

Computer Classes Enrich Residents' Lives



Valerie Beam, Activities, looks on as AI Rudolph, Resident, learns how to use a computer from Jerry Tomb, volunteer.

“Once I learn how to do it, I’d like to come down to the computer room often and keep the skills up,” Frances said.

“It just boggles my mind that you can go (online) and find all of these answers,” said Margaret.

“The Residents expressed their excitement for a Computer Room when the Home underwent renovations. Now, thanks to the generosity of some wonderful benefactors, the Residents can stay in touch with their families and friends and age has nothing to do with their achieving the marvelous goal of learning to use computers,” said Sister Mary Vincent, Administrator.

A recent survey by the Office for National Statistics revealed that 6.4 million people over 65 years of age have never used the internet. Our Residents smile and say, “I think that number is about to change.”

With curiosity they came one by one to learn something new. Jerry Tomb, a computer volunteer, would open a whole new world to these eager students! He would welcome them all to the world of computers.

In this world, Frances sent her first electronic letter to her son, Arthur, a Catholic priest in Rome. Margaret, with just a click of the mouse, marveled at the amount of information at her fingertips and then played a great hand of solitaire. Ross learned how to set up mailing labels, which will make sending next year’s Christmas cards a breeze. Opal was thrilled to learn how to keep up with her grandkids by e-mail, then “surfing the web” to learn more about Arizona. And, Mary wanted to read more about caring for her African violets.



Resident, Betty McBurney, listens to volunteer, Jerry Tomb teach her how to set up an e-mail address. Opal Klass, Resident, (background), learns how to use the internet.



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