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Our Mission

Brewster Place is a retirement community providing all of its residents opportunities for an optimal quality of life.



The Brewster Health Center is accredited by The Joint Commission.

The Not-For-Profit Difference Commitment to Our Community

As a mission driven not-for-profit organization, Brewster exists to serve the greater good. Fidelity to our Christian roots and our mission means that we provide the highest quality of care and services to the people we serve and their families. It also requires that we fulfill an obligation of service to our surrounding community. This is especially true today, when governments are scrutinizing the degree to which not-for-profits provide benefits to their communities.

By their existence alone, not-for-profit aging services providers like Brewster provide a community benefit. We furnish health services and housing for a vulnerable population; employ members of the community in settings that value the dignity of their work; provide a gathering place for volunteers to help our elders and each other; give individuals an opportunity to channel their financial resources to organizations that will use them to do good; provide leadership, research and innovation in services for older persons; and serve to educate the public about the needs of aging population.

We are, however, called upon to do more, and each year at this time we take a step back and reflect on our roots and Brewster's original purpose as set out by our sponsoring churches. We reaffirm our commitment to our mission and those we serve. Most importantly, we look at how the needs of the community may have changed and how the organization has evolved to meet changing community needs. We ask, how do we need to change in the future to meet changing community needs?

An excellent example of Brewster serving the larger community was through our partnership with St. Francis Health where we offer a full service health clinic to the Topeka community on the Brewster Place campus. Brewster offered the land and building to St. Francis at our cost. The clinic offers primary care services by appointment or on a walk-in basis, x-ray and laboratory services with evening and weekend hours.



Joline Kovarik has worked at Brewster Place for 21 years. She is representative of the commitment all Brewster staff make to fulfill our mission and impact our community.

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Getting to Know Our Residents

By Phyllis McMahon, Resident Volunteer

Gwelyn (Gwen) Holmes moved to Brewster Place in September of 2015. She was born in Locksport, New York. When she was 16 years old, the family moved to Niagara Falls, New York. After high school graduation, Gwen attended Mary Washington Women's College of the University of Virginia. It was a "wonderful school" where she was very happy. However, after two years, Gwen looked around and saw no men and no future husband. She wrote Albany, New York, and asked for the three



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top schools in dietetics in the United States. Kansas State University was one of them, and her choice.

Her first week at Kansas State, she met her future husband, Richard (Dick) Holmes on a blind date. He had been at Kansas State for a year, then in the Navy during World War II, and was back in college. They were in the same class and sat together three times a week. With a free hour afterwards, they would go out for coffee. They both graduated in 1950 — Gwen with a bachelor's degree in dietetics and Dick with a business degree. They married in 1950 and moved to Topeka.

David entered Washburn Law School and Gwen worked for two years at Santa Fe Hospital as a dietician. When their son, Robert, was born, her husband preferred that Gwen stay at home to take care of their son. Dick graduated from law school the best in his class. They moved to Wichita where he worked in his father's law firm. Dick's grandfather was also a lawyer. A member of the Wichita Bar Association asked to put Dick's name up for the Kansas Supreme Court. He became a Supreme Court Justice in 1977, Chief Justice in 1990, and retired in 1996. His work continued as a Law Firm Consultant until his death in 1999.

True to her profession, Gwen likes to cook — "not for one but for fifty!" She eats three eggs a week and sometimes adds two egg whites to that. She enjoys an early light breakfast, light lunch, then

has dinner in the Brewster East Dining Room.

Gwen's oldest son, Dr. Robert W. Holmes, is an Internist with Cotton O'Neil and with the Wound Center. He and his family live in Topeka. Her second son, David K. Holmes, is an attorney and CPA. He and his wife live in Hailey, Idaho. His wife, an educator, was transferred there. David continues to work with his Baltimore firm via the Internet.

Gwen has two granddaughters, three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren. She chose to live at Brewster Place, which is near her home of 37 years, and at Brewster East where 15 of her friends live. ■

Please Consider Helping...

Volunteers Needed at BHC

The Brewster Health Center is in need of volunteers to sit at the desk at both the north and south entrances. The volunteer shifts are three to four hours long. If you are interested in helping, please contact Margaret King, Volunteer Coordinator at the BHC at 274-3312. ■



At the Movies!

