

# The Window

## **Presidents Council— Lisa Dormire, VP of Mission Support**

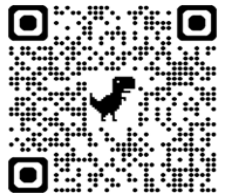
With the coming of summer, many of us begin to think about summer vacations past and present. As a child, my earliest vacation memories were of staying in a cabin at Presque Isle and digging in the sand at Lake Erie. The next time you see me on your campus, I would love to hear about your childhood vacation memories! For more than ten years, I have had the pleasure of coordinating a club here at Redstone known as Redstone Goes Trips and Tours. This travel club gives priority access to exciting travel adventures for Redstone residents while also welcoming members of the larger community to join us. Through Redstone Goes, residents can enjoy travel opportunities that extend beyond the destinations and experiences available through our lifestyle programs and Redstone transportation. Most recently, 62 of us returned from a cruise departing from Baltimore that included visits to Bermuda and the Bahamas. A wonderful time was had by all! This summer, we have several exciting adventures planned. On July 11, we will travel to Titusville, Pennsylvania, to visit the Oil and Gas Museum and enjoy a mystery dinner theater aboard the Titusville Railroad. We will then spend the night in beautifully renovated train cars at the Caboose Motel. On Sunday, after breakfast, travelers will have the option to spend a few hours shopping at the Grove City Outlets or exploring the charming historic village of Volant before returning to Redstone later that afternoon. This trip will depart from the Greensburg campus, and Redstone residents are always provided transportation to the departure location. In August, we have two more trips planned. The first is an overnight excursion to Put-in-Bay and Kelly's Island, located off the coast of Sandusky, Ohio, in Lake Erie. We will tour both islands and spend the night on Put-in-Bay. This trip departs on Monday, August 3. Then, on August 19, we will embark on a one-day adventure to see Joseph at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster. In addition to the performance, we will enjoy shopping and lunch in Bird-in-Hand. Our trips are thoughtfully paced with seniors in mind, but they are truly enjoyed by travelers of all ages. Those who may need a little extra assistance along the way receive support from our team members. However, all travelers must be able to independently board and disembark the motor coach. We strive to keep our trips reasonably priced, and any proceeds benefit Benevolent Care at Redstone, making each adventure even more meaningful to our communities. For more information about any of these tours, please call 724-832-8401, extension 3378, and leave a message with your contact information. Someone will return your call within 24 hours. **#StayAdventurous**

## **2026 Garden of Love**

Our Garden of Love is in full bloom! Across our Greensburg, Murrysville, and North Huntingdon campuses, the beauty of spring is on full display reminding us that with care, patience, and compassion, something truly special can grow! This season, you can help our garden continue to flourish. Your gift helps provide meaningful support for those who call Redstone home. From



Benevolent Care and Hospice services to our HOPE Program and campus improvements, every contribution makes a difference. As a symbol of your generosity, a symbol of spring will be placed in our Garden of Love display at the campus of your choice. You may also give in honor or memory of someone special, helping their legacy bloom alongside our community. To make a gift, visit the front desk on each campus, our giving site at [www.redstone.org/make-a-donation](http://www.redstone.org/make-a-donation), or scan the QR code. Your support helps everything we do to blossom at Redstone!



## **A Lifetime of Service: Resident Sharon Scimio Honored for Making a Difference**

At 92, Sharon Sharp Scimio keeps finding ways to put more life into her days, and adding quality to the lives of her neighbors at Redstone Murrysville and around the world. Never one to pass up an opportunity to learn during a Bible study, a PBS Great Conversations episode or another of Redstone's many lifestyle programs, her unflagging volunteerism, even in the face of a personal injury, earned Sharon recognition as a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Bushy Run Lions Club. The award was created in 1973 by Lions Clubs International to recognize exceptional commitment to humanitarian service rather than specific, short-term achievements. It is presented to both Lions and non-Lions who embody the spirit of the founder, Melvin Jones. Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a personalized plaque, and a congratulatory letter. Individual clubs also make a \$1,000 donation to Lions Club International Foundation to continue the organization's health and environmental initiatives locally and globally. The club is particularly proud that Sharon was the first woman Bushy Run honored in this way. Sharon's honor, presented during the local club's annual Charter celebration in March, came as a surprise to the nonagenarian, who isn't a club member, but nonetheless has supported the Lions since she became involved after meeting her future husband Leonard Scimio when he moved to Redstone. Leonard was a dedicated club member and Sharon not only helped acclimate him to Redstone, but helped him continue the club's philanthropic endeavors within his new community. Following the death of their respective spouses, the pair wed to continue enjoying one another's company as traveling companions. When Leonard passed in 2021, Sharon vowed to remain involved with the Lions Club to honor his legacy and support the work she values. Lions Clubs are known for their ongoing collections of eye glasses and broom sales to benefit organizations who help the visually impaired. The Bushy Run chapter also conducts a semi-annual barbecued chicken dinner fund-raiser among others. During their 12-year marriage and in the years since Leonard's passing, Sharon has served as the drop-off spot for used spectacles and hearing aids and the go-to person for ordering a new broom or chicken takeout, proudly remembering that Leonard was always "on coleslaw duty." Even after her fall, Sharon remained undeterred, relying on club treasurer Mark Close to help fulfill her orders that very day. But the task was simple given Sharon's superb organizational skills, and the support of her friends. A committed recycler, Sharon over the years has spearheaded collections of newsprint, aluminum cans for Scouting, and most recently plastic bags, the latter of which will help the Bushy Run Lions reach the poundage goal needed to produce a park bench from recycled materials. That bench will be donated to Redstone Murrysville and memorialize Leonard on its plaque. Sharon is humbled by the club's recognition. "It's quite an honor to be chosen and I greatly appreciate it. The Lions are wonderful people and they do great things." Club members say the same about Sharon – a wonderful person who does great things!



