



# The Marion Gazette



## A Grandmother's Legacy of Intentional Humanity

by Kim Senn, Co-Founder of The Koselig House

My Grandma Josie was one of the most impactful people in my life. I remember how it felt to play at the playground across the street from her home. During the summer, the asphalt was sweet smelling, and the sweat of youth would pour out from playing tag with the neighborhood children. I remember the smell of the peonies that lined her sidewalk that seemed to go on forever, when, from my adult perspective, was only about 30 feet long.

My Grandma Josie was filled with light. She had a difficult life, always worked multiple jobs, gardened, and raised 5 children. She would be up by 5 a.m. everyday. Her breakfast was always the same, white Wonder bread toast, butter, and homemade strawberry jam. I can still see her bite into the toast with her hair all amiss. However, it was her baked chicken that always stole the show.

My grandma was always very intentional with her attention. She played with us. She enjoyed us. And we felt it. She would finish her work around 7 p.m. and then we were all hers. She taught us how to cut out hearts by folding the paper in half and cutting half a heart, making both sides perfectly symmetrical. We played crazy eights while drinking A&W Rootbeer. She brought out the Shoestring potato Chips and Milky Way bars. Grandma knew how to entertain children.

If we visited on a Saturday morning, she would always have no less than 2 to 3 visitors that would come and sit on her porch and have coffee. Some, unfortunately, were relatives that took advantage of her kindness. They would ask for a couple of dollars here and there. Although she had none to spare, she always gave them more than what they asked for.

I will never forget the intentional humanity my Grandma showed not just me, but everyone that came to her porch. She had a gift of empathy and radiated joy, despite the hardships her life provided.

One of my greatest memories was when I was in second grade. My parents, grandma and I went for a walk. We ended up a park with a baseball diamond. I begged my Mom and Dad to race me. They both declined my offer. But you know who didn't? My 70-year-old Grandma Josie. Do you know who won? My 70-year-old Grandma Josie.

She shared many memories and incredible lessons with me, but the most influential one was her ability to live with intentional humanity. Grandma Josie taught me that every person is worthy of attention no matter their age, their financial status, or their previous mistakes. Everyone matters and every moment matters.

Wisdom comes with age, and I thank her every day for the lessons she taught me of how to be present with someone and to focus on them and the moment shared. This is the type of intentional humanity that we look for in our Koselig Team and try to provide for our Koselig family. Every resident matter and every smile counts!

## A Little Nugget of Goodness

Did you know that you can bring a pet in for a visit at The Koselig House? Our residents love to interact with animals petting them, playing with them, and just watching them. If you have a furry friend that you would like to bring for a visit, please call to arrange a time for their first visit. Our goal is to ensure their tails wags as brightly as the smiles they will bring to our residents' face and day!



# Meet Cosette Weizbiskie, Executive Director



Our Executive Director, Cosette Weizbiskie joined the Koselig team a few months ago. Being that the Gazette is created quarterly, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce her. Cosette grew up in Green Bay, WI where she was raised alongside her two siblings. She is the eldest of three and has a younger brother and sister. Her first-born natural tendencies were noticed by her mother, who always told her she would be perfect as a leader. As a result, Cosette has a degree in Organizational Leadership in Public and Non-Profit, as well as Healthcare Management. When we asked Cosette who her biggest mentor was she said, "My mom, she has shown me the importance of empathy and to have a caring spirit in every interaction." Cosette enjoys working in the assisted living world because, "I am passionate about serving others and it gives me a purpose. It allows me to make a difference and that is fulfilling to me." Please join us in welcoming Cosette to the Koselig family, we are blessed to have you as part of our Team!

## Our Mission

**We believe it is an HONOR to serve the souls that work and reside within our community.**

**We strive to provide INTENTIONAL HUMANITY in our daily tasks by providing a safe, kind, and gracious home and work environment.**

**Our priority is to comfort and SERVE our residents and their families with joy and dignity.**

**We celebrate the value of every person within our care and feel it is a PRIVILEGE TO SHARE this journey with them.**



Special 4th of July Dessert Koselig Style!

## Staff Appreciation

The Koselig House is so very thankful for our cook, Doris. She cooks with love and pride. She exemplifies intentional humanity everyday by putting so much love into not only creating healthy delicious meals but tailoring them to the palates of our residents. She serves them with love and compassion. She is a gift to us all. Born in Basal, Switzerland, Doris worked at her family restaurant for years: The Chalet St. Moritz. When asked what she loves about cooking at The Koselig House she said, "I love to share my joy and passion. I like to make people happy through food". Her favorite food? Rahmschnitzel. Thank you, Doris, for being such an amazing co-worker and friend to our residents. We are honored to award you, *The Koselig House's Employee of the Month*. Congrats, Doris and THANK YOU!



**Now Hiring!**

**If you know of someone who would make an excellent addition to our team, please let us know. Call Cosette or Latasha at 608-842-2693 today!**

# Koselig:

*A Norwegian adjective that expresses a feeling of deep contentment, provided by a person, place or atmosphere, experiencing happiness and personal well-being through a combination of nature, companionship, and coziness.*