

THE BRIDGELINE PLACE BULLETIN



ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

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The last three months have been quite eventful with strategic planning workshops, staff changes, the opportunity to participate in the IBICA standards review process, and the approval of proposal to DARS for extra funds.

The strategic planning process began at the beginning of this year and has now advanced to including staff, and other stakeholders. Our staff participated in two workshops with a facilitator to provide ideas for The BridgeLine in the next three-year strategic plan.

We are adjusting to a number of staffing changes. Our doctoral OT student, Taylor, finished her 16-week experience with us in April. She plans to stay in the area and has helped as a temporary unit coordinator to fill the gap with a brief staff vacancy.

In mid-May, David Harlow, the Kitchen/Maintenance Unit Coordinator left the clubhouse for an exciting opportunity. While working full time at the clubhouse, David earned a Master's Degree and will use this degree in his new position. We miss Dave's sense of humor and his repair skills.

At the beginning of June, the BridgeLine welcomed Morgan Ballard. Morgan recently moved to the Charlottesville area. Please look for the article inside the newsletter to learn more about Morgan!

The last of the staffing changes is that Ben Michaels will be leaving the clubhouse at the end of June. Ben is returning to school to pursue a Nursing degree. We will miss Ben, but wish him well on achieving this goal. He has been our clubhouse "data guy" that I have grown to rely on heavily for organizing and analyzing our clubhouse data.

I hope by the next newsletter, we will be able to introduce another new unit coordinator.

We are very appreciative of an approved request from the DARS-Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit for extra funds for the purchase of equipment that have enhanced our services. One item that already has been used quite extensively is a large screen television. With a "smart TV", our staff and members were able to participate in video conference calls with other IBICA clubhouses as part of the review and updating of the IBICA Clubhouse standards.

While there have been changes, the core values of clubhouse continue because of the members who make it their own.

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KITCHEN/MAINTENANCE UNIT UPDATE**Morgan B., Unit Coordinator**

Hi, my name is Morgan, and I am the new Unit Coordinator. I graduated from Millikin University in 2018 with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. After college, I began working as a mental health professional with individuals with severe schizophrenia. I started at the Bridgeline in June 2019 after moving to Charlottesville from Illinois. In my free time I enjoy going on walks with my dog and watching live bands. I am a dedicated, compassionate worker who will do whatever I can to help our members grow and live a better life.

For the kitchen unit, we are in the process of purchasing additional items to try and spruce things up. We are hoping to get some new bowls, mixing bowls, measuring spoons, tongs, and a vegetable chopper! With these, we hope to be able to accommodate those who wish to learn to cook!

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT UPDATE**Ben M., Unit Coordinator**

Work in the Administrative unit is going well, as always. We were sad to say goodbye to our volunteer OT Doctoral Student, Taylor. She was a big help, and a great personality to have around the Clubhouse. She will be missed.

Unfortunately, this the last unit update that I will be writing. I will be starting nursing school in the fall, and that will require my full attention. I have enjoyed my time working here, getting to know everyone, and seeing them grow.

On a happy note, some of our members have decided to seek employment/volunteer work! We are excited for them, and wish them well on their journey.

We have also had the opportunity to get some good use out of our new large TV to participate in video conference calls with other Clubhouses as part of reviewing the IBICA standards!

Book Review**Mary L., Member**

This will be my book review of President Truman by David McCullough. I am writing this because I know that President Truman lived in Hyde Park right outside of Cooperstown, New York, which was where the baseball hall of fame was located and also the hometown of the author that wrote *The Last of the Mohicans*. This book tells all about his term in office. It tells of how on very stressful afternoons or nights he would imagine himself at Hyde Park on his sled.

One of the characters was Hawkeye.

CLUBHOUSE BIRTHDAYS

April— David, Mary,

May— Renee C.

June— None Yet!

BridgeLine Place

Member of the Month

April 2019



My name is Matt, and I am Member of the Month for April. I am a survivor of brain cancer. In my free time, I like to watch TV, play Xbox, and I really love to make people laugh. My favorite movie is *The Upside*. As far as books go, I am a big fan of Stephen King, namely *IT* and *The Shining*. I also like *Black Hawk Down* and *Killing Pablo* by Mark Bowden. My favorite food is chicken bacon barbeque pizza. I love Charlottesville because I was born and raised here; my roots are here. I know all the fun places to go.

