

Stepping Stones

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Letter From The New President

Welcome to HearthStone's Spring 2023 Stepping Stones Newsletter! This edition highlights HearthStone 2022 happenings and offers a glimpse of what we have in store for 2023.

My name is Patti Saunders and I'm honored to serve as the newly elected HearthStone President. You may have seen me at HearthStone events. I became president when in late 2022 Leah Curry resigned from the presidency to focus her time on her family. I thank Leah for her service and will miss her talent and calmness as she led HearthStone through the challenging pandemic years. Both Leah and Jon Rost, HearthStone's first president, are tough acts to follow!

I'm privileged to work with a dedicated and talented board of directors. My fellow officers – VP Daphne, Secretary Kris, Treasurer Alex – and I work together in leading HearthStone. Our board of directors and advisory board members bring a wealth of information, ideas, and hard work to our volunteer organization.

2022 was a pivotal year for HearthStone as we emerged from the COVID pandemic and offered more in-person events. We'll continue to monitor and follow public health recommendations for gathering safely. It's the new normal. (Of note, we have become quite the connoisseurs of boxed lunches).

I read about Harvard's 85-year study on happiness. Researchers conclude that relationships are key factors that contribute to our overall happiness and well-being. It takes effort and opportunities to build new relationships and maintain those we already have.

This past year, we saw happiness firsthand as HearthStone provided opportunities that brought our HearthStone community together again. Smiles and laughter all around, it was heartwarming to see everyone happy and rekindling their relationships after the seemingly never-ending pandemic. It's what HearthStone is all about.

HearthStone also held its first in-person FUNdraiser since 2019. We were so happy to gather with our HearthStone friends and supporters again! We thank our generous donors for their continued support over the years. It's because of you that HearthStone can Advocate, Educate, Celebrate! our participants, their families, and our communities.

What does HearthStone have planned for 2023? Well, we're in the throes of scheduling in-person events for our participants and families. Plans are also in the works to hold our FUNdraiser. Stay tuned, as 2023 promises to be a busy and fun year!

I hope you enjoy reading about all things HearthStone! Thanks to all who provided input and articles for this edition. And a HUGE thanks to Ashley for her time, creativity, and patience with me as she designed another fabulous Stepping Stones Newsletter!

Patti Saunders
HearthStone President



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"HearthStone is a self-help and advocacy organization for people with disabilities and their families."

Letter from the Outgoing President

Hello wonderful HearthStone participants and supporters!

Thank you so very much for allowing me the amazing privilege to serve as your acting president for two years, and to be a part of the HearthStone board for six years! I am stepping back now to focus on my 20 month old daughter and my family.

I have loved the close-knit and enthusiastic nature of the HearthStone community over the past few years. It has been a very dear part of my life and has been with me since I was a recent college graduate to now a mother and wife and semi-retired journalist. Thank you, sincerely, to the board, the participants, and the Sheboygan community for making this role such a rewarding experience.

It was an interesting and fulfilling journey to serve you mostly on a remote basis during my time as president, given that I started that role in 2020.

It was a joy to see everyone coming together virtually to care for one another during our online meet ups and to connect with everyone safely by delivering holiday gifts during the winter months when we couldn't all come together.

While it was difficult to not always see everyone face to face, it was a good time for our board to address leadership changes and update important information sources like our website, which my husband, Alex Curry, and I redesigned over the last few years.

I am confident that the work we were able to do behind the scenes during quarantine has helped the board become stronger and more than ready to return to normally scheduled events. I have full confidence that my incredible successor, Patti Saunders, will be ushering the organization into an amazing era of new and exciting endeavors, and I cannot wait to see how HearthStone thrives.

I hope to help whenever possible, and my husband and I will continue to fund the Claudia Ulatowski Memorial Caregiver Fund to support local HearthStone families. My desire is that this isn't quite a goodbye. I hope to still check in and hear about all the wonderful things HearthStone and our participants are doing. Know that I will always be one of your biggest cheerleaders!

With all my love,
Leah Curry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Leah A. Curry'.

