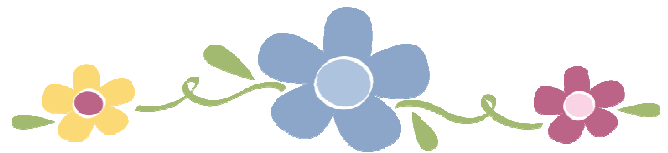


SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 2013



Apr 26	PAYDAY BLOOD DRIVE	May 12	Mother's Day
Apr 29	Medicare	May 13	Medicare
Apr 30	Person Directed Care Friends Event	May 13—17	National Nursing Home Week
May 1	Nurses Meeting	May 18	Armed Forces Day
May 1—2	Leading Age Conference	May 20	Medicare
May 2	Cinco de Mayo—Taco Lunch	May 21	Department Head
May 6	Medicare	May 24	PAYDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE
May 7	Department Head	May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 8	All Staff Meeting Casual 4 A Cause		
May 9	Foundation Board of Trustees		
May 10	PAYDAY		



Upcoming Events

Taco & Salad Luncheon, Thursday, May 2—10:30—1:00. Will take orders for PM's and NOC's. Meal is \$4.00 and includes 2 tacos (hard or soft shell), Spanish rice, dessert and soda. There will also be a mini salad bar available for \$4.00. Staff can wear jeans and the colors of the Mexican flag (red, green and white).



The annual **Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 24 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. The service will honor all of the residents we have lost over the past year. A remembrance of fallen military members will also be included in the service. All are welcome to attend.

I am pleased to be taking on the Activity Director role and looking forward to the continued quality of service to our residents that is provided by the Activity Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peggy, Sherry and Corey for going above and beyond over the past few weeks. It is truly an honor to work with such dedicated staff. My passion is resident directed care and we will continue to make advancements in this area. Please feel free to contact me with any future suggestions or comments.

Thank you, John Peterson.

LaVerne's In-Service Corner

The next Mandatory **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.
Remember the new in-service year started April 1.

All staff—make sure you are attending all the modules on *Dementia Care and Preventing Abuse*. Module 4 has been recorded and is available in the in-service room.
The severe weather in-service is available also. These are both mandatory for all staff.

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 **May 8, 2013**. 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 will periodically provide treats for staff on special occasions. We also provide a copy of the *Reedsburg Independent* for staff use in the break room.

Welcome Our New Employee



Hi, my name is Ashley Rupp. I am working here as a Casual CNA on Night Shift.

The staff and residents of the Health Care Center will be celebrating **National Nursing Home Week** with many fun activities and events.

Monday May 13: Wii Bowling with residents in the Community Room—wear red

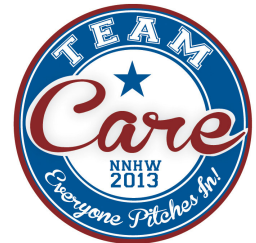
Tuesday May 14: Cookout for all staff. Hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and all the fixins will be available from 10:30—1:00. (Courtesy of the HCC Foundation). Wear pink.

Wednesday May 15: Social with residents from the Senior Life Center in the Community Room with entertainment by the Top of the Hill Gang. Wear green.

Thursday May 16: Price is Right game with residents and staff in the Community Room. Wear purple.

Friday May 17: Scavenger hunt—wear yellow

Staff will be able to wear jeans all week and the colors of the day. In addition, we are planning to have a food drive for the local food pantry and penny wars with the proceeds to go to the neighborhoods for purchase of garden items of their choice.



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES—MAY

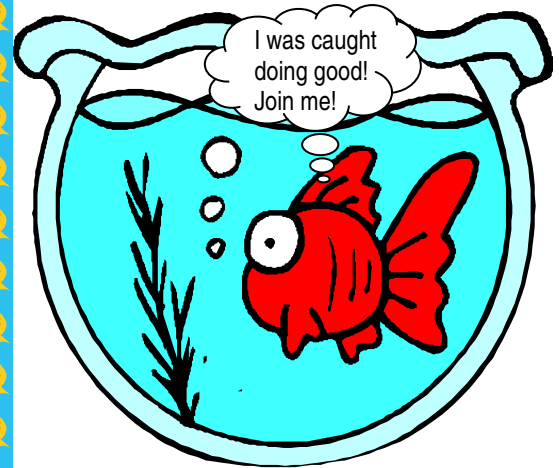
Alyson Sobeck	1 year	Laura Herritz	11 years
Ashley Schneider	2 years	Sonya Klang	14 years
Jamie Hohl	3 years	Mary Huntamer	14 years
Bruce Meyer	4 years	Michele Lohr	28 years
Darla Riese	5 years		
Ronda Wilke-Ostrander	9 years		

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 Abbey Schramer of the ESS Department for completing all of the extra laundry on River Valley. Abbey was nominated by Juli Brandt. Thanks, Abbey, for going above and beyond. The prize for the "Fish" winner is donated by the Sunshine Club.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PAPA MURPHY PIZZA SALES! THE FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT THE ALZHEIMER'S ALLIANCE.

JULIE SMITH, PEGGY CONNORS, SHERRY KARSTETTER AND WANDA POTTER.

We are truly blessed in the Reedsburg community to have two 5 star outstanding nursing homes with deficiency free surveys. In honor of that, Sauk County Health Care Center and Reedsburg Senior Life Center are meeting with Mayor Dave Estes for a proclamation for National Nursing Home Week. The two nursing homes will be represented by Administrators, Kim Gochanour and Dennis Schommer, and Directors of Nursing, Juli Brandt and Brenda Reisdorph. Also in honor of National Nursing Home Week we will be holding a joint food drive to benefit our local food pantry. Thanks to all of our wonderful staff for all of the hard work and dedication to our residents and families.

Kim

Thoughts from Juli...

Happy Retirement - Donna Hahn, you will be missed!

Congratulations - John Peterson - Activity Director

Thank you to the Activity staff and dietary staff for the beautiful Volunteer brunch. You all out did yourselves once again. Outstanding job to both teams!

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually on May 6 - 12th. I would like to thank all of our nurses for their caring, compassionate service, you truly make a difference in the lives of others. May all the care and kindness you give come back to warm your heart! It is with my utmost gratitude that we honor and celebrate you! Happy Nurses Week!