

Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

Organizational Updates



The Curran Family Gallery at German Centre is proud to display the creative works of Roxbury Latin School students. Through a variety of artistic mediums, these young artists have explored their creativity and expressed their unique visions. Since 2012, Roxbury Latin students have built meaningful connections with Edelweiss Village residents through monthly visits, fostering intergenerational learning and community spirit. This exhibition is a reflection of those shared values—connection, care, and creativity—at the heart of both German Centre and Roxbury Latin School. We warmly invite you to visit the gallery and celebrate the vibrant talent of these young Boston artists!

At Edelweiss Village, our residents are enjoying a vibrant and fulfilling community life, filled with engaging activities that spark creativity and joy. Take a look to see some of our residents showcasing their artistry and love for hands-on activities!



At the end of January, German Centre proudly celebrated **National Activities Professionals Week**, honoring the incredible team that brings joy, engagement, and enrichment to our community. Every day, these dedicated professionals create meaningful experiences through thoughtfully designed activities that enhance the lives of our residents and participants. Activities are at the heart of the German Centre experience, fostering connection, community, and well-being. We are truly grateful for our passionate team, whose hard work and dedication make a lasting impact, creating cherished moments for all those we serve.



Employee of the Month



This month, we are very excited to highlight Arjol Papingu, our Kitchen Supervisor! Arjol's caring spirit, kind nature, and ever-present smile has made him a very well loved staff member in the German Centre community. Arjol's dedication to service and ensuring everyone is satisfied with their dining experience makes him truly stand out.

Families, staff members, residents, and participants often express their gratitude for Arjol's work ethic and dedication. Please join us this month in celebrating Arjol!

Welcome to German Centre!

- Nestor Blanco-Alvarez**
Dietary Aide
- Evans Daniel**
Cook
- Angele Luce Errie**
Registered Nurse
- Judette Jean**
PCA
- Myrthoigh Sadorah Jean Philippe**
PCA
- Christopher Baptiste Jr.**
CNA
- Jordany Lemueble**
Dietary Aide
- Jacqueline Roman**
PCA
- Gemima Thelmaque**
PCA



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

Introducing the 1914 Heritage Society: A Legacy of Care and Commitment

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the **1914 Heritage Society**, German Centre's first-ever planned giving society. Named in honor of the year our doors first opened as Deutsches Altenheim, this new initiative celebrates those who choose to leave a lasting commitment to German Centre's mission by including **Deutsches Altenheim Foundation** in their estate plans.

For over a century, German Centre has been a beacon of compassionate care and support for seniors. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of our community, we continue to evolve, providing innovative programs and services that enhance the lives of older adults. The **1914 Heritage Society** ensures that this tradition of excellence endures for future generations.

By becoming a member of the **1914 Heritage Society**, you join a distinguished group of individuals who share a commitment to preserving the dignity, well-being, and quality of life for our residents. Planned gifts—whether through a will, retirement plan, or charitable trust—help sustain the future of our mission while offering potential financial and tax benefits to donors.

As we launch this meaningful initiative, we invite you to be a part of shaping the future of senior care. Your legacy can make a profound difference. To learn more about joining the **1914 Heritage Society**, visit dafboston.org/the-1914-heritage-society or contact **Claudia Mahan, Chief Development Officer** at 617-390-3217 or cmahan@germancentre.org.

Ways to Give

- **Online:** dafboston.org/donate
- **Mobile:** Scan the QR Code
- **Phone:** Call us at 617-390-3217

Thank You for Your Support!



Bob and Al: A Story of Love, Friendship, and Devotion

Friendship often emerges in the most unexpected places, and for Bob and Al, their bond began through a shared journey of love and dedication.

Bob and Al met nearly 16 years ago in 2009 under difficult circumstances. Their wives were both residents of Schrafft Pavilion at German Centre, and every day they arrived at mealtimes to feed and care for them. It was a lonely, bittersweet routine, but also a testament to their unwavering love and commitment: a promise kept, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.



The staff soon noticed the duo's daily presence and decided to seat their wives together. That small change sparked the beginning of something special. Bob, from West Roxbury, and Al, from Roslindale, quickly discovered their shared history—local roots, mutual acquaintances, and a love for storytelling. Their conversations spanned everything from family and sports to fond memories of days gone by. Before long, their friendship extended beyond mealtimes. Bob joined Al in cheering on his granddaughter at hockey games, and Al became a regular guest at Bob's family dinners, where they celebrated their November birthdays—just two days apart.

In early 2011, Al's wife passed away, and his visits to German Centre stopped. The absence was deeply felt, especially by Bob. Nevertheless, true friendship does not fade. Bob encouraged Al to join him at the Elks in West Roxbury for afternoon Whist games, and soon after, Al became a member. Together, they joined weekly cribbage leagues in Dedham and Needham. Just three weeks later, Bob's wife also passed away. The loss left an emptiness in his days, but thankfully there was Al.

Bob and Al's friendship has remained as strong as ever. Bob's daughter proudly shared in 2024 that the two are still inseparable—playing golf, cards, and sharing meals. Al even drives Bob to doctor's appointments and evening cribbage games.

Stories like Bob and Al's exemplify the power of community and connection at German Centre. The love and devotion of our residents' families make our mission possible, and friendships like theirs remind us that even in the hardest moments, companionship and kindness can light the way.

In Loving Memory

Roger Bousseau, Schrafft Pavilion
Doris Harrington, TCU- Carl Ludwig Wing
James Lewis, Schrafft Pavilion
Florence Meleo, Schrafft Pavilion
Georgia Pappas, TCU- Sally Matthew's Wing

The German Centre family extends our deepest condolences to the families and friends of these wonderful residents. They will always hold a special place in our hearts.