Farewell to Summer Picnic

On September 9th, more than 80 HearthStone participants, family, and friends headed to Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls for HearthStone's 2nd Annual End-of-Summer Picnic. It was a perfect late summer afternoon/evening for a picnic.

Rochester Park's large shelter is a great venue for our picnic. There's plenty of space inside the shelter and on its covered and outdoor patios for friends to share a meal and visit. The shelter's green space gave us plenty of room to spread out and play lawn games and kickball. We don't know for sure which team actually won the much-anticipated 2nd Annual HearthStone Kickball Game—but we do know we had fun!



In keeping with a picnic theme and safety measures, we again had crowd-friendly boxed lunches and beverages. There's just something special about opening up your own boxed lunch, the excitement of what's inside, and sharing a simple meal in the company of your friends...and, we didn't have to cook!

Most of all, it was great just for our participants and their families to be together with friends and have fun! It was a fabulous way to say good-bye to summer!

Mark your calendars—HearthStone will hold its 3rd Annual End-of-Summer Picnic on Friday, September 8th, at Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls. Stay tuned for details!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Our Christmas Party & Santa Return!

The HearthStone Christmas party had a wonderful "in-person" return on December 6th at Generations in Plymouth. Participants and family members enjoyed this fun event that had been virtual for the past few years. Everyone was excited to be together celebrating the holiday. Lots of funny Christmas sweaters and decorations added to the festive spirit.

PIC A DELI Restaurant, located onsite at Generations, catered our holiday meal. HearthStone board members served the buffet-style meal of chicken, beef tips, and all the fixings. The yummy meal was followed by a "build your own ice cream sundae bar." Sundaes were topped with everything from sprinkles, chocolate chips, to M&M's and whipped creme.

Everyone enjoyed socializing and sharing stories of the holiday together while listening to beautiful Christmas music provided by Beth Stanley on the piano. The true highlight of the night was when Santa Claus made a surprise visit to the event along with a bag of goodies! How did Santa know we were having our Christmas party?! Everyone had a chance to greet Santa, get hugs, take pictures, and get a small gift from his goodie bag. The smiles, cheers and laughter made everything even more special. HearthStone is thrilled to have been able to sponsor such a great holiday event.



You can look forward to our next Christmas party in December of 2023!



HearthStone's 2022 FUNdraiser Back in Action!



HearthStone held its annual FUNdraiser in-person on October 6th at Town & Country Club in Sheboygan, our first in-person fundraiser since 2019. While our 2019 fundraiser set all-time records for number of attendees and funds raised, we are delighted with our 2022 guest turnout and funds raised. More than 100 HearthStone friends and supporters gathered for an evening of dinner, visiting, and entertainment.

Under the leadership of HearthStone Social Committee Chair Jill Spielvogel, board members sprang into action to plan the event. Board members solicited silent auction and raffle basket donations from businesses and individuals, and personally invited friends to the event. It was worth the effort!

Volunteers from HearthStone and Homes for Independent Living (HIL), our FUNdraiser event sponsor, assisted with event set-up, raffle ticket sales, and hosting and mingling duties. Many hands make light work!

Careful consideration went into the seating arrangements for dinner. Guests shared a delicious family-style dinner and conversation at tables with their friends.

A group of HearthStone participants joined in the festivities, made possible by sponsors who covered participants' ticket costs. It was a special evening for participants. They mingled and thanked guests for their support.

Faith Lewis, HearthStone Educational Scholarship recipient and her mother Dawn Lewis, the Claudia Ulatowski Caregiver Memorial recipient, were

special guests for the evening. Faith and Dawn shared the impacts the awards made on their lives and thanked HearthStone and the Currys for the financial assistance.

N.E.W. Dueling Pianos provided the night's entertainment, performing a variety of musical genres to the delight of all. Guests sang along and filled the dance floor. We enjoyed requesting songs, with Dueling Pianos generously donating their night's tips to the HearthStone fundraiser.

Guests bid competitively on silent auction items such as stays at resorts, a gas grill, golf packages, original art created by local artists, and a week's stay at a Florida condo. There was an array of creative raffle baskets ranging from cheese, salon services, tickets to sporting events, restaurant certificates, and the ever-popular wine and spirits.

