



***Summer 2019***

## **Pastor Koza Announces Retirement**

Dear Friends,

I have been the chaplain here at Skaalen now for almost 26 years, and a Lutheran Pastor for 40. It is time for me to move on to the next chapter in my life's journey. My last Sunday here will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and my last day at Skaalen will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

My plans are to sleep late, do a lot of reading and canoeing, do some volunteer work in Madison, and fully retire from the ordained ministry. Eventually my wife and I will move to follow our daughter wherever she may finally put down her own roots.

It has been a rich and rewarding ministry here at Skaalen with so many wonderful and caring friends. And for that, I am truly grateful to you all.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jim Koza



*In recognition of Pastor Koza's ministry  
and his years of service to the residents,  
families & staff of the Skaalen campus,  
we invite you to attend a retirement reception.*

*Tuesday, September 10*

*2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

*Skaalen Community Room*

*Special music provided by Julie and Katie Koza*



# Pastoral Perspectives

**James S. Koza,  
Chaplain**

It was just about two weeks ago that I was in Washington, DC helping our daughter Katie pack up her belongings to bring her back to Wisconsin. My wife had gone out a week earlier to start the "Big Move." We allowed extra time to sort through all her stuff and put them in three piles: "Deep Storage" (our basement), "Use Now" (her bedroom), and "Law School" (also in the basement). With over 50 empty boxes recently delivered by FedEx, we began the slow, but careful packing process and prepared for the three day trip back in a 15-foot UHaul truck. That part of this project went well, and was actually enjoyable. The not-so-fun part was the final deep cleaning we did on the very last day after the truck was loaded. We went back upstairs and scrubbed, washed, polished, vacuumed, and dusted every inch of the apartment, kitchen, and bathroom. After two weeks of work, and a long drive ahead of us, we all kept quietly asking ourselves, "Why are we doing all of this super extra cleaning? It certainly was not this clean when we arrived here three years ago!" And the answer we kept hearing in our hearts was..."We will leave this a better place than when we arrived."

Have you heard that statement before? I heard it from my mom when I was growing up, and I also learned it in the Boy Scouts. We always did a final clean-up of any campsite before we left. We checked for trash, brushed down the tent sites, and even left a stack of cut firewood for the next campers. We were told to always "Leave this a better place than when we arrived." I don't do much camping

anymore, but I hear that philosophy quietly speaking to me when I am restoring and selling used canoes. I repair, and clean, and polish any canoe I sell way beyond what is expected. Most people assume a used canoe will be a bit dirty and dusty: that's why it's being sold. But I just can't sell them that way. The boats must be better than when I first got them. Which is the same approach as saying, "We should leave this a better place than when we arrived."

And, of course, this is our faith approach to life as well. So much of our current culture, and government, these days speaks with a very selfish, "Me First" attitude. They do not ask, "How can I make this a better place for other people, and for the next generations to come?" Instead, too many are asking, "How can I make this a better place for...ME? What's in this for my advantage?" A giving, servant's heart has been lost in our whole understanding of why we are here in the first place. As it is recorded in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew, Jesus clearly told us, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

So...do that extra cleaning in the rental apartment before you leave; cut a stack of firewood for the next campers at your campsite; polish up that canoe before you sell it, and "Leave this a better place than when you arrived." Seek to serve, not just to be served.

## Administrative Intern



Hello everyone!

My name is Maddie Wiger and I am Skaalen Retirement Services Administrative Intern for the 2019-2020 year.

I have spent the past three years studying Health Care Administration at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire as part of the HCAD program. This program allows students like myself the special opportunity of spending one year at a long-term care facility learning how to plan, direct, coordinate and supervise the delivery of health care services. I could not be more grateful to be with you all at Skaalen Retirement Services.

A little bit about me is I like to spend my free time outdoors at Gazebo Musikk, gardening or taking trips up to my lake cabin. I am excited about the new possibilities this year holds. Thanks to everyone for already being so welcoming. I am looking forward to meeting more staff and residents as the year progresses.

### Resident Email

The resident email address is **resident@skaalen.com**

Please be sure to include the resident's name in the subject line. Our Leisure and Support Services Staff print and deliver resident emails every day.

Residents have an opportunity to send email messages, with the assistance of a staff member, at various times during the week.

## Skaalen Salutes

Tina Kunjo began working at Skaalen as a Certified Nursing Assistant in March 1978. She went on to work as a Physical Therapy Aide before transferring to the Leisure & Support Services Department and her current position as an Activity Aide.


