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A Place For All

SEASONS



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Cover Worthy...

Helen Purcell: A Place for All Seasons

The Charm cover reveals the beauty of the actual grounds of Helen Purcell. No matter the season there is much activity and life to be enjoyed. Deer, squirrels, and birds visit our five acres all year round. While the seasons change on the outside of Helen Purcell, they also change on the inside.

Annual traditions steep Helen Purcell with vitality. Menus, activities, and special events are changed with each season. We all know that Spring is not far when the thousands of daffodils bloom. They greet the warmer days that lead into summer and outside barbeques, road trips, and patio time. Lunch with the Asters reminds us that Fall is here. As the squirrels bustle about gathering acorns, Helen Purcell prepares for our annual Trick or Treat, and we honor our Veterans and those that we have recently lost.

As Winter and Christmas approach, Helen Purcell volunteers and staff decorate inside and out to create a traditional and beautiful holiday atmosphere. Helen Purcell participates in the Chamber of Commerce's Storybook Christmas inviting the public to come in and find the variety of nativities on display. Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day are celebrated with enthusiasm.

No matter the season, activities and the atmosphere of Helen Purcell change for the occasion, all to bring enjoyment to our residents and the local community.



To: Our Wonderful Community

It seems everyone has a personal favorite season of the year. My wife loves the Springtime. She enjoys the blooming of trees and flowers and the new life that seems to abound everywhere you look. Living in Ohio, many people look forward to the warm sunshine of Summer. My personal favorite is Fall because I like the cooler temperatures and especially enjoy college football. There are even folks who call Winter their favorite time of year. Whatever your favorite, each season has its purpose and brings something good with its coming.

Like all families, our traditions are very important to us at Helen Purcell. We sit on five acres of ground that truly do come to life with the onset of Spring. Many of our residents look forward to planting in our gardens and enjoying the fellowship of our Garden Club. I speak to many residents who tell me how much they enjoy the flowers as they come into bloom. As the months grow warmer folks can walk our trail or just sit outside with their friends and enjoy good company and good friends. We especially look forward to our summer cookouts on the patio that attract many friends and family members. As the trees turn in the Fall our grounds take on a new beauty that is wonderful in its own way. Helen Purcell is always an exceptionally busy place during the Winter Holiday Season. The staff and residents take pleasure in decorating Helen Purcell and enjoying the special entertainment and the influx of friends and family who come to visit. To complete the circle, as Winter winds down we begin looking to Spring once again.

Next year we will celebrate our 115th year of providing a home for folks in our community. Collectively those 115 years have been made up of 460 seasons and each of them has been lived and enjoyed to its fullest by the folks who have made Helen Purcell their home throughout the years. We look forward to continuing to enjoy the seasons with our residents well into the future.



Sincerely,

Vince Durant

Executive Director of Helen Purcell

2018 *Lunch with the Asters*

The 26th annual “Lunch with the Asters” was enjoyed on Friday, September 21, 2018 at the Zanesville Country Club. The Helen Purcell Development Council and The Board of Lady Managers sponsor this event every year as their main fundraiser for Helen Purcell. Geraldine Zylinsky and Delsie Zahn, serving as chairs, planned and organized the event for the past twenty years.

Helen Purcell Board Trustee, Emily Strang Tarbert, served as Mistress of Ceremony and welcomed everyone for the day’s events. Peggy Murphy delivered the Invocation prior to lunch. Ruthie Ware served as the narrator during the fall fashion show. Kathy Hixson provided piano music for the enjoyment of the guests.

Kathy Thomas was the featured artist this year. Her oil painting entitled “Tranquility” was made especially for Helen Purcell’s “Lunch with the Asters”. This beautiful work of art was framed by Mike Nelson’s, Frame, Flames, and More and was sold to the highest bidder, Linda Day. Fashions were presented by Casa Bella, Jillian’s, Teri Ann’s of Marietta, Tré Bri, Newark and the Zanesville Country Club Pro Shop. Models of the beautiful fall fashions included: Congressman Troy Balderson, Eric Holskey, Mike Durant, Alton Thompson, Diane DeCenso, Jennifer Masterson, Amy Froelich, Cindy Baker, Jamie Trout, Joan Wine, Keely Warden, Kim Hosler, Julie MacLaine, Erin Adornetto and Abby Murphy. Hair and Make-up was provided by Brenwood Salon & Retail Center.

Our event was culminated by drawing the winner for the \$500 Cash raffle generously donated by The Community Bank. This year’s \$300 winner was Robin Lumadue and \$200 winner Bonnie Bendure.

A special thank you goes to the sponsors who generously support “Lunch with the Asters” in various ways. The event could not be held without their support.

The Development Council, the Board of Lady Managers and Helen Purcell are sorry to report we will not be having a luncheon in 2019. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 18, 2020 when we will again entertain you with an enjoyable luncheon and style show. Until then, thank you for your support these past 26 years. With your help, we have been able to provide many wonderful items of value for Helen Purcell.



