

THE GLACIER HILLS
FOUNDATION

Foundation *Buzz*

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The Glacier Hills Foundation's mission is to advance and enhance the ability for Glacier Hills, Inc. to serve older adults with a continuum of lifestyle, care, and support alternatives embracing enrichment of the whole person. We do this through professionally directed philanthropic activities based on nurturing relationships with individuals, organizations, business, and others.

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News and Updates from the Glacier Hills Foundation

The *Foundation Buzz* is a **monthly newsletter** intended to bring you up-to-date Foundation news. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us by [email](#) or telephone us at **(734) 929-6703**.

Foundation Board Members



We are pleased to introduce you to our Foundation board members. This month, we feature **Mary Ann McDonald**, our board chair.

Mary Ann has extensive background in aging policy/services. Her professional experience includes contract management and regional planning for services funded through the Older Americans Act, the development of a corporate eldercare program recognized by AARP, work for the Michigan legislature as a health policy analyst, and communications director for the state association of health plans. She holds a BA from Kalamazoo College, and an MPA with a concentration in aging policy from Wayne State University. Now serving in her fourth year as Foundation Board member and second year as Chair, she is also serving in her seventh year as Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Mary Ann shares that she very much enjoys her board roles facilitating the important work of the GH Foundation and looks forward to the time when interaction with staff, residents, and fellow board members can once again resume face-to-face.

Thank you, Vic Strecher, for Foundation Board Service



We are pleased to show our appreciation to **Vic Strecher** (Meadows resident) as he completes his service to the Foundation Board and the Scholarship Committee.

It is difficult to properly express Vic's passion for education without sharing his credentials and career history. In 1968, he earned a Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and subsequently directed graduate studies in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, followed by two decades directing the criminal justice programs in Arizona and Texas.

Vic became an authority in law enforcement education in his long career, with more than 30 universities in 12 states benefiting from his input and expertise in the field. He was recognized for his contributions with notable honors from the American Academy of Criminal Justice, the Criminal Justice Wall of Fame at MSU, and his name on a conference room at the Texas Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University.

We were fortunate in 2011 when Vic and Barbara chose Glacier Hills as their new residence. A few years later in 2015, Vic joined the Scholarship Committee and the Foundation Board a year later in 2016.

Vic's presence on the Scholarship Committee helped shape this program into what it has become today. "His counsel has been integral to our on-going efforts to improve the scholarship application process and reach out to those who might benefit from it," offers Mary Ann McDonald, current Board Chair and Chair of the Scholarship Committee. "We will miss him, as both a committee member and friend, and wish him well in whatever endeavor is next."

We are honored that he chose to serve on the Foundation Board for the last five years. "Vic's interest in making sure that Glacier Hills residents have access to an exemplary quality of life is evidenced by his faithful service on the Board," says Donna Snyder, former Board Chair and longtime board member. "I am so glad to have gotten to know Vic and have served with him on the Foundation Board."

Thank you, Vic, for all that you have done for Glacier Hills through your immeasurable service to the Foundation. You have helped make us a better Foundation.

Vaccine Update

Vaccines on our campus continue, with approximately **50%** of our employees receiving at least the first vaccine installment. In addition, almost **100%** of the residents on our campus have received at least the first dose, and by the time you read this, those in the Manor, Meadows, and Villas will have received their second dose.

The percent of employees opting to receive the vaccine at Glacier Hills is impressive, compared to the same numbers across the country. Our success is due in large part to the education and words of encouragement from residents who, through the **Diversity and Inclusion Council's Business Resource Group** survey, were able to send their personal comments in for employees to read. The comments were heartfelt and made a difference.

Wellness Garden Update

The **Wellness Garden** progress continues to inch forward and backward. We recently learned that the review of the ordinance requiring us to take the garden plans through the Planning Commission process is most likely to be further delayed until late summer or early fall. That timing would push our project into the 2022 year, because of weather constraints.

Instead of waiting for the ordinance review, we have asked the City of Ann Arbor Building Department to review a sketched redesign of the project that would allow us to move forward this spring. We are awaiting review and response by the City.

Once we hear from the City, we will share the details with donors and other residents.

Art Across Campus



Dian Telian, *Cobalt Blue*, watercolor, 1999.

A new exhibition entitled ***Touchstone of the Painter: Still Lives from the Glacier Hills Collection*** opened in the Huron Room Gallery of the Meadows on January 18. The show highlights a selection of still life works from around campus, all of which were done by artists local to the Ann Arbor area. A notable inclusion is a floral still life by noted Ann Arbor artist and UM Professor of Art Albert Mullen, whose work is also represented in the permanent collections of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Isaac Delgado Museum of New Orleans, the Library of Congress, Brown University, and the Brooklyn Museum, among others.

The exhibition will be up through Friday, March 12 with an accompanying video tour to be broadcast on GHTV and the Glacier Hills YouTube channel for residents that live in other areas of our campus.

Insights with Eldon Beery



Insights for January will spotlight Meadows resident Eldon Beery. Watch the GHTV Guide in *Life in the Hills* for specific times this month for his special.

If you wish to watch any or all of our *Insights* offerings, they are all available on YouTube, under Glacier Hills Senior Living. You may also click the links below or enter the full url, including the https://, in your browser window to watch them.

Marlene Howe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMjGQ4MemfQ>

Howard Bond: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ici9eCgiNfQ&t=12s>

Harris & Margaret McClamroch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ici9eCgiNfQ&t=12s>

Don Postema: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orNssU2Wnj0>

Matthew Hulbert: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q67PQVHOc8

Joachim Janecke: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOO762DjK9g>

Marvin Brandwin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJXbVImWxrw&feature=youtu.be>

Beth Caldwell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtV5QMdP0e0&feature=youtu.be>

Ralph Kauffman: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2k77vaXHQ4c&feature=youtu.be>

Tom Collier: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNTadADnplI>

Burt Voss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNHkicFttqw>

Judith Elkin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDiRCIBhrjw>

John Brueger: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3U9nmOmtg>

Did You Know???

You can make a gift and receive **lifetime income** on that gift, through a **Charitable Gift Annuity**. The process is relatively simple. The donor makes a gift of **\$25,000** or more (this is our minimum requirement that is invested immediately. The donor receives income from that gift, the amount being a percentage based on the age at the time of the gift. At the time of the donor's death, the balance of the annuity passes to the charitable beneficiary. In our case, Glacier Hills Foundation must be at least a 50% beneficiary. The year the gift is made, the donor takes a charitable deduction that is roughly half the amount of the gift, and a portion of the annual income is also non-taxable. Here is an example:

Donor: 90 years of age

Percentage Income: 8.6%

Amount of Gift: \$100,000

Annual Income to Donor: \$8,600

Annual Tax Free Portion*: \$7,700

Annual Ordinary Income Portion: \$900

Approx. Charitable Deduction: \$62,000

*For about 4.9 years, the annuity will be partially tax free, after which the entire annuity will be taxed as ordinary income.

If you are interested in knowing more or in receiving an illustration on your personal circumstance, please contact **Becky Pazkowski** (see contact information following).

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