BPTV 1960

Thursdays

2:00 p.m.

March 3

Like Sunday, Like Rain (2015 drama)

March 10

My Old Lady (2014 romantic comedy)

March 17

House Calls (1978 romantic comedy)

March 24

The Gospel of John (2003 faith drama)

March 31

Hitchcock (2012 biography)

Getting to Know Our Residents

By Phyllis McMahon, Resident Volunteer

Marianne Bloesch (pronounced Blush) moved to Brewster Place November 21, 2015. She was born in Zofingen, Switzerland, and came to the



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United States with her family when she was eight months old. Her father, Dr. Ed Bloesch, was a petroleum geologist. They lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After finishing high school in Tulsa, Marianne attended a two year girls' school near St. Louis, Missouri. She then enrolled at Washington University in St. Louis. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy.

Marianne worked for 33 years with the Veterans Administration. She served a residency in a Veterans Hospital in Texas. The patients came "directly from the battlefield." They were all amputees with most having lost their arms. They required training in how to use artificial limbs, drive a car, and how to ride in a car.

Her first job was in the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas. There was one occupational therapist and one physical therapist. That department was discontinued and Marianne came to

Winter General Veteran's Hospital in Topeka, now known as Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center. The hospital, at that time, was a string of one story, wooden buildings, connected by a series of wooden walkways. The buildings had been hurriedly built during World War II to house mentally ill soldiers. Dr. Karl Menninger oversaw their construction and then organized and supervised these units. Marianne's work there with mentally ill veterans went well. They did woodworking, which included building small tables, chairs, and doll houses. These were given to children's homes. Also, she was in a setting where the patients worked with leather. They made purses and billfolds to give to family and friends.

Marianne speaks Swiss German fluently. At one time, Marianne spent a year in Switzerland visiting relatives and friends, and toured different countries. She likes copper and has a wonderful collection of antique copper buckets, teakettles, coffee pots, and molds. She also has a collection of china, small and larger cow bells, and embroideries from various European countries.

Marianne has one niece and two nephews in Oregon. One of the nephews came from Oregon to research a retirement home for her. Brewster Place was the place! Marianne says she is very happy with everything in her new home. ■

Trash & Treasure Sale

Friday and Saturday
April 1 and 2
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Proceeds from the Trash & Treasure Sale benefits the Brewster Service Fund which supports programming at Brewster Place. We appreciate your donations! Currently our storeroom is full so we ask that you hold further donations until after the sale in April. If you have something you need to part with before the sale, please call Kim at 274-3399 and your items will be picked up and donated to God's Storehouse. ■

Arts & Craft News

Wanted!

Six more painters for the Oil Painting class!
Tuesdays at 9:30 am | BE Art Studio

March Class Opportunity

Beginning Pastels

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm | BE Art Studio

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, call Joline at 274-3317. ■

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

by Eileen McGivern, BSN, RN | Vice President Wellness and Community Initiatives

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is recognized in March, which provides a great opportunity to focus on this preventable cancer. A low-fat diet, high in vegetables and fruits, coupled with regular exercise, may reduce your risk of developing the disease. Regular screening after 50 (or before 50, if you have family history of colorectal cancer) further increases your chance of survival of colorectal cancer if detected early.



A colonoscopy can detect polyps — growths on the lining of the colon and rectum, which can go on to develop into colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer is curable when detected early. Ninety-one per-

cent of patients with localized colorectal cancer (confined to the colon or rectum) are alive five years post-diagnosis. However, only 37% of these cancers are diagnosed at this early stage. The remaining 63% of patients come to the doctor when the disease has spread beyond the wall of the colon or rectum or to the distant parts of the body.

When you have your annual health appointment, have a discussion with your doctor that includes the following questions:

- How often do I need to be tested?
- What is my risk for developing colorectal cancer?
- Which screening test do you recommend and why?
- Are there dangers or side effects involved in screening?
- What can I do to further reduce my risk for colorectal cancer?

