

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

DECEMBER
2011

Monthly Calendar



Dec 23	PAYDAY	Jan 16	Medicare
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Jan 17	Department Head
Dec 27	Department Head Resident Staff Bingo Party	Jan 18	Nurses Meeting
Dec 29	New Year's Eve Resident Party	Jan 19	Quality Assurance CNA Meetings
Dec 31	New Year's Eve	Jan 20	PAYDAY
Jan 3	Department Head	Jan 23	Medicare
Jan 4	Nurses Meeting	Jan 30	Medicare
Jan 6	PAYDAY	Jan 31	Department Head
Jan 9	Medicare		
Jan 11	All Staff Meeting Board of Trustees Casual 4 A Cause		



Upcoming Events

December is National Bingo Month. On Tuesday, Dec. 27 the Activity Department will be hosting a resident and staff bingo party. It will start at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Staff are invited to come and play alongside the residents and win prizes!

New Year's Party, Thursday, December 29, 2:00 in the Community Room.

Check the calendars and signs around the facility for other upcoming events taking place in January.



January 16—21 is National Activity Professionals Week. The Health Care Center is blessed to have a crew of dedicated, selfless professionals who give of their time and talents at work and on their time off to make sure our residents are happy and content in their "Home". A huge thank you to Margaret Burggraf, Peggy Connors, and Sherry Karstetter and welcome to Corey Brunner who will add his talents to this wonderful staff.

Thank you to all staff who donated holiday gifts, treats, monetary gifts etc. to ensure that our residents have a wonderful holiday. Without the constant support of the staff, our jobs would be much more difficult. Have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Juli's Jottings

The Nurses Meeting for January will be held on January 4th and January 18th. January 18th we will have a presenter from Medline coming to show us some of their skin care product lines.

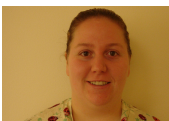
As this year comes to an end, I would be amiss if I did not thank our wonderful staff for all you do. It is with sincere gratitude that I thank you for all your dedication and hard work for the residents of Sauk County Health Care Center. We are truly a leader in the industry and it is because of all of you. You all should be extremely proud of the care and services you provide to our residents. I for one am truly grateful for all of you. May this holiday season bring peace and joy. Enjoy time with family and friends. Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Juli

"Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Norman Vincent Peale



Welcome Our New Employees



Hi, my name is **Candice Buelow**. I will be working as a Dining Assistant. I grew up in LaValle and currently live in Lime Ridge. I have a 5 year old son and 4 dogs.



Hi, I am **Megan Dixon**. I have been hired here as a CNA working nights. I have an 11 month old yellow lab named Bailey. I am very adventurous and love the great outdoors.

SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS

The Sunshine Club has received many nice comments about this years' Employee Appreciation/Holiday Party. We appreciate the comments and wish each of you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. It is because of your great support that we are able to provide these kinds of events for you. A huge thank you to the residents and Activity Department for all of the goodies. Congratulations to all staff who received year award certificates and those who have worked here over 30 years. What a great accomplishment.

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.

Don't forget to recognize your fellow employees for doing something special by nominating them for the *Sunshine Award*. Put your suggestions/nominations or questions in the Suggestion Box in the employee break room.

We received no nominations for this month.

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

LaVerne's In-Service Corner

The next Mandatory **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Watch for another Skin Care Fair coming soon. Date and time to be announced. Next CNA meeting on January 19 (mandatory meeting).

Please remember to turn in your signed declination form if you chose not to have the flu vaccine this season. And, remember you will be required to wear a mask if a flu outbreak occurs.

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

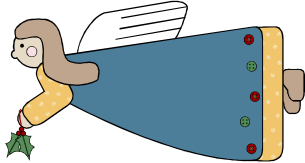
Mary Neuman	1 year	Stella Walker	5 years
Krystle Poulson	1 year	LaVerne Jones	8 years
Brenda Wollin	3 years	Judy Schultz	12 years
Allen Schoonover	3 years	Sue Oscar	17 years

Congratulations Everyone

ATTENTION ALL STAFF!

The "Fish Philosophy" Bulletin Board is to be used to recognize co-workers for being "caught doing good". Write their name, date and what they are being recognized for on a fish and hang it on one of the hooks. You must sign the fish. Each month one lucky person will receive a gift. All fish will become part of your personnel file.

The winner of this month's "Caught Doing Good" award is Corey Brunner. Great job, Corey and Congratulations!!



Did you know that you can call the nursing supervisor or nurse on the neighborhood directly from home using our pager system?

From your home or cell phone call:

1. 608-524-7555

2. You will be prompted to enter a pager number - (The nursing supervisor's pager is number 122 and you follow that with a # sign. You must enter 122 and the # sign.

3. You will then be prompted to enter message - put in your call back number followed by the # sign.

This may be a more effective way to reach a nurse versus calling all the neighborhoods.

Just a Reminder!!! It is good practice to check on your personal information on file, especially if you have experienced a significant life change. All employees are encouraged to update personal information in their Personnel files from time to time. If you have had a change in your emergency contact, emergency contact phone number, life insurance beneficiary, address, etc, please see Mary in Personnel for forms to update this information.



Attention all staff who use SCHCC facility pagers:

All pagers are to be kept in the plastic holders at all times.

Keeping them in their holders will secure their batteries and help prevent damage to the pager. Please do not apply tape of any kind to the pagers.

Taking good care of the pagers will increase their usability and accuracy.

Thank you for your help!!

*Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year*

*May your New
Year be filled with
joy, peace and
love.*

