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Issue # 100...
**Our Holiday Gift
to You
& it's all about
COMMUNITY
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Peace.**



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A Peace Symbol garden area created with fieldstones at the Passalis-Bain family home in Elm Grove one past summer.

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Celebrating Elm Grove Residents: Ages 103, 102, 100 (this month) & 100 (in January)!

Notre Dame of Elm Grove is honored to have four sisters in residence who will be or already are centenarians. Read how they have made an impact on the lives of so many and how they continue to inspire today.

Stories by **Sister Susan Hetebrueg**, SSND Community Leader

Photos courtesy of School Sisters of Notre Dame



S. Mary Lorenzo Schuster, SSND

At 103 years old, **Sister Lorenzo** is the oldest sister living at Notre Dame of Elm Grove. She was born on May 21, 1915, in Marshall, Wisconsin. Sister Lorenzo served as a homemaker following her first profession of vows on July 17, 1941. She lived in a number of communities in this capacity for 50-plus years in Wisconsin: Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Butler, Sun Prairie and South Milwaukee. Her expertise and love for raising roses was a skill that stands out along with her cooking. She helped to create a wonderful community environment in which many sisters, priests and even kindergartners enjoyed her company. Many have given testimony to her gifts! Now she spends much of her time deepening her love relationship with God, reminiscing and enjoying visits with her family, SSND community and friends.



S. Frances Therese Jungwirth, SSND

Sister Francis Therese was born in Milwaukee on September 1, 1916. She served as an elementary school teacher for one year before her first profession of vows on August 5, 1936. She then taught junior high and high school for 20 years at schools in Illinois and Wisconsin before serving at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee as a professor for 43 years. Later, she was a part-time associate professor at Mount Mary for seven years before beginning her current prayer and presence ministry at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in 2006. She holds a bachelor's degree in German and English from Mount Mary College and a master's degree in German from the University of Notre Dame.

She is cared for and loved by her sisters and staff at our retirement home in Elm Grove.



S. Mercita Batog, SSND

Sister Mercita was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on December 22, 1918. After first profession of vows on July 28, 1938, Sister Mercita taught primary students for more than 40 years. In Wisconsin, her missions included: St. Francis Xavier in DePere, St. Francis Xavier in Green Bay, St. Agnes in Butler, Holy Cross/Consolidation in Mount Calvary, St. Mary in Menasha and St. Gabriel in Prairie de Chien. She also taught in Chicago and Detroit. She holds bachelor's degrees in education, sociology and theology. When she left fulltime teaching in 1986, she continued to tutor and serve in volunteer ministry. She retired in 1997, joining the NDEG community where she serves through prayer and presence. Sister Mercita still likes to sing and has a delightful sense of humor.



S. Helen Siwicka, SSND

Sister Helen was born on January 26, 1919, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She professed first vows on July 28, 1939, and went on to teach primary school students in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana. When she left the classroom in 1978, she embarked on ministering with the elderly and in-home health care. She volunteered from 1993-1998 with Independent Services in Milwaukee. Sister Helen received a bachelor's degree in education and social studies from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. After retiring in 1998, she joined the Notre Dame of Elm Grove community where she continues to minister through prayer, presence and service. Sister Helen says she loved to dance when she was young. While she can't do that now, she "dances" for us with her eyes and smile.

Calendar of Events for December 2018

Sunday – DECEMBER 2

HANUKKAH BEGINS

***Friends of the Elm Grove Library** (FOEGL) presents the 24th Annual "Lights of Love" holiday celebration, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Library. Children's activities, Storytime with Mrs. Claus, Festive Model Train Exhibit, A visit from Santa. Caroling & Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 4:45 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Village Hall Court Room. All welcome!

Tuesday – DECEMBER 4

***Elm Grove Woman's Club**
11 a.m. – Social; 11:30 a.m. – Meeting; Noon – Luncheon, followed by EGWC Chorus program. (262) 782-5930.

***Brookfield Toastmasters Club**
Meeting – 6:30 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Friday – DECEMBER 7

PEARL HARBOR DAY

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 16)

Tuesday – DECEMBER 11

***School District of Elmbrook**
Board of Education meeting – 6 p.m. (262) 781-3030.

Thursday – DECEMBER 13

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Annual Holiday Luncheon – 11 a.m. @ Westmoor Country Club; Program: "Madrigal Ensemble – Pius XI High School". (262) 782-4060. www.cumceg.org.

Friday – DECEMBER 14

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
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Saturday – DECEMBER 15

***Elm Grove Junior Guild**
presents its annual Santa Breakfast @ Elm Grove Woman's Club

Monday – DECEMBER 17

***Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees** meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Tuesday – DECEMBER 18

***Brookfield Toastmasters Club**
Meeting – 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Friday – DECEMBER 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

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Tuesday – DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS



Friday – DECEMBER 28

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

God with Us

"...And his name shall be called Emmanuel, which means 'God with us.'" — Matthew 1:23

By Stephen K. Hauser

Most Americans are well aware of the first Thanksgiving celebration, held by the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. (For my take on that famous occasion, please refer to my *Past Times* column of November, 2015.)

Far fewer folks today know when and where the first Christmas was celebrated on America's colonial shores. The Pilgrim settlers of Plymouth, along with the Puritans of Boston and the Anglicans of Jamestown stoutly abstained from 'making merry' on the 25th of December in celebration of Christ's birth. They believed that to do so was frivolous and led to excess and debauchery. Christmas observances were actually forbidden by law in England in the 1600s, going so far as to outlaw the baking of mince pies! While it was no doubt quite true that some among the citizenry tended to excess in their merrymaking, it was also true that some of the overly pious religious practitioners simply "didn't get it".

British Catholics, however, had no misgivings about what they were celebrating. They saw the annual commemoration of the Nativity as a joyful recognition of "God with us" through the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem's manger. Often persecuted back in England for their glad recognition of the significance of God's arrival in our midst, it is therefore no surprise that they took advantage of the freedom and isolation of the New World to establish America's earliest Christmas tradition.

Theologically and politically, Roman Catholics were as unpopular in England as were Pilgrims, Puritans and Quakers. **Lord Baltimore**, a stalwart Catholic aristocrat, negotiated with **King Charles I** in 1632 to establish the proprietary colony of Maryland as a refuge for Britain's Catholics.

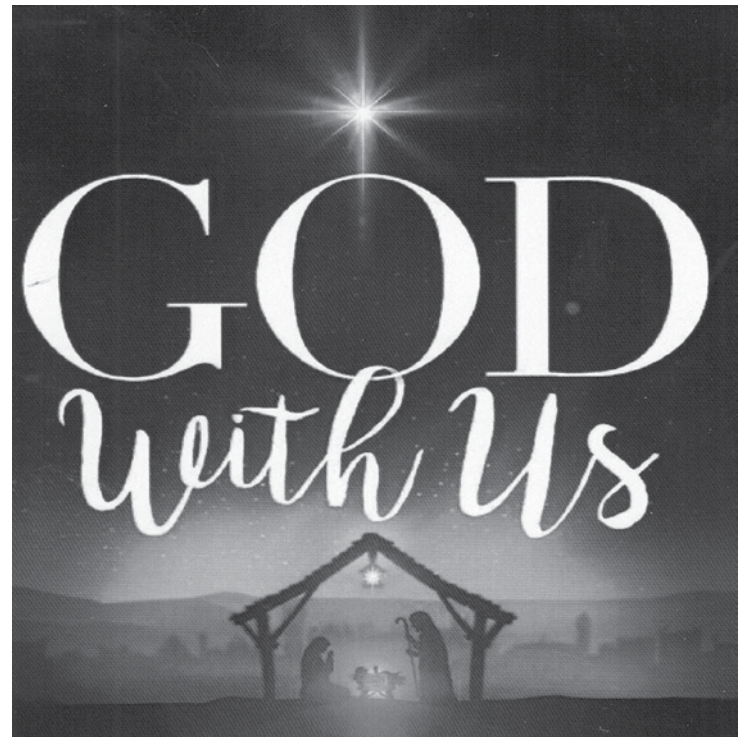
The following year, 130 settlers were dispatched aboard two cargo ships, the Ark and the Dove. Also aboard was **Fr. Andrew White**, a Jesuit priest. Fr. White noted in his journal that the passengers celebrated Christmas on December 25, 1633 while still at sea. The ships dropped anchor on Maryland's coast on March 25, 1634. The colonists founded St. Mary's City, Maryland's first capital, and the first building erected there was a chapel, built under Fr. White's direction. The following December, they celebrated the first Christmas to be observed in Great Britain's American colonies. Despite initial skepticism expressed in other colonies toward the Holiday, its observance spread across the young nation to become almost universal by the late nineteenth century.

By the time of my youth in Elm Grove in the 1950s and the early 1960s, Christmas was the most ardently anticipated celebration of the calendar year, for both religious and secular reasons. Of course, youngsters of the "baby boom" era eagerly looked forward to Christmas vacation and the promise of two weeks away from school. Those of us who attended Leland School and our neighbors who were enrolled at St. Mary's grade school shared a desire to be free of homework through the end of the year. A mere couple of weeks seemed a long time back then. But make no mistake: with planned choral recitals and Christmas pageants, much of the Holiday activity revolved around our local churches and our family commitments to them.

