

Community Connection

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(608) 662-8880

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Pioneer in Children's Cancer Care

By: Dr. Memee Chun, AAP Resident

Co-Editor: Brad Murphy, Volunteer

I was born February 1st, 1929 in Beijing, China. My mother was Mefonne King, wife of Chinese Diplomat Wunsz King. He represented the Republic of China in numerous European countries. Among other assignments, he helped to negotiate the peace treaties following World War I and participated in the War Crimes Commission following WWII.

At 4 years old, I traveled to The Netherlands to join my parents. I remember well how frightened I was because I had never seen a white person before and suddenly, they were everywhere. I did not understand the language and am told that I spent much of this year crying and acting out. Eventually, I adjusted, with the help of my kind governess and enrollment in a special school for the children of diplomats in The Netherlands.

My family was very fortunate to be in Europe at that time because the Chinese war with Japan (1937-1945) was very violent. In 1940, the Germans invaded the Netherlands, and we were transferred to Geneva, Switzerland. Soon thereafter my father was transferred to London, where we lived for the remainder of the war.

When I was 16 years old, the war ended, and my parents were relocating to Belgium. I asked my father if I could accompany him to a diplomatic meeting in Cuba. I secretly hoped to stop in America and go to college there. On board the ocean liner, The Queen Mary, I met the President of Swarthmore College, located in Pennsylvania. He invited me to attend his college, but my mother said, "You will not be going to college anywhere with boys!" I was accepted and enrolled in Bryn Mawr, a liberal arts college for Women in Pennsylvania, in January, 1948.

I majored in Biology, with the thought of eventually going to medical school. My mother did not feel the medical profession was appropriate for a woman. I wrote to my grandfather, who was in his 80s, living in China. He encouraged me to pursue my dream in spite of my parent's views to the contrary.

With his help, and the guidance of some supportive professors, I was accepted into Columbia Medical School in New York City upon graduation from Bryn Mawr.

I interned in pediatrics at Bellevue Hospital, the oldest and largest hospital in Manhattan. I really loved the kids, probably because I considered myself to be just a big kid. I completed my resident training at Babies Hospital in Manhattan and accepted a fellowship in pediatric hematology and oncology there. That was a major turning point in my career, and in my life because I met my future husband, Ray Chun, there.



Circa 1940. Memee King (about 11 years old) is helping load boxes of supplies that Holland is sending to help China during the Japanese war. Her parents are shown behind her.

Ray Chun, who was a Resident at University of Wisconsin Hospital, was sent to Babies Hospital in New York for a two-year period of time to work under and learn from Dr. Sidney Carter, considered by many to be the father of pediatric neurology. Ray was of Chinese descent but grew up in Hawaii. We were married in 1960 in New York.

After Ray returned to UW Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, I received a grant to start a pediatric oncology program at UW in Madison. I was responsible for starting the pediatric oncology clinic and training the physicians hired into the clinic.

By this time, Ray's career in pediatric neurology was flourishing and I was beginning to raise our family. I felt the pressure of trying to give the care needed to both my patients and my children, so working part-time seemed appropriate. My son Michael was born in 1961, my daughter Ruthanne was born in 1964, and son Mark was born in 1966. I worked part-time for a number of years in UW Health General Pediatrics Clinic while my children were growing up. I could relate well to many of the foreign UW students because of my language skills and my history of transitioning through multiple cultures.

I also worked as an instructor in the nursing school, teaching nurse practitioners about general pediatrics. I recall saying to the students, "Don't forget that you are nurses, because you give a lot more personal, sympathetic care than doctors do. You're there for the patient. The doctor is there for the disease."

While I held many different professional positions in my life, I feel most proud of the children I helped to save from leukemia while working as a pediatric oncologist.

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I had to convince one mother to let me try once more to treat her child with leukemia rather than "take him home to die." I was successful and she never forgot me for that. I still receive cards from former patients and their families who are grateful for my help.

