

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

**APRIL
2011**

Monthly Calendar



Apr 15	PAYDAY
Apr 16	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 18	Medicare
Apr 19	Department Head
Apr 20	Nurses Meeting
Apr 21	Quality Assurance, Infection and Pharmacy Meetings
Apr 22	Good Friday Holiday
Apr 24	Easter Sunday
Apr 25	Medicare
Apr 26	Volunteer Brunch
Apr 27	Admin. Professionals Day
Apr 29	PAYDAY
May 2	Medicare
May 3	Department Head
May 8	Mother's Day

May 8—13	National Nursing Home Week
	Jeans all week & Activities
May 9	Medicare
May 13	PAYDAY
May 16	Medicare
May 17	Department Head
May 18	Nurses Meeting
May 19	CNA Meetings
May 23	Medicare
May 27	PAYDAY
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday
May 31	Department Head



Upcoming Events



Please join us for our **8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16**. It starts at 10:30 a.m. SHARP!! For ages infant - 9. Visit from the Easter Bunny and bake sale. Please bring in a donation for the local food pantry. Held Rain or Shine.

National Volunteer Week - April 10-16. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered over the past year in making our special events a success. Your time and talents are always greatly appreciated. We could not do it without all of you.



Cinco de Mayo - Thursday, May 5—Taco Lunch with serving from 10:30 - 1:00. PM's & NOC shifts, please place your order to the activity department. Plate Lunch - \$4.00 Includes: 2 tacos (hard or soft shell), Spanish rice, dessert and soda. Taco - \$1.50 each. Proceeds to benefit Resident Council in honor of Cinco de Mayo - wear jeans and the colors of the Mexican flag (green, white and red).



National Nursing Home Week - May 8-14. This year's theme is "Fulfilling the Promise".

NNHW spotlights nursing home residents and staff and encourages all to celebrate those that make a positive difference in their lives every day. Thank you to all of the staff that provide a caring and supportive environment for our residents and their families. Your continued dedication to our residents and the facility is greatly appreciated. NNHW will be filled with special events for the staff and residents. Some of the events include a cook-out, jeans days, coin wars, resident and staff social and games, plus more. Please watch for upcoming flyers and join in on the fun.

May 25 - Celebrate Wisconsin. Wisconsin became a state on May 29, 1848. I am looking for pictures and personal stories about your favorite areas and memories of Wisconsin. Maybe a memorable camping trip, canoe trip, visit to a historical area, etc. I would like to share these with the residents. There will be a social at 2:00 in the Community Room. Please join us for this trip around our state and sample some different foods from Wisconsin.



Memorial Service - Friday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room



Our annual Memorial Service is held to pay tribute to all of those residents who have passed away at the Health Care Center in the past year. It is also a time to honor those who are currently serving and have served in the military. The service will be held in the Community Room. Officiated by Pastor Christian McShaffrey. VFW Post 1916 and the Ladies Auxiliary will also be part of the service.

SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS

Your **Sunshine Club** sends birthday cards to all staff, gifts for staff who experience deaths, illness, births etc. and for periodically providing treats for staff on special occasions. We also provide a copy of the *Baraboo News Republic* for staff use in the break room.

Our next **Casual 4 A Cause** will be on **May 11, 2011**. You may purchase a Casual 4 A Cause Sticker at the front desk if you wish to wear jeans.

Remember to recognize your fellow employees by nominating them for the Sunshine Award. Put your suggestions/nominations or questions in the Suggestion Box located in the employee break room. Our April winners are Peggy Connors and Sherry Karstetter for "always being so cheerful, smiling and helpful. The residents love them and they go above and beyond to make the units fun and active. Their positive attitudes are refreshing." They were nominated by Donna Hahn. We received two other nominations and the winners were chosen in a random drawing. Sherry and Peggy will receive a cash gift and our thanks for going the extra mile to help make this a 5 Star Facility.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie Hohl	1 year	Mary Braun	12 years
Lindsey Rockweiler	1 year	Sonya Klang	12 years
Bruce Meyer	2 years	Michele Lohr	26 years
Darla Riese	3 years	Millie Smith	37 years
Penny Clary	4 years		
Ronda Wilke-Ostrander	7 years		
Laura Herritz	9 years		

CONGRATULATIONS STAFF

LaVerne's In-service Corner

The next **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. These are mandatory meetings for all staff.

"Thank you" to all staff for completing the required in-services for last year in a timely manner! The new in-service year has began April 1st. The following in-services are available so far: Mandatory for all staff: Severe Weather. Please complete this ASAP. We really need to be aware of this procedure due to our frequent severe weather. Mandatory for Nurses and CNAs: Falls Prevention - recorded live presentation available in in-service room. Mandatory for CNAs: CNA meeting for April - copies of agenda available in Neighborhood memo books.

Don't forget that you get in-service credit for All Staff Meetings, Nurses' meetings, and CNA meetings. Thank you. LaVerne



Juli's Jottings

Remember the April nurses meeting will be on April 20th.

REMINDER: Standard of Practice is to Foam in/Foam out each and every time you enter a resident's room.

DID YOU KNOW?

Almost all falls can be prevented?

Falls are a result of a resident needing something—usually toileting.

When a resident is anxious or restless, this should be a cue to staff that the resident is at an increased risk for falls. When staff witness these types of behaviors, they should place the resident at the top of their priority to prevent falls.

Keeping these simple things in mind may greatly increase resident safety.

A CULTURE OF SAFETY IS A PRIORITY!

T E A M W O R K—Many hands make for light work!



We need you!

We are looking for CNA and licensed nursing staff who would like to voice their opinions on how to improve morale and make our jobs easier. Please let Juli know if you are interested. The first meeting is planned for April 27. We are still looking for CNA's and nurses who would like to be a part of this committee.



The Sauk County Health Care Center Foundation has cookbooks for sale. They are selling for \$10 each as a fundraiser for the Foundation to help pay for stained glass windows for the Community Room. They may be purchased at the Health Care Center front desk from 8:00—4:30 Monday through Friday, or by contacting Kim Gochanour at 524-7501 or kgochanour@co.sauk.wi.us.