Medicare expanded coverage of colorectal screenings in 1998 when the data showed the benefit. Although the preparation of colorectal testing is a nuisance, it may very well save your life. ■

Brewster Main Street Update

We are excited to announce that the final phase of our Main Street renovation is underway! The Market and bank are almost complete, and both should be open by the first of April.

The beauty salon, Winchell Wellness Center, and physical therapy offices are also currently under construction, and the goal is to have them open by the first part of April as well.

We are hearing many positive comments about the Chapel and the Main Street Lounge. If you haven't toured the area, plan to do so soon!

Stay tuned for an announcement regarding a Grand Opening event in April to celebrate the completion of the Main Street project. ■



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Let us help *you or your loved one* stay safe and independent in your Brewster Place home. Please call **785-274-3395** for a free consultation with a BeWell Support Coordinator.

From the Chaplain

by Chaplain Roger Jackson, M.Div.

“He entered the river of death and came out on the other side so that we might no longer fear death but find eternal life in Him.”



We have entered the Lenten season, preparing ourselves for Easter Sunday. In Max Lucado’s book, *Six Hours One Friday*, he tells the story of a missionary in Brazil who discovered a tribe of Indians in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river. The tribe was in need of medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population. People were dying daily. A hospital was not too terribly far away — across the river, but the Indians would not cross it. They believed that the river was inhabited by evil spirits. To enter its water would mean certain death. The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed. But they were not impressed. He then took them to the bank and placed his hand in the water. They still wouldn’t go in. He walked into the water up to his waist and splashed water on his face. It didn’t matter. They were still afraid to enter the river. Finally, he dove into the river, swam beneath the surface until he emerged on the other side. He raised a triumphant fist into the air. He had entered the water and escaped. It was then that the Indians broke into a cheer and followed him across.

Isn’t that what Jesus did? He entered the river of death and came out on the other side so that we might no longer fear death but find eternal life in Him. ■

Maundy Thursday Service

March 24, 2:30 pm | BHC FLR

We will recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of Holy Week. The story is left unfinished. It continues Friday with the crucifixion, and it is not over until Easter Day.

Easter Sunday

**Worship Opportunities
Come Join Us!**

2:30 pm — BHC FLR
4:00 pm — Chapel

Extra Services Provided by Your Security Team

Pet Concierge Service

Do you need help with your pet? The Brewster Security Department is at your service! We offer the following services:

- ◆ Take your pet for a walk (includes picking up after your pet).
- ◆ Make sure pet has food, water, and treats after the walk.
- ◆ Provide food, water, and litter box clean-up for cats.
- ◆ Help with pet sitting services while you are away.
- ◆ Assist in transporting you and your pet to the veterinarian.
- ◆ Shop for your pet (food, treats, litter, over the counter medication).

Cost: \$20 per hour of service (one hour minimum)

Personal Grocery Shopping Service

For the cost of your groceries and a small fee of \$2.50 or 10% of the total grocery bill, whichever is higher, we will shop for needed items you may desire at the store and deliver them to you. This service is offered in conjunction with our weekly Dillons and Walmart shopping trips. The charge will be added to your monthly bill.

Valet Service

Our 24-hour valet service can assist you by bringing your car to the main doors and returning it to your stall upon your return.

For any of the above services, call 274-5000. ■

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Brewster also served the larger community with care transition coaching services to nearly 3,100 Medicare beneficiaries discharged from the hospital to their homes in the community as part of a CMS demonstration project in 2013-2015. Brewster at Home led a coalition including Stormont-Vail and St. Francis hospitals and the Washburn University School of Nursing, for the Community Based Care Transitions Project (CCTP), an ACA demonstration designed to reduce readmissions to the hospital within 30 days of discharge. The Capital Care Transitions Coalition had an excellent success rate during the course of the project.

Brewster Place residents also play a large role in meeting the needs of the larger community including our Independent Living residents who work throughout the year to make items for sale at our Annual Holiday Charity Bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar, which has been an annual Brewster Place event for 50 years, are donated to area charities such as Let's Help and the Rescue Mission. Nearly \$600,000 has been donated to charities from the event since its inception.

Additionally, residents give countless hours of volunteer community service in their churches, hospitals and social service agencies. And residents often volunteer as official Brewster representatives, such as the group who visits Ronald McDonald House to cook dinner for residents of the house.

