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About the back cover.....

Sunburst at Sunrise

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Following Sunburst's annual participation driving and tossing candy in the Woodstock Memorial Day Parade, our entire club was invited for lunch, to display our cars and interact with residents at Sunrise Senior Living* in Crystal Lake. 47 of us enjoyed beverages, a BBQ with grilled burgers, dogs and ribs accompanied by sides of baked beans, cole slaw and potato salad, followed by dessert of blueberry or apple pie, alamode optional, and warm peanut butter cookies. It was a feast and contributions



for the meal are being donated for Alzheimer research.

The great misfortune is that rain began falling as we arrived. Their chef stood in the weather grilling. Residents were unable to see our cars closely or go for planned Corvette rides. As we left, drivers passed the front entrance where residents were able to look out from the veranda to see us depart.

Advance to August 17.....After more than one attempt foiled by weather, a summer day enabled us to make good for those resident Corvette rides. Seven cars provided rides to more than 20 residents and staff. Smiles and warmth were everywhere. The helpful staff assisted seniors needing walkers or wheelchairs get close and then into and out of the cars. One 97-year-old WWII veteran had never ridden in a Corvette or a convertible. He was so thankful for an activity, even if only for a few minutes. A local neighbor observing the event walked over to greet us, thank us and promised to suggest something similar to a Corvette-owning relative.

When staff rides commenced, they selected their car. The Torch Red ZR1 was the popular choice. Suffice it to be said, the owner provided each a memorable trip, causing them to stagger a bit on the sidewalk afterward.

It's amazing how the simple sharing of a few minutes can make such a difference in someone's day. This has been a rewarding activity and plans for a repeat in 2020 are already in discussion.

