One Lincoln Park (OLP) Resident Spotlight... The Library Committee

It’s more important now than ever to find enjoyable ways to spend time indoors. And, what better way than reading a book? Residents Lucille Hatfield, Len Garten, and Linda Arnold are making this possible for everyone at OLP. As members of the Library Committee, they work together to make the in-house library an organized, convenient, and friendly place. Since they share the same passion for reading and helping others, they are the perfect team!

Lucille Hatfield’s love for reading began at a young age, while attending Fairmont High School. After graduation, she stayed in the Dayton area and worked as a retail store manager at F&S School Supply for 27 years. There she met Linda Arnold who also ended up at Lincoln Park, and is now one of her closest friends. Lucille has been on the committee since January 2020 and says her favorite part is recommending books because “it makes you feel good”.

Once Linda Arnold got her first Babsey Twins book, she knew she had a passion for reading. Linda attended Grove City High School in Grove City, Pennsylvania then studied French at Indiana University in Indiana, Pennsylvania. After graduating, she taught French for a few years, then became a substitute teacher while she and her husband moved around the country during his time in the military. Soon after moving to OLP, Linda attended a residents’ meeting and heard about the Library Committee. She joined in January 2020 with her longtime friend, Lucille. “I love helping the residents,” Linda says, “It’s my favorite part!”

Len Garten grew up in Beckley, West Virginia where he attended Richmond High School. Soon after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for 22 years. After the military, Len became a District Agent and Sales Manager for 15 years then retired. He moved to Fairborn, Ohio in 1972 where he first heard of One Lincoln Park. Len was invited to join the Library Committee. Because of his passion for school and reading, he did not hesitate. Len’s favorite part is working with Linda and Lucille. “We’re a well-oiled machine”, he says.

During the pandemic, the OLP Library is open on weekday afternoons. Residents come and go, picking up and returning books while wearing masks and carefully social distancing. As an added benefit, Lucille, Linda or Len is usually there with their warm welcome and friendly help, while making sure returned books are appropriately quarantined before reshelving. Thanks to this perfect team, there’s no better way to spend time indoors and read!
One Lincoln Park recently surveyed its residents to ensure continuing satisfaction during the pandemic.

- During this time of COVID-19: 98% of the respondents are glad that they live at OLP. 97% feel that OLP is meeting their expectations.
- Considering the service modifications and precautionary measures being implemented, satisfaction ratings for the operating areas ranged from 86% to 100%.
- 100% are satisfied with OLP’s amenities despite their limited availability.

The following are some of the survey comments we received:

“OLP faced & met this challenge with class & has not skipped a beat!”
“I appreciate your early response to the pandemic & the restrictions implemented to keep us all safe. Glad to resume small group meetings.”
“I am impressed with the care & concern that OLP has exercised.”
“Services here & the manner in which they are delivered have been beyond expectations - cheerfully delivered & very much appreciated.”
“It’s been good to receive all of the updated notices during the pandemic. I have felt safe in the environment.”
“I feel OLP has done a great job keeping us safe. I am thankful for all the employees’ dedication – always cheerful in spite of the masks.”
“I didn’t expect the coronavirus! All things considered, you did a great job! Hard to plan for the unexpected. We have not had COVID-19, and I am very grateful!”

The survey also generated many suggestions that One Lincoln Park is considering as it cautiously moves forward with gradual reopening of common areas and resumption of services.

Executive Director Ana Paner-Johnson thanks all the residents for their understanding and patience, as well as the entire staff for their courageous work during this challenging time. She adds “Safety is our number one priority and we will always weigh the risks against the benefits. As always, our goal is to strike the best balance possible.”

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**GARDEN GALS OF LINCOLN PARK MANOR**

Earlier this year, we shared the hard work of our “Garden Gals”, Sally Camplin, Marge Weigl, and Emily Taylor and how they enjoy adding beauty to the Lincoln Park courtyard. In the spring we had an abundance of rain, but once it was over the planting began. These lovely ladies turned this time of seclusion and social distancing into a time of joy and growth by planting begonias, petunias, marigolds, snap dragons, green peppers, tomatoes and carrots. These ladies must truly have a green thumb, watering and caring for plants on a daily basis is a gift that not many share (speaking from my own experience). Now that fall is near there are blooms and edibles scattered throughout our courtyard. If you have ever walked around the Lincoln Park Communities...a beautiful park like setting is what comes to mind...and with all their efforts and attention to detail, these ladies have managed to add even more beauty to the area for all to enjoy!

We would like to thank the “Garden Gals of Lincoln Park Manor” for sharing the fruits of their labor. The beauty you have provided is really something special that all of us here enjoy and cherish on a daily basis.

**LINCOLN PARK MANOR**

**NEW DIRECTOR OF NUTRITIONAL SERVICES**

Mark Fund has joined the Lincoln Park Manor team as our new Director of Nutritional Services. He comes to us from Brookhaven Independent Living where he served most recently as Assistant Manager, Nutritional Services. His extensive experience includes 16 years as Food Service/Culinary Director at One Lincoln Park, as well as Food Service Director for Social Row Transitional Care Center, Brookhaven Assisted Living & Skilled Facility and Hilty Home Assisted & Skilled Living.

Mark served for 19.5 as an airman in the Air Force where he traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, Mediterranean, Middle East and Central America, retiring in 1992 as Tech Sgt. He attended Johnson & Wales University, Charleston, S.C. for continuing education in Culinary Arts and most recently the University of North Dakota for Dietary Managers Certification.

A few of Mark’s favorite things include his 3 grown children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and theme parties! A native Daytonian, he currently resides in Kettering with 2 dogs and 4 cats.

Please join us in welcoming Mark back to the Lincoln Park family.