HearthStone thanks all who donated items for our silent auction and raffle baskets; guests who bid high and wild on silent auction items and raffle baskets; folks who made monetary donations to HearthStone; and HIL for sponsoring this event. Special thanks also to Frank and Terri Sterzen, Lakeshore Gutter Cleaning, Jon and Carol Rost, and Brittany Burt for sponsoring 2023 HearthStone events and scholarships. Your generous contributions make it possible for us to offer programs and events for our participants and give back to our community.

Here's a shout-out to businesses and individuals who contributed items for our 2022 FUNdraiser silent auction and raffle baskets:





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AHOY, MATEYS! HEARTHSTONE SETS SAIL FOR LAKE MICHIGAN

On July 17th, the Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan (SEAS) hosted 10 HearthStone participants and family/caregivers for an absolutely perfect morning of sailing on Lake Michigan.

SEAS instructors Juju and Matt reviewed sailing safety and gave pre-sailing instruction with our group on land. They helped us prepare and hoist the sailboats' mainsails and jibs for sailing.

Juju and Matt provided hands-on sailing instructions as HearthStone sailors tacked and jibed two 23-foot Sonar keelboats on the open water of Lake Michigan. Our sailors honed their sailing skills by maneuvering their sailboats in the Sheboygan River before heading into port. It was an awesome experience for everyone!

We worked up big appetites from being in the fresh air out on the open water. Hungry sailors enjoyed pizza, sub sandwiches, and beverages afterwards in the Youth Sailing Center.

HearthStone sailors shared their stories of sailing the seas. Oh, the sailor's life! The only thing missing was singing sea shanties!

We look forward to another sailing adventure in 2023! Until then, fair winds and following seas!

SPECIAL THANKS to SEAS for reaching out to HearthStone and providing this sailing experience for our participants. For more information about SEAS, please visit <https://www.seasheboygan.org/>.



HearthStone Now Accepting 2023 Educational Scholarship and Memorial Fund Applications

Every year, HearthStone awards educational scholarships to local students with a cognitive disability pursuing higher education, and the Claudia Ulatowski Caregiver Memorial fund for caregivers of someone with a cognitive disability. Applications for both funding opportunities are due April 15th, 2023.

How to Apply for HearthStone's Educational Scholarships: HearthStone offers two \$1,000 scholarships to Sheboygan County students with an identified intellectual disability, traumatic brain impairment, or autism. The scholarships are awarded to students who plan to attend, and are enrolled/enrolling in, a university, college, technical college, or an approved apprenticeship program.

TO APPLY: visit hearthstonewi.org/scholarship/

How to Apply for the Claudia Ulatowski Caregiver Memorial Fund: The \$500 Claudia Ulatowski Caregiver Memorial is in memory of Wisconsin native Claudia Ulatowski, who passed away suddenly in 2015 after serving as primary caregiver to three sons with cognitive disabilities. Claudia's daughter Leah Curry and son-in-law Alex Curry established this memorial to honor caregivers and recognize all that they do. A family member who is a caregiver to someone with a cognitive disability may apply for the memorial fund and use the money to improve their own quality of life.

TO APPLY: visit hearthstonewi.org/the-claudia-ulatowski-caregiver-memorial-fund

HearthStone Participants Meet REINS Horses



HearthStone participants and their parent/caregiver had the privilege of experiencing the magic of REINS Equine-Assisted Services last fall. HearthStone and REINS partnered to offer two “meet and greet the horses” sessions, and all who participated were wowed with the opportunity!

While the temperature outside was chilly, the welcome from REINS staff, volunteers, and horses quickly warmed us all! Our visit began with a brief video with information about the REINS program’s history, mission, and future plans.

After a few safety statements, we all headed to the arena inside the barn. We had instructions on how to safely move around the horses. Participants’ tentative touches, small smiles, and hesitant steps were quickly replaced with confidence and complete delight!

Everyone learned about grooming horses and demonstrated their newfound skills by brushing their assigned “partner” until coats gleamed. With the support of volunteers, each member had the opportunity to lead the horses around the indoor arena. Finally, we fed treats to the horses prior to them being led to their respective pasture or stall.

