

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

February
2012

Monthly Calendar



Feb 17	PAYDAY		
Feb 20	President's Day Holiday	Mar 15	Casual 4 A Cause Department Head Infection Control Pharmacy
Feb 21	Mardi Gras		
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday	Mar 16	PAYDAY
Feb 27	Medicare	Mar 17	9-Pin Bowling Fundraiser St. Patrick's Day
Feb 28	Department Head		
Feb 29	Beat the Winter Blahs Day	Mar 19	Medicare
Mar 2	PAYDAY	Mar 20	Board of Supervisors First Day of Spring
Mar 5	Medicare		
Mar 8	Foundation Meeting Board of Trustees	Mar 26	Medicare
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time begins	Mar 29	Department Head
Mar 12	Medicare	Mar 30	PAYDAY
Mar 14	All Staff Meeting	Mar 31	Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming Events



We will be celebrating **Mardi Gras on Tuesday, Feb. 21**. Please wear the colors of Mardi Gras; green, purple and yellow. Be sure to wear beads. If you don't have beads please see a member of the Activity staff for beads.

Beat the Winter Blahs!! Day - Wednesday, Feb. 29. Wear your Hawaiian shirts and/or other tropical colors or clothing. Treats for the staff in the afternoon. There will also be a social in the Community Room at 2:00.

2nd Annual Alzheimer's Walk 9-Pin Bowling Tournament, Saturday, March 17. Two shifts are available - 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person (kids are \$13.00). Cash prizes will be awarded for the top bowlers. There will also be a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Penny Raffle and Door Prizes. All proceeds will go towards the Sauk County Alzheimer's Walk to be held in September. Sign up a team by calling Brewster's Lanes at 524-2276. Come join the FUN!!!



Looking ahead - Western Day - Wednesday, March 21. Wear jeans and cowboy duds!! There will also be a chili luncheon from 10:30 - 1:00 in the Community Room. We will also take orders for the PM and NOC shifts. All proceeds will go towards the Alzheimer's Walk.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. SHARP! It is for infants - 9 years. It is held Rain or Shine. There will also be a bake sale and visit from the Easter Bunny. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry.



If anyone is interested in making a donation of candy for the event please see an activity staff member. Candy needs to be individually wrapped and small enough to fit into the small plastic eggs.

Monetary donations would also be appreciated. Thank you.

Welcome Our New Employees



Hello, my name is Alana Dietzel and I am an RN. I moved to Reedsburg in July. I like to travel and quilt.



Hello, my name is Jonelle Peters. I've been hired here as a Graduate Nurse. I'm happy to be back at the Sauk Co. Health Care Center. I look forward to working with and meeting everyone.

WELCOME

SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS

The Sunshine Club is now donating the prize for the Fish Award, so please continue to nominate people for this award by putting their name on the bulletin board in the service hall. As always, the **Sunshine Club** will continue to send birthday cards to all staff, gifts for staff who experience illness, deaths, 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 **March 14, 2012**. 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, March 14 at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Current In-Service Year Coming to an End. Remember that the In-Service year ends on **March 31** each year, so please complete your mandatory in-services before the end of **March**. Any questions please see LaVerne. (editorial comment...If these aren't completed your name will go on LaVerne's "Naughty List").

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



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Barb Sandberg
Julie Smith
Janet Gordon

7 years
8 years
9 years

Clarissa Parks
Wanda Potter

9 years
11 years

Congratulations Everyone

Juli's Jottings

I would like to thank all the staff for your patience, cooperation and extraordinary team effort during our recent outbreak. It is dedication and teamwork such as this that makes SCHCC such a special place to work. I am so proud of you all. What a great team effort!!!

Norovirus can live on surfaces for up to two weeks after illness ceases. Please continue due diligence with hand washing, including residents hands. We will also continue to do thorough, intensive, environmental cleaning for the next 72 hours.

THANK YOU ALL, JULI

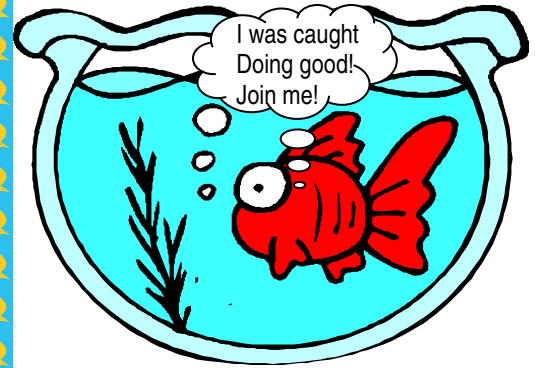


ATTENTION ALL STAFF!

The "Fish Philosophy" Bulletin Board is to be used to recognize coworkers 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.

The winner of this months "Caught Doing Good" award is Laura Herritz for making sure her residents had warm blankets and giving great care. Great job, Laura and Congratulations!!

The prize for the lucky "Fish" winner is donated by the Sunshine Club.



THE BUSINESS OFFICE HAS A NEW "OFFICIAL" MANAGER. THERESA DIETZ HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE POSITION AFTER HER THREE MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE. CONGRATULATIONS, THERESA

Recently, visits from **AFLAC** and **Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NaCo)** have been postponed due to illness in our facility. Please watch the bulletin boards for information on their next visit. You may also access your information through their websites.

Important Paycheck info -- employees are asked to please pick up their paychecks and direct deposit information sheets as they are available over the pay day weekend from the receptionist and the nursing supervisors. If they are not picked up, the paychecks will still be mailed out on the next business day unless you notify the Personnel Department to hold them. Any direct deposit sheets will be placed in the employee mailboxes in your respective departments. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact Mary Huntamer at 524-7538 or Kim Gochanour at 524-7501.

Thank you to all of the staff for their cooperation and understanding during the quarantine. The residents are truly blessed to have the best staff in the county taking care of them. Your hard work and positive attitudes during this trying time were much appreciated by myself and the residents. Kim