There were five church congregations located in the Village of Elm Grove during those years. By virtue of its heritage as a Catholic community, by far the largest was St. Mary's Visitation parish, shepherded by **Monsignor Leonard Lieven** (who had replaced longtime pastor, **Fr. Andrew Kunny**). His assistant pastors were **Fr. John Arens** (who doubled as coach of St. Mary's basketball team) and **Fr. Richard Thomas**. St. Mary's Visitation was a huge parish, with three weekday Masses scheduled for daily communicants and six celebrations of the Mass on Sunday mornings. (Sorry, no Saturday evening Mass in those days.) During Advent, activities at St. Mary's increased markedly. St. Mary's congregation was still meeting in their 1921 sanctuary at the Watertown Plank Road/Juneau Blvd. triangle in those days, hence the need for so many scheduled services, given the rapidly expanding number of parishioners of those years.

My family and I were members of Elm Grove Community Methodist Church on Watertown Plank Road, pastored by **Rev. Marlin Smith**, succeeded in the early 1960's by **Dr. Dale E. Strong**. Christmas Eve services were a high point of our church year, and I can still recall being a part of the youth choir in 1962, having to learn the words to "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and wondering why the verse "we traverse afar" was not more simply put as "we travel so far". Dr. Strong would deliver specially written Christmas sermons for us each year, and I looked forward to them. He reminded us one year, "It's not the things we do at Christmas, it's the Christmas things we do all the year through".

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church was also located on Watertown Plank Road, just to the east of the Methodist Church. It occupied the most inventive and modern of the sanctuaries in the village, designed



in 1956 by noted architect **William P. Wenzler**, who envisaged an upward sweep that exemplified the hopefulness of the post World War II era. St. Edmund's pastor was **Fr. James DeGolier**, an Episcopal priest of the old school who valued the majesty of the liturgy and lifted high the glorious tradition of "God with us", especially so on Christmas Eve.

Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church (Missouri synod) extended welcome to its parishioners, visitors and guests at its beautiful new sanctuary located on Terrace Drive, just north of Watertown Plank Road. The growing congregation was thriving under the leading of its longtime pastor, **Rev. Victor A. Bartelt**, and they had outgrown the colonial-style church they had occupied since 1942. That previous house of worship was sold to the Elm Grove Woman's Club, and it still serves as their clubhouse today. Rev. Bartelt was much loved by his parishioners, and he continued as their pastor until retiring in 1986. His sermons were noted for their deep understanding of Scripture, and he was respected in the larger community for his intellect, his faith and his service to his church and his community. His Christmas Eve sermons were said by some of his congregation to be the best they had ever heard.

The Elmbrook Baptist Church was the fifth congregation to call Elm Grove home in those days. They met in the gymnasium of Leland School on Sunny Slope Road under the direction of Pastor Robert G.

Hobson. In 1965, they would relocate to their first building on N. Calhoun Road in Brookfield. **Pastor Bob Hobson**, who would later become a good friend of mine, didn't believe in Christmas Eve services or special Holiday sermons. He argued instead that "God with us" meant the presence of Christ in our lives every day, thus making the Christmas moment a year-round, all-encompassing reality.

In the early 1990's, my wife **Janice** and I attended the Christmas Eve services at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Lisbon Avenue in Milwaukee. The pastor was **Rev. Thad Rutter**, former associate pastor of Elm Grove Methodist Church in the 1960's. I had first met him in 1964 as our youth pastor, and he would go on to lead our Confirmation classes. Thad has remained a valued friend ever since. I will long remember his gentle retelling of the age old Christmas story at those Christmas Eve services at Aldersgate, even though 25 years have passed since then. His own spiritual journey has given him much wisdom to share, and I can remember him telling us at a candlelight service on a chilly Christmas Eve in 1992, "Sometimes, in our own desperate search to find God, God finds us". Hearing that, I was immediately struck once again by the blessed miracle of Christmas: God has come amongst us. Indeed, the eternal Christmas message is still: "God with us".

Stephen K. Hauser is a long-time Elm Grove resident, a college history professor, and the author of books and articles about local history.

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Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove; npalmer@elmgrove.wi.org

A cold, yet busy month in the Village. The Village Board Finance Committee completed work on the 2019 Village Budget and sent it on to the Village Board for consideration at the November 26 meeting. We are fortunate to have **Monica Hughes**, Finance Director, and **David DeAngelis**, Village Manager, to assist the Finance Committee. Municipal budgets have constraints imposed by state law that make municipal budgeting quite difficult.

The proposed Village tax levy is \$7,013,090, which is 2.23% (\$53,310) increase over last year and within the limit set by the state. The tax rate derived from that levy is \$6.2417 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is a 4.26% decrease from last year. 2019 user fees for sewer, storm water, and trash disposal are set at \$705.24, a small decrease from last year.

At the Village Board meeting held on November 14, the Board approved a resolution to extend the current moratorium on the issuance on new commercial building permits within the central business district to February 28, 2019. The previous moratorium end date of November 20, 2018 was established in May to create a time out while the Downtown Master Plan process could be completed. While progress is being made, the Master Plan process is taking a little longer than anticipated. Watch for notice of the next public discussions of the consultant findings and proposals.

The annual Lights of Love celebration hosted by the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) is scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. I hope many of you will attend and bring your children and grandchildren. The celebration

starts with children's activity in the Village Hall basement, followed by singing of Christmas carols and tree lighting, and concluding with lots of excellent treats in the Village Hall courtroom.

Families with young children are invited to have brunch with Santa at the Elm Grove Woman's Club on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be secured by visiting: www.ElmGroveJuniorGuild.org. Space is limited for this special event.

The Gingerbread House, a new business addition to the Village, will be opening in early December. The bakery and specialty drink space is at 13320 Watertown Plank Road. Since approving the business plan for this new bakery, I have noted what a foodie hub we are becoming. Just down the street from Gingerbread House is Great Harvest Bread and then across the street in the Park & Shop is the fabulous Fazio's Chocolate shop and a little further south in the 890 Building courtyard is Crumby Art, home of incredible cake creations and wonderful cookies. I encourage everyone to visit our shops for holiday celebration treats.

And after the holidays, if you have had a few too many treats and want to get in better shape, you can visit one of our other two new businesses: Shred Fitness in the Autumn Grove shopping area on Bluemound specializes in interval training sessions led by trainers. TB Fitness (Toned Body) in the courtyard of the 890 Building off Wall Street has class and individual training and wellness offerings.

I wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas.



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- ***December 1st** – Post Birthday Party & 1st District Christmas Party, 4pm – 7pm, Raffle
- ***December 1st**– Bring Toy for Children Christmas Party to Rochettes music, 6:30pm
- ***December 8th**–Saturday, Children's Christmas Party in Post Hall lunch, 10am - 1pm.

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Community Services

What is a Community?

“A community is a group of people who are passionate about the same things, so they work together to plan, protect or promote those things. In a community, people look out for each other, help each other and celebrate each other. They trust and believe in each other. In a community, people can let down their guard and have fun, because they belong.”

The Elm Grove Junior Guild



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Police Department

Several members of the Elm Grove Police Department.

Members of the ELM GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT & DISPATCHERS

| Name..... | Years of Service |
|---|------------------|
| *Chief Jim Gage | 32 |
| *Assistant Chief Jason Hennen | 22 |
| *Lieutenant Jason Kubiak | 19 |
| *Detective Craig Mayer | 25 |
| *Detective Preston Nobile | 12 |
| *Sergeant Joe Ipavec | 18 |
| *Sergeant Ryan Unger | 17 |
| *Sergeant Natalie Hudzinski | 7 |
| *Patrol Officer Sandra Brown | 16 |
| *Patrol Officer Jamie Hawkins | 18 |
| *Patrol Officer Evan Schano | 9 |
| *Patrol Officer Steven Weber | 4 |
| *Patrol Officer Nathan Holsbo | 2 |
| *Patrol Officer Hannah Martin | 2 |
| *Patrol Officer Robert Gilbreath | 1 |
| *Patrol Officer Alex Hockett | 1 |
| *Patrol Officer Sean Lenardic | 1 |
| *Dispatcher Carolyn Gasse | 28 |
| *Dispatcher Wendy Priest | 19 |
| *Dispatcher Emily Asmondy | 5 |
| *Dispatcher Jake Zuehke | 5 |
| *Dispatcher Marisa Hipp | <1 |
| *Dispatcher Breanne Kuklinski | <1 |

Community

As I travel through Elm Grove, I feel a sense of pride in the natural beauty that surrounds us. The towering oaks, elms, maples and other trees give shape and a sense of character to our Village. And these living jewels provide as much to the people as to the wild things who live here. To me, our community is more than the place we live, it is a web of relationships that we must care for and nurture. Let us embrace our role as stewards of this beautiful and unique place we call home: Elm Grove.

Debra Baesemann

Grove

An Elm, by itself, whispers and longs
 A seed, cast, with no notion
 It is what is done, given our span
 Arms twisted towards memories of past seasons
 That bend in fear of portion

The Elms raise
 Despite our clinging
 And dream with clasped hands
 To yield a sight that yawns
 Past our horizons

Nick Pedriana

What Community means to me...

For me, community is about setting aside personal differences and agendas to work together to achieve what is best for all living things.

