We had great voter turnout for Loudonville’s Resident Council President election on Monday, July 9. Our residents unanimously elected John Moser and Lyle Van Voast as our new President team. The two will work together and share the duties and responsibilities in representing our residents.

Lyle - “Stepping into this role is very big for me, because I am such an introverted person, but I want to work for this generation of people here in our home. Opening myself up gives me an opportunity to pay back a ‘can do generation,’ a generation that shaped and built this country. I am honored to have an opportunity to pay them back with gratitude for all they have done for all of us. This means for me to come out of my shell and have the privilege to provide a great service to wonderful people.” Lyle has been a resident here at Loudonville for 16 years.

John - “I am glad to do this service. My life has always been about service and people and so it shall continue. Giving back to the community is a meaningful way to spend my time and it is also very rewarding to feel like I am making a difference in people’s lives. I am very much looking forward to representing the residents in partnership with Lyle.” John and his wife, Loris, have been residents here at Loudonville for almost a year and a half.

Both Lyle and John are excited about opening dialogues with residents and interacting with them as representatives on a daily basis. They are planning their first Resident Council meeting for Thursday, July 26, and are looking forward to sharing the agenda.

Good luck and congratulations to a wonderful duo, and thank you for your service to our community.
Our residents have been enjoying the summer months with many activities inside and out. In response to resident demand for more outings, Loudonville has recently expanded its activities program to include more excursions. This summer residents have been caravanning all around our great town of Loudonville with trips to Guptill’s Ice Cream, The Crossings of Colonie, Franks Ice Cream, Scoops, Rite Aid and the Dollar Store.

Patricia and Paul Lohiser joined our Loudonville family a couple of months ago. Here is what they have to say about our exciting excursions:

Patricia - “Outings are a very important part of being in an assisted living residence; it gives you independence and reinforces a positive attitude. The change in pace is nice and it is fun to be out and about.” Paul - “I like being able to still be part of my larger community by participating in outside events and it is good for the self-esteem and mood.”

ShaQuoia says, my motto is “Don’t wish it was easier; wish you were better. Don’t wish for less problems; wish for more skills. Don’t wish for less challenge; wish for more wisdom.” – Jim Rohn

Memory Care is proudly presenting this issue’s Employee Spotlight. ShaQuoia Ruffin started working at the Loudonville Assisted Living Residence as a medical technician in April 2013. Since then, she has been a bright light here at Loudonville, with dedication, care, compassion and an outstanding work ethic that goes beyond the call of duty. When she started, ShaQuoia was enrolled in school to become an LPN but had not yet taken her boards -- all the while working full time and caring for her young son, Dahmel!

In August 2014, her second son, Daylen, was born, and ShaQuoia transferred to our Memory Care unit. She took her boards and became an LPN in October 2016. As a single mom of two she bought her own home and started nursing school to become an RN in January 2018.

On top of all of that, ShaQuoia recently started her own business, inspired by her Memory Care residents: “Sentimental Journey, Renewing Old Memories,” in which she creates one-of-a-kind, handmade shadowboxes and scrapbooks. If you look outside our resident rooms in Memory Care you will find thoughtfully put-together shadowboxes filled with personal mementos and photographs. These boxes gently remind our residents of the location of their personal rooms. ShaQuoia began making her own scrapbooks when her son Daylen was born. Now she makes shadowboxes for purchase by friends and community members who hang them on their walls.

We are so proud of all of ShaQuoia’s accomplishments and happy to call her part of our Loudonville family. Stay tuned for more Employee Spotlights to come!