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National Nursing Home Week Events Recapped

Special points of interest:

- A recap of last months celebration
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Well, National Nursing Home Week has come to a close for another year and we hope everyone enjoyed all of the festivities. The week began with our annual Mother's Day Brunch which was highlighted by over 140 family members joining their "moms" for a buffet brunch.

During the week each day spotlighted a different way that our resident's lives are enriched daily by those around them. From crafts, to entertainment to playing games with the staff, it was hard to tell who was having the most fun.

As always, the event culminated with our annual Mitchell Family Community Picnic. Several members of our residents and staff member's families as well as guest from the community enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon filled with food, prizes, games, raffles and fun. Even with the unexpected glitch of the shuttle bus breaking down early in the event, the event was a huge success. We would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who was patient and understanding with us as we continued to shuttle our guests back to their cars, as well as a special thank you to Phil Barbosa, Lorrie Walter and Stacey Rish who volunteered to be our impromptu shuttle drivers.

Thanks again to everyone who helped and participated. We are looking forward to next year!

A Retrospective in Photos



Resident Helen Cain enjoys working on an afghan during "Enrichment Through Crafts"



Nurse Sarah Crockett and her partner Bertille Simon took second place in the Wii bowling tournament



Resident Paul Neatfeld and his wife Sandy enjoy watching the entertainment



Guests anxiously await their turn in the "Dino-Bouncer"



Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Baked Beans, oh my!



It wouldn't be possible without the help of our awesome staff and amazing volunteers.



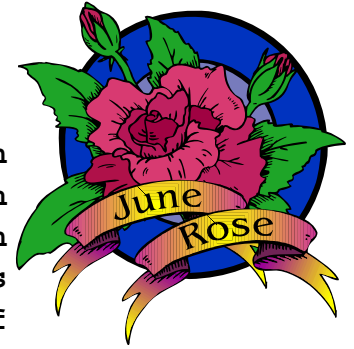
The petting zoo is always a popular attraction at the picnic



All proceeds from our raffles and bake sale benefit our resident Christmas Fund

Karen's Corner

by Karen Nees, Administrator/
Social Services



There are two events in June I thought I would mention in this month's article. First is *Father's Day* which became an officially recognized holiday in 1972 even though it was first proposed in 1910. Sonora Dodd was listening to a Mother's Day sermon and was thinking of her father, a widower who had raised her and her five brothers all by himself. Between 1910 and 1972, the celebration was held sporadically throughout the US. Members of an all male Congress were remiss in recognizing the day because they felt it would be interpreted as a pat on the back for themselves.

Flag Day this year will be celebrated on Monday June 14th. I found this poem written in a care center in Colorado that I wanted to share with you:

THE HONOR OF FLAG DAY

Fighting for our flag represents
freedom for the American people.

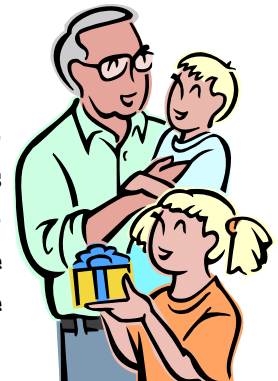
The wearing of the poppy flower reminds us that our
soldiers fought for our freedom and still do.

Red, white, and blue waving in the breeze is a constant
reminder of what soldiers went through for all of us.

When we sing the Star Spangled Banner, we remember
that our flag is still here with us.

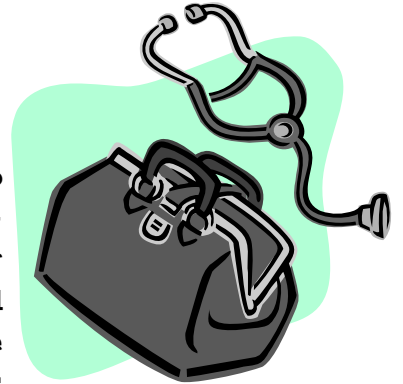
Father's Day Picnic

We would like to invite the families of our male residents to our annual Father's Day Picnic. This year's event will take place on Sunday, June 20th from noon until 1:00 pm. Come and join us as we celebrate with some of our favorite dads. Look for more information to be coming soon to a mailbox near you!



