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**METH-WICK**  
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LIFE AS IT SHOULD BE

# Life

## AT METH-WICK

### **The Not-for-Profit Difference Taxes, Benevolent Care and Charitable Giving**

*By Robin Mixdorf*

The Meth-Wick Community is in the business of serving others for the long-term – in our case since opening our doors in 1961. November 13, 2021, marked 60 years of serving seniors in our community.

While some for-profit companies are formed to cash out after generating targeted financial returns and often change ownership time and time again for revenue generation, Meth-Wick Community has remained consistently focused on creating better living options for older persons, on and off our campus. Growth for not-for-profit organizations is the ability to extend services to meet the needs of the community while staying true to the mission.

As a not-for-profit, Meth-Wick Community is exempt from federal and state income taxes, capital gains taxes and in some living areas, property taxes. All the independent living on campus; Greenwood Terrace, Deer Ridge, Brendelwood Village, Oakwood, and Highland Park, is subject to property tax. The Woodlands, Arbor Place and The Manor are all exempt from property tax due to the free and discounted care (benevolent care) that is available.

Like many of our peers in the not-for-profit world we offer residents the comforting knowledge that they have access to living arrangements and services they need even if they exhaust their financial resources through no fault of their own. To establish and maintain a healthy financial outlook for Meth-Wick, our board and staff must plan effectively for the future and manage financial resources to meet our operational needs and to support our free and discounted care.

Charitable gifts help us meet the challenges of the future. Tax deductible gifts to the Wick, Sears-Methodist or the Janet Powell endowment fund support benevolent care. A variety of other funds within our endowment; Buresh Wellness and Recreation, VJC Endowed Education Fund, Chaplaincy, Library and Future Capital support specific projects and services throughout the campus.

Donors have generously made possible the upgrades and additions to areas on campus over the years. Arbor Place, The Woodlands, Town Center, Brendel Pond have all been enhanced and many wish list items have been granted.

Meth-Wick Community has been creating better living options and lasting relationships within our community for decades. Our mission has been, and will continue to be, *to provide a secure and caring living environment to those we serve, allowing them to maintain their dignity and to enrich the quality of their lives as they age.*

The next issue of *Life at Meth-Wick* will be Friday, February 25. Information should be in writing to Teresa Dusil Friday, February 18. You can do so through campus mail or email at [tjkdusil@methwick.org](mailto:tjkdusil@methwick.org)

### **Read the Blog! 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Focus on Innovation!**

Please go to <https://methwick.org/2022/01/building-on-innovation-for-60-years/> to read the February blog.

### **Donate Old Glasses to Lions Club**

For many years now, Bill Severa, resident of Meth-Wick and Lions Club member, has collected old glasses and hearing-aides throughout campus and taken them to Lions Club. Bill has retired from this valuable position. Thank you, Bill, for managing this project so well for so long.

We will continue to get these items to The Lions Club. If you have old glasses, please take them to your front desk. The glasses will ultimately arrive in a safe spot at The Manor, be collected and sent to the Lions Club. There is also a box in the Greenwood Mail Room, and you may continue to use that. Jane has indicated she will check that when needed. We will call from one location to avoid confusion.

### **HappyGram Update!**

Wow! Happy Grams have sure grown in the last couple of years. The service began as a family passion project at Meth-Wick. Someone along the way mentioned that service to another senior living community that reached out to see if they could join as well. "*The inertia quickly built, launching us up a steep learning curve as we expanded to 250+ communities in just a matter of months,*" according to JP and the HappyGram Team. Most of the communities are in Iowa but they now serve communities in over thirty states, and one is even in Scotland!

Residents at Meth-Wick have been enjoying HappyGrams from family and friends for several years now. Jump right in and send a HappyGram by going to [happygram.org/methwick](http://happygram.org/methwick).

*Thank You!*

Thanks to all who sent me birthday greetings. It made the day more special.

*Barb May, Deer Ridge*

I received so many cards, messages, mementos, and good wishes during my long illness time away – I cannot thank you individually. Please accept my most heartfelt thanks. Those remembrances were, indeed, important.

The Meth-Wick nurses, staff, and their support teams were most kind and friendly. I will see you all again soon in more cheerful circumstances.

*June Silliman*

### **Meth-Wick Support Groups**

As a reminder, our Chaplains facilitate two support groups on campus each month. If you are interested in participating in either of them, please call the Chaplains for more information.

- ***Life After Loss*** is our ***Bereavement Support Group***. This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center at 10:00 a.m. The purpose is to meet one another and receive understanding and support following the death of a loved one. It makes no difference how long ago the death occurred or the nature of the relationship. All are welcome.
- ***Caregivers Support Group***. This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center at 10:00 a.m. This group is intended to be a place of sharing and caring for one another as you conduct the role of caregiver for a loved one. We meet to share the experiences and challenges of being a caregiver. Your loved one may be living with you at home, or they may reside in another building on campus.

