



The Gardens Gazette

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Happy New Year from the Gardens at Columbine!



Wrapping up 2010 in the great Gardens' tradition, we celebrated our Family Holiday Brunch on the first Sunday of December. In addition to the 300+ residents and family in attendance, were our Executive Director, Jeremy and his wife Kim, our owner Darrel, and his wife Kathie Schmidt. You may have heard us trying to sing Christmas Carols in the lobby! Congratulations to Chef Chris and his team for putting together a phenomenal event. Many thanks to all of the staff that made this such a spectacular day. It's great to be a part of a community

that is such a wonderful family. That sense of family, comfort, and friendship continue to make the warm atmosphere that you feel when you walk in the door of the Gardens at Columbine. As we start 2011, we still hold true to our traditions and our legacy as we "grow" through some changes. In turn, they all continue to add a fresh look to the greatness and history of our community. As we like to say, The Gardens are Growing!



A Note From Jeremy

Hello everyone!

I'm frequently asked how our community dog, Bogart is doing, so I thought I'd take the opportunity in the newsletter to fill you all in...

A few weeks ago, Bo had a surgery to remove a benign tumor from his leg. We really struggled with whether or not we should put Bo through this, considering his other health problems. But, after talking with a lot of residents and staff, we decided that Bo is still pretty vibrant for an old pup, and we want him to live his life to its doggie fullest. For the most part, he's been doing really well, except for refusing to take his pills and chewing on his bandage (hence the "cone"). We certainly expect a full recovery, and we all appreciate the well-wishes and support. I also owe a big thanks to all of the staff who have helped get Bo to the vet and get his care done. Your help, as always, is priceless.

Our team of department directors has been forming quite nicely. Our latest additions are Cyndy Walters, our new Sales and Marketing Director and Heidi Marino, our new Life Enrichment Director. I'm very happy to have them complete our dynamic and energetic team at the Gardens at Columbine.

Happy New Year,

Jeremy



Therapy is here!

We offer a warm welcome to Pam, Beth and the rest of the team from Legacy Rehab! These health professionals have united with the Gardens to form an additional department at our community, which will provide Medicare-covered physical, occupational, and speech therapies, as well as wellness presentations and exercise classes. They'll be here five days a week.



Stop by apartment #201 to say hi to the team!



Staff Updates

New Staff - Welcome!

- Sarah Seda - Housekeeping
- Cynthia Walters - Marketing Director
- Meike Linoge - QMAP
- Rachel Olson - PCA
- Kathryn Smith - Receptionist
- Burl May - Kitchen Utility
- Barbara Miller - Server
- A.J. Armstrong - Server
- Taelor Wilde - Server
- Heidi Marino - Life Enrichment Director



Consider Yourself At Home...



Bea Kambach

Bea was born in Colorado. She attended college at Children's Hospital School. She met her husband in Juarez, Mexico, and was married to him for 67 years. She likes art and movies. She enjoys life and loves traveling around the world.

Dorothy Folden

Dorothy is from Nebraska and attended college in Done, Nebraska. She majored in Music and English. She met her husband in Colorado. He was in the Air Force and died young. She remarried and was married to her second husband for thirty years.

George Steiner

George was born in Chicago, Illinois. He was married to June for 60 years, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He worked in Industrial Photography, flew the B-17's and C-47, was a Radio Operator in the Army Air Corps, and still enjoys photography and graphic arts.

Mary Durston

Mary was born in Springfield, Illinois. She studied at ISU to be a teacher. She met her husband in college and had three children. She and her husband were married for over sixty years. Mary enjoys reading.

Gloria Redford

Gloria spent most of her childhood in Kentucky, then lived in Phoenix and San Diego where she met her Navy husband and was married to him for 48 years. She has one son here. She's been a docent at Cherokee Castle for 13 years and loves to read and sing.

Nancy Henke

Nancy was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She met her husband in Hawaii when she was in the Marine Corp and he was in the Navy—she was the one driving the bus. She has four kids and two grandchildren. She enjoys reading, cooking and her classical music.

Meet & Greet



The Gardens Family Mixer

Saturday, January 22nd
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Activity Room

Residents' Families and Friends are invited to come mingle with the Gardens Directors
Refreshments will be served

Welcome, Cyndy!



Late January and February Birthdays

Betty Nelson	January 19
Jack Hardy	January 20
Mary Nauman	January 25
Marion Cole	January 29
Vivian Drake	January 29
Florence Reed	February 4
Edith Norden	February 10
Doris Axelson	February 18
Jim LaPoinse	February 25
Claire Perkins	February 25

Cyndy Sue Walters joined the Gardens in November as the Sales and Marketing Director. Born in Washington, DC and raised in Chevy Chase, MD, she has lived in Rochester, NY and Barrington, IL and now calls The Ken Caryl Valley in Littleton her home. Throughout her life, Cyndy has enjoyed being with “the older set”. Her parents were in their forties when she was born and having graduated from high school at the age of 16, she has always associated with folks older than she. Professionally she has helped and guided seniors in choosing their next step for many years.

Cyndy grew up performing, singing, and speaking to audiences. After graduating from Mount Union University in Alliance, Ohio as a speech and drama major, she successfully used her presentation and persuasive skills as a Systems Representative for Xerox Corporation. Her job included week-long training seminars, office design, and work flow studies for customers. Her creative applications for customers won regional and national awards and exceeded sales goals.

Cyndy’s most important career has been raising her three (now grown) children. They are all extremely gifted in art and sports, “and really fun to be with,” she proclaims. As a career mom, while raising her children, Cyndy had significant volunteering, fund raising, and event planning experience. She also consulted small businesses by designing logos and marketing elements and was the interim Drama Director for Barrington High School. “This way I could keep an eye on the kids,” she shares.

Her love for acting took an interesting turn when she became multi-listed with talent agents in Chicago. It was fun to share the make-up trailer with Bonny Hunt when they shot the film *Kissing A Fool* which also starred David Schwimmer. She played the mother of the groom. There are still re-runs of a couple of the series in which Cyndy performed: *Early Edition* and *Cupid*. Cyndy’s acting and modeling career involved many interesting on-camera commercials, narrations, industrial films, print modeling, and voice over.

Cyndy practiced real estate sales for Baird & Warner Residential Real Estate in Chicago. She earned several awards for sales and had the GRI designation. Her forte there was house staging and working with senior clients. Her sales and marketing experience also includes all facets of upscale senior living such as Independent Living and Assisted Living. Her last assignment was Sales Counselor at Vi at Highlands Ranch, CO, formerly named Classic Residence by Hyatt, a full Continuing Care Retirement Community. In closing Cyndy shares: “I feel especially privileged to be a part of the Gardens’ family and hope to *cultivate* a fresh approach to Assisted Living.”

Employee of the Month

Rick Wathen

Rick Wathen has been a nurse at The Gardens since 2004. He started out working the overnight shifts and recently joined the day group. He shines in his ability to jump in and help in every department of our community. He is gracious to residents and families and has the amazing quality of being timely and accurate when conducting administrative duties. He sees the urgency in all of the needs of those we care for at The Gardens at Columbine. Rick, congratulations for your well-deserved nomination for January's Employee of the Month



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