Heather Gehrke



Photo by Greg Branson

Some members of the Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Members of the ELM GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

| Name..... | Years of Service |
|--|------------------|
| *Chief William Selzer | 45.53 |
| *Deputy Chief Bill Hand | 31.75 |
| *Assist. Chief David Kastenholz | 37.04 |
| *Battalion Chief Bruce Ratay | 37.36 |
| *Lieutenant Brian Naylor | 19.01 |
| *Lieutenant Joe Coffey | 17.93 |
| *Acting Lt. Allen Oehlke | 11.26 |
| *Acting Lt. Mike Eder | 5.89 |
| *Acting Lt. Scott Brugardt | 8.51 |
| *Acting Lt. Bedros Ohanian | 21.41 |
| *Acting Lt. Greg Mehring | 33.45 |
| *Captain Brian Gerstmeier | 23.15 |
| *Captain Dale Pikel | 28.67 |
| *Captain Jim Phillips | 29.09 |
| *MPO Driver John Leiske | 6.63 |
| *MPO Driver Richard Paul | 4.26 |
| *MPO Driver Ken Lynn | 7.51 |
| *MPO Driver Jennifer Morris | 12.43 |
| *MPO Driver Tom Michalski | 12.43 |
| *MPO Driver George Papenfuss | 36.02 |
| *MPO Driver Dick Eisenmann | 62.04 |
| *Firefighter Ryan Greener | 1.62 |
| *Firefighter Ben Blaedow | 4.59 |
| *Firefighter Ken Blaedow Jr. | 15.14 |
| *Firefighter Eli Swan | 0.50 |
| *Firefighter Connor Schulz | 1.45 |
| *Firefighter Alex Smith | 5.09 |
| *Firefighter Anthony Feilen | 0.50 |
| *Firefighter Josh Hanson | 0.17 |
| *Firefighter Jake Hanson | 0.50 |
| *Firefighter Greg Branson | 2.25 |
| *Firefighter Matt Donahue | 4.75 |
| *Firefighter Paul Martin | 5.81 |
| *Firefighter Jeff Paradis | 3.30 |
| *Firefighter Brian Kelly | 17.68 |
| *Firefighter Mark Anderson | 18.01 |
| *Firefighter Ron Hill | 10.01 |
| *Firefighter Tim Flanner | 20.00 |
| *Firefighter Greg Wolfe | 22.01 |

Administration:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| * Paula Engelking | 35.19 |
| * Roger Spahr | 49.95 |
| * Jim Nortman | 55.36 |
| * Ken Blaedow | 60.88 |

Join the Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department

By Bill Selzer, Fire Chief

The Village of Elm Grove has been served and protected by the Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department since 1956. The department is comprised of a dedicated and highly trained group of individuals who live or work within our member response boundaries. The department averages approximately 120 calls for service per year, which include structure and other fires, vehicle accidents, water/ice rescues, mutual aid to other communities, and various service calls. We participate in a joint Survive Alive program, fire prevention programs, and other public relations events and activities. Providing the Village residents and business owners with a high-quality service gives the membership great pride and satisfaction while performing their duties. Currently we have 39 members, with an average of 16 years of community service. Camaraderie and the personal satisfaction are two reasons why our average years of service are so high. If this organization sounds like one you would like to learn more about, please take a few minutes to review the following information.

Dept. Member Response Boundaries

In order to be an active line member, i.e. firefighter on the EGVFD, you must live or work within the following Village boundaries or within a reasonable distance from the station determined by the

Officer Corps: Burleigh Rd. on the North; Greenfield Ave. on the South; Highway 100 on the East; Calhoun Rd. on the West. The reason for these boundaries is to provide the Village with the safest and most expedient response possible.

Paid-on-Call Program

In 1998, the department evolved from a purely volunteer organization to a volunteer paid-on-call, which means our members are modestly compensated for their service. The membership is paid quarterly for service provided the preceding quarter. The average firefighter earns approximately \$3,000.00.

Education & Training (Probationary Period)

Each applicant must complete a background and an interview process. Upon successful completion, each new firefighting member must successfully complete the WCTC, one-semester Firefighter I Certification Course and those interested in driving the apparatus attend the WCTC one-semester Motor Pump Operator Certification Course. Then the probationary member must successfully complete the Elm Grove Probationary Training School (PTS). At the completion of PTS, the member will be eligible to be sworn in as an active member of the department. The probationary process

takes approximately one year. During that year the probationary member is allowed to respond on the apparatus to calls depending on the level of training attained. We realize that the commitment is big, but the rewards are high. The life saving skills we learn are carried over and shared with our families and friends.

Social Events & Activities

Throughout the year, a number of social events are held, including the annual Family Christmas Party and May Dinner. Knowing that being a member of the EGVFD takes us away from our families, it is extremely important to make our families feel an integral part of our department.

To Learn More / Become a Member

Stop by at the Station any Tuesday after 7 p.m. and we will be happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have. Or, give us a call at (262) 782-6700, ext. 251 and leave a message.

If you are interested in being a member but are not sure if line firefighting is for you, we may have other available opportunities, i.e. computer input, equipment maintenance, station maintenance, etc.

Village Boards & Committees

Administrative & Personnel Committee

***Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Park View Room.
***Mission:** Handles all matters involving daily administration & personnel issues.
***Members:** (1-year terms) Trustees **Tom Michalski** (Chair), **Neil Palmer**, **John Domaszek**, **Patrick Kressin**.

Beautification Committee

***Meetings:** 1st Wednesday, January & March – October, 8:30 a.m., Park View Room.
***Mission:** Works toward & promotes the betterment of the community on various landscape & natural issues. Projects include Elm Tree Sale & annual Beautification Awards.
***Members:** (Ad Hoc; no term limit) **Sandy Pommerening** (Chairperson), **Karen Schwenker**, **Elizabeth Long**, **Wendy Johaneck**, **Georgia Berther**, **Katheline Finn**, **Wendy Sukowatey**

Board of Appeals

***Meetings:** Scheduled as needed.
***Mission:** Hears and rules on administrative appeals.
***Members:** (3-year terms) **Barry Book** (Chair), **John Finerty**, **Joseph Puchner**, **Douglas Jacobson**, **John Allen**, **Gordon Giampietro** (alternate), **Frank Lorenz** (alternate).

Library Board of Trustees

***Meetings:** 3rd Monday of the month – 4:30 p.m. @ Park View Room.
***Mission:** Responsible for the operation of the Library.
***Members:** (3-year terms) **Bonnie Klamik** (President), **Patty Kujawa**, **David Hecker**, **Mary Weller**, **John Alexander**, **Kristin Olson**, **Karen Sopik**.

Public Safety Committee

***Meetings:** 2nd Thursday – 6 p.m. @ Reinders Room.
***Mission:** The committee, in cooperation with Police, Fire, EMS, & Public Works, oversees safety concerns of the public.
***Members:** **Katy Cornell** (Chair), **Neil Palmer**, **John Domaszek**, **Barbara Decker**, **Gus Moulas**, **Andy Vrakas**, **D.J. Richlen**.

Board of Trustees

***Meetings:** 4th Monday of each month – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room.
***Mission:** Policy-making for all Village activities, public hearings & comments.
***Members:** (Elected to 2-year terms)
 Village President: **Neil Palmer** (Term expires: 4-21-19); Trustees: **Katy Cornell** (Term expires: 4-21-19); **John Domasek** (Term expires: 4-21-20); **George Haas** (Term expires: 4-21-20); **Patrick Kressin** (Term expires: 4-21-20); **Patty Kujawa** (Term expires: 4-21-19); **Tom Michalski** (Term expires: 4-21-19)

Building Board

***Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month – 5:30 p.m. @ Park View Room.
***Mission:** Serves as an aesthetic review board regarding the exterior appearance and architecture of residential and commercial building projects. The Village of Elm Grove's Code of ordinances requires that most structures proposed for construction must first be reviewed and approved by the Building Board. All applications require submittal of a building permit form, building permit addendum form, and application fee. A checklist of documents needed for various projects, including sheds, gazebos, arbors, decks, fences, driveways, pools, retaining walls, signs, etc. is available at www.elmgrovetwi.org. Contact **Tom Harrigan** (262) 782-6700.
***Members:** (3-year terms) **Jim Olson** (Chair), **John Domaszek**, **James Koleski**, **Tim Janusz**, **Randall Liechty**, **Andrew Matola**, **Anita Klemmer-Steindorf**, **Dan Schoenecker**, **John Collins**.

Finance & Licensing Committee

***Meetings:** 4th Monday of each month, 7 p.m. @ Park View Room.
***Mission:** Responsible for all liquor & other licenses, budgeting & financial oversight.
***Members:** (1-year terms) **George Haas** (Chair), **Martha Kendler**, **Patty Kujawa**, **Patrick Kressin**, **Glen Porter**, **Glenn Schrubbe**.
***Information:** Contact **Monica Hughes**, Finance Director, (262) 782-6700.

Board of Review

***Meetings:** Schedules as needed, annual during a 30-day period beginning on the 2nd Monday in May.
***Mission:** The Village Assessor sends all property owners the assessment value for the current year in April or May, then holds "Open Book", which is a period of time when a property owner can talk to the Assessor about the current assessment. Property owners who are not satisfied with the assessment can object to the valuation during the Board of review. Any objections should first be made in writing and filed with the Village Clerk prior to the public hearings of the Board. Property owners then attend a public hearing to present objections to the valuation and evidence to support the claim. The Board will determine from the evidence if the Assessor's valuation is correct. Property owners are notified in writing regarding the Board's decision.
***Members:** (2-year terms) The **Village President** and **all Trustees**. The office of Village Clerk **Mary Stredni** is responsible for the Board of Review. For information, call (262) 782-6700.