The Brewster Foundation helps to fulfill our responsibilities as well. Brewster employs around

340 staff members both full time and part time. Brewster has made a commitment to full time staff to pay up to 100% of single coverage for all staff. With the assistance of the Brewster Foundation Employee Support and Assistance Fund, lower paid staff also have the benefit of having a \$0 co-pay for regular doctor's visits, encouraging preventative care and early intervention. In addition, with help from the Brewster Foundation's Benevolent Care Fund, Brewster provided \$422,230 in subsidized or unreimbursed care and services last year.

Lastly, Brewster Place excels at going above and beyond the minimum quality standards for care. The Brewster Health Center is a multi-year winner of

the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services PEAK Award. As one of four PEAK "Person-Centered Care Mentors" in Kansas, we also train other facilities in person-centered care concepts and strategies.

The Brewster Health Center is the only Joint Commission Accredited nursing and rehab facility in this area, and is the only facility to consistently maintain a 5-Star quality rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This record demonstrates a commitment to providing quality services that goes way beyond the minimum standards required by government licensure and certification programs. ■



The Home Front During World War II

Wednesdays, March 9, 16 and 23

2:00—4:00 pm | Chapel

World War II changed everything and everyone. Women were allowed to work in factories for the war effort. Rosie the Riveter built airplanes, ships and tanks for the Armed Forces. We will recall saving grease for glycerin for use in ammunitions, ration books to buy gasoline and tires, saving scrap metal, going without silk and nylons, planting Victory Gardens, joining Bond drives and working around the clock to help America win the war. We will listen to Walter Winchell, Movietone News, and President Roosevelt's talks to make America the Arsenal for Democracy. We'll see how the "Greatest Generation," toughened and hardened during the Great Depression, excelled on the home front as well as in the theaters of war.

Instructor

Ross Hutchins is a teacher of U.S. History, Western Civilization, and Economics at Friends University in Topeka. He is a retired public school administrator and educator of 41 years. ■

No matter how big or how small, your gifts to the **Chaplaincy Fund** make a difference! The Chaplaincy Fund is one of several funds for which the Brewster Foundation seeks donations. The new Chapel was completed in December 2015 and is a warm and welcoming space. A few additions were needed to complete the space, and through the generosity of residents and friends, the Chaplaincy Fund was utilized to fund these items.

Items purchased include new, colorful banners, a new offering box stand, a laptop computer, music program, and additional chairs. In addition to these upgrades, a beautiful new Communion table was purchased with funding from a direct donation. The organ, which was purchased last year with monies raised from donors, is now connected to the sound system making the Chapel a delightful place for worship and fellowship. "I am very excited for the new Chapel decorations. They have a classic stained glass look and can be changed for each season," commented Chaplain Roger Jackson.

The Brewster Foundation is happy to be a part of this renovation and improvement. The gifts that made this possible were donated over several years. Often people feel that the small single gift does not have an impact, when in fact, a contribution to a specific fund is held to be used for that fund's purpose. Individually, gifts may seem small, but once combined we are able to do great things.

As you enjoy the banners, organ, and other improvements in the Main Street area, please know that we are so very thankful for each and every gift made to the Brewster Foundation — whether through memorial gifts, annual fund gifts or other donations, each gift does indeed make a difference.

In addition to the Chaplaincy Fund, other funds include the Employee Support and Assistance Fund, Strategic Opportunities Fund, Benevolent Care Fund, and the Unrestricted Fund. Each fund has a specific purpose, and combined with various special project funds, encompass all of the fundraising efforts of the Brewster Foundation. ■

News & Views

Sponsored by the Brewster Foundation

Tuesday, March 8

10:00 am | Chandler Sun Porch



Once again we welcome Kevin McFarland who is sure to provide discussion on some of the most timely topics of the day. This one hour discussion program always leaves those attending with food for thought. This quarterly event is up to date, thought-provoking, interactive and fun! If all of that is not enough, don't forget about the always enjoyable joke to wrap things up. We hope to see you on the Sun Porch! ■

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The Forum

Sponsored by the Brewster Foundation

Thursday, March 3

10:00 am | BE CR

Joe Schrag has attended every Kansas Relays since 1954. He participated as an athlete, coach, official, and as a spectator. Joe was inducted into the KU Relays Hall of Fame in 2007. He is the author of *The Kansas Relays: Track and Field Tradition in the Heartland*, which is the first book devoted to the history of this classic event.

