Victorian Dollhouse
By Barbara Danahy, Dollhouse Coordinator

You have probably walked past our Victorian dollhouse or climbed the grand staircase at AAP and noticed it in the hallway at the top of the stairs. Have you ever wondered who the dollhouse belonged to or how it came to reside at Attic Angel? “Jane’s Tee House” belonged to Attic Angel Jane Secord, past Association President, 1981-82. It was built in 1987 by her husband, John, an avid woodworker and golfer -- note the golf tee on the top of the house!

Miniatures and dollhouses were very popular in the 80’s but Jane’s hobby went back to her childhood when she received a dollhouse for a Christmas gift at the age of 7. This house was later renovated by John and given to their daughter, Laura, now a retired librarian for Macalester College in Saint Paul. Laura fondly recalls her parent’s hobby and how the whole family was involved. John built two houses for Jane, the first one “from scratch” in the late 70’s, and the Victorian dollhouse, which was built from an unfinished shell and customized to accurately reflect details and furnishings of that period. This dollhouse was on display in a bay window of the living room in their Shorewood home. Upon Jane and John’s deaths in 1993, the family donated this very special dollhouse to Attic Angel to be enjoyed for years to come.

Due to the popularity of the hobby, miniatures became very easy to purchase from magazines, catalogues and hobby stores. It might take months for an ordered item to arrive, but it was always exciting when a new piece arrived in the mail. Laura remembers many trips to the Midvale Hobby Shop. When the family went on vacations, they would stop at museums with dollhouses on display and Jane and John searched gift shops for unique pieces. Kits were sold to make handcrafted miniatures such as petit point rugs, pillows, cushioned furniture, and many decorative pieces. Laura and her two brothers often helped in the creation and building of the houses and these pieces. She even remembers using super glue to affix light fixtures in our dollhouse and accidentally gluing her finger to the ceiling!

Laura Secord describes her parents as having a wonderful sense of imagination and fun. The dollhouse figurines were real people with real lives and the Secord family would have conversations about what was going on in their household. She remembers feeling sympathy for them as they looked on in horror when the family dog chewed up a prized chair or dollhouse family member!

With this in mind, the next time you walk past the Victorian dollhouse, take a moment to admire all the tiny details and use your imagination! It is truly a treasure.
Struggling with Low Vision?

There are tons of technology/equipment available to help people with low vision. Did you know that therapy can be a part of that solution? Therapy can provide recommendations after working with the resident so that they can determine what their specific needs are. Once equipment arrives, therapy can teach you how to use the equipment and make sure it will work effectively for you. One common misconception in dealing with low vision is to always use magnification. While that can help some, that is not always the answer. Therapy can also help families get educational resources to better understand the nature and prognosis of their family's condition and make sure that the information you receive is specific and valuable to you. If you have any questions or would like additional services and/or resources, or call us at 608-662-8868.

As you continue to look around, to the left and right, you will see Attic Angel’s own collection of books, sound recordings, a variety of magazines, newspapers, and other items. We are fortunate to have Angels who do a fantastic job maintaining and keeping these items up-to-date and relevant. Both collections are here for you to enjoy – please, always remember to sign them out in the binder on the desk with your name, date, and book title. Returning them when you are finished reading will make them available for others to enjoy. (Note: magazines & newspapers are not available for checkout but can be enjoyed in the library.)

An additional option for your book reading pleasure is ‘Special Requests’. There are small forms on the desk for you to fill out, noting your name and apartment number, the book title, author, format, and date. These are to be left in the lower portion of the holder. A Library Angel is here every Thursday from 2-4pm. She will take these requests to Alicia Ashman Library and, when the books are in, the Library Angel will pick them up and deliver them to the individual residents.

Now, a note about the “small” part of Our Wonderful Library! Donations are appreciated and, because space is extremely limited, the Angels have had to set some parameters as to what will be best. To keep things current, they have requested only books published since 2015. That said, wonderful classics and other library treasures would be considered through a conversation with the Library Committee. A note with a description, along with your contact information, can be given to Reception for follow-up. Please find other outlets for items like encyclopedias, research books, and other older books.

