



Milton Adult Day Services

Newsletter

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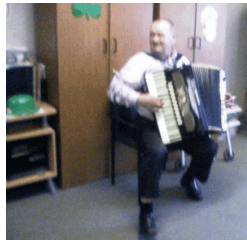
Our Mission: To provide attentive day services for adults in a community environment that honors individuals and supports their families.

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“Sure n’ Begora,” Milton Adult Day Services’ participants were joyful leprechauns on St. Patty’s Day!

While some participants boarded a bus for an Arborwood celebration and luncheon, others spent their early morning hours at a sing-along “back at the ranch.”

Steve Kowalczyk, a Michigan City resident, accompanied Milton participants on his accordion. On “Q,” but really by accident, Alvin J. burst through the Living Room door just as Mr. Kowalczyk was playing, “Oh How We Danced.”



Alvin took advantage of this moment by doing his special, rhythmic dance number, for which he is well-known. Needless to say, participants at Milton were amused.



Adding to the merriment was Lucy C., who had long, green braids attached to her St. Pat’s Day chapeau.

When the Arborwood Miltonites returned to home base, they were treated to cucumber sandwiches and non-alcoholic green beer, joining the participants who remained behind.

South Bend Symphony’s Wind Quintet brought musical delight to a Milton audience, March 26. The fabulous five first portrayed a wide variety of well-known European classics. Later, they translated some of them into modern-day versions of the same songs played in the popular song venue.



The classical piece “Dance of the Hours” by P o n c h i e l l i , f o r example, become “Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh, Here I am at Camp Granada,” with a few minor changes.

Florence S, arms swinging, caused the captivated audience to smile as she exuberantly conducted the Quintet from her place in the

Audience. Cassie S. kept time to the music with head motions.

An aroused audience concluded the concert with the enthusiastic singing of the Quintet’s “Give My Regards to Broadway,” “You’re a Grand Old Flag,” and “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy.”

Elli P., a club participant, has pinaché Born in 1929 in Gross Rake, Germany, Elli was one of 14 children.

Further adding to life experiences, Elli was a war bride arriving in South Bend in 1958. Her progeny includes three sons, four granddaughters, two grandsons, and 12 great grand children.

Elli is a widow with may interesting memories. Ten years old, when WWII commenced, Elli recalled the bombing of Germany at that war’s end. She reminisced about her fear of American soldiers’ final march into her country of birth. Elli relates, “I was about 15 at that time.”

At one time during WWII, Elli, now working on a farm, could look down the road and see the Dachau Concentration Camp. She, as well as many Germans, did not know the full extent of what was happening to



may prisoners at the camp. Elli does remember seeing intermittent smoke coming from tall chimneys. In retrospect, she now knows that smoke indicated the gas chambers were operating.

Elli related, “My German education ended in my mid teens when my parents had me find a job working on a farm. There, my job was to cut grass and feed cows.” Elli worked on one other farm.

A long-time resident of Mishawaka, Elli worked at the now-extinct Ball Band factory making shoes. Her first six months in the U.S. were spent in Oklahoma with her husband on his military base.

Some of Elli’s favorite things include: cooking, gardening, sewing, crocheting, and knitting. She relates that, “I always loved old people.”

AND ALL PEOPLE LOVE ELLI! This is evidenced by her habit of giving hugs and kisses to many friends as they exit at day’s end.