Public Works / Utilities Committee

***Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month – 6 p.m., Park View Room.
***Mission:** Responsible for all public works projects, storm water, & sewer.
***Members:** (1-year terms) **Patrick Kressin** (Chair), **John Domaszek**, **George Haas**, **Brian Jacobsen**, **Rob Casperson**, **Robert Coons**, **Craig Harley**.

Police & Fire Commission

***Meetings:** 2nd Wednesday in May & November – 8 a.m., Reinders Room.
***Mission:** The duties of the Commission are established under Wisconsin State law. It has authority over all members of the Police Department who have arrest powers.
***Members:** (5-year terms) **Bob Haugh** (President), **Steven Nelson**, **Allan Kasprzak**, **David Molter**, **Gus Moulas**.

Legislative Committee

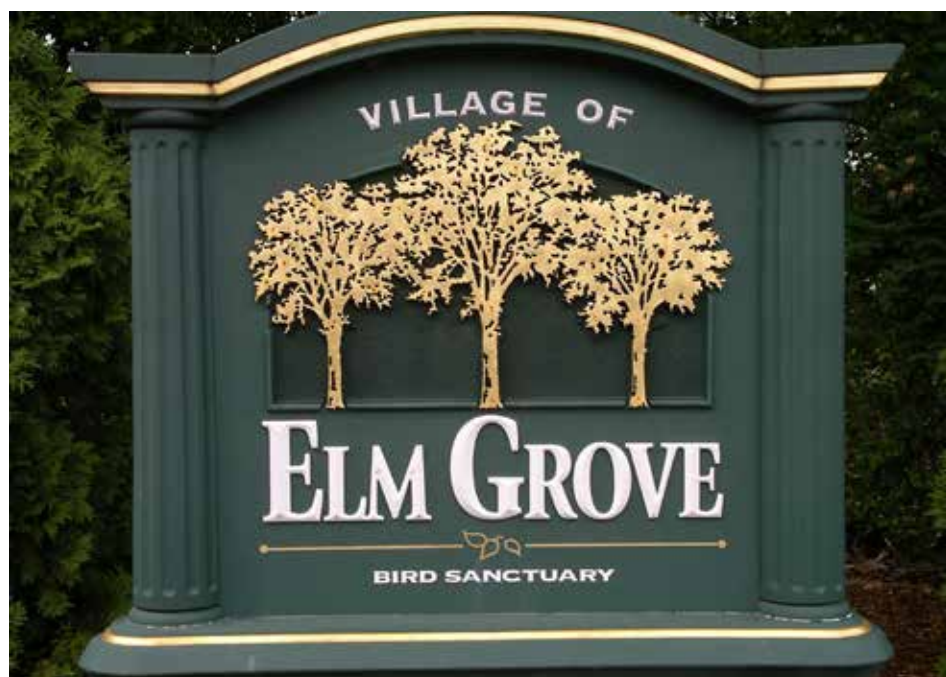
***Meetings:** 3rd Thursday of each month – 7 p.m. @ Park View Room.
***Mission:** To review and recommend new or amended Village ordinances.
***Members:** (1-year terms) **John Domaszek** (Chair), **Neil Palmer**, **George Haas**, **Angie Jodie**.

Plan Commission

***Meetings:** 1st Monday of each month – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room
***Mission:** Serves as an advisory board to the Village Board of Trustees. Considers and Makes recommendations on various land use and zoning matters.
***Members:** (3-year terms) **Neil Palmer** (Chair), **Joe Kujawa**, **Jim Jodie**, **Robert Reineke**, **Tom Michalski**, **Chuck Long**, **Pat Cashin**, **Hector de la Mora**.

Recreation Committee

***Meetings:** 3rd Thursday of each month – 5:30 p.m., Park View Room.
***Mission:** Responsible for all recreation & park oversight.
***Members:** (1-year terms) **Patty Kujawa** (Chair), **Tom Michalski**, **Katy Cornell**, **Allison Kelly**, **Rebekah Schaefer**, **Wesley Parkin**, **Susan Retzack**, **Joe Coffey**.



“Community”

By Rev. Kris Androsky, Sr. Pastor, Community United Methodist Church Elm Grove

In the weeks since the synagogue shooting in Pittsburg, I've had the opportunity to spend time in conversation and worship with a variety of people from a myriad of faith backgrounds — members of the Jewish, Baha'i, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian communities. Each time I enter into one of these experiences, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for

the unity we find, even in our diversity. Compassion wins over violence. Dialogue wins over debate. Love wins over hate. Each time, I learn something new — a prayer, a song, a passage of holy text — and I am made better for it. This is what community can do for us. It challenges us, blesses us, calls us toward something larger and more powerful than ourselves.

COMMUNITY

United Methodist Church



Celebrate the Season

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
December 24th
4:00, 7:00, 10:00
All are welcome!

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www.cumceg.org 262.782.4060

Clubs & Organizations

Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL)

www.friendsoftheelmgrovelibrary.org | Library: (262) 782-6717

FOEGL, a non-profit organization formed in 1984, provides support to the Elm Grove Public Library by maintaining an association of persons interested in books and libraries, focusing public attention on library services, facilities and needs, and stimulating gifts of books, magazines, desirable collections, endowments and bequests. It funds the summer reading program and a year-round series of programs for children and adults, and offers numerous volunteer opportunities for members. FOEGL sponsors two major fundraisers each year: "Lights of Love", a mailing to Elm Grove residents and businesses during the holiday season, followed in March by the annual Used Book Sale.

***Janet Wintersberger:** President
Lilly Harris: 1st V.P. / Adult Programs
Larisa Gehred: 2nd V.P. / Membership
***David Cronin:** Treasurer
***Julie DiFonzo:** Secretary
***Kathleen Cavalco & Sheila Reynolds:** Members at Large (2-Year Term)
***Mary Krebs & Jill Varick:** Members at Large (1-Year Term)

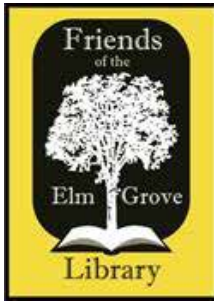


Photo courtesy of Waukesha County Community Foundation

Thirty-seven local nonprofit organizations received \$164,900 through the Waukesha County Community Foundation 2018 Community Grant competitive process.

Waukesha County Community Foundation Bestows Grants to County Nonprofits

(WAUKESHA) The Waukesha County Community Foundation (WCCF) announced that \$164,900 in grants were awarded to local 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations at their Third Annual Giving Forward program and breakfast November 7 at the Ingleside Hotel. The competitive grants support 67 students and 37 organizations this year, addressing health and human services, mental health, arts and culture, community development, environment and conservation, literacy and education needs in the county.

"Our fund holders and donors are keeping their generous philanthropic actions at the forefront and understand this process would not be possible if it was not for their gifts," said **Shelli Marquardt**, WCCF president. "They understand the importance of the gifts of hope, joy and possibility and how those gifts can make a difference in many lives."

Recipients of the 2018 grants are:

Health and Human Services

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee; Family Promise of Waukesha Co.; Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Inc.; Healing Hearts of Waukesha County; Lake Area Free Clinic; Seniors on the Go Taxi Service; Thriving Waukesha County Alliance; Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection; Vita Nova, Inc.; Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic; and YMCA of Greater Waukesha County.

Mental Health

Best Buddies; Centro Legal; Giving Voice to Mental Illness, Inc.; Greater Milwaukee El Sistema; Lad Lake; Muskego Senior Taxi; NAMI Waukesha, Inc.; Parents Place, Inc.; and The Caring Place, Inc.

Arts and Culture

Adaptive Community Approach

Program; Jubilate Chorale; Pewaukee Area Arts Council; Waukesha Choral Union; and Wisconsin Philharmonic

Community Development

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation

Environment and Conservation

Waukesha County Land Conservancy; Wildlife in Need Center, Ltd.; and Zachariah's Acres, Inc.

Literacy

Greater Waukesha Literacy; Hamilton Education Foundation; and Sharp Literacy, Inc.

Education

Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum; and Carroll University

Carl J. Patrinos & Audrey Z. Patrinos Charitable Endowment Fund Grant

Catholic Memorial High School; St. Joan of Arc School; and Waukesha Catholic School System - "These grants will help ensure people in our community have access to basic necessities and opportunities that improve their health and lifestyle," said Marquardt.

About Waukesha County Community Foundation

The WCCF is a permanent pool of endowment funds created in 1999 to assist charitable donors in providing grant support to nonprofit organizations, with an emphasis on Waukesha County. The Foundation, which is led by a volunteer board of directors, has distributed over \$30 million to area charitable organizations to strengthen our communities. Call (262) 513-1861. Or visit: www.WaukeshaFoundation.org.

Elm Grove Junior Guild (EGJG)

www.elmgrovejuniorguild.com

Founded in 1966, the Elm Grove Junior Guild is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization committed to the education, wellness and protection of women and children within Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. Our commitment takes the form of service, awareness and financial support. The EGJG organizes the Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade, 4th of July activities in Village Park, and Safety Village for kindergarten-aged children.