Come on in and check out the great reading material available in the Attic Angel Library. And then, sit back, and enjoy a good book!
AAP Board Report
By Pat McClimon, AAP Board Secretary

The AAP Board met on September 22. We enjoyed visiting with a Household resident and a couple who live in the Apartments. They shared their input as residents of the Attic Angel Community. Overall, they are very happy with their experience. They shared information about activities they enjoy, and also shared some suggestions for improvements that could be addressed. The AAP Board hopes to make a visit to AAP in the future to visit with some residents at their home.

Michelle Godfrey shared the results of the WeCare Employee Satisfaction Survey that was recently administered. Plans are being formulated to address opportunities to make improvements where indicated.

The Board also discussed the results of the technology assessment that was recently conducted by Parasol Alliance, a company that specializes in technology systems for similar organization. Further discussion on the results of their analysis will be taken up by the Finance Committee.

Classic Clothing Sale 2022
by Deb Cohn, Co-Chair

This year’s Classic Clothing Sale resembled our pre-pandemic sales and was a great success with over 400 shoppers. The Classic Clothing Committee is most grateful to Chauette and Mainstream Boutique for donating new clothing, to the residents and Angels who donated clothing, to the Angels who helped with sorting, washing, ironing, organizing, and pricing clothing, and to the Angels who worked setting up for the sale and during the sale. We appreciate the Attic Angel staff members who assisted with many aspects of the sale including those who gave up their offices so we could use them for the sale.

Many other organizations benefited from the clothing donations we received for the sale. These include St. Vincent de Paul, Middleton Outreach Ministry, Agrace Thrift Stores, Koats for Kids, and Dress for Success. We are happy to report that this year’s sale resulted in a net profit of $25,028.50 that will be divided between the Attic Angel Community Grants program and the Resident Aid Fund. Thank you again to all of you who helped to make this year’s Classic Clothing Sale a success!
We’re Talking Turkey at AAC!
By Pat Mcclimon, Angel Volunteer

Thanksgiving may bring to mind food, family, friends, and football games for many of us. For John Kaage, Dining Services Director at Attic Angel Community, and his staff, the “bird’s the word” when they start thinking about the holiday. Fixing turkey with all the trimmings for three hundred diners, give or take a few, takes a great deal of planning and some fancy footwork the last few days before the holiday. Residents, their invited guests, and staff working the holiday are all invited to enjoy a homemade feast.

This year there is a turkey shortage due to an Avian Flu outbreak which has affected a number of turkeys. Finding a vendor and securing the order of about 1,000 ounces of turkey makes shopping early essential this year.

John says they will be baking around thirty pies. There’ll be pumpkin pie, of course, plus one other choice. In addition to the traditional side dishes, residents will also be served a soup or salad as well as a fresh vegetable. Residents in some areas of the community will also have an option, other than turkey, to choose from.

Gratefully, the “grocery shopping” is mainly done through several preferred vendors. So you won’t see John with a mile long shopping list pushing multiple carts through the Pick N Save the week of Thanksgiving. John says that the food preparation begins several days before the big event and that the ovens in the kitchen will be heating up by 5:30 am on Thanksgiving morning.

Surely the AAC residents and Angel volunteers will be counting all the staff at AAC among our blessings on Thanksgiving Day and throughout the year.

Oh, and by the way, not to disappoint, but the new menu of catered items will not be available for holiday meals. However, at other times, they will be happy to cater trays, platters, appetizers, and meals for interested parties.

Continuing Education
10:30-11:30am, Community Room

Monday, November 7th
Red Sea Scrolls: How to Build a Pyramid
Dick Loveless, Retired Physics Professor, University of Wisconsin Chair, CERN, Switzerland Publications

Monday, November 14th
Afghan Refugee Families in Madison
Brigit Parlow, Youth Minister, Volunteer with Boys and Girls Club, Afghan Women’s Sewing Projects

Monday, November 21st
The History, Mission and Programs of the Farley Center
Shed Farley, Owner, Farley Center Verona WI (Natural Path Sanctuary)

Monday, November 28th
NO PROGRAM
JUMP FOR JOY FOR THE
HOLIDAYS GALORE AND MORE SALE!

