



Life's adventure continues at White Horse Village

Ursula Siebeneich has always been ready to learn new things, and that adventure has continued after her retirement and move to White Horse Village.

She was 5 years old when her family moved from Germany to a new home and culture in Wisconsin, and she's made good use of that ability to adapt in the years since. In her career, Ursula worked in IT when computers were mostly large mainframes, but as

personal computers and laptops arrived on the scene, her curiosity kept her exploring the new technology. At the same time, she kept working on a college degree that she finished around the time she retired.



Now, Ursula uses her knowledge on the resident technology committee at White Horse Village, helping other residents with tech issues they may experience. A Windows user herself, she's learned the ropes with Apple products along the way.

Ursula first heard about White Horse Village from friends. When the woman who would one day become her wife moved to this community, Ursula decided to follow. She switched from a large townhome to an apartment here. She was prepared for the change and says it's worked out well in the decade since. She's still in the same Belmont apartment she started out in, which has turned out to have plenty of space for her needs. "I'm very happy in the building."

One benefit Ursula especially likes is the ability to get to the Clubhouse, the social and activity hub of the community, without ever going outdoors, making any foul weather irrelevant in her plans.

"I've also got a close group of friends here," she says.

The technology committee is her favorite outlet because of the way it allows her to meet so many people around campus, help others, and play with technology. But there are many other projects Ursula has thrown herself into since coming here, not least of which serving on the board of directors for White Horse Village. She also edits White Horse Tales, a monthly resident newsletter, helped start the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Advocacy Committee, and serves on the Health Services Advisory Committee. Ursula also likes to volunteer in Healthcare — most recently playing Scrabble with residents there.

"I try to stay engaged as much as possible," she says with a touch of understatement.

"I love the campus," she adds. "I think that's one of the things that draws many of us here, is a lot of green space. There's more than enough activities."

Her fellow residents have also been very supportive of her as a member of the LGBTQ community, Ursula reflects.

"We do take care of one another; that's an important part of this for me," she says.