All women who live in Elm Grove are invited to join. See our website for details about our community events, the annual Tree of Giving Gala, and our granting process.



EXECUTIVE BOARD (2018-2019):

* **Marlee Jansen:** President
 * **Annie Bolger & Meghan Jimenez:** Secretary
 * **Becky Fink:** Treasurer
 * **Amanda Glassman & Nicole Masnica:** Grants
 * **Katie Stromwall:** Programs
 * **Ruth Flanagan & Kayte Parkin:** Fundraising
 * **Emily McFadden:** Advancement
 * **Kristina Olkowski Sayas:** Past President

Elm Grove Community Foundation

www.elmgrovefoundation.org | elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org

Since 1999, the Elm Grove Community Foundation has provided a way for Elm Grove residents and friends to support our community institutions, facilities and services. Your financial donations have enhanced the quality of life in our Village by supporting numerous community projects and activities. Please browse through our website and explore our projects, learn about our grant process and how to make a contribution. The EGCF has contributed to or funded projects with more than \$120,000 in grants that have been used to enhance the village park, the downtown business district and the lives of our residents and visitors. We are honored to be a small part of keeping Elm Grove a special place.



The Foundation board is made up of volunteers who love Elm Grove and have many years of service to our community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

* **John Meser:** President
 * **Liz Watry:** Treasurer
 * **Kim Irwin:** Vice President
 * **Linda de la Mora:** "Of Counsel"
 * **Eva Winter:** Recording Secretary
 * **Katy Cornell:** Village Liaison
 * **Adam Pearson** * **Mary Pentler**
 * **Jim Nortman** * **Ted Wentzel**
 * **Steve Desmond** * **Erik Bergstrom**

Elmbrook Rotary

www.elmbrookrotary.org

The Rotary's official motto is "Service Above Self" which is evident in all the ways we support our community. Chartered in 1983, Elmbrook Rotary Club members combine hands-on projects with fundraising to make a difference in the local community, the region and the world. In recent years, we have provided financial and volunteer support for the following community projects and organizations: Boy Scouts Scoutreach; Brookfield East High School / Brookfield Central High School - Interact Clubs and scholarships; Brookfield International Friendship Association; Burn Camp Leadership Program; Capitol West Academy - Tutoring and Spelling Bee; Literacy Services of Wisconsin - tutoring;



Waukesha Women's Center; Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic; Wilson Center for the Arts; Wilson Philharmonic. As the first breakfast club in Rotary District 6270, our Club's slogan is "We Rise and Shine", not only for our commitment to our community, but for the fact that our weekly meetings start at 7 a.m.

* **Kevin Roche:** President
 * **Erik Moeser:** Treasurer
 * **Michael Schmeling:** Vice President
 * **Thom Arndt:** Sergeant-at-Arms
 * **Tom Hochuli:** Secretary

Elmbrook Historical Society

www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org | P.O. Box 292, Brookfield, WI 53008-0292

The Elmbrook Historical Society is a non-profit, educational organization founded to research the history of our area and to collect, preserve and exhibit objects from our past. It oversees the operation of the Dousman Stagecoach Inn Museum, 1075 Pilgrim Parkway, Brookfield, offers a variety of presentations and events, and is an affiliate of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

* **Lynda Thayer:** President
 * **Fran Luebke:** 1st V.P.
 * **Patricia Basting:** 2nd V.P.
 * **Pamela Epple:** Secretary
 * **Mary Di Piazza:** Membership (262) 782-4057
 * **Patti Schimmel:** Treasurer
 * **Marion Bruhn:** Curator / Donations

Elmbrook Humane Society

www.ebhs.org | 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, WI 53045 | (262) 782-9261

The mission of the Elmbrook Humane Society is to provide shelter for homeless animals, promote the human-animal bond, and prevent animal cruelty and neglect. It is the only no-kill shelter in Waukesha County, serving the community since 1964.

* **Heather Gehrke:** Executive Director
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 * **Joe Donovan:** President
 * **Jason Noyes:** Treasurer

* **Leslie Dehn:** Secretary
 * **James Broughton:** Vice President
 * **Frank Stephens:** Past President
 * **Cheryl Aschenbrener** * **Scott Kraus**
 * **Nishant Deshpande** * **Kelsey Lorenz**
 * **Jennifer Kovacich** * **Kim Preston**
 * **Will Schultz**



Clubs & Organizations

Elm Grove Woman's Club (EGWC)

13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove | www.egwc.org | (262) 782-5930

In 1939... the Elm Grove Woman's Club was formed by 90 women who wanted "to stress cultural, civic, and philanthropic goals, and to serve each other, the needy, and our community." We continue to support those principles today with our monthly luncheon meetings, fundraisers (including a Rummage Sale, Christmas in the Grove, Holiday Gala), high school art scholarships, social events, volunteer work, and the rental of our beautiful clubhouse. All women are welcome to join!

- ***Mary Hay:** Treasurer
- ***Mary Keyes:** Corresponding Secretary
- ***Lyn Hamilton & Kay Noel:** Recording Secretaries



- BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2018-2019:**
 (1-Year Term) ***Deb Flanigan** ***Judy Narlock** ***Suzanne Perry** ***Ursula Raad** ***Susan Freedy**
 (2-Year Term) ***Sue Mayhew** ***Janet Day** ***Linda Davidson** ***Linda Grunau** ***Mary Kunze-Rickards**

OFFICERS, 2018-2019:

- ***Linda Gildea:** President
- ***Lynn Sileno:** President Elect
- ***Patricia Siberz:** Vice President

Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K

Kiwaniselmgrove.org | E-mail: Kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Kiwanis Club members are committed to community service in Elm Grove and the surrounding areas, with an emphasis on activities that benefit children: BSA Cub Scout Pack 156, Long Lake Boy Scout Camp, Easter Seal Camp Wawbeck, Builders Club, Key Club, Books for Kids, Food Banks, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, iPads for Children with Autism and recycling medicine bottles.

- ***Larry DeLonge:** V. P. Membership
- ***Dick Brandt:** President Elect
- ***Norm Thoresen:** Secretary
- ***John Troglia:** Assistant Secretary
- ***Jeff Messer:** Treasurer
- ***Jim DeWees:** Assistant Treasurer



- BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
 ***Marshall Jennison** ***Tom Patmore** ***Paul Cain** ***Dick Seeling** ***John Nason** ***Paul Freedy** ***Lee Schlitz** ***Jim Kieso** ***Dick Boulay**

- FOUNDATION DIRECTORS:**
 ***Jack Mack** ***Mike McBride** ***Joe Becker**

Meetings: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., St. Mary's Church Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove.

OFFICERS:

- ***Jim Fagan:** President
- ***Roy Uelner:** Immediate Past President



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Senior Taxi

Some of the Elmbrook Senior Taxi board members, drivers and schedulers.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi

www.elmbrookseniortaxi.org | elmbrookseniortaxi@yahoo.com | (262) 785-1200

Elmbrook Senior Taxi, Inc. has been transporting Seniors and Adults with Disabilities in the City and Town of Brookfield as well as the Villages of Elm Grove and Butler for 25 years. Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable transportation with the goal of helping them to remain independent and maintain their quality of life after they no longer choose to drive. The "Taxi" will provide over 12,000 rides during 2018. Those

interested in riding with us or helping us schedule or drive, please call our office at 262-785-1200.

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
 ***Sandy Wolff:** Current President
 ***Marj Kozlowski:** Incoming President
 ***Mike Jakus:** Secretary
 ***Dwight Kellogg:** Treasurer
 ***Helen Ramon** ***Vicki Mahkorn** ***Patty Franzel** ***Joe Bjorklund** ***Fred Sitzberger**

Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning

www.egs4ll.org | (262) 782-4060 x 221

EGS4LL, founded in 2017, is dedicated to enriching the lives of others. Our mission is to create a nurturing environment in a classroom atmosphere for adults in the immediate and surrounding communities to promote education, conversation and socialization. It is a self-supporting, non-credit organization and outreach of Community United Methodist Church, staffed and taught by volunteers.

- ***David Irwin:** Chairman
- ***James Brown:** Director/ Webmaster
- ***Nancy Sebranek:** Secretary
- ***Carolyn Korona:** Founder/Program Mgr
- ***Don Bardonner:** Treasurer
- ***Marlene Salek:** Registrar
- ***Dean Johnson:** CUMC-SLT Liaison
- ***Ann Walker:** Hospitality
- ***Anne Harberg:** Facilities



Photo by Bill Roche

(Back row, left to right) **Orvis Kraetsch** (WWII Veteran, Honor Guard); **Jim Cofta** (Lebanon & Grenada Era); **Anita "Sam" Catura** (Auxiliary Membership, 1st District Auxiliary President); **Dave West** (Vietnam Era Veteran & American Legion Assistant Chaplain); **Richard Strehlow** (American Legion Service Officer, 1st District Service officer); **Karen Sweet** (Auxiliary Secretary); **Chuck Cera** (Vietnam Era Veteran, Honor Guard); **Rod Haines** (USAF Veteran, 1959-1963, Honor Guard); **Mike Pook** (Sons of the American Legion Finance Officer, American Legion Rider). (Front row, left to right) **Bill Roche** (American Legion Sgt-at-Arms, Waukesha County Sgt-at-Arms); **Harvin Abrahamson** (Sgt. In WWII, American Legion Chaplain); **Leigh Rainer** (Sons of the American Legion Commander); **Alex Kolander** (American Legion Post 449 Commander, 1st Sgt U.S. Army Retired), **Pat Mustapich** (Auxiliary President).

