

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.

Mostly Mozart Concert Coming in March



Mostly Mozart, a newly envisioned concert, will be held in the 3rd floor dining space in the Manor in March. We are thrilled that the concert has been exclusively sponsored by **Becky Bonnell** (Meadows resident), who shares the same excitement as **Priscilla Johnson** to

establish concerts in the dining space. "We believe the space is ideally suited for these types of concerts," says Priscilla, "so why not try it?"

The concert features the quartet **Con Fuoco** who will offer three works: Divertimento No. 1 (Mozart), Quartet in One Movement, Op. 89 (Amy Beach), and Quintet for Strings and Clarinet (Mozart). The concert will seat roughly 60 people and will take place on **Wednesday, March 4, 7:15 p.m.** Watch for announcements coming out soon!

Education Program Supports Employees

A grant proposal to offer Specialized Education to employees at Glacier Hills was written and funded in 2017, with funding up to **\$45,000**. The concept was to fund employees who wished to gain specialized training and certifications that would help them in their current positions or to one they wish to aspire at Glacier Hills. It would also offer scholarships for those employees who begin college classes out of the cycle of the regular Spring/Fall scholarships.

With staff changes during 2017, the program stalled and nothing was promoted about the program. Last fall we **renewed the program** and promoted it to employees, with an overwhelming amount of interest and application. Since then, **more than a dozen** have applied for and/or received funding for specialized training and education. Some examples include:

Tajha Eddins (Waitstaff)

Washtenaw Community College, Off-Cycle Scholarship
Pursuing a business curriculum at WCC in Retail Management

Rachelle Kelley (Resident Services Assistant)

Dorsey Schools, Off-Cycle Scholarship
Practical Nursing Program

Shatya (Tia) Parks (Staff Recruiter)

HR Certification Institute, Enhanced Scholarship
Professional in Human Resources Certification

Kathleen (Kat) Butler (Nurse Manager)

Excelsior College, Off-Cycle Scholarship
Registered Nurse Program

Toyann Graves (Director of Education)

Athena Career Academy, Off-Cycle Scholarship
Higher-Level Nursing Degree

Christopher McCollum (Reimbursement Manager)

Michigan State University, Specialized Training
Nursing Home Administrator License

Other applications have been submitted and are awaiting review and approval. This is most definitely a program that was needed that will assist employees and Glacier Hills in general to **enhance skills and training** and **retain employees** for the years to come.

Foundation Supports Weekend Yoga



Elizabeth Sotebeer, Yoga Instructor

It took a few years to build the weekly exercise classes at Glacier Hills, but **Ingrid Crause** has made a difference in bringing more programming through our Wellness Connection. Interest in yoga has increased, in large part because of the skilled instructors with whom Ingrid contracts and now there is a class on Saturdays. Last fall, Ingrid requested funds from the **Annual Grants program** to pilot this Saturday yoga class. The funds were awarded and that class began on January 11th. It is now regularly scheduled on **Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. in the Hanson Room** with instructor Elizabeth Sotebeer. Kudos to Elizabeth for braving the last snowstorm to make class happen! Attendance ranges from 11 to 15 Manor and Meadows residents.

Spring Grants Cycle Coming Up

We are happy to announce that the call for proposals for grant funding through the Foundation is upon us. Announcements are going out this week, with proposals due by **April 17, 2020**. Approved projects will be funded **July 1, 2020** and run through **June 30, 2021** for Annual Grants and 2022 for Campus Grants.

This year the grants will include **Annual Grants** funded through the General Endowment of the Foundation, as well as the second offering of **Campus Fund Grants** funded through the Campus Fund made possible by the Trinity affiliation in 2016. Requests for **Annual Grants** are typically between \$500 and \$25,000 and include funding for new or ongoing programs and projects around campus. Requests for **Campus Grants** are intended for projects and

strategies related to the future of the campus or any extensions of the same. The first cycle of Campus Grants was in 2017 for funding in FY18-20, and the grants ranged from **\$30,000 to over \$250,000**. If you have questions about either the Annual or Campus grants programs, please contact **John Meneghini**, Foundation Coordinator, at 929-6759.

Welcome New Board Members

Welcome: **Ilene Birge** and **Elizabeth (Liz) Messiter**.



Ilene has a Master's degree in **Library Science** from the University of Michigan. She was an academic librarian at Indiana University/South Bend and Eastern Michigan University. She also worked several years at the Rackham School of Graduate Studies in the Dissertation Office. Her **volunteer work** was focused in arts and education, including Plymouth Symphony Board, Plymouth Arts Council, Great Books (adult and junior level), and PTA in Plymouth, Michigan.

Ilene has also volunteered for IUSB Academic Senate and Braille Accreditation. She has served as a docent at Notre Dame Snite Gallery of Art in South Bend, Indiana and has tutored in the Ann Arbor public schools and participated in Washtenaw Community College Literacy/ESL programs. Ilene and her husband Bill, who passed away last year, are longtime residents of Ann Arbor and moved to Glacier Hills in **August 2016**. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.



A native of New Jersey, Liz received her nursing diploma from Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles, and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Michigan. She spent most of her **nursing career** at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan, in pediatric cardiology. She has held **volunteer positions** at Ronald McDonald House, University of Michigan Musical Society, and University of Michigan Faculty Women's Club. She and her husband Art moved to Glacier Hills in **March 2017**. They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

Art Across Campus First Annual Juried Resident Art Exhibition

From Sara Head, Art Coordinator

In celebration of the large population of gifted artists living at Glacier Hills, the Huron Room gallery on the third floor of the Meadows will feature an exhibition of original art by residents of Glacier Hills from **March 13 through May 8, 2020**. Pieces in this exhibition will be selected by a jury of professionals in the Ann Arbor art community.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, March 13 during the **Meadows Social Hour**.

Mark Your Calendar

Rotarians at Glacier Hills

Speaker: Emi Hastings, Curator of Books and Digital Project Librarian

Digitization Projects at the Clements Library

Friday, February 21, 2020

10:00 - 11:00 am - Board Room (Manor)

***Insights* (For Employees) Featuring Beth Caldwell**

Monday, February 17, 2020

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Renaissance Room, Meadows

Mostly Mozart* Concert Featuring Quartet *Con Fuoco

Sponsored by Becky Bonnell (Meadows Resident)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:15 p.m. - 3rd Floor Dining Room

**Opening Reception
1st Annual Juried Resident Art Exhibition**

Friday, March 13, 2020

4:00– 5:00 p.m. – During the Meadows Social Hour Huron Room Gallery,
3rd Floor, The Meadows

***Insights* (For Employees) Featuring Don Postema**

Monday, March 16, 2020

12:00– 12:30 p.m. – Renaissance Room (Meadows)

***Insights* (For Residents) Featuring Don Postema & Matthew
Hulbert**

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7:15– 8:15 p.m. – Hanson Room



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