

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER
2011

Monthly Calendar



Nov 24	Thanksgiving Holiday	Dec 14	All Staff Meeting
Nov 25	PAYDAY		Casual 4 A Cause
Nov 28	Medicare	Dec 15	Infection Control
Nov 29	Department Head		Pharmacy
Dec 2	Holiday Bazaar		CNA Meetings
Dec 5	Medicare	Dec 19	Medicare
Dec 7	Medical Records		Cookie order deadline
	Nurses Meeting	Dec 20	Hanukkah Begins
	Pearl Harbor Day	Dec 22	Pick up Christmas Cookies
Dec 8	Board of Trustees	Dec 23	PAYDAY
Dec 9	PAYDAY	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 12	Medicare	Dec 27	Department Head
Dec 13	Employee Appreciation/Party		Resident Staff Bingo Party
	Department Head	Dec 29	New Year's Eve Resident Party

Upcoming Events

Annual Holiday Bazaar Friday, December 2 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Outside crafters, bake sale and luncheon. The event will be held in the Community Room and is sponsored by the Activity Department. Please see Peggy Connors with questions. Come and get an early start on your holiday shopping. Proceeds from this event help support the resident activity programs.

Reedsburg Women's Group Holiday Tea, December 6—2:00 in Community Room. Tea and Christmas Cookies with musical entertainment by Tom Bedtka.



Holiday Cookie Sale, December 19 is the deadline to order a tray of holiday cookies for \$10. Each plate will have 3—4 dozen cookies. Pick-up on Thursday, December 22 at noon. Call 524-7535 to order.

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



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!

Welcome Our New Employees



My name is **Jenna Eno**. I just recently moved to Reedsburg with my boyfriend and son. I have been a CNA for about 5 years now and am looking forward to starting my new journey here with all of you.



My name is **Danielle Lange**. I'm from the Baraboo Area. I've been a CNA since 2008 when I took my clinical at the old facility. For fun I enjoy snowmobiling and playing with my dog, Bella.



My name is **Valerie McPherson**. I have 2 kids and 2 dogs. We have a dairy/goat farm. I was born and raised in Reedsburg and currently live in Ironton.



My name is **Jessica Schmitt**. I am a returning adult student at UW Milwaukee in the Echocardiology program. I grew up in Plain, love horses, and am excited to begin working here.



Hi, I'm **Lacey Smelcer**. I am going into Physical Therapy and am a Freshman in College. I have been a CNA for one year and plan on continuing my career as a CNA through college.



My name is **Justine Steinmetz** and I'm working here as a CNA on the PM shift. I'm from Reedsburg and am married with 2 children and 2 dogs. I am currently going to school to become an RN.

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.

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.

Remember our Employee Appreciation Holiday Party on December 13. We will be providing a free luncheon in the Community Room for all employees beginning at 10:30 and will also be available for PM's and NOC's. We will be providing pizza, soda, and dessert. Awards for years of service will be given out at 1:00.



Our next **Casual 4 A Cause** will be on **December 14, 2011**. You may purchase a Casual 4 A Cause Sticker at the front desk if you wish to wear jeans.



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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!

LONNGGGGGEVITY CHECKS: It's that time of year when we look forward to our longevity checks. At this time, we expect the longevity checks to be available for distribution on the first pay day in December, which will be December 9, 2011 along with your regular pay check. If for any reason, we are informed that they will be available sooner, we will post information about it. Congratulations to all eligible employees for your years of service!!

As most employees have noticed, the **Open Enrollment** period for the Dental and Vision Insurance has been taking place over the last month. If anyone wishes to enroll in either of these plans, please see Mary in the Personnel Department by November 30, 2011 for the enrollment forms.

Just a Reminder!!! It is good practice to check on your information on file to make sure it states what you desire, 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.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

George Nash	1 year	Jessi Towne	15 years
Morgan Corning	7 years	Colleen Johnson	19 years
Bette Moon	8 years	Richard Tourdot	24 years
Juli Brandt	10 years	Mary Parkhurst	33 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 Sheryl Drea. Great job, Sheryl and Congratulations!!

**Juli's Jottings**

Can you believe we have been in our beautiful new facility for 2 years already?! Thank you to Margaret and the Activity Staff for the wonderful pictures and anniversary celebration. It is so easy to take for granted how lucky we are to have such a beautiful facility. What a difference the "NEW" SCHCC and the implementation of Resident Directed Care has made in the lives of those we are so very blessed to care for. I am so honored and blessed to work with such a dedicated group of individuals. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do for our residents. May you all have a blessed, safe, and happy Thanksgiving with your families. Juli



The new guideline for mandatory employee influenza vaccinations will go into effect on Monday, December 5th. All employees will be required to be vaccinated for influenza. Those employees who choose not to receive the vaccination will be required to wear a mask during a facility or community outbreak, even if the outbreak is not on the neighborhood you are working. If you would like an influenza vaccination please attend the scheduled clinics held in the next week.



You are cordially invited to the Employee Appreciation/Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13 in the Community Room. Free Pizza, dessert, and soda (compliments of the Sunshine Club) will be served beginning at 10:30 and will be available also for PM and NOC staff. Presentation of Years of Service Awards will begin at 1:00. Come and join the fun.

LaVerne's In-Service Corner

The next Mandatory **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Recent Mandatory in-services available are: Hazards of Cold Weather Exposure, Hazard Communication and MSDS, More Than Words (DVD in in-service room).

Flu vaccines will be given to staff free of charge on Monday, November 28th from 7:00 —8:00 a.m. and on Tuesday, November 29th from 1:30—2:30 p.m. in the in-service room. N95 mask fit testing will be done at the same times. Check the list on the in-service door if you need to be fit tested.

Mandatory for CNAs: CNA meeting times are now 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, December 15 - 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

