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*A newsletter published periodically for families, friends and residents of St. Anne's Mead
Celebrating 50 Years of Providing Loving Care*

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Resident Mary Classen wears a sunhat and beach towel as she parks herself in front of her favorite mural, a water landscape that makes her feel like she's on vacation.

Smitten with the Mitten

Photo-Murals Make It Easy to Enjoy 'Pure Michigan'

Despite Michigan's nasty winter weather, it can be easy getting to a favorite destination or vacation spot. "All you need to do is take a walk up or down one of our hallways and look at the beautiful photo-murals that glorify our scenic state" says Jennifer Stone, Life Enrichment director.

The murals depict some of Michigan's most attractive locations, from downtown Detroit to the Straits of Mackinaw. "The large photographic prints were installed as part of the renovation we began 3 years ago," says Jen.

We talked with a few residents and friends of St. Anne's Mead to learn where their favorite spots were and to tell a little bit about the getaway and reasons why it is their favorite.

Mary Classen loves the world-famous family-style chicken dinners that are served in Frankenmuth's renowned Bavarian Inn and Zehnder's. She began her affection for the German village when she was quite young going up there numerous times each year with her folks. "After filling ourselves at the dinner table, we would walk around town and watch people watching us," says Mary.

Harriet Murdock enjoyed many years at The Homestead near Glen Arbor, before taking summer vacations at her in-laws home overlooking Lake Charlevoix. It was a beautiful home and we enjoyed home which provided easy access to many waterways, upscale shops in Petoskey and Charlevoix, and day trips to the Lake Michigan shoreline where "the sunsets were just gorgeous."



Harriet Murdock and her family regularly stayed at The Homestead, a popular destination just outside Glen Arbor.



Father John: He loves the heavenly vistas

Father John, who serves as the chaplain at St. Anne's, likes to head for his cabin near Fort Gratiot as often as possible. "It's a great place with a good waterfront view and a private beach. And, it's easy to get to, just north of Port Huron." There he relaxes by kyaking, swimming, sailing and just enjoying being "up North."

Detroit-born **Barbara Porter**, Marketing Director, loves the north but also has a fondness for the new Detroit.

Recently, *National Geographic* and the *New York Times* respectively called Detroit one of the most surprising cities for good food and the Number 9 spot out of 52 places to go in 2017.



Marketing Director Barbara Porter:
South is the new North

“I love going up North but it’s so easy for me to go downtown for great food and conversation with folks from all over who find the city vibrant and alive. Her favorite haunts include the Grey Ghost, the Republic, Roast and the new Maru Sushi which serves up an “extraordinary ceviche.”

When resident **Don Olsen**, with his wife and children, first drove the Straits, they fell in love with the view of Lake Huron, the sandy beach and quaint towns. Soon after that, they moved from a rental cottage to a larger two-bedroom home. “It had a great beach and we were close to Cheboygan and Mackinaw City where we’d go when we wanted to shop or do touristy things,” says Don. Now, its been handed over to his grown children who are following in their father’s footprints in the sand.

Resident **Marge Steinbacher** gives the whole State of Michigan two thumbs up but she does profess a fondness for the Caseville area with its breathtaking vistas of Lake Huron. The cottage she and her family -- her dad was the celebrated baseball pitcher Clyde Manion -- spent many summers relaxing on its huge screened-in porch playing cards, swimming and sailing with her two brothers.

So, when you are visiting St. Anne’s Mead, and wondering about the photo-murals as you walk the halls, just remember that for some people, the reflections on the water are an opportunity to recall the joys of summer in Michigan....a wonderful escape in the middle of winter.



NEXT MONTH: CLOSE TO THE HEART

February is the shortest month of the year, but the Life Enrichment Department is gearing up to celebrate all month long. Celebrations include Groundhog Day, the Super Bowl, Black History month, President's day, Mardi Gras and of course, Valentines Day!

In past issues, we've published stories about the relationships of residents and their loved ones, but for our upcoming tribute to St. Valentine, we want to engage all readers and solicit their stories about the special relationships between residents and this place they call "home". As families and friends of the residents of St. Anne's Mead, we ask that you write and tell us why you love us. Please forward tips or story ideas to our editor Victor Pytko at vpytko@gmail.com. But Hurry, February starts next week.

Worth Repeating

Here's what they're saying about St. Anne's Mead

"Thank you so much for caring for our Dad. He responded so well to the genuine loving compassion and encouragement from your entire ECU staff. He always looked forward to attending mass and was always able to participate in the service and prayers. This was very meaningful for us, also attending."

-- Susan Peck, daughter of Eugene Kaczmar

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Our Mission

St. Anne's Mead mission is to provide compassionate and professional health care and supportive services to seniors in a safe, secure, and loving home.

In keeping with our faith-based traditions, we endeavor to serve the unique needs of individuals and their families while preserving dignity and enriching lives.