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Member of the Month
May 2019*

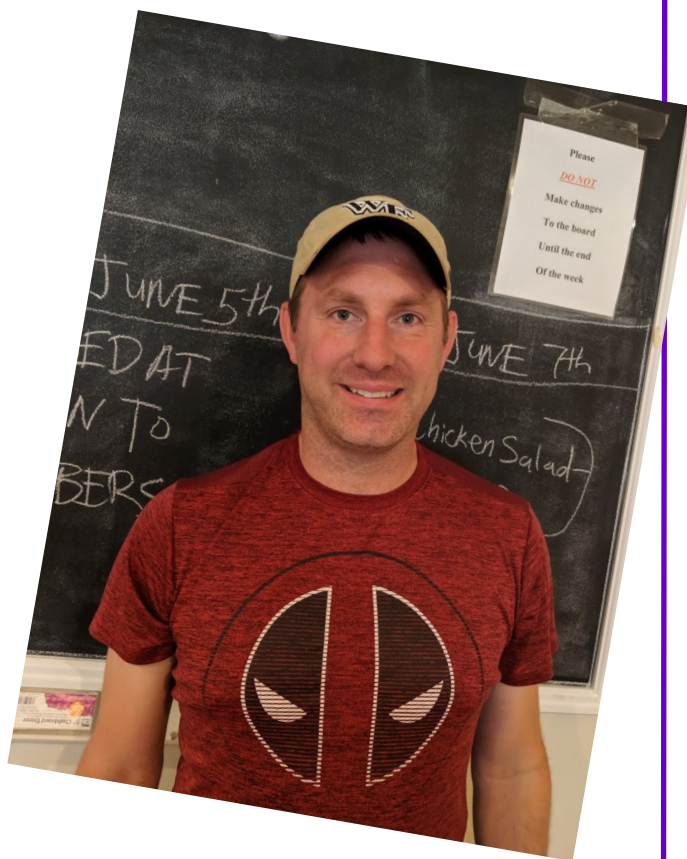


My name is Marques, and I am Member of the Month for May. I am an avid rare sneaker collector. I am especially fond of Jordans. Any new technology catches my eye, too. My favorite movie is *The Reign of the Supermen*, a DC comics movie. My favorite book is *The Bible*, written by Jehova. I can't get enough of Brussels Sprouts. I really like the area surrounding Charlottesville. I live in a rural area, so I get to enjoy being surrounded by nature.

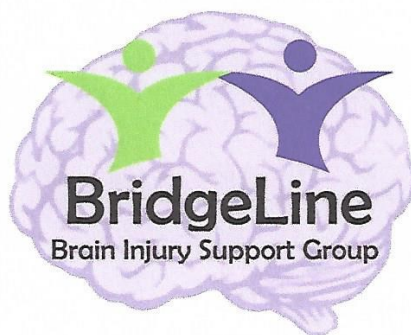
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Member of the Month

June 2019



My name is Luke, and I am Member of the Month for June. I very much enjoy going to the gym, going to concerts, spending time with my wife, and being outdoors. My favorite movie is Mallrats. I really enjoy music as opposed to anything written. I go to a lot of concerts and music events across the state. My favorite meal is taco salad. What I like most about Charlottesville and the surrounding area is being able to explore festivals and all the events going on.



Brain Injury Support Group

All meetings will be held on the first
Thursday of every month.

Where: The IX Building, 953 2nd Street SE
Suite #410 Charlottesville VA 22902

Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Join us for a new brain injury support group!
We welcome brain injury survivors, caregivers
and immediate family. Our mission is to facilitate
an encouraging, educational, social and
emotionally supportive meeting. See you there!

Email bisgcville@gmail.com or call 434-305-4988
to join the mailing list or for more info!

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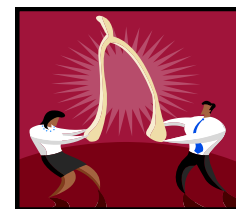
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There are many ways you can support The BridgeLine Place to continue providing a community based clubhouse program to people living in Charlottesville, and the surrounding counties. We depend on community supporters in so many ways! All monetary donations to the clubhouse are used for program supplies, community re-entry activities, or any other suggestions you may have. Your donations are tax deductible, and can be mailed to:

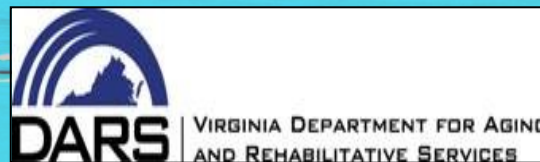
**The BridgeLine
P.O. Box 7292
Charlottesville, Va 22906**

If you prefer to donate a specific item, here's our wish list:

- Paper products—paper towels or toilet paper
- Copy paper or printer cartridges
- Gift cards for Lowe's, Food Lion, or office supply store
- Pantry items or canned items.



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