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Post 449 was founded on December 13, 1945 in Elm Grove, at the corner of Legion Drive & Juneau Blvd., by World War II Veterans Charles Hazard & Carl Isaacson. In May 1947, it sponsored the first Memorial Day Parade, which is now held annually as a collaboration with the Elm Grove Junior Guild.

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OWLS was founded in 2005 at Community United Methodist Church in Elm Grove. The organization is dedicated to members and friends of CUMC who are semi-retired or retired. Its purpose is to provide friendship and fellowship to all of its members through entertainment, fun, inspiration, adventure and service.



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News Briefs



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's Visitation students representing various saints.

Saints Alive! SMV Hosts 10th Annual Living Saints Museum

By Gary Newman, SMV Jr. High Theology Teacher

This year's 10th Annual Living Saints Museum at St. Mary's Visitation School in Elm Grove took on a new twist — honoring the parish saints of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to honor its 175th anniversary. The brainchild of their pastor, **Fr. Peter Berger**, students set out this year to choose a saint that has a representative archdiocesan parish. They first researched their saint, and then traveled to the St. Francis de Sales Salzman Library to research the history of their saint's parish.

Altogether, 55 students researched dozens of parishes, their founding parishioners, and how the parish has grown and changed over their history. They also dug into why the parish was named after their saint. Then, on Thursday, November 1 — All Saints Day — the students came together to create the annual All Saints Museum in the gym, dressed in full costumes and props, presenting their saint to the parents and students who attended the event. Students also designed and

distributed their saints' prayer cards for their guests to take home and continue to be inspired by our saints.

Thank you to all of the students for their outstanding efforts to make this event another successful opportunity to teach everyone about our Church's holiest of leaders.

Students Represent Saints at Mass

By Julie Perez, SMV 3rd Grade Teacher

The third graders at St. Mary's Visitation School have been studying the saints. Each third grader chose a saint to research in preparation for November 1. At the All Saints' Day Mass, each third grader walked in as part of the opening procession carrying a symbol to represent their saint.

After communion, **Fr. John Gibson** invited them to come up and share what their symbol was and how it represented their saint. All 18 students proudly presented their symbol and explained its significance. Everyone in attendance learned something new about a saint.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's 3rd grade students at All Saints' Day Mass.

"Green" is Good!

Two Simple, Environmentally-Friendly Suggestions Courtesy of The Waukesha County Green Team

www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org

GIVE THE GIFT OF EXPERIENCES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This year, give the gift of experiences rather than stuff. The Los Angeles Times reports that the average American home is filled with more than 300,000 items! Rather than add to that pile, give the gift of an experience such as a state park pass, a zoo membership, or a trip to an ice or skating rink! Research shows that experiences provide more lasting happiness than material possessions.



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Kiwanis & Youth Groups Ring Holiday Bells

By Jerry McCormick

The Elm Grove Kiwanis — Golden K Club has rung bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle fund-raiser for more than 30 years. This year the locations are Pick & Save, 15179 W. Greenfield Ave., Metro Market, 17800 W. Bluemound Rd., and Sendik's Market at Capitol Dr. and Brookfield Rd., and the Ruby Isle Pick & Save (where members of the Brookfield East Key Club will ring the bells).

The Golden K Club members and their sponsored youth groups of Brookfield East and Brookfield Central Key Clubs, as well as Tonawanda Cub Scout Pack 156 will be ringing up their good deeds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 6, 7, and 8 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Seniors and youth working together in community service bridge the generation gap, providing funding for urgently needed services to the community and at the same time provide a joyful experience.

Don Ralfs and **Lee Schlitz** are coordinators of the Golden K Bell Ringers. About 150 volunteers work in pairs for one-hour periods. Last year during this period about \$6,700 was contributed by great and supportive shoppers and Elm Grove Kiwanians. Members are committed to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Salvation Army Red Kettles program fulfills this mission.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi Marks 25th Anniversary

Celebrating 25 years of transporting seniors and adults with disabilities and the goal of adding a 5th car was the driving force behind Elmbrook Senior Taxi's Wine Tasting and Fundraiser held on October 25. More than 100 guests and dozens of volunteers filled the Elm Grove Woman's Club for a delightful evening of appetizers, wine and music. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the "Taxi" was able to raise in excess of \$25,000 towards the purchase of a "gently used" car, along with the related expenses.

A short program, including a video, highlighted the history of the Taxi. Former Waukesha County Supervisors, **Cheri Frederick** and **Sandy Wolff**, who were both in attendance, spearheaded efforts to "start up" this service after witnessing the need.

"We saw older neighbors and friends who wanted to remain in their homes," explained Ms. Frederick. "You can only count on your family to get you around so much. With this service, our older residents are able to keep their independence in an affordable manner."

Sandy Wolff, who has remained active as Board President for 25 years, recalled the Taxi's tough beginning. "We had subzero temperatures and only 12 riders the first month!" Word quickly spread and now Elmbrook Senior Taxi provides over 1,100 rides per month! Mrs. Wolff credits the growth to their dedicated group of drivers and schedulers who have helped the service run smoothly over the years.

To keep fares affordable, the Taxi depends on the generosity of the communities it serves, as well as individual and corporate donations. For information about the "Taxi" or ways to support their mission, call (262) 785-1200 or visit www.elmbrookseniortaxi.org. (See Clubs & Organizations — Page 9)

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- C** Churches, numbering 4, within a faith-based 7 sq. mile area.
- O** Opportunities through education, arts, sports, recreation, and businesses.
- M** Memories of simple pleasures, children and grandchildren, loving, laughing, learning.
- M** Moments of intergenerational gatherings: parades, July 4th Family Days, Oktober-fests, Classic Car Shows, Wednesday Farmers' Markets, Holidays in the Grove.
- U** Unity through diversity throughout the village, unique personalities, varied businesses.
- N** Neighborhoods of caring, responsible residents and families living in peace and prosperity.
- I** Integrated services of police, fire department, first responders, organizations.
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Joanne E. Seeger

Read All About It!

The Staff of the Elm Grove Public Library

- Sarah Muench – Library Director
- Sue Daniels – Youth Services Librarian
- Paulette Brooks – Technical Services Librarian
- Sharon Long – Adult Services Librarian
- Noah Weckwerth – Adult Services Librarian
- Nancy Arevalo – Circulation Department
- John Olsan – Circulation Department
- Shannon McKeown – Circulation Department



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

Library staff members (left to right) **John Olsan, Paulette Brooks,** and **Sarah Muench.**



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

Library staff members (left to right) **Noah Weckwerth, Nancy Arevalo,** **Sue Daniels,** and **Sharon Long.**

The Elm Grove Library Annual Family Holiday Event
Thursday, December 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Make a craft! Choose from a variety of holiday crafts, suitable for kids of all ages, supplies provided.

Be refreshed! Simple snacks will be available.

Enjoy yourself! Musician **Duke Otherwise** will be performing "Ebenezer Duke", an original musical re-telling of "A Christmas Carol".

Registration is required! Please pick up free tickets at the Elm Grove Library starting November 5th.

For more information contact the Elm Grove Library at 262-782-6717.

Statements about "COMMUNITY"...

"Community is knowing our patrons by name." – **Nancy Arevalo**

"Community means a coming together of people to serve the whole. Many things can be gained by this confluence of persons who happen to live in the same village: wisdom, security, growth. It is probably not a coincidence that the word 'unity' is part of 'Community' and so should be our goal to gain a sense of belonging for all." – **Paulette Brooks**

"For me, community carries a connotation of belonging and acceptance. It is a place where I feel welcomed and enjoy interacting with others." – **Sharon Long**

"Community means not just watching kids grow from story time visitors to independent readers and beyond, but getting to be part of the process." – **Sue Daniels**

"I often have the opportunity to issue new library cards to children and new residents. There is a special value in this common transaction. Not only is the card the "ticket" to lifelong learning, but it can be one of the first steps to participation in an enduring civic hub. Library membership, with its built-in sense of renewal, reminds us to appreciate those who established library traditions and also motivates us to engage the library and community to serve current and future needs." – **John Olsan**

"Community and the public library go hand-in-hand. It's bringing people together to build friendships, share ideas, bridge gaps, and learn together. The best kind of community is composed of all types of people, with different views and backgrounds, finding commonalities that give you the feeling of being part of something bigger and better than yourself." – **Noah Weckwerth**

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Legal Issues

New IRS 199A Regulations Benefit Out-of-Favor Service Businesses

Submitted by Arthur Lee, Alliance Tax

If you operate an out-of-favor business (known in the law as a “specified service trade or business”) and your taxable income is more than \$207,500 (single) or \$415,000 (married, filing jointly), your Section 199A deduction is easy to compute. It’s zero.