*Geraldine Zylinsky
and Delsie Zahn*



Molly Tharp

*Photography of the Lunch with the Asters
provided courtesy of Chris Shaw*



Maribeth Lemon and Becky Joseph



Ruttie Ware



*Amy Rouan and
Deanna Keith*



*Peg Murphy and
Vonda Price*



*Sharee Woolard, Carol Smith
and Joann Peterman*



*Standing: June Lones and Jennifer Agin
Sitting: Carolyn Sigrist, Carolyn Spencer,
Sharon Lattimer*

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*Cheyenne Matz,
Kedley Matz, Traci Baker
and Lori Hittle*



Ann Davis



Diane Caton

*Emily Johnston and
Michelle Rock*



Linda Brown and Dena Hardwick



*Maryann Bucci and
Judy Diamond*



*Megan Barnes and
Julie Wagner*



*Elizabeth Hurst and
Henrietta Hurst*

*2018 Trail Project:
completed with Lunch
with the Asters funds*



*Lynn Carrel and
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and Jean Roman*

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Our Honorees...

BUSTER RITTENHOUSE

Buster Rittenhouse, Resident Service Director, retired from Helen Purcell after 40 years of service. All who knew Buster in his role at Helen Purcell knew the passion that Buster had for the residents and his duties. He was and remains dedicated to Helen Purcell. He will be greatly missed. Buster was honored with a reception and tree dedication in his honor. In true Buster fashion, he left a farewell for us and is as follows:

My first involvement with Helen Purcell Home was over 50 years ago. I was 16 years old and worked for Harris Pharmacy as a delivery boy. I was sent here to deliver drugs to one of the residents. This was before the 1975 addition was built. In 1979 I came to apply for a job and was hired by Mr. Charles Love as a maintenance man. To my surprise Vera was still here and she lived to be over a hundred years old. One Christmas Eve in 1982 I found myself alone and it was -14 outside so I came up and had a glass of Mogen David wine with her, as she had told me that was the secret to her health. Over the past 40 years I have met many wonderfully wise residents and coming to work each day seemed more like going to a fun social event instead of a job. As I have lost both of my parents, it is great to have the privilege to work where you feel that you have many mothers and now fathers that you can try to make their day a little pleasanter than it might have been. I try to live each day under the motto of **BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION AND NOT A PART OF THE PROBLEM!** I thank GOD every day that HE allowed me to find a job at a CHRISTIAN organization and blessed me with co-workers who love to please our residents as much as I do.



FRED J. GRANT, III

The Development Council of Helen Purcell paid tribute to Frederic J. Grant, III at their annual, "Lunch with the Asters" for his longtime devotion to Helen Purcell.



Fred was born here in Zanesville and lived in the Historic District for part of his life. His maternal grandfather founded Weller Pottery and his father was a key executive in the predecessor company to Franciscan Ware in California, where Fred spent some of his early years.

He attended a prep school in Pottstown, PA, then was formally educated at Yale in the engineering field. He also spent time in the Navy serving his country. Service to others has been foremost throughout his life.

Fred and his beloved wife, "Bebe", were married for 57 years when she passed away in 2008. They settled in Zanesville in the 80's when Fred was appointed the Public Service Director for the City of Zanesville. They purchased property on Riverside Airport where Fred continues to live today.

Fred, has strong ties to the community, devoting much time to providing leadership to local organizations such as Zanesville Art Museum (Lifetime Board Member), Noon Rotary, Daybreak Rotary (Charter Member in 1995), the Boy Scouts, the Rogge Foundation and the John McIntire Trust. He also served on the Board of Helen Purcell for over 30 years. Fred and Bebe were instrumental in bringing The Miracle League Program to Zanesville.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Fred Grant for all of his leadership and community service, especially to Helen Purcell. In honor of Fred, a tree has been planted in the beautiful gardens of Helen Purcell.

Prepared by: Geraldine Zylinsky / July 7, 2019

Sincere Gratitude to our 2018 Donors

Helen Purcell would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to those who made donations in 2018. Those donations will be used to continue the Helen Purcell legacy of Legendary Care and Authentic Love.

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Joseph Humphreys

Frederic Grant

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Loving Life at Helen Purcell

Helen Purcell is truly a place for all seasons. Our Life Enrichment Department plans daily activities that change throughout the year, and with the seasons.



February Birthday Tea

Labor Day Cook Out



Voted the Best of Muskingum County 2018



Raven's Glen Winery



Rob Reed - outsmarting the deer



Water color anyone?



"Nothing beats a great smile." Karl Urban



Road Trip!



Our favorite volunteer, "Maggie"



*A sincere "Thank you" to our volunteers
August Birthday Tea*



*Balloon Slap,
who's keeping score?*



Holiday Cheers!



Happy St. Patrick's Day



*First graders
serenade us...*



Volunteer gardeners, Lisa and son



and make fun with crafts!

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