Having worked up an appetite ourselves, a light snack and beverages were available inside. Participants, parents, and caregivers had time to ask questions, reflect on their experience, and glow in the joy of the event. Several HearthStone participants even signed up for the spring 2023 session of REINS!

We thank HearthStone participants and their parent/caregiver that came out for these new experiences. And a huge thanks to Morgan, Director of REINS, the most gracious staff of volunteers, and the horses who made these events possible. HearthStone and REINS very much look forward to a continued partnership.

Be sure to watch for more information on future events! For more information about REINS, please visit <https://reins-wi.org/>.



Dancing the Night Away!



Back by popular demand, HearthStone held its long-awaited annual dance June 17th at Generations in Plymouth. This was our first indoor, in-person event since our annual dance in April 2019. Over 80 HearthStone participants, their families and friends brought their dancing shoes and spent an evening dancing, singing, and catching-up with each other. Everyone was happy to visit in person again.

After going through the challenges of the pandemic, we decided to push the “easy button” and have a simple event to bring our participants together and let the music, dancing, and camaraderie do the rest. And Generation’s onsite restaurant, PIC A DELI, prepares and serves food for events. How easy is that?

The Generations facility is a great venue to hold HearthStone events. Our participants are comfortable there. Generations offers plenty of indoor room for dining, playing games, entertainment, and visiting. The outdoor patio is a lovely spot to grab some fresh air and play outdoor games. And there’s an awesome dance floor complete with disco lights and mirrored walls!

All the planned activity for the evening required energy! We had delicious PIC A DELI boxed lunches and a scrumptious ice cream sundae buffet. Fueled up, we hit the dance floor all night long.

Participants showed us their dancing chops as they boogied the night away to the sounds of Infinity DJ. DJ Clayton was at the DJ deck spinning tunes, taking requests, and interacting with participants. Nothing can bring down the house like dancing to “YMCA” and the “Chicken Dance”! The conga line danced its way through the dance floor and beyond. Everyone got in their workout for the day!

Not being a bit bashful, participants took command of the karaoke mic as well. They wowed us as they belted out country, pop, oldies — they sang it all! There’s a lot of talent at HearthStone!

We had a fun night and an awesome event to bring us all together. It was like old times again!

SPECIAL THANKS to Randy and Rita Romanoski for their generous contribution for the 2022 HearthStone Annual Dance. And thanks to DJ Clayton for providing a fun and interactive evening of music and dance with our participants!



DID YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE?

HearthStone participants and supporters, have you recently changed your home, mailing, or email address, or plan to do so soon? Please make sure to update your information by visiting <https://hearthstonewi.org/free-hearthstone-membership-request/> and typing in your new contact info. Or, you can email us your new information at info@hearthstonewi.org. Thanks for keeping us in the loop!

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

A HUGE thank you to all our 2022 donors who made everything you see in this letter possible. We appreciate you remembering HearthStone in your generous giving, and we know our participants do, too!

And thank you to everyone who made HearthStone the recipient of your AmazonSmile funds. Amazon previously would donate (at no cost to you) a percentage of your purchases to your chosen non-profit (HearthStone!) Unfortunately, Amazon has decided to discontinue this program in February of this year. Thank you so much to both Amazon and those who designated HearthStone as your non-profit of choice! We raised over \$150 the last couple years through this program.



REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND CRAIG MCFADDEN

In 2022 we lost a great friend and a great advocate for people with disabilities, Craig McFadden.

Craig was an inspiration for those in the “disability community” and the community at large. Craig was “the light” that attracted and brought people together and then morphed into the “glue” that kept them together. His natural charm and boundless enthusiasm enabled him to connect with participants, family members, community leaders and business people with equal ease.

I first met Craig when he was Employment Services Coordinator at RCS Empowers many years ago. He asked if I’d join the Employment Services Advisory Board... “just a lunch meeting every other month.” Sure, I thought. Seems like a good organization and a good guy. Before I knew it, we were hosting an Employer’s Recognition Luncheon with nearly 200 business people and the Lieutenant Governor of the state of Wisconsin. All of us celebrating the successful placement of people with disabilities in Sheboygan County businesses, thanks to Craig and his team at RCS Empowers. It was a privilege to be a part of it all.