## Volunteer Spotlight: Jason Ray



Jason Ray began volunteering at Redstone in July 2025 as a Friendly Visitor and Activities Volunteer. Inspired by his experiences visiting his parents in senior care, Jason wanted to ensure that residents had meaningful interaction and something to look forward to each day. During his visits, Jason spends time talking with residents, playing games, and participating in activities that help keep their minds active and engaged. He also assists with Redstone's Annual Fling Gala in November. For Jason, the most rewarding part of volunteering is seeing residents smile and become more energized during the time they spend together. Volunteering has also had a profound impact on Jason. He says the experience has taught him not to take life for granted and to focus less on material things and more on enjoying life and making meaningful connections with others. "As a volunteer, I think I'm helping people, but I think Redstone is actually helping me more," Jason shares. "I love it here. The people are just so nice." When he's not volunteering, Jason enjoys walking with his family, exercising, meditating, and traveling. His favorite destinations include Italy and Hawaii. We are grateful to Jason for the compassion, positivity, and joy he brings to Redstone and to the residents whose lives he touches.

## From Cabbage Patch to Compassion: Brenda Hagan's Dolls Deliver Comfort to Memory Care

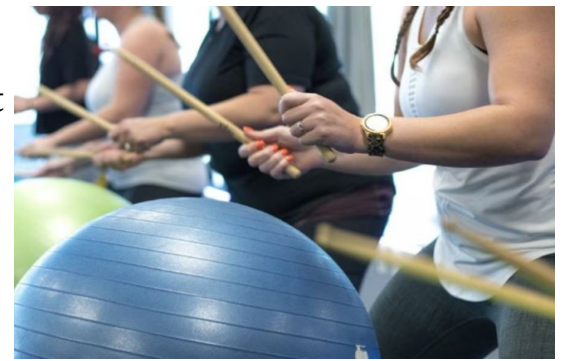
Brenda Hagan can't resist their sweet smiles and huggable appeal. While she could be speaking about her students in the Mars School District, the longtime educator is more likely to be referring to her Cabbage Patch Kids – those she collects and the ones she refurbishes to give away. Redstone Murrysville will be on the receiving end of some of her special deliveries as gifts to Memory Care in honor of a relative benefiting from these services. Cabbage Patch Kids debuted in the 1980s and quickly became Brenda's doll of choice, with their soft jointed bodies, charming hairdos and cute clothing. In 2007, Cabbage Patch marked its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary when Brenda's daughter was a baby. As she grew, she became more enamored with American Girl collectibles, but as Brenda noted, "They aren't the type of doll you cuddle with." Looking to recapture a cherished childhood memory, Brenda began scouring thrift stores and checking out online sellers as her need for nostalgia quickly turned into a growing restoration hobby. Each addition to her "family" gets TLC treatment over several days, with Brenda mending seams, sanitizing by hand and machine washing, styling hair and outfitting each of her "kids". Finding suitable clothing is also part of Brenda's fun, as she visits second-hand stores and nearly-new shops where preemie and newborn sizes are likely to be available. Generally, the dolls are androgynous, so Brenda decides on the manner of dress. "If the doll has short hair, I'll usually consider it a boy," she noted. Brenda finds the doll refurbishing therapeutic as she thinks back to when her daughter – now a college student – was young. "I miss



her and can't wait until she's home on break. When I'm sad, I'll sit in the rocker with one of the dolls and remember." With school ending and summer coming, Brenda will have plenty of free time to devote to the 25 or so "rescues still need love." But the brood will keep expanding, which is why Redstone likely won't be the only beneficiary of her handiwork. "I came across an article on doll therapy that really got me thinking about all the ways people might benefit, so I'll be looking for other places who could use them," Brenda added. Until then, her home will be a haven for her growing crop from the Cabbage Patch, and don't ask if she has a favorite. "I love them all too much to choose!"

## Saturday Drumming Classes at Redstone

Looking for a fun way to stay active? Join us for drumming classes every Saturday at 10:45am! Cardio drumming combines rhythmic drumming and aerobic exercise for a robust and effective workout. Classes are held at our North Huntingdon campus, located at 12921 Redstone Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. To book a class, email Amber at [AAMmann@Redstone.org](mailto:AAMmann@Redstone.org) or (724) 216-0935.



## Walk a Mile in HER Shoes 2026

In total, our community managed to raise **\$1,664.00** in proceeds to help support **Blackburn Center**...wow! A huge *thank you* to all of our walkers – this event takes place because of their enthusiasm and willingness to walk, run, and dance in red heels. And a huge *thank you* to all who supported through donations and hyping up our walkers. Together, our community made a big impact to our neighbors. Stay tuned for the walk/dance highlight reel in the near future.



### Walker Awards

**1st Place Golden Heel Trophy:** Ron Sekerka in North Huntingdon with **\$349.00** in donations

**2nd Place:** Mark Celigo (NH) with **\$166.00** in donations

**3rd Place:** Ed Rudin (GB) with **\$160.00** in donations

**1st Place Red Shoe Award:** North Huntingdon Campus with **\$872.00** in donations

**2nd Place:** Greensburg with a total of **\$792.00** in donations

## DOVE Employee Recognition Program at Redstone

The DOVE Recognition Program seeks to recognize the many wonderful things that employees in the Redstone Family do each and every day while serving our community. Have you witnessed an employee going "above and beyond" while serving our residents, their families, or fellow staff members? Submit their name for DOVE Recognition. You can recognize employees by completing a card located at the DOVE cases at any campus, by scanning the QR code, or by visiting [www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPSDove](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPSDove).



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