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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schulte Mark J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			Brookdale Senior Living Inc. [BKD]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 515 NORT	TH STATE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012			_	_X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
STREET, SUITE 1750							Di	ciow)	below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CHICAGO	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiticomor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/24/2012			J <u>(1)</u>	168,147	A	\$ 16.895	336,713	D		
Common Stock								0 (1)	I	By GRAT	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Treporting of the remove remove and	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Schulte Mark J 515 NORTH STATE STREET SUITE 1750 CHICAGO, IL 60654	X						
Signatures							

Signatures

/s/ Chad C. White, By Power of 05/29/2012 Attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Since the date of the reporting person's previous report, 71,853 shares that were previously held indirectly by the reporting person in a grantor retained annuity trust ("GRAT") were distributed to the reporting person. On May 24, 2012, the reporting person substituted assets of equal value into the GRAT in exchange for 168,147 shares of the issuer's common stock. As such, these securities are directly beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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