

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

**AUGUST
2010**

Monthly Calendar



Aug 23	Medicare	Sept 12	Grandparents Day
Aug 26	Medicare	Sept 13	Medicare
Aug 30	Medicare	Sept 14	Department Head
Aug 31	Department Head	Sept 16	Medicare
Sept 1	Medical Records Tailgate Luncheon		Infection Control/Pharmacy CNA Meetings
Sept 2	Medicare	Sept 17	PAYDAY
Sept 3	PAYDAY	Sept 20	Medicare
Sept 4	Alzheimer's Benefit Walk	Sept 21	Alzheimer's Casual 4 A Cause
Sept 6	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	Sept 23	Medicare
Sept 8	All Staff Meeting CASUAL 4 A CAUSE Board of Trustees		First Day of Fall
Sept 9	Medicare	Sept 25	Sauk County Memory Walk
Sept 11	PATRIOT DAY	Sept 27	Medicare
		Sept 28	Family Meeting
		Sept 30	Medicare

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

RACHEL ARENDSEE	1 YEAR	DAWN DREA	16 YEARS
JENNIFER RHODES	2 YEARS	PEGGY CONNORS	18 YEARS
ANN SIE	5 YEARS	KAREN JOHNSTON	19 YEARS
LAURA BORKENHAGEN	6 YEARS	DEAN ALT	35 YEARS
HEATHER LUKE	11 YEARS	LEON LOMBARD	35 YEARS
DEANNA COOPER	16 YEARS		

CONGRATULATIONS STAFF

FROM KIM

As we continue to review and revise policies at the Health Care Center, I want to inform you of some changes that have been made to the dress code policy.

1. Non direct care workers can wear open toe shoes without hose during the summer months. If participating in direct care activities, closed toe shoes must be worn or available to use.
 2. Pants - has been defined to include Capri pants.
 3. Housekeeping clothing has been defined to include no jeans except for special days or special projects.
- If you have any questions or want a copy of the updated policy, see Kim.

Tailgate Luncheon - Wed., Sept. 1 from 10:30 - 1:00 in the Community Room. Serving brats, hot dogs, potato and macaroni salads, dessert and soda. Brat meal - \$4.00 and hot dog meal - \$3.00. All proceeds to go towards the Memory Walk. Staff may also wear jeans and your favorite sport team duds!

Alzheimer's Awareness Benefit Walk, Sept. 4, 11:00—4:00 at Webb Park. Events include Memory/Honor Walk, 50/50 Raffle, Kids Games, Silent Auction, Prize Raffles, Forget-Me-Not Sales, DJ Music by Shane Weber's *Classic Productions*. All proceeds support the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance.

September 21 is International Alzheimer's Day. We will have a casual for a cause day. Staff can wear jeans and purple in support of the cause. Purchase a purple sticker for \$1.00. All proceeds will go to the Memory Walk.

Saturday, Sept. 25 is the Sauk County Memory Walk in Baraboo at Ochsner Park. The walk starts at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to walk, so bring your spouses, kids, grand kids, etc. The more the merrier. We are doing great as a team. With the support of everyone we have raised over \$1,400.00 so far.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Margaret

PACKER GAME DAYS

REMEMBER THAT YOU MAY WEAR YOUR JEANS AND PACKER SHIRTS OR OTHER PACKER DUDS ON GAME DAYS. THIS MAY BE DONE FOR ALL PRE-SEASON AND REGULAR GAMES FOR ALL SHIFTS. THE SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE INSERVICE ROOM.



SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS

Our next **Casual 4 A Cause** will be on **SEPTEMBER 8, AND every second Wednesday** for the rest of the year. 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 for not only doing their jobs well, but for the little extras they all do every day to make this a 5 Star Facility and a great place to work.

We are always looking for new ideas to recognize our wonderful staff and their dedication to our residents, so please put your suggestions/nominations or questions in the Suggestion Box located in the employee break room, or bring your ideas to the front desk for Kim Gochanour, Juli Brandt, or Diane Gade. The 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.