The Attic Angels are back in action preparing lots of goodies for our annual Holiday Sale. Come join us and look for gorgeous holiday décor, tons of ornaments, decorated wreaths, holiday jewelry, and delicious bake goods for purchase!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 9:00-4:00PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 9:00-1:00PM

PARTICIPATE IN OUR NOV. 4 RAFFLE FOR GREAT EXPERIENCES

NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ALL DAY AT AAP RECEPTION AND DURING THE HOLIDAY SALE AT THE ASSOCIATION BUILDING

TICKETS ARE $5 FOR 1 OR $20 FOR 5 TICKETS. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. DRAWING WILL BE AT 4:00PM ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT RAFFLE EXPERIENCES

*2 Packers Tickets for Jan 8<sup>th</sup> game against Detroit Lions donated by Patsy Miller.

*4-person round of 18-hole golf at Windsor Country Club, cart, golf balls, mug and golf glove included. Donated by the Windsor Country Club, Kay Anderson & Diane Rehm.


*4 Mallard Terrace Seat Vouchers for any game in 2023. Includes 4 Mallard Hats and Bobble Head. Donated by Mallards and Sheila Schlutz.

* Cooking Class & dinner for four at The Deliciouser featuring The Deliciouser spice blends. Donated by Patrick O’Halloran.
Birthday

Haven
Lowell Pethley 11/14

Health Center
Bill Young 11/8
Warren Sime 11/18
Ivan Vieth 11/19
Mary Lou Hogan 11/27

Households
Phyllis Mathias 11/9
Jeanne Rayne 11/10

Apartments
Pat Herder 11/2
Don Klimpel 11/17
Nancy Vuchetich 11/18
Mac McCluskey 11/18
Mary Sprague 11/29

Prairie Point
Karen Kennedy 11/3
Julie Johnson 11/4
Karen Perzentka 11/5
Margaret Douma 11/9

Birthday (continued)
Caroline McVey 11/14
Helen Eckerle 11/22
Andy Munthe 11/23
Carla Nagle 11/27
Nancy Killeen 11/28

Moves and Transfers

Health Center
Phyllis Sprecher HC 175
Warren Sime HC 151

Households
Tom & Louise Gitter HH 343

Apartments
Kathleen Wessel APT 122

Staff Anniversaries

Stacy Davison 1 year
Kathleen Hansen 1 year
Hailey Kowalske 1 year
Heidi Vetter 1 year
Robert Hampton 1 year
Yudit Zavala 1 year
Chris Reineke 1 year
Marcus Henry 1 year
Ethan Ward 2 years
Nawang Lhadon 2 years

Please welcome new leaders joining our team in the next month:

Tara Bauer, Quality Assurance & Risk Management Director joined the team on 10/26

Nikki Faust, Wellness Director beginning on 11/14

Kim Blum, Resident Services Director on 11/21

A notice with a bio will be sent out for each of these staff members. A meet n’ greet will also be scheduled in late November.
Gifts to Attic Angel Association

Gift to Community Grants In memory of Dr. William "Bill" McKinney, husband of Carolyn McKinney ’85
Ruthann Grantham
Amy Kahl

Employee Giving
Michelle Godfrey

Gift to Association received with Fall Luncheon Registration
Susan Drane
Deborah Gleason
Joan Lampert
Fern Lawrence
Judy Loveless
Jane McGinn
Nancy J. Olson
Barbara M. Peterman
Catherine T. Rotter
Sarellen Schuh
Jeanne Schultz
Katie Sekelsky
Sandy M. Spengler

In Memory of Lucy Hall ’79, AAP
Reed and Ellie Hall
Amy Nickles
Debbie Stamler
Tom and Pam Wencel

In memory of Margaret Schroeder ’78, AAP, AAPP
Caroline Liedtke

In memory of Richard "Dick" McCoy, AAPP
Wally and Peggy Douma

In memory of Susie Perina Steinmetz ’78, AAP
Susan Smith

In memory of Warren "Buck" Gabelman, AAPP
Wally and Peggy Douma

Legacy/Planned Giving
Christy Mayer

Gifts to Attic Angel Place
Employee Appreciation Fund
Anonymous (1)

Gifts to Resident Aid Fund

In honor of Martha Johnson, AAP
Erik and Amy Johnson – Hy Cite Enterprises, LLC

In memory of Bea Kabler ’79
Patricia Bernhardt

In memory of Celeste Wencel ’87, AAP
Patricia Bernhardt

In memory of Janet Emmerich ’80, AAP
Patricia Bernhardt

In Memory of Lucy Hall ’79, AAP
Patricia Bernhardt