Coming in April...

The April Forum on Thursday, April 7, will feature a presentation by Tobias Schlingensiepen entitled "Pope Francis: Religion and Politics in America."

Driving Rehabilitation Program



As our population ages, there can be many deficits brought from medical diagnosis or active aging that can make driving difficult. Dementia, stroke, arthritis, low vision, neuromuscular disorders, spinal cord injuries, cardiovascular diseases, even weakness and poor flexibility can cause problems when driving.

Brewster Place is now offering a driving evaluation to assess your skills. This driving evaluation is performed by Barb Bleich, an Occupational Therapist who has received specialized training as a driving rehabilitation specialist (OT-DRS).

During the evaluation you can expect a visual, cognitive, and reaction time test. If the land assessment is passed, an actual driving evaluation will be performed in a modified Brewster car. After the assessment, the Occupational Therapist will write out recommendations including:

- ◆ Return to driving, with or without adaptive driving equipment.
- ◆ Limit driving with restrictions.
- ◆ Receive adaptive driving instruction or driver retraining.
- ◆ Cease driving. This is advised when you do not demonstrate the necessary skills to resume driving and when your potential for improvement with retraining is poor.
- ◆ Reassessment. This option is indicated if your driving ability is expected to improve or if you demonstrate adequate skills but have a progressive disorder that may cause future decline.

Because you want to be a safe driver as long as possible, consider getting a professional driving assessment. ■

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Please call at 274-3337 to set up an evaluation today!

happiness.

noun

: a state of well-being and contentment.



Left: Dean and Georgia McKeever enjoyed celebrating Dean's birthday together with their friends — and a little cake and ice cream too!



Left: Maggie Beers has certainly been a model volunteer for Brewster over the years. She has served in various capacities on our Board of Directors and is now an official resident along with her husband, Ray. **Right:** Sydney Fluke was a machinist by trade and has been a wood worker for many years as well. The smile on his face tells you one of his favorite places to be is in the woodshop.



Resident Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Ruth Larson | 5 |
| Ada Bishop | 6 |
| Ruth Fecteau | 6 |
| Marvin Carlson | 7 |
| James Frank | 7 |
| Robert Parman | 7 |
| Arlene Rothberger | 7 |
| Carolyn Taylor | 7 |
| Margaret Marcell | 8 |
| Betty Rice | 10 |
| Bobbie Smelter | 10 |
| Marilyn Kidd | 11 |
| Claudia Cerrone | 15 |
| Hermi Lowe | 15 |
| Sarah Murrell | 17 |
| Betty Sisk | 17 |
| Floyd Dibbern | 18 |
| Homer McElroy | 18 |
| Mary Cox | 19 |
| Verna Markham | 19 |
| Warren Schriener | 19 |
| Evelyn Siegel | 20 |
| Wilma Fowler | 21 |
| Edna Mae Petersen | 22 |
| Sally Henson | 23 |
| Donald Tucker | 25 |
| Helen Russo | 26 |
| Margaret Tessi | 26 |
| Francis Dembicki | 27 |
| Phyllis McMahan | 29 |
| Vivian Grant | 30 |
| Bill Harlow | 31 |

Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Alan and Rosemary Bradbury | 3-13-48 |
| Wendell and Pauline Yockey | 3-13-66 |

Transfers

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|---------------|------|
| Ruth Fecteau | AL 8 |
| Betty Gilbert | BHC |
| James Gordon | BHC |

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The Brewster News is also available online at:

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Staff Anniversaries

Brewster staff members who are celebrating their employment anniversaries in March!