### **Valentine's Day Special—Hilltop Dining!**

Monday, February 14, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Pick your own Surf and Turf \$21.99

Call 319-297-8621 for reservations!

## **Program Updates:**

**By Eryn Cronbaugh (297-8620)**

**Director of Wellness and Recreation**

**Email: [ecronbaugh@methwick.org](mailto:ecronbaugh@methwick.org)**

## **Cooking Class Lunch**

Our second Cooking Class lunch for February is Thursday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Sign-ups have begun by calling The Manor front desk. The group is limited to fifteen participants, and a charge of \$5 will be added to your Meth-Wick bill.

## **Bingo on Valentine's Day!**

We look forward to our BINGO game together on Monday, February 14. Please sign up at The Manor front desk! We will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center.

## **Nutrition Connection: Meet the Dietitian**

Meet our new dietitian, Alicia Vance Aguiar, on Tuesday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center. You'll have the chance to get to know her, and visit about topics you'd like to learn about in the future!

## **Movie & Popcorn -- *King Richard***

Our movie for Wednesday, February 16 will be *King Richard*, based on the true story of tennis greats, Venus and Serena Williams, and their father, Richard Williams.

The movie is rated PG-13 and lasts 2 hours 25 minutes. Join us at 1:30 p.m. in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center.

## **Tech Time**

Are you looking for support with your mobile device? Bring it, fully charged, to our *Tech Time* gathering on Friday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center. We will assist as much as possible and do our best with your questions on basic information on tablets and phones.

## **Trivia Slideshow Games**

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center to try out a new game that includes trivia in a slideshow format, like *Jeopardy!*

## ***Flower Bar***

On Wednesday, February 23, please join us in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center between 2:00-3:00 p.m. for a *Flower Bar!* We have purchased bulk flowers from Pierson's Flower Shop and will have a variety of blooms available for you to enjoy. You will have the opportunity to create your own bouquet to take it back to brighten your home.

We will have a few vases available, but you are welcome to bring your own, or take your flowers home in some plastic floral wrap that we will have available.

There is no set cost to this program, but we will take free-will donations for Meth-Wick Alzheimer's Walk Team in exchange for the flowers!

## ***Ten Spirituals* with Betty Debban and Linda Strauser**

February is Black History Month. To acknowledge, in a small way, the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are part of our country's history, two of our residents will present a program of *Ten Spirituals*. Linda Strauser, soprano, will sing each spiritual followed by Betty Debban, pianist, playing an arrangement of the spirituals.

Please join us Friday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m. in Live. Laugh. Learn. Center for this program. Please sign up at The Manor front desk.

## **Age Well Study Info**

If you participated in the *Mather Lifeways Age Well Study* in past years, you should have received your study packet for this year's survey via mail or email. The year 5 survey deadline is March 11. Please let Eryn know if you have any questions.





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## *In Memoriam*

### **Dr. Mary S. Weimer**

January 30, 1944 – February 1, 2022

*Mary moved to Meth-Wick in June of 2014*

### **Noreen J. Kime**

July 17, 1926 – February 2, 2022

*Noreen moved to Meth-Wick in November of 2019*

### **Kathleen J. Hall**

January 25, 1944-- February 2, 2022

*Kathy moved to Meth-Wick in October of 2021.*

### **Helen R. Saunders**

May 26, 1943 – February 3, 2022

*Helen moved to Meth-Wick in July of 2013.*

### **Evelyn H. Hollister**

September 24, 1921-February 4, 2022

*Evelyn moved to Meth-Wick in August of 2014.*

### ***Orchestra Iowa Pops Concert***

The next Pops Concert scheduled for *Orchestra Iowa* will be Saturday, February 19. The bus will depart at 6:30. If you are planning to ride the Meth-Wick bus, please confirm your ride with Eryn at 319-297-8620 or [ecronbaugh@methwick.org](mailto:ecronbaugh@methwick.org).

### **Campus Bulletin Board Reminder**

Please remember that bulletin boards in public areas are for communicating Meth-Wick related news, events, or applicable opportunities. They are not for sharing political commentary, etc.

If you have a question about what is appropriate, please contact Eryn.

### **Janice's Sweet Thoughts Valentine's Bake Sale**

Monday, February 14

Deer Ridge Dining Room—10:00-10:45 a.m.

Greenwood Dining Room—11:00-11:45 a.m.

Manor Key Club—1:00-2:00 p.m.