.  
God's love is shown to you by blessing and sharing our Church's Christmas Tea Event*



**Live Entertainment,  
Great Décor,  
Delicious Food~**



Debbie, Alma, and Mary J.



Peggy, Irene, and Diane



Old hymn books  
made into  
candelabras

and wreaths  
spangled  
with rhinestones



Diane and Norma



Jackie and Vada



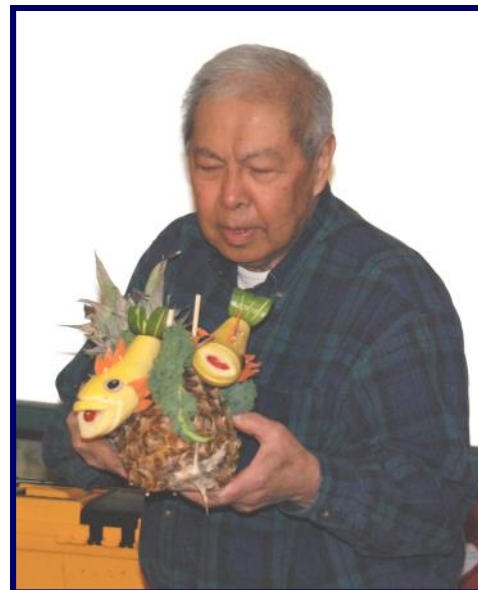


Flowers of turnips float in a bowl of water. Large lotus is a cantaloupe, chicks peeping upwards are yellow squash. Last, and best of all, the swans made before our eyes with a razor-sharp knife, out of red and green apples.



Centerpieces made of veggies and fruit. Fish made with yellow squash, carrot fins, olive eyes, and chard tail fins! Adorable! We kept them until they withered.

Israel Castro shows an unbelievable talent in honor of Helen Manuel.



Sharon and Chris sing for Helen M. and all of us. Florence Tilkens and Ron did "Summer Time."



Bonita Shields imitated a monkey by her walk and her sounds. The "monkey" ended up by eating a banana.



# TALENT SHOW (CONT.)



Digital Fine Art by Kathy Schofield, using a camera , a translucent effect.. In honor of her mom, Mary Rainey.



Mary J. shows her own oil done in art class.



Alma showed an oil that she did and loves for its symbolism. It was a tranquil lake scene. Mother Sarah, should be proud.



The Mayer kids performed for their great-grandpa, Melvin Setzer. Well done! Chase played “Over the Rainbow.” Tim held the mic and music for daughter, Cameron, to play her guitar and sing. And Riley sang “Count on Me” by Bruno Mars. Beautiful!





## Elternhaus Valentine Time...



Norma, Hazel, Natisha and Alma, show the completed Valentine Hearts Poster. Natisha is a very smart intern, studying geriatrics. These hearts quote Bible texts about love.

We welcome Guin Joyner, Ginger Bach, and Marilyn Esham, new residents in the Elternhaus.



Don and Diane took a post-Christmas break at their Carolina Cottage.



Diane builds two desks in her cluttered office.





### From Tim's Desk- **Winter Storms are no match for Elternhaus Staff...**

Today is March 20<sup>th</sup>, the first day of spring but what a winter we have had. Just a few days ago on St. Patrick's Day we had 6 inches of snow and the weatherman is forecasting more snow next week. It sure seems like Mother Nature is making up for a couple of years of no snow. I want to compliment our wonderful staff for the extra effort to make sure they were here for their shifts. Over and over when the weatherman predicted a big storm, our staff would come in early to beat the snow or stay overnight and sleep on the couch or in a room at the Chalet. Some even had emergency bags in their cars with a change of clothes and necessities just in case they needed to stay. Alex and Jose moved a lot of snow with the shovels and snow blowers. That was some back breaking work, but they kept the driveways, exits and sidewalks clear and safe for all of us. Thanks to all of the staff for your willingness and dedication. What a great team we have!!

*Tim*



**Snow on Our  
St. Patrick's Tree!**



### From Diane's Desk—

Our goal is to have a picture of every resident in the newsletter every time. But sometimes we miss this goal. Alma showing and explaining her oil painting, Sandy Jones showing her mother, Romaine's decorative painting on a Pennsylvania Dutch milk Can. But, as you see, our "Families' Have Got Talent!"

We wish we had a good photo yet of our three newest residents: Marilyn, Ginger and Guin. And you haven't met our 15 dedicated caregivers, nor our grounds/maintenance men, nor our 4 faithful cooks who labor hours, only to have us descend upon the meal and reduce it to only dirty dishes in a matter of minutes! We hope to have a newsletter all about them soon. We are a family with roots from everywhere, but our designation is the same: We are all members of God's family. I know He smiles sometimes as He watches our mistakes, and childish antics! But God knows if He is patient (and He is), one day we'll all come to full unity.

Love to everybody out there.

*Diane*

### From Debbie's Desk —



Many of you heard that Virginia "Ginny" Sonen and La Verne Korff passed away. Ginny was with us since January 2011. And La Verne was here at EH since March 2012. We have a hard time saying good bye to any of our residents. We will miss them and the frequent visits from their families. Here is a picture so we can give a fond farewell.

*Debbie*





## *Memories of Ruby Forde...*

We dedicate this newsletter to Ruby Forde, who died in a domestic dispute March 11, her birthday, at 10:40 am in Virginia. How we will miss her!

Here is Ruby as she looked when she came to us four years ago. We loved her patience and sweet smile.

She loved her residents. If they resisted her care, she simply sang to them, and they relaxed and let Ruby help them in any way they needed. How often she curled their hair, fed them kindly, or took them out on the porch on balmy days, so like her Jamaican home land.



This is how Ruby looked when we last saw her as she left the Elternhaus for an Island vacation to celebrate her birthday with family.

Ruby never made it to the airport. Now Jesus will save her for an eternal life– with Him. We love you, Ruby~

