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From the Administrator's Desk

It is my pleasure to welcome two new members to our team here at Elmwood Care – Assistant Administrator Laurie Longo and External Marketing Director Jocelyn Vetrano.

Laurie joins our team from an extensive background in long term care. She is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator and has a Bachelor's Degree with a double major in psychology and sociology. Laurie brings experience in social services admissions, marketing, activities and administration. With her husband and 2 year old daughter, Laurie lives in Bartlett. She enjoys swimming, exercising and juggling! Will she show off her juggling skills for us? We shall see!

Jocelyn joins us as External Marketing Director with experience in sales and marketing within multiple housing corporations. She lives in Logan Square with a dog and cat. Jocelyn is a horse owner and has shown on a national level. She is also an architect student at the Art Institute of Chicago. In her spare time she enjoys pottery, interior design and salsa dancing lessons.

Both of these ladies will be a great asset to Elmwood Care. We welcome Laurie and Jocelyn to our family!

Arleen Siap
Administrator

What's New?

If you ask the question “What’s new?” to a staff member, resident, or guest at Elmwood Care, you are likely in for a lengthy conversation. That’s because there is a lot new going on at Elmwood Care. In fact, you may not recognize us when we’re done.

Elmwood Care has been a leader in providing outstanding healthcare services for many years. “Going that extra mile” is



a term often used to describe the staff at Elmwood Care, who strive toward making every accommodation possible for both residents and family members.

We are proud to expand these accommodations with a series of renovations and improvements to our home. These renovations go far beyond just a coat of paint – we’re bringing you a whole new

living experience here at Elmwood Care.

Our renovations began last fall with the construction of all new nurses’ stations on every floor, and new interiors in our elevators. These renovations were met with excellent response as our visitors and guests were in awe. But we were far from done at that point.



New furniture was installed in resident rooms, along with all new window treatments and bedspreads. Next was the installation of flat-screen TV’s in resident rooms with access to over 180 cable television stations. Residents now have access to all major sporting broadcasts in the Chicago area, classic movie stations, science and history channels, and much more.

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We also have new special use rooms/areas that include a 2nd floor “kitchen”, and a 4th floor lounge.

Our 2nd floor kitchen is an area where residents can enjoy a cup of coffee, read the morning newspaper, or spend time conversing with friends and family – all with the look and feel of a real home kitchen. With a dinner table, cabinets, working faucet and a prep area, it is also where many new activities are taking place.

Our new 4th floor lounge is reminiscent of a family home den or recreation room. With comfortable new couches and a large screen television, this is the perfect place for families or groups of residents to enjoy a ballgame, play a game of cards, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with others. Once you sit on the comfortable couches, you might not want to leave.



Also on the 4th floor, the Rehabilitation Room has received modernization and features new high-tech equipment that utilizes the latest technology for rehabilitation therapies.

All of our recent renovations also include new paint, wallpaper, wall hangings and art, trimming, new floors, ceilings, and lighting fixtures. This has indeed been a complete renovation process. But, we’re not done...

- Currently in the first phase of renovation is our lower level “mall” area. Upon stepping off the elevator on the lower level, residents and guests will be entering a new open area complete with a beauty shop, ice cream/snack parlor, dining area, and other amenities. New hallway lighting, ceiling and floors will completely transform this level to have the look, feel and experience of an indoor shopping mall.
- Our 4th floor west hallway is being renovated to become our short-term rehabilitation wing. This will feature a spa-tub room with all the modern amenities of a professional spa.
- The Memory Unit is receiving a complete renovation and modernization that is specifically designed to treat the unique needs of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and Dementia or other related memory impairments. We’re adding a “quiet room” with a waterfall, soft lighting, comfortable couch, plants, and decorative wall hangings. It will be a wonderful place for residents to spend some quiet and relaxing time.
- On all floors, the dining rooms are undergoing the renovation process with all new table and chairs. This new home-like atmosphere makes for a truly delightful dining experience for our residents.
- Our on-site dialysis is getting a complete renovation and will be moving to a new floor with more space and amenities for the comfort of our dialysis residents.



We invite you to come visit Elmwood Care and see our new renovations and improvements with your own eyes. We are very excited about all the new projects and look forward to sharing them with you and your loved ones.

Meet Our Staff

Arleen Siap
Administrator

Laurie Longo
Assistant Administrator

Maria Luisa Corbo
Director of Nursing

Marie Aquino
Assistant Director of Nursing

Corie Kosovich
Admissions Director

Nadia Nordlie
Food Service Supervisor

Ricardo Gil
Maintenance Director

Kim Lewis
Activity Director

Henrietta Thomkins
MDS Coordinator

Ruby Martinez
Concierge

Jocelyn Vetrano
External Marketing Director

Brenda Bell
Social Services Director

Patsy Richardson
Direct Care Supervisor

Axel Velazquez
Respiratory Director

Monica Montgomery
Public Aid Coordinator



Getting to Know... Mr. Charles Madden



Staying active, watching sports, participating in group activities – these are all things that would normally keep the average person busy. And at 89 years of age, Mr. Madden certainly keeps busy. Guests and fellow residents know Charles for his friendly greetings, quick wit, and ever present smile. “He helps keep us on our toes”, said one resident, “he’s always doing things and is very friendly”.

Charles is a lifelong Chicagoan. Growing up on Chicago’s west side, he found himself a White Sox fan at a very young age. He’s seen the White Sox go to the World Series in 1959 and 2005. Some of his favorite players were Billy Pierce, Nellie Fox, Louis Aparicio, and Frank Thomas. Unlike many Chicagoans, Charles does not dislike the team on the other side of town. He’s always enjoyed the Cubs and fondly remembers such great Cubs players as Ernie Banks, Billy Williams, and Ron Santo. He even dabbled in sports a bit himself by playing 16” softball in park leagues.

Mr. Madden has traveled to California three times, France, England (where he got sick crossing the English Channel), and served 5 years in the military including World War II.

Next time you visit Elmwood Care, be sure to say “hello” to Mr. Charles Madden – his warm smile and conversation will make your day.



MARCH 8, 2009

On Sunday, March 8th 2009, Daylight-Savings time officially begins at 2am. So before you go to bed Saturday night, be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

If you need assistance, please see Maintenance Director Ricardo Gil and he will help you adjust your clocks and watches.



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Elmwood Care Online!



ELMWOOD CARE IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW WEBSITE! THIS WEBSITE WILL BE YOUR SOURCE FOR STAYING UP TO DATE ON ALL THE NEW PROJECTS, RENOVATIONS, AND EVENTS HAPPENING AT ELMWOOD CARE.

WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH US TO RECEIVE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS! JUST VISIT THE "CONTACT US" PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FILL OUT THE FORM.



Our new website address is:
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BATTER UP!



Baseball season is right around the corner and many of our residents are big baseball fans. We have many Cubs fans, and just as many White Sox fans. How will the teams do this year?

During February we had one resident celebrate a birthday who is a true Cub fan through and through. In fact, his daughter brought in a birthday cake that was decorated with the Cubs logo! And instead of singing Happy Birthday, we sang Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