This out-of-favor specified service trade or business group includes any trade or business

- involving the performance of services in the fields of health, law, consulting, athletics, financial services, and brokerage services; or
- where the principal asset of such trade or business is the reputation or skill of one or more of its employees or owners; or
- that involves the performance of services that consist of investing and investment management trading or dealing in securities, partnership interests, or commodities. For this purpose, a security and a commodity have the meanings provided in the rules for the mark-to-market accounting method for dealers in securities [Internal Revenue Code Sections 475(c)(2) and 475(e)(2), respectively].

If you were not in one of the named groups above, you likely worried about being in a reputation or skill out-of-favor specified service business. If you were worried, you joined a large group of worried businesses, because many businesses depend on reputation and/or skill for success.

For example, the National Association

of Realtors believed real estate agents fell into this out-of-favor category.

But don’t worry, be happy. The IRS has come to the rescue by regulating the draconian reputation and/or skill provision down to almost nothing. The reputation and/or skill out-of-favor specified service business includes you if you

- receive fees, compensation, or other income for endorsing products or services;
- license or receive fees, compensation, or other income for the use of your image, likeness, name, signature, voice, trademark, or any other symbols associated with your identity; or
- receive fees, compensation, or other income for appearing at an event or on radio, television, or another media format.

Example. Harry is a well-known chef and the sole owner of multiple restaurants, each of which is a single-member LLC—disregarded tax entities that are taxed as proprietorships. Due to Harry’s skill and reputation as a chef, he receives an endorsement fee of \$500,000 for the use of his name on a line of cooking utensils and cookware.

Results. Harry’s restaurant business is not an out-of-favor business, but his endorsement fee is an out-of-favor specified service business.

If you have questions about how the law will treat your business income for the new Section 199A 20 percent tax deduction, please call Alliance Tax 262-786-4442.

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Newspaper Serves Community

What is a meaningful accomplishment? One answer is to greatly contribute to the development of your community.

The *Elm Grove News-Independent* is doing just that. It is rare indeed to see a Village newspaper survive and to see one thrive is even more rare. The focus on **COMMUNITY** is evident in every issue. Information about service organizations,

Village government, business and special events highlight the Village as a great place. The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K is proud to recognize the significant accomplishment upon the publication of 100 consecutive issues. Congratulations.

Jerry McCormick
Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K

Gerrymandering a Factor in Wisconsin Elections

We all like it when our party or favorite candidate wins an election. But here’s a question: Is winning more important than preserving our democracy?

As you consider that question, bear this in mind: In the last election, Democratic assembly candidates received 54 percent of the vote in Wisconsin, but won only 35 percent of the assembly seats. This is the result of the unfair district maps gerrymandered by the GOP legislature after the 2010 election. Does this seem

right to you?

For the next two years **Robin Vos**, **Rob Hutton**, and their GOP colleagues will work to obstruct **Tony Evers**. Will they also be obstructing the will of the Wisconsin electorate? In 2020, remember WHY we have elections, and who the party of gerrymandering is.

Greg Walz-Chojnacki
Wauwatosa

Regional Bus Transportation is Essential

We’re happy to see that Milwaukee Interfaith Congregations Allied for Hope, (MICA), ACLU of Wisconsin and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin were able to save at least part of the JobLines. MCTS Route 61 will be reconfigured and continue to run from Milwaukee’s central city into Menomonee Falls for an extra nine months, thanks to a last-minute budget amendment included in the Milwaukee County Budget.

Milwaukee County is doing Waukesha County employers a favor by providing this service: we hope that the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors will work diligently with Milwaukee County Board members and staff to find permanent funding for the JobLines. We want to assure that Waukesha County employers will have the staff they so desperately need, and that Milwaukee workers have access to good jobs in Waukesha County.

We want to see a solution beyond this one bus line. If Waukesha County has work, and Milwaukee County has

workers, perhaps there should be broad regional transportation cooperation. Waukesha County’s need for workers isn’t going away soon, and an aging population demands broad transportation options.

The new report, Arrive Together, shows that good public transportation is vital for fair, affordable access to work, school, appointments, shopping and social events for all people regardless of income, age or ability. The report includes challenges and opportunities for transportation in Waukesha County <https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2018/11/14/study-finds-public-transportation-inequities/>.

If Milwaukee County, with all of its challenges, is able to find money to run a bus into Waukesha County, we’d like to see that Waukesha County could make a serious effort to do the same.

Rev. David Kraemer, President
Stewards of Hopeful, Intentional Action
(SOPHIA), Waukesha County

Congratulations on “100” Issues

It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Elm Grove for the period of 31 years, first at Steve’s Imperial Hair Care and for the last 10 years at Imperial Hair Care of Elm Grove (in the Park & Shop), which is owned by **Jane Peck**.

I was President of the Elm Grove Business Association and also in the 2nd year (1999) for the Elm Grove Citizen

Police Academy.

It is also a pleasure to sponsor the Calendar of Events each month and working with **Lisabeth**, the owner of the *Elm Grove News-Independent*.

Steve (The Barber) Wettstein
Menomonee Falls

Community

“Take a walk in Elm Grove and experience all that it has to offer! Saturday mornings are our favorite day of the week. It’s our routine to start out with a walk, but not before we stop at Crumby Art for the best cup of coffee in The Grove. The owners, Andrea and Natalia, make us

smile every time we visit. We love enjoying a great cup of coffee and watching their customers come in to pick up their one-of-a-kind designer cakes. It’s a great place to start your day in a joyful way!”

Dana & Gary

Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Thoughts About "COMMUNITY"...

"I think the concept of community is having respect for everybody in your community although you may not like them, have respect for them. I think the word respect is a broad term, but a good concept. We are all humans, nothing less than everybody in the world, and we all go through the same struggles, together or not. I know this because I see so many people respect how I and other people look and act. From Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech: How people will not judge his children for the color of skin, but "content" (of their character)."

-**Rithik**, age 10
Tonawanda Elementary

"The sense of community in Elm Grove is remarkable. The ability to walk down the street and find a friendly smile and wave demonstrates the positive attitude practiced throughout our village. From the police department, to the library, to the local shops, to all of the activities and clubs that citizens can participate in, the sense of unity is almost tangible. Many opportunities that have made me a better person have been presented to me by Elm Grove. So, I conclude with a thank you. Thank you to Elm Grove and all of its citizens for helping to shape my life and morals."

-**Nina Anglim**, Grade 8
St. Mary's

"Community is helping people out when they need it. My friends are a community because they are always willing to help you, if you don't understand something they try to explain it to you, or if you are just having a bad day they try to make you feel better."

-**Emmalyn Bergman**, age 14
Brookfield Academy

"I love Elm Grove because I love Tonawanda and I love Tonawanda because it is a caring place and I am thankful."

-**Lily Dich**, age 6,
Tonawanda Elementary

"I love our community because I love the Lego Club at the Library."

-**Lukas Maio**, age 7
Tonawanda

"(Community) means happy. I get excited to see friends. We (recently) had a playdate and made bracelets and necklaces."

-**Morgan Anderson**, age 6
Brookfield Academy

"To me... Elm Grove is the very embodiment of the notion of unity. Unity means being joined together based off of common ground such as beliefs or love. Here in Elm Grove, whether it be annual Easter egg hunts, movies in the park, or Christmas events, the sense of love and happiness together is eminent. The profound beauty of Elm Grove is the sense of familial unity. Wherever I go, I am met with a smile from another citizen who I know personally. It is this feeling of togetherness that makes Elm Grove a diamond in the rough."

-**Felicity Giampietro**, Grade 8
St. Mary's

"I love my community because (of) veterans - They fought for us."

-**Henry Zvesper**, age 6, Tonawanda

"I love my community because I love The Fireworks!"

-**Mila Barian**, age 7, Tonawanda

"Community is the hand that helps you back up

That helps a person no matter the age
That knows when a friend is feeling down
And gives advice that is so sage

Community is the sweetest voice
That brings you up no matter the mood
That helps you decide on the important choice
And talks with a lost soul

Community cheers up the listeners on Tuesdays with tunes
Community gives me something to be a part of

Community has never asked for my help in the afternoons
But has still done so much for me

Community is Elm Grove"
-**Jonathan Harmeyer**, Grade 8
St. Mary's Visitation

"(Community is) a sense of belonging. I imagine a band of people together, feeling as though you belong somewhere and the people around you are supportive. We moved to Elm Grove about a year ago and we always felt very welcome. Getting to know the people here has been very nice and it's a very homey and sociable feeling."

-**Amber Simic**, age 15
Brookfield Academy

"In my eyes, I think community means 'where no one is left behind and everyone has a place'. For example, I took baking lessons at Crumby Art by Sendik's; they are the nicest people I know because they get to know me and they put a smile on my day. Community is where you can have fun and enjoy your day. In the dictionary, it says that the definition of community is 'a group of people living in the same place'—

But I think Community is a puzzle and if one person is missing it's not a community."

-**Ella Broerman**, age 10
Tonawanda

"Community is every person that you live around and the people you interact with often — that can be through friends, sports, and other people in your life."

-**Camden Pifel**, 11
Brookfield Academy

"Community in Elm Grove means to me to be united as one, as a family. Just from going to St. Mary's I have met so many new people and have grown along with these people which I now consider as a family. The simplest things they do just by giving you a ride home, it pulls us closer and closer. They are always helping as much as they can and care about you no matter what. Elm Grove is a great small village. It is good it's small because you know almost everyone, the people are always welcoming you to new things. I am very proud to be growing up in Elm Grove!"