Tina's family includes her great niece, Sophie, who is six-years old, three sisters, one brother, nieces and nephews.


In her leisure time, Tina enjoys camping, baking and doing things with Sophie.

Tina says that all of the fun she has had with her co-workers are some of her favorite memories of her time at Skaalen.

Thank you Tina, for your commitment to the residents.

## Save the Dates

 Annual Craft Sale  
Saturday, October 5,  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Skaalen Resident Fall Festival  
Tuesday, October 15   
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in the Craft Sale or would like additional information on either of these events, please call Pam Parsons at 608-873-5651, Ext. 7215. Email: pparsons@skaalen.com



# ***Gifts & Memorials***

***January 1 – March 31, 2019***

## **In Memory of Joyce Berg**

Dennis & Susan Klawes

## **In Memory of John Kokkonen**

Gloria Hayne

Gladys Thompson

Roger & Joyce Utermark

## **In Memory of Harriet Person**

Cathy Anderson

Anonymous

Norma Haglund

H Wendell & Eleanor Holmgren

Brian Miller & Ruth Miller

Ruth Olson-Bahe & Aloys Olson

Barbara Olson

Gregory & Joanne Olson

Carl & Diane Sundquist

Keith & Ingrid Swanson

Sandra Zeiss

## **In Memory of Stella Prochaska**

Anonymous

## **In Memory of Gladys Severtson**

Anonymous

## **In Memory of Ila Mae Sorensen**

Jay & Laura Sorensen

Charlene Stelzer

## **In Memory of Shirley Wilson**

Family & Friends of Shirley Wilson

## **The Estate of**

**Frederick L. & Doris E. Rickleff**

## **Business & Organizations**

Compass Group

Employee Artisan

Madison Coffee & Vending

Network for Good

Skaalen Spirit Team – Candy Bar Sales

Skaalen Spirit Team – Casual Dress Day

Skaalen Spirit Team – Frito Sales

Skaalendal Inc.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Vennevoll Inc.

## **Corporate Congregations**

Cooksville Lutheran Church, Evansville

Deerfield Lutheran Church, Deerfield

First Lutheran Church, Stoughton

McFarland ELC, McFarland

Our Savior's Lutheran Church –

Women of the ELCA, Beloit

St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church, Deerfield

## **Individuals**

Anonymous

Sarah & Kris Krentz

David & Ann Nelson

Fred Overstreet

***Thank you to the following individuals  
for selecting Skaalen to receive  
Thrivent Choice Dollars.***

Mary Elvekrog

Nancy J. Fjestad

Wilma Furseth

Carolyn Hanson

John Hanson

Virginia Hanson

Wanda Koenig-Kalhagen

Donna Leek

Robert Martin

Martin Seffens

Walter Siebenbaum

Denise Sime

Debra-Carrasco-Zanini





# Summer Concert Series 2019

Skaalen Retirement Services

400 North Morris Street

July 11	1:30	Bahama Bob
July 18	1:30	Jesse Walker
July 25	6:45	Stoughton City Band
August 1	1:30	KG & the Ranger
August 8	1:30	Catfish River Revue Band
August 15	1:30	Jesse Walker
August 22	1:30	Strictly Elvis
August 29	1:30	The Mike Schneider Band
September 5	1:30	Karen Wickham
September 12	1:30	Jesse Walker

## All Concerts

- One hour in length
- Held outside in the Front Courtyard  
(weather permitting – please call 873-5651, ext. 7215 or email: [pparsons@skaalen.com](mailto:pparsons@skaalen.com) for details)
- Ice Cream will be served
- Welcome guests – please bring a lawn chair/blanket



# Skaalen Auxiliary Ice Cream Sundae Buffet *“A New Twist to an Old Favorite”*

Featuring . . .

- Delicious Ice Cream
- A Smorgasbord of Toppings
- Friendly Volunteers
- Great Entertainment
- Fantastic Raffle Prizes



**Sunday, August 18, 2019**  
**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

*Sundae Buffet in the Main Dining Room*  
*Entertainment in the Chapel*  
*Raffle Drawing at 3:30 p.m.*

**\$3.00 per person**

*Price includes a generous dish of vanilla ice cream,  
the sundae toppings of your choice & a beverage*

All proceeds from the event will be used for  
the 2019 Auxiliary Projects



*If you have any questions, please call Dawn Zaemisch  
at (608) 873-5651, Extension 7240.*