

**An excerpt from a resident letter to her friends and family at Christmas:**

Springhill continues to be my ideal home. Yes, the special programs continue and they are ever changing – from history, health and the Great Lecture Series (DVD's on Tuesdays and Fridays) to a multitude of musical presentations. On most Wednesday mornings during spring, summer and fall, there are bus trips to various places in the Erie area. Sometimes our destination is a lunch spot! One August trip was to the Erie Art Museum for a guided tour of special exhibits, one of which featured Hank's jewelry. (The exhibit of Hank's jewelry ran from mid-February to mid-October.) Since I had been asked to talk to the group about Hank's work, I wore a pendant and earring set he had designed and fabricated.

Since Springhill is a non-profit company, marketing is an ever present and important factor in spreading the word about its amenities. The Marketing Department put on a lunch buffet and allowed the residents to invite up to five friends. The program part of the buffet involved an explanation of living at Springhill given by the Director of Sales and Marketing and, as previously agreed, I spoke about "What Springhill Means to Me". Marketing also chose to feature my apartment in a photo shoot. For me and the two other residents who 'came to visit', it was interesting to see the staging and focus that goes into such promotional photography.

The apartment also is a magnet for committee meetings – specifically the German Cultural Society of which I continue to be a member. I'm still active in Delta Kappa Gamma and Shadbush.

What fills my spare time? – Each week I play Bingo, Michigan Rummy and Rummikub. During football season, a group of 18-24 people gather to watch Penn State football games on a large screen TV. We have a tailgate party either before the game or during halftime depending on the time of the game. The food is varied and good and it's a fun time for everyone. I also enjoy participating in our chaplain's bible study programs during Lent and Advent. And of course, I do have a ready supply of books to read.

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