



Steuben County Health Care Facility September 2010 Newsletter

Celebrating our Gardens

We have had great summer weather this year. The courtyards are improving and becoming very pleasant areas to sit in and enjoy fresh air.



We are now entering the time of year when flowers and vegetables are at their peak.

Everyone should stroll around and enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Thank you to SCHCF Employee committee and others who donated perennials in the spring. We are planting autumn mums and pansies now. We extend thanks to facility staff members, the Maintenance department and visitors who volunteered their time and energy.



The gated courtyard has a new Doggie Station fully equipped with bags and a disposal site. We need you to clean up after your pooch.

Seating and shaded areas are also available for your comfort. Doorbells are at every door to ring for assistance when re-entering the building. Let's try to get residents out in the courtyards during the next few months.

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Good Times

Resident, friend and retired Gates Police Sgt. Lewis Bryant enjoyed a surprise reunion with his former police unit.



Photo compilation presented to Sgt. Bryant during the reunion. He also received a mock arrest warrant on Friday, August 13th!

Sgt. Bryant joined the Gates Police Department in August 1962 and was the department's first sergeant. He was also the first commanding officer in those days. He served the department for 22 years. After his retirement, he moved to the Southern Tier and was elected as the town justice in the Town of Rexville in Steuben County.



Retired "boys" of the Gates Police Department Lt. Jim Keltz, Sgt. Jerry Thurley, Officer Florian Komorowski, Officer Joe Messura, and Officer Bill Gillette with 'Lew' Bryant.

They hadn't seen him in many years. They gathered in the Waneta private dining room. Refreshments were served and all had a great time talking and reminiscing. His friends commented that our staff is taking really good care of Mr. & Mrs. Bryant. They were very impressed with the facility and the wonderful people who work here.

Looking Forward

We are excited to announce a new contract agreement between the Steuben County Health Care Facility and CHE Senior Psychological Services. Our goal is to provide quality psychological support care services in combination with social work to improve each resident's emotional life. This new service will also serve to benefit our staff in their role as caregivers. Further details will be shared in our next issue.

Teri Pitbladdo, LMSW



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Savoring Summer

On August 6th and 9th a Grill out with Goldie was offered to our residents. The menu included grilled Peach Salad, grilled zucchini rolls with cheese and herbs, grilled chicken, and traditional hot dogs or hamburgers. Dessert was a farm fresh berry trifle.



Keuka resident Phoebe Hughes enjoys the taste of summer while dining in the courtyard.

The event was held outside under tents. Weather was fantastic and residents commented that it was a four star meal!

Tips & Tidbits

FEEDING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS will be offered Thursday, 9/9/10. For those that would like to pre-register please call Lorellie Evans @ 776-7651 ext 4929.

PET VISITS

Please remember when you take your dog or cat for their rabies vaccination you will need to provide our facility with a copy of the new rabies certificate if you intend to bring your pet to visit your loved one.



WEATHER SAFETY

Cooler weather is coming. Please insure your loved one has a hat, gloves and coat. Our environmental staff does their best to keep driveways, parking lots and sidewalks clean of debris. Please do your part and exercise caution to avoid slips, trips and falls. Wear boots and watch your footing when the weather indicates it. Report any hazardous area to the Receptionist upon entering the facility so we can attend to it promptly.

"Whenever people talk to me about the weather I always feel quite certain that they mean something else." - Oscar Wilde



FAMILY HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT

An overview of recent New York legislation entitled the "Family Health Care Decisions Act" is available. The law serves to safeguard a resident who is unable to speak for themselves due to a severe illness and who does not have a health care proxy agent designated prior to the health crisis. This Act does not affect residents who have been proactive and already completed a health care proxy agent.

Contact Nicole Walker for further information on this and the formation of our Ethics Committee.

SAVE THE DATE

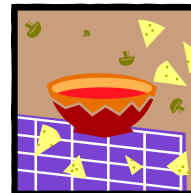
Resident/Shopper Service will be set up in the Lobby on Thursday, November 4th.

Resident/Family Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th.

EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE NEWS

Our display cabinet is now located near the vending machine area to your left as you enter the Café. Check it out to see 'must have' items available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Employee Committee.

RESIDENT COUNCIL NEWS



We will use our very own harvest vegetables and prepare Salsa for a sale. All proceeds will benefit the Resident Activity Fund.

We recently learned our hairdresser Colleen will resign to further her education in the field of massage. We wish her well!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Eugenia Clark – Certified Nursing Assistant
Amber Fritzinger - Certified Nursing Assistant
Gale Fontenot - Certified Nursing Assistant
Faith Heckman - Certified Nursing Assistant
Iryn Meyers - Food Service Helper
Yolanda Mullen – Licensed Practical Nurse
Faith Scalia - Licensed Practical Nurse