The following nominations for the Sunshine Award are from Juli Brandt.

Vickie Stone— For taking the lead role on completing and implementing the MAR portion for ECS.

Vickie also has picked up several extra shifts over the past month. Thank you for being willing to help out where needed. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Shelly Lohr—For picking up several shifts recently. She stayed late on a Friday night on her own time to help out a co-worker. She came in on her weekend off both days to help out two co-workers.

Thank you for going above and beyond.

Bridget Reilly—For picking up several extra NOC shifts recently. I appreciate all you do.

Pearl Lenz, Mary Jo Huber, Ann Leak and Jenny Olson—For volunteering for the Reedsburg Butterfest Parade.

Brian Clement, Leon Lombard, John McCarthy—For helping build the Butterfest Float.

Dawn Drea/Peggy Connors—For helping create the float and volunteering for the Cazenovia Parade.

Thank you all for helping market our wonderful facility.

Corrie King—For referring several employees for hire and positively promoting Sauk County Health Care Center. Thanks, Corrie

Wanda Potter and Brenda Wollin—For organizing the Biggest Loser contest and all your work involved in the contest. Thanks for increasing morale—what a fun and exciting team event! Thanks for going above and beyond.

Nominated by Barb Smith

“Denise Smith is always ready to pitch in and help with a smile and a pleasant word. There was a Saturday recently on Babb's that one of the CNA's had to go home and after doing all her work, Denise came over from Eagle Path to help us get our people to bed and taken care of. (There were only two of us). So, I'm nominating Denise for the Sunshine Award.”

Since there were so many nominations this month, all of the names were put in a hat and a winner drawn out. The winner is **Ward Clerk Jenny Olson**. She will receive a gift card to a local business and our thanks for going above and beyond her job responsibilities.

The Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) will offer free public presentations on Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) benefits in September, October, and November of 2010 at various locations throughout the state. These workshops are valuable opportunities for WRS members, spouses, and other individuals seeking general information on retirement issues and ETF-administered benefit programs. Those considering or planning retirement in the near future are encouraged to attend.

Topics covered during the presentations include: Requesting a retirement estimate, calculating retirement benefits, annuity options, separation benefits, taxes, survivor benefits, health and life insurance benefits, beneficiary designations, statement of benefits, additional contributions. The nearest presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 in Madison from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at the MATC Truax Campus, 3550 Anderson Street, Madison. For more information on additional meeting sites, please read the handout on our bulletin board by the time clock. To speak to a Field Program Coordinator at ETF call (877)-533-5020

Welcome to our New Employees



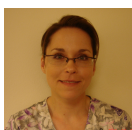
My name is Jamie Chapley. I'm here as a new CNA, and this is my first CNA job. I'm glad to be here.



I'm Katelyn Jelinek. I'm from Reedsburg and I love swimming and being outside. I am happy to be working at the Health Care Center.



My name is Jessica Parks. I live in Baraboo and have a sister who works here, Clarissa Parks. I have one daughter and will be getting married the end of August. I am excited to start here at the Health Care Center as a CNA.



My name is Rebecca Trager. I am married to Aaron and live in Arena, WI. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.



Hello, my name is Teresa Witt and I am looking forward to working with you as a CNA. I grew up in Baraboo, moved to San Diego and Georgia from 1992—2006 before coming home. I am looking forward to seeing current and meeting new friends.

Welcome to Everyone!

All employees are required to sign a form authenticating their electronic signature in ECS. This form will be with your pay checks on 08-20-2010. Please sign immediately and return to Personnel. Thank you for your cooperation. Patty Dix, Medical Records Manager

LaVerne's Inservice Corner

The next **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 8 at 7:30, 1:30 and 2:30.

Two new in-services are available which are mandatory for all staff. The subjects are Choking and Back Safety.

CNA meeting times have now changed. They are at 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

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



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