| Department | Location | Years |
|---|----------|-------|
| <u>Administration</u> | | |
| Karen Sandmeyer | BE | 3 |
| Teresa Bliss | BE | 7 |
| <u>Community Relations</u> | | |
| Dennis Grindel | SH | 1 |
| <u>Dining Services</u> | | |
| Bella Ayala | BHC | 8 |
| Ruth Bastian | MB | 5 |
| Joan Wyatt | MB | 3 |
| Roxanna Bays | MB | 3 |
| <u>Environmental Services</u> | | |
| Curtis Thuston | MB | 5 |
| Deborah Rosenberger | MB | 38 |
| Hilarie Wolf | MB | 1 |
| Charles Johnson | MB | 15 |
| <u>Health Services</u> | | |
| Whitney Walker | BHC | 3 |
| Tamica Bradley | BHC | 2 |
| Connor Guffey | BHC | 2 |
| Michael Wingo | AL | 9 |
| <u>Rehab</u> | | |
| Kimberly Celestin | BHC | 2 |
| Abbey Marlow | BHC | 2 |
| <u>Security and Transportation</u> | | |
| Nicholas Bonfiglio | MB | 3 |
| Steve Hansford | MB | 4 |
| Donald Davis | MB | 2 |
| <u>Therapy</u> | | |
| Elise Leonard | BHC | 2 |
| Deborah Webb | BHC | 9 |

New Residents

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Christel Marquardt | 2936 Brewster Ct. |
| June Golden | MB 202 |

In Memoriam

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Mr. Don Brock | 1-31-16 |
| Mrs. Mildred Glover | 2-4-16 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Hiller | 2-4-16 |
| Mrs. Doris Dillinger | 2-12-16 |
| Mrs. Theresa Gordon | 2-14-16 |
| Mr. Gene Rapstine | 2-16-16 |
| Mrs. Willna Zweifel | 2-22-16 |

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Lunch and Sabatini Art Gallery Tour—Monday, March 7—11:00 am Lobbies

We will begin with a delightful lunch at the Millennium Café at the library, followed by a guided tour through the ROY G. BIV exhibit at the Sabatini Art Gallery. The exhibit travels through a rainbow of art and explores the wonder of color. Lunch is Dutch treat. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

Topeka Community Concert— Anastasia Dedik—Friday, March 11—6:30 pm Lobbies

After graduating in 2004 from the St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, Anastasia Dedik continued her education in the United States at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and the Julliard School. She has performed as a soloist and featured pianist with orchestras across Europe and America. Season tickets or you may purchase tickets at the door. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for transportation reservations.

All American March Concert — Sunday, March 13 — 2:30 pm Lobbies

This is always a wonderful musical event sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota. Proceeds benefit Washburn University music students. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

Dinner Night Out—Wednesday, March 16—5:30 pm Lobbies

Let's go to Topeka Country Club for dinner! The chef offers an outstanding meal with a quiet atmosphere. The average entrée is \$16 plus tax and gratuity. Please join Jamie for this Dutch treat dinner by calling her at 274-3398 for reservations.

Topeka Symphony Orchestra—Saturday, March 19—6:45 pm Lobbies

The program is *The World in Storm and Sea*. 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the tornado which tore through Topeka. We remember the storm at this evening's concert of *The World in Storm and Sea*. They will play Benjamin Britten's stormy and dramatic *Four Sea Interludes* from the opera *Peter Grimes*, and offer perhaps the most famous of all storm music, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 6, the Pastoral*. The *Pastoral* features a musical thunderstorm, including the calm before the storm, the raging storm itself, and the quiet afterwards, and will provide us an opportunity to reflect on the storm of 1966 and the years following as Topekans rebuilt. This will be a moving and powerful evening for all. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for ticket information and transportation reservations.

