

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

**FEBRUARY
2010**



Upcoming Events

Feb 19	PAYDAY	Mar 16	Department Head
Feb 22	Medicare		County Board Meeting
Feb 25	Medicare	Mar 17	Nurses Meeting
Feb 28	Medicare	Mar 18	Medicare
Mar 1	Medicare		Infection Control
Mar 2	Department Head		Pharmacy
Mar 4	Medicare	Mar 19	PAYDAY
Mar 4	Foundation	Mar 20	First Day of Spring
Mar 4	Board of Trustees	Mar 22	Medicare
Mar 5	PAYDAY	Mar 25	Medicare
Mar 8	Medicare	Mar 26	WACH Meeting Here
Mar 10	All Staff Meeting	Mar 28	Palm Sunday
Mar 11	Medicare	Mar 29	Medicare
Mar 14	Daylight Saving Time Begins	Mar 30	Department Head
Mar 15	Medicare		



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Ann Meurer 5 years
Barb Sandberg 5 years
Julie Smith 6 years
Janet Gordon 7 years

Clarissa Parks 7 years
Wanda Potter 9 years

Congratulations Employees

Western Day will be held on Wed., March 10. There will be a chili luncheon from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The luncheon will be held in the Community Room. The meal will be \$4.00 and includes a bowl of chili, bread, dessert and soda. Please dress in your western duds for the day. The activity department will also be selling arrest warrants for \$1.00 each. Have someone arrested and they will need to serve a 10 minute jail time!

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 starting at 10:30 SHARP. Rain or Shine. For ages infant - 9 years. Enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny. There will also be a bake sale. Please join us for this fun event. I am also in need of volunteers to help with the event. I will need volunteers to put the eggs out, someone to walk around with the Easter Bunny, assist the kids with the hunt, help with the bake sale and traffic control. If you are interested please contact me, Margaret at ext. 7540.

The residents will also be filling plastic eggs with candy. We are in need of candy for the eggs. If anyone would like to donate candy or money please see anyone in activities. The candy needs to be individually wrapped and small enough pieces to fit in the plastic eggs. No loose jelly beans please or other loose candy. We will start filling eggs on Monday, March 22, so if the candy could be dropped off by then it would be greatly appreciated.

PHONE NUMBERS FOR LAUNDRY! The Laundry Department has 2 different numbers. If you need to get in touch with me (Tom), call 7519 for either Housekeeping or Laundry issues. If you need to talk to the Laundry Department in general, please call 7628. You may leave a message on either phone.

Thank you, Tom Renzelmann, Environmental Services Manager

Welcome Our New Employees



I'm Megan Brey. I am a CNA for the casual position. I am currently attending UW-Madison and hope to pursue a career in Nursing and Public Health.



My name is Lori Myers. I live in Reedsburg and have been a CNA for 6 years. I have two grown sons, Jeff and Kyle.



My name is Toni Chalupecky and I'm 20 years old. I'm going to school to become an RN. I live in Reedsburg.



I am Fatima Ruiz, CNA. I am a new employee. I live in town and have two kids. I am currently enrolled in MATC. I am glad to be working here with you



I'm Cole Duren. I live in Reedsburg. I'm working as a CNA. I also play baseball in the summer time for the Caz Reds. So, if you have nothing to do on a Sunday afternoon in summer, stop by the Caz Ball Park and watch a Reds game.



My name is Patti Zimmerman and I live in Ironton. I have been married to my husband, Tom, for 31 years. Our daughter, Tami, just moved to New York City. We have 2 dogs. I am back in school for Nursing.

Juli's Jottings

Be survey savvy: Did you know?

