

SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 2012 *Monthly Calendar*



Sept 28	PAYDAY
Oct 1	Medicare
Oct 2	Apple Bake
Oct 8	Medicare
Oct 10	All Staff Meeting Cazenovia German Band
Oct 11	Board of Trustees
Oct 12	PAYDAY
Oct 15	Medicare
Oct 16	National Bosses Day
Oct 17	Chili Luncheon

Oct 18	Quality Assurance CNA Meetings
Oct 22	Medicare
Oct 26	PAYDAY
Oct 28	SAFE HALLOWEEN
Oct 29	Medicare
Oct 31	HALLOWEEN



Upcoming Events



Thank You, to everyone for your generosity in our fund raising efforts for the Alzheimer's Walk. We raised over \$9000 and won first place! What an achievement! I am so grateful for everyone's commitment to the Alzheimer's Alliance and Walk. We also won first place for the number of walkers! Thank You So Much—Margaret

Apple Bake—Wednesday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. All staff, residents and family members are invited to attend this annual event. We will have warm baked apples served with ice cream. There will also be entertainment by Jim Pfaff. Stop by for this delicious treat.



Cazenovia German Band—Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Great entertainment for the entire family.



Chili Luncheon—Wednesday, October 17 serving from 10:30—1:00 p.m. and we will take orders for the PM and NOC shifts. Meal consists of a bowl of chili, bread, dessert and soda for \$4.00. All proceeds will benefit Resident Council.

SAFE HALLOWEEN—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 from 1:30—3:30 p.m. Please join us for this annual event of Trick or Treating throughout the facility. The event is for kids ages infant—5th grade. There will also be punch and cookies, a Haunted House and bake sale. Please bring a donation of a nonperishable food item for the Food Pantry. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let me know. Volunteers are needed for the Haunted House, sitting with the residents to hand out candy, the bake sale, punch and cookie area, and to direct trick or treaters. Also, in need of donations for candy, either monetary or bags of wrapped candy.



♥ LaVerne's In-Service Corner ♥

♥ The next Mandatory **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

♥ **Please remember** to get your flu shot or sign the declination form if you haven't already. If you choose not to get the shot, you will need to wear a mask at work if there is a respiratory flu outbreak.

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



SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS

Our next **Casual 4 A Cause** will be on **October 10, 2012**. You may purchase a Casual 4 A Cause sticker at the front desk if you wish to wear jeans. The Sunshine Club is 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. Due to a staff suggestion, we are also providing the *Reedsburg Independent* in the break room. Since the *Reedsburg Independent* is now the official county newspaper, we may discontinue providing the *Baraboo News*. Please let us know if you have any objections to this or have other suggestions. **Members are: Patty Dix, Mary Huntamer, & Diane Gade**



Personnel Information

NaCo representative, Bill Barnes, will be here to see our employees on **Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. He will be in the **Employee Break Room**. If you want to meet with him in private, just let him know you would like to move over to the Inservice Room to hold your conference. You may open new accounts, review existing accounts, rollover other qualified accounts or discuss further any questions you have about Nationwide Retirement Solutions. He is also available to see employees at other county buildings. Please see the NaCo posters for those dates and times.

With your paycheck on Friday, September 28, 2012, many of our employees will receive an envelope with a **Criminal Background Information** form and a memo describing the annual CBI process. Please complete the **Background Check** form and return it to the **Sauk County Health Care Center Personnel Department by Friday, October 5, 2012**. If you have any questions on this, feel free to call Mary at 524-7538.

Reminder: if you move and have an address change, a phone number change, get married, get divorced or have other life events, you need to contact the Personnel Department to make the changes to your information of record. Having the correct personal information ensures you will receive your mail from the county at the correct address and have the correct information for contacting you and for your benefits.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES—OCTOBER

Angela Applegate	1 year	Michelle Heiser	18 years
Kelsey Biesek	1 year	Sherry Karstetter	18 years
Katie McGlynn	1 year	Deb Steinmetz	19 years
Fatima Ruiz	2 years	Joan Leak	23 years
Corrie King	3 years	Rita Lomasney	31 years
Jane Dallman	4 years	Kelly Lange	32 years
Danielle Powell	5 years	Teresa Stemper	35 years
John McCarthy	10 years		
Marietta Rick	11 years		

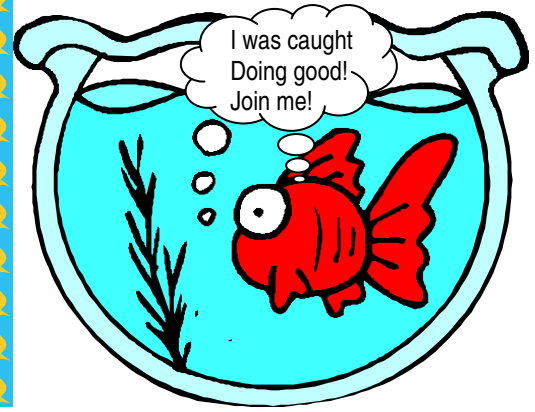
Congratulations Everyone!

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 month's "Caught Doing Good" award is Betty Bendorf of the nursing department for bringing in clothes and shoes for a needy resident. Great Job and Congratulations for going that extra mile for our residents!!

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

**Welcome Our New Employee**

Hello, my name is Amber Garza. I just moved from Portage to Reedsburg. I am married and have two children and a cat. I love to read and create stained glass. I look forward to meeting everyone.

This letter was recently sent to Kim from a very grateful Shultis family.

We provide this high level of care every day, but don't hear often enough what it means to the families of our residents.

Congratulations Staff on continually providing excellent and compassionate quality care to our residents.



Dear Ms. Gochanour:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Shultis family to let you know how much we appreciate the care that the Sauk County Health Care Center provided to both our father, Dr. Jim Shultis, and our mother, Millie Shultis.

Dad passed away on July 12, 2012, after spending the last 8 years as one of your Alzheimer's patients. We have long understood how lucky we were that Dad was able to stay at the Sauk County Health Care Center. My siblings and I have seen other nursing homes, but have not seen one that could provide the level of care that you do, particularly for those suffering from Alzheimer's.

Mom passed away on November 5, 2010 from the effects of pancreatic cancer. It was important that she was able to spend her last days at the Sauk County Health Care Center, where she could be visited by my father as well as her many friends who would have had difficulty making the drive to a hospital in Madison. Just as importantly, she was able to enjoy the last years of her life only because she knew that Dad was under your care. I know that the guilt of placing her spouse in a nursing home would have been unbearable if she had not been convinced that Dad was receiving the best possible care.

Although their needs were very different, we knew that the Sauk County Health Care Center was the best place for both of our parents when the time came. That is also why I wanted to send you a copy of the eulogy I delivered for my father on August 4th. I simply could not let that occasion pass without telling everyone about your wonderful staff and what they have meant to my family.

I spoke to John Peterson a few days after Dad's service and he said that the Sauk County Health Care Foundation was raising money for the purchase of stained glass windows. Consequently, I have also enclosed my business card with my home telephone number so that you may contact me to discuss our making a contribution for that purpose.

I look forward to talking to you soon.

Russell A. Shultis