Topeka Civic Theatre—Wednesday, March 23—6:00 pm Lobbies

Topeka Civic Theatre presents *Memphis* about a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Together they embark on an incredible journey. This Tony Award winning musical is set in the 1950's in an underground dance club. It is sure to be a hit at TCT. Call early to reserve your seats as Brewster Place only has a limited number of tickets available. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

Lunch Out at Dover Café with a Scenic Drive—Tuesday, March 29—10:45 am Lobbies

Let's go have a Dutch lunch at the Sommerset Café in Dover, Kansas. The lunch special will be Taco Tuesday, but we are going for the award winning pies! Afterward we will check on the progress of Spring as we drive the scenic highway to Lake Wabaunsee. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art—Wednesday, March 30—8:45 am Lobbies

"This groundbreaking exhibition examines 17th century Dutch paintings based on the social structure as reflected by various socio-economic groups. Highlights of this exhibition of more than 70 paintings include Vermeer's *A Lady Writing* and portraits by Rembrandt and Hals. Along with the paintings, three place settings featuring the everyday tableware of the upper, middle, and lower classes will bring to life the tangible differences within the stratified population." Lunch will be Dutch treat at Rozzelle Court at the museum. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations. Transportation is \$13.

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Easter Crafts with Jamie—Tuesday, March 1—10:00 am BE; 2:00 pm MB FR

We will make an Easter craft to hang on your door. The craft will be easy to put together. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations to make sure we have supplies for all.

The Forum—Thursday, March 3—10:00 am BE CR

Joe Schrag, author of *The Kansas Relays: Track and Field Tradition in the Heartland*, will be talking about the rich history of The Kansas Relays. Joe was an athlete, coach, official, and spectator in this event for over 60 years.

Cornerstone Solo Performances—Thursday, March 3—3:00 pm ML

Enjoy musical performances by Cornerstone musicians preparing for national competition.

Great Decisions—Fridays, March 4 and 18—2:00 pm MB FR

Please join us for the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions discussion group. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Karaoke—Friday, March 4—5:00 pm BE CR

Brewster Place staff will lead us in Karaoke. It's fun to watch but even more fun to participate!

News & Views with Kevin McFarland — Tuesday, March 8 — 10:00 am CSP

We love having Kevin visit and facilitate this wonderful discussion group. Please come for conversation and coffee!

KU Osher Lifelong Learning Series: The Home Front During World War II

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, and 23—2:00 p.m. Chapel

Please see article on page 2 of this issue.

Resident Council Meeting — Thursday, March 10 — 10:00 am KAC

All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to hear from Brewster staff as well as resident committee chairs.

Grace Stewart Music—Thursday, March 10—3:00 pm ML

Sing-a-long with the music of Grace Stewart.

IPad and iPhone Class with Becky Hinton — Monday, March 14 — 10:00 am ML

If you want to learn more about your iPad or iPhone, this is the class for you! Donuts will be served!

Julie Reeves—Monday, March 14—2:30 pm ML

Julie will challenge our knowledge of Carrie Nation. She will present a lecture on whether Carrie Nation was really a Cranky Curmudgeon or a Caring Crusader.

Healthwise 55—Tuesday, March 15—11:30 am KAC

Heart Failure—How You Can Stay Out of the Hospital

Allison Proctor, an advanced registered nurse practitioner at the Cotton O'Neil Heart Center's Heart Failure Clinic, will discuss the signs and symptoms of heart failure, how it is treated, and how one can stay healthy with the right combinations of medication and lifestyle modifications. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

NCAA Basketball Tournament Kickoff and Hot Dogs—Thursday, March 17—11:00 am MSL

Let's kick off the big dance (NCAA Basketball Tournament) with a lunch of hotdogs, chips, fruit and a cookie. The lunch cost will be \$3.00. Please make a reservation with Jamie at 274-3398 by Monday, March 14.

Kristi Baker Piano Music — Friday, March 18 — 3:00 pm ML

Enjoy some wonderful music from this talented musician.

Bleeding Kansas Play—Tuesday, March 22—3:00 pm ML

The Lecompton Re-enactors will perform a play set in the territorial days of Kansas. The actors will portray significant figures from Kansas in the 1850s engaging in discussions about slavery. The setting is a town hall political meeting in the period leading up to statehood and the Civil War.

Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity—Saturday, March 26—3:00 pm ML

Enjoy the musical presentation by Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity.

Betty Geiser at the Piano—Monday, March 28—2:00 pm ML

Betty, an accomplished pianist, will give a piano concert featuring songs from the Greatest Generation.

Deo Gloria Singers—Thursday, March 31—12:30 pm ML / 1:00 pm BE

Join us for the music presentation by the Deo Gloria Singers under the direction of Dorothy Iliff.