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Retirement Refocused!



Al Galvan

It has not been uncommon to hear from family members of residents at Mayslake Village that they find their family member is now more occupied than they were when they were living at home! This is not exactly the same picture for Mr.

Alfred P. Galvan. Al has been a very active individual in his early days and continues to keep his days full here at Mayslake Village.

Alfred P. Galvan has been active in the community for many years. He was described in one newspaper article as a “community activist.” Al’s community activism began in his youth when he was turned away from a job. He turned this experience into positive energy and began to work on behalf of the many communities that touched his life.

Having lost a brother in one of the world conflicts, he has been active for many years with the American G.I. Forum. It has been through this federally chartered organization that Al established a scholarship that would benefit young people from the Hispanic community in the efforts at advancing their education, “*The Alfred P. Galvan Scholarship*”. He has many pictures to share and stories to tell of the successes that he has seen through this scholarly endeavor.

Al has been involved for many years in the Veterans Affairs. He has met with and has pictures to show off the events with the past Presidents of the United States of America. Including some of the more recent Presidents and going back to the days of Ronald Reagan.

With Al’s involvement in the affairs for veterans, various political officials have appointed him to numerous posts that seek to improve the life of our Veterans.

With his vision on the youth of the community, not only is there a scholarship named in his honor, he also has a classroom named after him in the UNO School. He has worked to establish ROTC programs in various high schools. He stated that he himself was a product of the ROTC in his younger days.

At 86 years young, Al still has a large community outreach. He is on the Executive Board for AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). He advocates with them for the concerns of all Seniors and in particular still holds the needs of the Veterans in the forefront.

When asked by a newspaper reported why he is still involved, he replied, “At my age, what should I be doing? Sitting down and watching TV?” Staying involved “as long as I can until my health runs out, as long as its helping someone, I am there for them.”

Alfred P. Galvan is someone we thought you should know.

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Star Sightings



“Filly” was her name. When someone first heard the name, it became clear that she was not associated with Philadelphia. Philomena was the name given her at birth soon to be changed by her to Florence.

Florence ‘Filly’ Ferrara At 93 years of age “Filly” was the life of the party. She was a vibrant gifted individual that had an outgoing heart that touched the lives of all those whom she met. She had endless energy. She was a wife and mother. She volunteered at the Villa Scallabrini residence, which cares for the aging and elderly. She had volunteered at the seminary for the Scalabrini Fathers and Brothers. There are many a priest or brother who will fondly remember “Filly” and being short sheeted or discovering “stitched shorts.” She volunteered many years at the hospital! And she would always add, “I never worked a day in my life.” She may not have received a pay check, but she certainly worked and she did it with joy and goodness.

Florence was known for her playfulness in her early days and the playfulness continued as she lived out her life at Mayslake Village. She moved into the Village in June of 2001. She was active and involved in many groups. She was an active member of the Kast and Krew, our theatrical group. Having loved dancing all of her days, whenever she could put her dancing shoes on, she would be off and gliding across the floor. You couldn’t miss her with the numerous “caps” she would wear all reminiscent of the “Roaring 20’s.” She may not have been one of the “flappers” but she had their energy and spirit. Rumor had it that she “starred” in a movie with Burt Reynolds. There were even more rumors about her having been a dancer on the stages of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Florence enjoyed the sock hop that was presented here at Mayslake Village in March. Two days later, she danced her way into everlasting life.



Carolyn ‘Cari’ Jackson

Painter, designer, gifted woman, those words would describe Caroline Jackson. She was born in Vienna, Austria in 1909. Vienna must have placed a creative seed in her that was to grow and develop throughout her lifetime.

“Cari” as she was known by family and friends, was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, friend, confidant and many more enduring terms. She had a simple philosophy in life. “Be prepared, in whatever you choose to do, and do it well. Always be aware of others and your surroundings. Learn just one new thing each day and you will stay young forever. Reach for the stars. Never be satisfied with the mediocre.”

These simple thoughts about life, directed the choices that Cari would make. The creative side was nourished with art lessons that she began in 1930. Her painting on canvas was soon to grow into the painting on fabrics, scarves and skirts. In 1952, Cari had an entrepreneurial inspiration, Cari designed a feminine version of the Eisenhower jacket and a skirt painted with the campaign slogan “I Like Ike.” This entrepreneurial spirit grew when Mr. Kolodney of the Kolodney Company offered Caroline a job as a designer.

Cari was an inspiration to the residents at Mayslake Village. She became the oldest independent resident at Mayslake Village. Her delight was regularly preparing for the current events discussion that occurred weekly in the Senior Center. As her walking became more labored, she focused on important “dates.” Besides the current events gathering, Cari regularly met with friends and her daughter Audrey in the dining room to share stories and enjoy each other’s company.

Caroline appreciated the fullness of every day! She was a cancer survivor of 52 years! As her days drew close to an end, she expressed gratitude to all for the wonderful kindnesses that all had shown her.

Caroline Jackson left this earth on March 18, 2010 at 101+. She has left many fond friends and good memories that live on. She reached for the stars and has become one.

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The Long



As we move ahead in these challenging times, I would like to say thank you for ongoing efforts to provide for a safe and secure environment for our Senior residents at Mayslake Village. With the economic challenges there come opportunities. We discover new ways to face old challenges. For some, more time together has brought on new renewed friendships and reflecting on the real values that strengthen us in who we really are. It has afforded us with opportunities to see what can be accomplished more efficiently.

One of the major thrusts of the present Administration in Washington, D.C. is a focus on being "green." This has meant looking at ways one can be more efficient with uses of energy. This approach benefited the campus, in particular in the Manor Building. DuPage County approached us in ways this building could save on its energy consumption. This opportunity benefited the Manor Building residents with nearly \$500,000 dollars worth of improvements.

Presently, there are other opportunities that are being reviewed. There is hope that one or more of the buildings on the Mayslake Village campus may meet the requirements for the "Green Retrofit" programs coming out of the HUD offices in Washington, D.C.

and Short of it

These programs aid us in many ways that allow the residents to enrich their lives with activities that help them stay fit and lively! Living healthy and good lives in a caring environment. You have helped provide for that in so many ways. We work to seek the necessary funding for the residences. You help us provide the necessary services that are not covered by rents. These generous gifts support the wellness center, the activity center, transportation and allow us to address unexpected needs that are presented by needy individuals. You assist us in bringing in groups that address the needs of our aging population. You help us maintaining healthy living for Mayslake Village residents.

Thank you for your support! Thank you for remembering us in so many ways.

Fr. Larry Dreffein, O.F.M.

\$50 Monthly Bazaar Raffle Winners

November 2009

*Carol Agurkís
Bill Armandi
Lou Grzelinski*

December 2009

*William Buckley
Anne Mikrut
Mary Santiemmo*



January 2010

*Julia Culen
Bette Hanson
Francine Modelski*

February 2010

*Rose Casto
Lynn Dupee
Geri Nikrasch*

March 2010

*Jean Gradle
Florence Rafac
Alice Salyers*

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Wish List

A kiln to replace the old kiln in Ceramics.
(est. \$1,500 - 2,500)



New 15 foot Christmas Tree for the front
entrance. (Est. \$2,000 - 4,000)

New Multi-media projector (est. \$600 - 900)



Upcoming Events

July 18 - Annual Ice Cream Social
Mayslake Village Senior Center



August 5 - Mayslake Village's
16th Golf Outing
Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort

October 9 & 10 - 46th Annual Bazaar
Mayslake Village Senior Center



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