Then we invited Craig to be on the HearthStone Board and lead our Advocacy efforts. He never missed an opportunity to “plug” HearthStone at public events, large and small. He joined the Chamber of Commerce’s Non-Profit Roundtable and connected with other non-profits in the County.

And then, he had another crazy “Craig idea” – “in this era of divisiveness, let’s celebrate Sheboygan County where things are pretty good. Let’s “Come together” with a diverse offering of food, fun and music.” Hence “Come together... a Celebration of Unity in Our Community” was born. The start-up event, held at Fountain Park in Sheboygan was a modest success for three years until Covid and Craig’s declining health pushed the “pause” button. The organization is still alive and hoping to carry on Craig’s vision.

HearthStone is proud to have been part of Craig’s life of caring and community service.

Just thinking of Craig brings a smile to my face and an “I miss you, buddy” to my heart.

Jon Rost,
Founding Member and Past President

A Note From a HearthStone Participant

My name is Jena. I've been with HearthStone for over 20 years. I have a lot of HearthStone friends that I like to see. The past few years were hard because of the virus and sickness out there. I missed getting together with my friends.

I am so happy that HearthStone can have safe events again! I enjoy going to HearthStone events and being with my friends. I like all the events but the Christmas Party is my favorite. The food was good and so was Santa Claus. It was a fun time.

I went to my first HearthStone fundraiser in 2022. The dinner was good. I enjoyed the Dueling Pianos and I really liked to request songs for them to perform! I won a raffle basket with a beautiful scarf and jewelry made by an artist. Thank you HearthStone and your donors for helping HearthStone to keep going.



Future HearthStone Events

Mark your calendars to join your HearthStone friends at these upcoming HearthStone events!

- ***Legislative Bowling Party*** – March 11th, Odyssey Lanes in Sheboygan Falls
- ***Dance*** – April 14th, Generations in Plymouth
- ***REINS – TBD***, REINS Equine Assisted Services in Sheboygan Falls
- ***SEAS Sailing Event*** – TBD Summer, at Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center in Sheboygan
- ***End-of-Summer Picnic*** – September 8th, Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls
- ***Annual FUNdraiser*** – Fall, TBD
- ***Christmas Party*** – December 5th, Generations in Plymouth

We hope to schedule more fun events, too! Watch your mail, the HearthStone website hearthstonewi.org and HearthStone Facebook page (facebook.com/hearthstonewi) for event details and invitations.

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It's Time for HearthStone's Spring Dance!

Join your HearthStone Friends! Wear your favorite team apparel!



Friday, April 14, 2023 at Generations



1500 Douglas Dr. Plymouth (just north of Plymouth on Hwy E)

Free for HearthStone Members & Caregivers

 5:30 Registration

 6:30 "Tailgate" Supper of Brats, Burgers and all the fixin's, Water, Soda & Dessert

 7:00 to 9:00 pm Dancing to a live DJ

Please RSVP by 4/4/23

to Mrs. Sterzen at 920-467-6801

Or by email: terri.sterzen52@gmail.com

HearthStone Welcomes New Member to the Board of Directors

Welcome to Gail Wilke who joined the HearthStone Board of Directors in November 2022. Gail is a recently retired special education teacher of 31 years. She has a master's degree in Special Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. During her career she was the Autism Specialist in Green Bay providing support and instructional coaching for special education staff at 19 schools including elementary and secondary schools. More recently, Gail returned to Sheboygan and was the Special Education Program Support Teacher for the Sheboygan Area School District at the secondary level where she mentored and trained new teachers and coordinated resources for academic, behavioral and autism interventions among many other things.

Gail is an enthusiastic advocate for the rights of individuals with a disability. She believes in a society where people with disabilities are included, represented, and always respected for their talents. Gail's special expertise is in the area of autism, and she will present The Key to Successfully Supporting Autism in our Schools - Acknowledgement, Acceptance, Celebration & Expansion at the Wisconsin Autism Society Conference on April 21st at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay.