-**Aricana North**, Grade 8, St. Mary's

"Crumby Art Bakery is a very fun place. It is a clean, nice, and very warm space. Andrea and Natalia take time every day to teach me to bake and go out of their way. Each class I have made sweet treats & pies. I even learned to make sugar cookie fries! The store in Elm Grove is easy to find. The bakers are funny, smart and kind. This is the best place to learn how to bake. So give them a try for goodness sake!"

-**Michael Braden**, age 10, Tonawanda

"Community can be a hard word to describe. Many people may think it is simply just people in a city who know each other, but it is more than that. Community centers around those who you are close to. Then, through love, community grows into a compassion, kindness and acceptance to those around you. I experience the community of Elm Grove in my school. My classmates are all inviting and we all live out our model of 'encourage one another and build each other up'. Elm Grove is a great community that I experience whether I volunteer at the St. Mary's Thrift Shop or going to school."

-**Grace Seitz**, Grade 8, St. Mary's

"I love Elm Grove because Veterans Day is important to me."

-**Benym**, age 7, Tonawanda

"I love my community because I love the veterans who serve."

-**Joey Perrone**, age 7, Tonawanda

"When I hear the word community I think of people working together to be a part of something bigger than themselves. For example, when we think of the U.S.A. we think of the states that make up the U.S.A., but what makes the states is us, we're the community of that state, we make up the reputation of the state. We are also the community where we live. We can do stuff to help the community and destroy the community. Everything that we do in our community has an effect on the world, even our state."

-**Daniel Hafran**, Tonawanda

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will be refreshed himself,"
Proverbs 11:25

"Community, a word not put into many peoples' lives, has very severe meaning. Community means the oneness of a group of people. (The above quotation) states that everything we do for others, we are doing for God, and ourselves. Today, in our world, people are very selfish. Especially, when it comes to money, power, or belongings. But, we can change that! In Elm Grove we have community, from parades to family gatherings, we are united. That is what I love about Elm Grove, we all seem to know and love each other. However, in our world today, not many people experience community. But we can change that, from just giving a smile or giving 10% of your earnings, we can make the whole world one big community, one step at a time."

-**Matthew**, Grade 8, St. Mary's Visitation

"I love Elm Grove because of the Memorial Day parade. It is special."

-**Edward**, age 7, Tonawanda

"I love Elm Grove because we go camping. The smores are the best."

-**Ella Guhl**, age 7, Tonawanda

"If I have a question and I'm working on something, my friend will come over, we'll work on stuff, we'll get things done, and help each other out. I think community is the concept of helping people that you live around or work with and making things better for everybody."

-**Jack Strong**, 18, Brookfield Academy

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| 3 Dark Chocolate Decadence | 18 Chocolate Heath Crunch |
| 4 Caramel Cashew | 19 Crazy for Cookie Dough |
| 5 Oreo Cheesecake | 20 Butter Brickle |
| 6 Snickers Swirl | 21 Cookies & Cream |
| 7 Peanut Butter Cup | 22 Chocolate Pretzel Crunch |
| 8 Bonfire Smores | 23 Turtle Dove |
| 9 Salted Double Caramel Pecan | 24 Double Marshmallow Oreo |
| 10 Blackberry Cobbler | 25 Closed - Merry Christmas |
| 11 Peanut Butter Cookie Dough | 26 Caramel Turtle |
| 12 Chocolate Caramel Twist | 27 Raspberry Cheesecake |
| 13 Cookie Dough Craving | 28 Really Reese's |
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| 15 Chocolate Oreo Volcano | 30 Brownie Batter Overload |
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This "Gratitude Wall" at Fairview South School in Brookfield was created by **Kim Scheffler**.



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"Community"

"Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning and OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) are the epitome of Community! They are an outreach of Community United Methodist Church in Elm Grove. They are groups of people who come together to promote a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common interests and lifelong learning and achievements."

-Carolyn Korona



Good Sports



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Brookfield Academy Girls Varsity Field Hockey State Championship Team includes Elm Grove residents **Cecelia Youso** (front row, left) and **Ella Wareham** (front row, fourth from left).

Brookfield Academy's Girls Field Hockey Team Earns Third Consecutive State Championship

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy's Girls Varsity Field Hockey won the state title for the third year in a row. The championship win capped off a season of excellent teamwork according to **Coach Katie Schlosser**.

credit our upperclassmen for stepping up as leaders and carrying on the tradition of this program which is working together as a team rather than relying on individual talent."

"Our team's strength is flexibility. The players are unselfish and willing to do what is best for the team," she said. That mentality was pivotal, according to Schlosser, because players had to adapt to a new lineup with five senior starters graduating last year. "I

Led by Coach Schlosser and **Coach Margaret Daigneau**, both Brookfield Academy Alumni, the Knights defeated Arrowhead 1-0 in this year's championship game of the Wisconsin High School Field Hockey Association.

News Briefs



Photo by Burke Seeburg

St. Mary's Students participate in BizTown program.

SMV 6th Graders Study Business Principles

By Julia Kearney

Under the guidance of their social studies teacher, **Mr. Burke Seeburg**, the St. Mary's Visitation sixth grade students have been studying business over the past academic quarter, using the hands-on BizTown curriculum, provided by Junior Achievement of Wisconsin.

The Junior Achievement educational pillars are financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workforce readiness. Through the unit, the students have explored basic financial literacy and the processes that surround financial institutions and examined the flow of goods, services, and resources around a community. They also explored interest-based careers, in which the students applied for chosen jobs, simulating the interview process, which was conducted by the middle school teachers.

The JA BizTown program culminated

for the SMV sixth grade students on October 22 in a one-day simulation where the students actually worked the job for which they interviewed, earned paychecks, voted, and shopped, all at the BizTown facility in Milwaukee.

"The best thing about BizTown was the interview process with the teachers," said sixth grader, **Ceci C.** "That experience will prepare me for the future."

Another sixth grader, **Mitchell H.** said, "My experience in the BizTown process helped me to learn how to earn, spend, and save money."

The St. Mary's Visitation sixth graders have greatly benefited from their time preparing for real world jobs through participation in the Junior Achievement of Wisconsin's BizTown curriculum.



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Rotary

Gathered (left to right) are **Noaman Sharief** (Dana Investment Advisors); **Tom Michalski** (Trustee, Village of Elm Grove); **Kevin Roche** (President, Elmbrook Rotary); **Mark Mirsberger** (Dana); **Ralph Gould** (Elmbrook Rotary); **Steve Ponto** (Mayor, City of Brookfield / Elmbrook Rotary) and **Michael Stewart** (Dana).

Elmbrook Rotary Announces 2018 Business Person of the Year Award Recipient

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) has named **Mark Mirsberger**, CEO of Dana Investment Advisors, as this year's recipient of the Business Person of the Year Award. Mirsberger was presented with the award at the ERC meeting on October 26. The program recognizes leadership and accomplishments of a successful Brookfield or Elm Grove individual.

Mirsberger became CEO of Dana Investment Advisors in 2004. Under his guidance, the company had grown significantly, and the size of the staff has doubled to 43 employees today. The firm has been recognized by Pensions & Investments magazine as one of the "Best Places to Work in Money Management"

for companies with 50 employees or less for the last six years with 3 of the awards for 1st place.

In an effort to give back to the community and industry, Mirsberger encourages his employees to pursue their passions in philanthropic and/or service projects or by assisting with paying for advanced degrees and certificates for employees. Additionally, Mirsberger created a recurring internship opportunity for students from local universities working on degrees in finance and investment to work alongside Dana's seasoned investment professionals to learn and be exposed to real life scenarios.



Photo courtesy of the Kirsch/Powers family

Bill Kirsch, **Brianna Powers** and **Marianne Kirsch** with their Spirit of Inclusion awards.

Local Family Receives Honor

The Kirsch/Powers family from Elm Grove received the Best Buddies/Wisconsin "Spirit of Inclusion Award" at the 2018 Best Buddies Leadership Breakfast on November 1. The event was held in the 7th floor ballroom at the Pfister Hotel.

Brianna Powers began participating in the Best Buddies college program at Carroll University in 2012. In 2014, Brianna joined Citizens, the Best Buddies friendship program. Additionally, Brianna is an Ambassador for Best Buddies WI. **Bill Kirsch** joined the Citizens program in 2016.

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit

501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

The IDD community that Best Buddies serves includes, but is not limited to, people with Down syndrome, autism, Fragile X, Williams syndrome, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and other undiagnosed disabilities.

Best Buddies is the world's largest

organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society.

Additional information about Best Buddies can be found at: <https://www.bestbuddies.org/>

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Chanel is a very sweet, reserved girl who enjoys the simple things in life — a cozy bed and blanket to nap in and, of course, treats any time you are willing to provide her some. She has a beautiful coat and loves to be both petted and brushed. She is an easy going, quiet girl who is seeking the same in both a home and family.

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.

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December 21 - Healing Begins Here

We welcome Paula Harris, Executive Director of Kyles Korner, an organization dedicated to helping grieving children, teens, and their families. This is sure to be a wonderful discussion.

December 28 - Down Syndrome Support

Join us as Robbin Thomas Lyons, President of Wisconsin Upside Down, speaks about your local Down syndrome support organization providing advocacy, education and life-long support.

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