Physician Assistant Students Scheduled to Return

For the third year in a row now, Physician's Assistant students enrolled at UTMUO will be returning to Swanton Health Care as a part of their school curriculum. Two groups of five students will be here for two weeks each working alongside our nursing and therapy staff. They will also be spending some time with our Medical Director and other staff members as well. The first group will be here June 7th thru the 18th. The second group will be here June 21st thru July 2nd.



In the past, this program has proven to be a very positive experience for both the students as well as SHC. It allows our staff to interact with the students while providing the opportunity to show these future medical professionals what long term care entails.

We are very excited for this program to be returning to us this year.

A Message from Scott Mitchell

Swanton Health Care and Retirement Center would like to thank Heather Hogrefe O.W.E. Coordinator from Penta Career Center for the Service Award given to our facility.

Matt Jordan, the son of one of our nurses (Ellie Jordan) has volunteered his time with our maintenance department through Penta this past school year.

We would like to also thank Matt for all of his help!



June Birthdays

The following residents and staff will be celebrating birthdays throughout the month of June:

<u>Residents:</u>		<u>Staff:</u>	
Inge Meinberg	5th	Sandy Neatfeld	1 s t
James Eubanks	5th	Michele Saunders	3 r d
Helen Buck	10th	Phelicia Sickmiller	3 r d
Ruth Balis	11th	Julia Adams	8 t h
		Kristin Kowalski	8 t h
		Gina Root	9 t h
		Jessica Lightle	10th
		Kristy Haynes	13th
		Dee Keough	13th
		Ellie Jordan	14th
		Brittany Kimmel-Barker	15th
		Brenda Baus	18th
		Karen Nees	20th

June Anniversaries

The following staff members will be celebrating the anniversaries of their employment at SHC during the month of June:

Jackie Whitcomb, Restorative STNA, 22 years

Susan Jeffries, Laundry Attendant, 14 years

Peggy Green, LPN, 10 years

Joni Kelley, RN, 7 years

Thomas Meyers, RN, DON, 5 years

Lee Ann Ham, RN, 5 years

Veronica Wines, Dining Services, 3 years

Mackenzie Shindorf, Q of L, 3 years

Andrea Buel, STNA, 2 years

Fathers Are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people,
too little understood,
and we do not sing their praises
as often as we should.

For Father struggles daily
to live up to his image
as protector and provider
and hero of the scrimmage,

And perhaps that is the reason
we sometimes get the notion
that fathers are not subject
to the thing we call emotion.

But if you look inside Dad's heart,
where no one else can see,
you'll find he's sentimental
and soft as he can be.

Fathers are just wonderful
in a million different ways,
and they merit loving compliments
and accolades of praise.

For the only reason Dad aspires
to fortune and success
is to make the family proud of him
and bring them happiness.

And like our heavenly Father,
He's a guardian and a guide,
someone we can count on
to be always on our side.

Author Unknown

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY





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A Message from Your Safety Committee

Last month marked the two yr anniversary of Ohio enacting the Next of Kin Registry. One of the first states to offer this service, state officials are encouraging more Ohioans to use it. Any holder of a valid Ohio drivers license, commercial drivers license, temporary permit or State of Ohio ID card has the option of providing the name and contact information of the person they wish to be notified in an emergency situation where they are unable to communicate with emergency personnel. As we begin the busy season of summer travel, you may want to take a few minutes and complete the easy registration form.

You can provide next of kin information for up to two contacts either online or through any Ohio BMV deputy registrar. For those over 18, the contact person can be any nearby relative, friend or coworker. Those under the age of 18 are required to provide a parent or guardian as primary contact. This secure database is accessible only to BMV employees and law enforcement personnel.

If you would like more information or would like to register you and or your family members you can log onto www.bmv.ohio.gov and click on "Emergency Contact Enrollment/Next of Kin" under the "Online Services" heading.