

Card Group honored for its volunteer efforts at Crest View

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Mile Bluff - Crest View Nursing Home is shining a spotlight on the Card Group, a trio of retired women who volunteer their time to play card games with the nursing home residents!

These ladies have been friends for what they describe as "many years." They are interesting individuals, each with her own story. Eva Brux is a retired cook from Hustler. Katie Connors is from Camp Douglas where she spent her days as a housewife. Myrna Spohn resides in Camp Douglas, is a retired employee of the City of Mauston Police Department, and is the newest member of the Card Group - having joined this past spring. Goldie Sorenson fills in from week to week if one of the other members is unable to attend.

While their individual backgrounds may be different, they all have at least one thing in common, the enjoyment they receive from playing cards with the nursing home residents. When asked about the group's favorite part of volunteering services at Crest View, Katie - speaking for everyone - responded with, "We like to see how happy the residents get when we play cards with them."



The story of how the group began playing its weekly card games at Crest View is an interesting one. The ladies had this to say, "We have been coming to Crest View since it opened. Prior to that, we met at a facility in Necedah and played euchre

with two older gentlemen. One of them passed away, and we had to look for a different partner for the other gentleman. When Crest View opened, that one resident relocated to Crest View from Necedah. He was in New Lisbon for about two years before he passed away. In that time, our euchre group just sort of snowballed from that one man, to involve more residents. Over the years, most of them have passed away and we just have one resident at the present time that plays cards with us each week."

Over the years, these ladies have impacted the lives of many different individuals. As an organization, Mile Bluff would like to take this opportunity to thank the group for its hard work and dedication, and for making a difference to these nursing home residents. Please join the medical center in congratulating the Card Group on its honors.

There are many great opportunities available for individuals - as well as groups, such as the Card Group - to help others at Mile Bluff.

If interested in becoming a volunteer at Crest View, call Lorraine Anderson at 608-562-3667.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CREST VIEW IN MARCH

- 2 Camp Douglas Senior Band, 2 pm
- 10 Family & Friends Connection, 2 pm
Topic: Organ and tissue donation
- 11 Music by Harmony Express, 2:30 pm
Birthday party, 3 pm
- 12 Harpist Shari Sarazin, 3 pm
- 16 Crafts with Head Start, 2:15 pm
- 23 Golden Girls, 2:30 pm
- 24 Resident Council:
CBRF, 1 pm
Nursing Home, 3 pm



Family & Friends Connection update

At the January meeting of the Family and Friends Connection, a representative from Juneau County's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) informed participants about services the organization offers to individuals who are over 60 years of age or have a disability, regardless of age.

Those services include, but are not limited to...

Family care - services to give individuals the ability to live independently

Nutrition services - congregate and home delivered meals

Elderly and disability benefit specialists - trained personnel assist individuals in access programs, benefits and legal rights

Transportation services - escort driver program, Senior Van and Senior Bus

Prevention services - information and programs to promote healthy living, such as foot health clinics, fall prevention, influenza clinics, etc.

Other services - The ADRC will also assist with long-term care options, supplemental security income (SSI), Food Share, Medicaid, legal issues, hospice services, and more.

If you have any questions regarding services that ADRC provides, or how it can help you, please call 608-847-9371 or 877-794-2372 (toll-free), or call Mile Bluff's Social Services Department at 608-847-1838.



Plan to attend the next Family and Friends Connection meeting at Crest View on Wednesday, March 10 from 2 to 3 pm. Reverend Jeff Fairchild will present you with information regarding organ and tissue donation.