I worked very hard my entire life but decided to retire in 1991. Since that time, I have served in a number of volunteer roles. For example, I responded to a newspaper ad placed by the Madison Literacy Council looking for volunteers to learn Braille. I took a nine-month course and used my new skills to transcribe children's books into Braille for blind children.

Ray and I moved into Prairie Point, part of the Attic Angel Communities, in 2006. We made many friends there until his death in 2014. I moved into the "Big House" in 2017 when I was no longer safe to drive. I feel very fortunate to have survived three different breast cancer treatments and to be of sound mind and body at nearly 98 years of age. I appreciate the support I receive from my family and friends and the staff and volunteers of the Attic Angel Association. I feel great satisfaction in knowing I have many long-term relationships in both my personal and professional life that continue to this day.

What Is the Horticulture Team Up To?

By: Jessa Tripalin, Lead Horticulturist, Attic Angel Grounds Team

Autumn is definitely creeping its way into our days! It is showing up in some ways we welcome with open arms and in other ways we wish we could politely ask to slow down just a bit. I am a huge fan of cooler temperatures, but I could certainly do without those dark skies arriving earlier in the evening! No matter what season we are in, though, the show must go on. And right now, there is quite a show happening in our gardens!

Our Horticulture Team has been noticing a HUGE presence of pollinators lately. They are busy buzzing, fluttering, and feasting their way through the flowers, filling up on delicious nectar as they prepare for what comes next. Some are getting ready to make their journey to warmer temperatures, while others are settling

in and preparing for winter. One of our favorite pollinator hotspots right now is the beautiful Seven-Son Tree in front of Attic Angel Place. If you have a minute, take a peek! There are all kinds of pollinators enjoying its blooms. Just recently, while the Angels were busy making our spaces beautiful, we counted at least eight monarch butterflies enjoying the Seven-Son Tree. Eight! Who knows what else was stopping by for the buffet?

Perhaps the tree is still putting on its show, so grab a little fresh air, take a peek and see what you can discover.



Photo by Jessa T.



Photos by Laura H.

SustainAbility: Sustainability Committee Report

By: Sue Robinson, Sustainability Committee Member

For the past year, this sustainability committee article has often focused on helping the Attic Angel community learn the what, where, why and how of recycling. In this article, we are listing some common items that should *not* go in recycle bins. These items should be placed in the trash. Tissue paper that is used in gift packages or for wrapping fragile items is not recyclable due to its fiber content. Obviously, facial tissue and toilet paper are not recyclable for the same reason. Put tissue paper in the trash. Latex gloves do not recycle nor do clothing and fabrics. Put them in the trash. Of course, gently used, clean clothing can be donated to secondhand stores. Ceramics and kitchen glassware do not recycle. Their glass composition is different from glass jars and bottles. Crinkly plastic bags go in the trash. Think potato chip bags and cereal box plastic liners. Remember that no plastic bags go in recycle bins. They must be dropped off at stores that send them to specialized recycling facilities.

One more basic recycling summary is added here but please refer to previous sustainability articles for more detailed information. Recycle bins: newspaper, office paper, junk mail, metal cans, glass jars and bottles, plastic containers #1-7 with lids and caps on, cardboard, cereal and cracker boxes. Drop off: plastic bags, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, wood, styrofoam, batteries, unused medications, pill bottles, hazardous waste, light bulbs, food scraps, toner and ink cartridges, books, yard waste. Pellitteri Waste Systems has an app that you may find useful. Enter your address and look for a “Recycle Right” symbol. Touch the symbol and you can search for items. The app will tell you where to dispose of them.



Welcome Aerial, Our New Massage Therapist!