Thanks to Leah Curry for her Service to HearthStone

Many thanks and best wishes to Leah Curry as she steps down after her three-year term as the HearthStone President, to enjoy being a full-time mom to daughter Eevee. Leah has been with HearthStone for six years. She first served on the Advisory Board before becoming a Board Member. Leah served on the marketing committee and as the Secretary before accepting the presidency.

Leah is a graduate of Lakeland University. She is the past Editor of the Sheboygan Press and has also been on staff at Lakeland College. Leah is a gifted writer and HearthStone is indebted to her for her creativity which she exhibited in the many articles, the newsletters, letters, and marketing pieces she developed for HearthStone. Leah is always positive, encouraging, and a pleasure to those with whom she worked.

Leah cares deeply about the well-being of individuals with a disability and their caregivers based on her personal experience growing up with three brothers who have a disability and who were cared for by her mom. Leah and husband Alex provide the annual Caregiver Fund of \$500 for a caregiver in memory of Leah's mom, Claudia Ulatowski. The goal of this fund is to assist a caregiver who is a family member of someone with a cognitive disability. Leah continues her involvement with HearthStone as the Sibling/Past President member of the Advisory Board.

Familiar Faces Fill New Roles as HearthStone Officers

The HearthStone Board of Directors elected a new, but familiar, slate of officers in November 2022. Leah Curry stepped down from the presidency and Patti Saunders, former vice president, filled the president position. The board elected Daphne Peterson as the new vice president. Kris Williams won another term as secretary. Alex Curry graciously agreed to stay on as treasurer until we fill that open position.

Here's a little snapshot of each officer:

Patti Saunders, President...and her son, Eric, became HearthStone members in 2019. She began her HearthStone tenure as a board member and then vice president in 2020. Patti admits, “I know enough to be dangerous”, and confers with her fellow officers and board members as she takes on her new leadership role.



Daphne Peterson, Vice President...joined the HearthStone board in 2020 and has blossomed in her new role as vice president. Daphne is a great sounding board, practical, and encouraging. Her experience and dedication to serving individuals with disabilities are apparent in all that she does for HearthStone.



Kris Williams, Secretary...and her daughter, Katie, joined HearthStone in 2019. First serving as a board member, Kris became secretary in 2020. She is so much more than our secretary, as she manages much of HearthStone's day-to-day operations. Kris is civic-minded and readily volunteers in her community.



Alex Curry, Treasurer...became treasurer in 2019. Alex loves numbers, spreadsheets, and color-coded financial reports—and that is a VERY good thing for HearthStone! We're so fortunate that Alex continues to share his skills and knowledge with us, from the far reaches of Baraboo, WI.



Patti, Daphne, Kris, and Alex hit the ground running in their leadership roles.

Thanks, officers, for stepping up to the plate for HearthStone!

HearthStone Seeks to Fill Vacant Board of Director Positions

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your talents, knowledge, and passion for service? Have you thought about volunteering for a fun and impactful non-profit organization? Well, you are in luck! HearthStone is looking to fill two vacant board member positions on our Board of Directors.

HearthStone especially seeks an individual to step into the open treasurer position, currently held by our past/present treasurer. The treasurer position requires financial and technical skills to develop and maintain operational budgets, and expertise in the financial records and reporting required of non-profit organizations.

HearthStone would also benefit from an individual who brings technology, writing, and marketing skills to our organization. This person uses these skills to assist with our day-to-day operations and to develop content for our newsletter and website and print and digital promotions.

HearthStone Board Members are required to attend monthly board meetings held on the second Monday of each month from 4pm-5:15 pm. We hold meetings virtually (Google Meet) or hybrid when available. Board members must also participate on at least one committee. All members must share the HearthStone mission of helping individuals with a disability enjoy a secure, welcoming and fulfilling place in our community.

If you're interested in an opportunity to serve on the HearthStone Board of Directors, or know someone who would be a good fit for us, please email nominating@hearthstonewi.org for more information.

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HearthStone's Board of Directors - 2023

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