

Volunteers Needed!

Each year as the new school year begins, Crosaires always sends out a call for volunteers to help aide our mission and vision statements. Do you have a special talent, play an instrument, have a rare or unique collection, etc.? If so why not share this talent and/or interest with the elders at Crosaires? Give us a call at 517-898-1715 if interested.

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CROSAIRES

"Where Care and Community Intersect"

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From the "Desk of Todd"

Summer over, what? My it seems like it just began in some ways! For me this was one of the most memorable summers on record; memorable in many ways but especially true when it came to my love of professional baseball and The Detroit Tigers organization. Born and raised in the Detroit area, I have fond memories of attending Detroit Tiger games with my parents and brother as a child. Growing up with baseball legends such as Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker, Jack Morris, Mark "The Bird" Fydrich and many, many others.

As a true consummate fan of the team, this past summer I had the opportunity

to meet many of the great players I grew up with, getting autographs from Lance Parrish, Cecil Feilder, Placido Polanco, Pete Rose, Lou Whitaker, Darryl Evans, Alan Trammell and in early September, Mr. Tiger himself, Al Kaline.

Oh, what a summer it has been for this baseball fan, attending many games at Comerica Park and even making the trip of a lifetime to Cooperstown, New York for the baseball hall of fame induction for Alan Trammell and Jack Morris.

Making sure to enjoy each and every day and do what is meaningful and purposeful, this makes it a life worth living. Folks, this summer I had a life worth living! Happy Fall and enjoy!

5TH ANNUAL "PITCH FOR PAMPERS" DATE SET!

It is hard to believe but Crosaires has been holding and hosting the Pitch for Pampers Community Horseshoe Tournament since 2013. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 29th beginning at 10:00 a.m. as you join others in a fun morning of horseshoe throwing all for a good cause. The winning team will walk away with a cash prize and all remaining proceeds raised will go towards the community cause, Pyper's Diapers, spearheaded by Williamston resident, Sandy Whelton.

Last year we had 13 teams participate and would love to have a minimum of 15. Teams consist of same and/or opposite sex and the cost is \$30.00 per team. This tournament is a single game elimination up to 21. The final two teams will play a best two out of three championship round to determine this year's winner!

You do not need to be a professional for this event, as in the past we had a lad throw a horseshoe well into the air, landing in a tree! Many laughs for sure!

Sunflowers Galore

The only thing possibly that could have made the trip to Corunna better on August 1st was that the sun were to be shining on the when we visited a local sunflower farm.

In all the years the elders have been alive, not one person present could ever remember seeing such beauty and abundance of sunflowers!

It was a awesome sight indeed leaving us breathless and ready to put on our top 10 things to do in the summer of 2019!

CROSAIRES VISITS THE POTTER PARK ZOO!

Thanks to the help of staff member, Aaron Benninger, community volunteer, Joan Mills and Sara Aikman, daughter of elder, Dee Cory the elders thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Potter Park Zoo on July 17th.

For close to two hours everyone enjoyed the many exhibits that were available to the public that day. By the end of the day it was unanimous that the group favorite were the lions and tigers!

Six Sprigs Lavender Farm...AHHHH

She may have moved locations but her new "home" is magical amid the streets of Lansing. Welcome to Six Sprigs Lavender Farm owned and operated by our friend, Dr. Wynne Wright of Michigan State University. Six Sprigs is central Michigan's only urban lavender farm and is home to 14 different varieties of this beautiful flower! Located at 1211 Clark Street in Lansing, Dr. Wright has an active Facebook page and is present regularly at the Meridian Township Farmer's Market. Thank you again this year Wynne for taking the time to host Crosaires and not only allow us to enjoy a picnic lunch, but to be educated on the benefits and history of this magical flower. Your new location and hard work is paying off and we look forward to visiting you again next July!

Along the Fence Daylily Trip ALWAYS a hit!

If you have never been to the Along the Fence Daylily Farm in Dansville, then you are definitely missing out on quite an experience. The owner, and host, Sandra Dunn is worth the trip alone. What an absolute delightful person who has created something of magnificent beauty. Row after row of beautiful lilies adorn her property and Crosaires now has visited this farm the past five years. Sandra and her team always say we are the highlight of their summer, but we always say the same in return.

For the past few years now, Crosaires has had a lot of fun shopping for Sandra and have had a blast doing so. You see, every variety of Lily at the farm is named and categorized accordingly. Crosaires thought it would be appropriate to purchase a garage sale token to represent a variety of flower. Each year we now surprise Sandra and her team

with the assortment of gifts we proudly bring to our gathering. This tradition has now turned into something very meaningful and purposeful for everyone involved. We grieve when we leave each year and yearn for July of the following year. Again, Along the Fence Daylily Farm, a must see in mid-Michigan!

The Crosaires Foundation Updates...

The Crosaires Foundation held their quarterly meeting on Monday, August 27th and are looking forward to our return fundraiser at Culver's on Monday, October 8th between the hours of 5-10:00 p.m.

Other fundraising options the Foundation is exploring consist of Kroger Community Rewards Program and Old Chicago Pizza.

The Foundation is also looking to identify an individual who can help research possible grants available to aide in our fundraising journey. If you are a person who has grant writing experience and/or know of someone

with this expertise, please have them contact Todd Walter at 517-898-1715 and/or by sending him an email at toddw@crosaires.com

The Crosaires Foundation is always accepting donations. If you and/or someone you know would like to make a financial contribution, contact Todd Walter for more information.

For more questions about the Crosaires Foundation, visit the Crosaires' website at www.crosaires.com and/or call Todd Walter at 517-898-1715.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you at Culvers on the 8th of October!

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LIVING OUR MISSION AND VISION...

As you have read for several months now, there is nothing more gratifying to an owner of a small business when he/she sees that the organization is fulfilling its mission and vision statements on a daily basis and are recognized by others for doing so as well. For the past six years, Crosaires has tried to live up to its mission statement and are proud to say we strive to do so each and every day. Our mission and vision statements were founded on strong principles and as one family member stated, “Crosaires always strives to put ‘humanity’ first above everything else.”

Mission: Where care and community intersect.

Vision: Honoring elderhood by continuously creating a culture of well-being, rich in meaning and purpose.

Each month we continue highlighting a significant event, program and/or life experience which depicts our mission and vision. Constant awareness builds excitement and when excitement builds, things really begin to move.

This past month we aided two community efforts to assist a child in need to begin his/her school year on the right foot. Recently, Crosaires shopped for and filled two backpacks with school supplies and dropped one off at Dr. Beth Faber’s office in Williamston and the other at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing! Two well deserved children will have smiles on their faces come the first day of school this year!

If you hear and/or know of a community volunteering opportunity please call Todd at 517-898-1715. The opportunity to give care, and not only receive it, is essential to human life!