By: Nicole Faust, Wellness Director

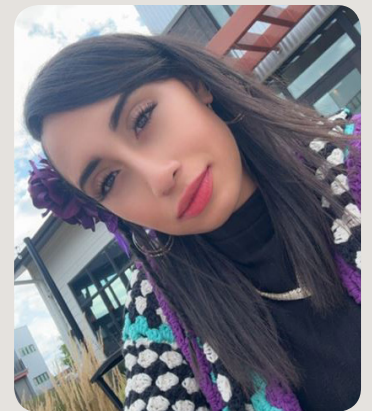
Aerial Bailey is a licensed massage therapist, esthetician, and owner of ReDruvenated Bliss, which she has operated since 2023. She graduated from the Ayurveda Esthetics Program at Aveda in 2022 and completed the Massage Therapy program at East West Healing Arts Institute in 2025.

Her training includes Ayurveda, acupressure, and foundational studies in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Aerial's passion for senior wellness is deeply personal. Her grandmother raised her from birth, and Aerial later became her caregiver until her passing. That experience deepened her understanding of the comfort, dignity, patience, and connection older adults deserve. It also inspired the Senior Wellness services offered through ReDruvenated Bliss.

Aerial also works at an elementary school supporting village building and community connection and serves as a youth mentor with a local nonprofit. She is a proud single mother who loves traveling, making memories, and spending quality time with her son and family. She enjoys promoting self-care and fitness and believes wellness should be part of everyday life.

If you are interested in a massage therapy appointment, stop by the AAP reception desk.



Heads Up & Reminders

To stay up to date on community events, residents may check activity calendars, Uniguest, or contact their Life Enrichment Coordinator. Staff may check their email or Paycor.

Continuing Education

Coffee: 10am - Garden Room
Program: 10:30am - Community Room

October 5th

"The Barneveld Tornado Revisited: A Scientific Review"

Alex Harrington, Chief
Meteorologist at CBS

October 12th

"Update on Immunizations After Controversies"

Dr. Conrad Andringa, Board Certified
Pediatrician

October 19th

"Camp Randall - Civil War to Present"

Robert Block, Oregon Area Historical
Society

October 26th

"See You Next Time"

Dave Niemi, Public Relations Specialist
from Kwik Trip, Inc.

Wreath Workshop

Prairie Point & Segoe Heights residents
are invited to a Hydrangea Wreath
Workshop! Join the Horticulture Team
and Kaitie and create your own wreath
from beautiful dried hydrangeas!

Tuesday, October 6th, 1-3pm
Community Room

***RSVP by 9/25 by calling or stopping
by reception***

Prairie Point Halloween Pizza Party

Saturday, October 24th
5-7pm
Community Room

Prairie Pointers are encouraged to wear
a favorite costume, mask, or something
orange or black.

RSVP required NO LATER than Sunday,
October 18th by email (preferred) or by
phone to:

Audrey Braucher
(acb1016@gmail.com, 608-469-6291)
or
Marsha Gregg
(mbgregg@tds.net, 608-354-2616)

Prairie Point Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, October 20th at 11:30am
Blackhawk Country Club
3606 Blackhawk Drive, Madison

Cost: \$25 cash at door
Includes soda, coffee, tea or iced tea +
tax and tip. For menu options, to RSVP,
or if you need a ride, reach out to
Faye Kiefer (fhkmad@aol.com,
608-332-8032) or Lois Harr (jlharr_us@
yahoo.com, 608-821-0590) by
Monday, October 12th

Second Chance Drop-Off

The next second chance drop-off will be
on **Thursday, October 15th** in the Parlor
at Attic Angel Place from 11am-1pm.

Attic Angel Community Happenings



We were soaking up the sunshine during our employee picnic!
Complete with food from North & South Seafood & Smokehouse and dessert from Momma Megs Ice Cream.



Another successful Legacy Dinner made complete with wonderful staff, residents, Angels, and guests! We are grateful for all who contribute their time and talents to further the Attic Angel legacy.

Attic Angel Community Happenings



It was a tee-rific August day for our Attic Angel Golf Open!



Congratulations to the winner of our e-trike raffle! Enjoy your new wheels, Edgar!

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