- If you have a fever and respiratory symptoms you must be off work until your fever is gone for 24 hours without the use of medication. If you have the stomach flu you must be off 48 hours after your last symptom. You can not report to work if you have a skin lesion.
- Alcohol based hand sanitizers CAN NOT be used before or after meal times or after using the rest room or assisting the resident in the rest room.
- We can not touch residents food with our bare hands - if we need to cut items, butter bread, peel an orange or banana we either need to use gloves or deli paper.
- We have policies for influenza, norovirus, infection control etc. They are located in the blue binders by the hand washing sinks on the neighborhoods. Need to know more, see Juli.
- Do you know what to do if you witness potential abuse? INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY!!!! MAKE SURE THE RESIDENT IS SAFE! Types of abuse: Physical, Misappropriation, Sexual, Emotional, Verbal.
- Isolation Precautions is now called Transmission Based Precautions. There are three types: contact, airborne and droplet. Drop-let precautions are used for H1N1 and Flu
- We have an Emergency Preparedness Plan and you have been inserviced on it. Our plan is in the maroon binders in the Team Stations.
- We have a Pandemic Plan. It is in the blue Infection Control binder and you have also received inservice on it.
- If you have not completed the fall or abuse inservices given at the All Staff, see LaVerne.

Any or all of the above are questions a surveyor may ask. Be prepared for survey every day! **Thank you for all you do!**

LaVerne's Inservice Corner

The All Staff Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30, 1:30 and 2:30

*HIPAA inservice available now. Please read and do the quiz. Also, the Falls and Caregiver Misconduct inservices must be completed by all staff ASAP. These are available in the Inservice room and are **MANDATORY FOR ALL STAFF***

The end of the in-service year is March 31st. and that all staff must have mandatory in-services completed by that time. CNAs must also have at least a total of 12 hours of in-services completed by that time. In-service reports will be out next week.

LaVerne

Our next **Casual 4 A Cause** will be on **Wednesday, March 10**. Remember to purchase a Casual 4 A Cause Sticker at the front desk if you wish to wear jeans. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** We received an anonymous nomination for the Sunshine Award. Janet Litty from dietary was seen helping a resident by holding a heavy door open for them and waiting until they were ready to leave the area. Thank you, Janet, for your thoughtfulness. Janet will receive a gift card to a local business for her kindness.

Remember that your Sunshine Club is responsible for sending birthday cards to all staff, gifts for staff who experience deaths, illness, births etc. We are always looking for new ideas to recognize our wonderful staff and their dedication to our residents, so please put your ideas in the soon to be installed Suggestion Box or bring them to the front desk for Juli Brandt, Kim Gochanour, or Diane Gade.

Upcoming events:

Calling all cooks! Do you have a favorite family recipe that you would like to share with the rest of us? SCHCC foundation is in the process of gathering recipes to make a cookbook for the Health Care Center. Please get your recipes to Kim Gochanour to be added to our book.

Reminder on a couple of policies: Tobacco Free Policy - SCHCC is a tobacco free campus. What does this mean? Absolutely no staff, visitors, or residents can smoke or use tobacco products on the campus. Abuse - do you know what to do if you witness abuse? Make sure the first step is to intervene and ensure the resident's safety. After that, you must notify the administrator immediately to determine what the next step will be and if we need to start a formal investigation.

As we get ready for spring, we will begin to see activity occurring outside. The Sauk County Master Gardeners have chosen the Health Care Center as one of their 2010 projects. They will help us in weeding, bringing plants from the old facility etc...

Did you know? The Health Care Center reports monthly to a Board of Trustees. This board is made up of 4 county board supervisors and 3 community members. Each month we report on our financial reports, give updates on events occurring at the Health Care Center, and make the board aware of new trends or features happening in long term care. This board also approves capital expense spending for equipment, major repair, etc... Our current members are: Steve Bach - chairman, Henry Netzinger- vice chairman, Linda Borleske and Art Carlson. The three community members are Terri Langer, Sue Ellen Murray and Bill Higgins. Most meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the boardroom. All staff and community are invited to attend.



HEAD OF LEPRECHAUN DAY



**REMEMBER TO SPRING AHEAD ON MARCH 13
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON THE
14TH**