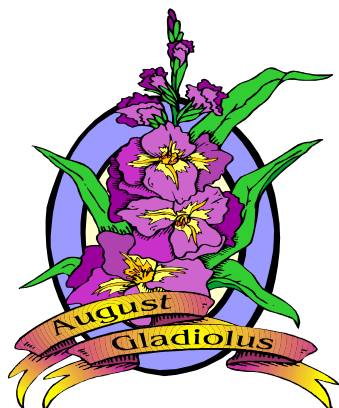


SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST
2013



Aug 16 PAYDAY
BLOOD DRIVE
Aug 19 Medicare
Aug 20 Department Head
County Board Meeting
Aug 21 Salad Luncheon
Nurses Meeting
Aug 26 Medicare
Aug 30 PAYDAY
Sept 2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Sept 3 Department Head
Sept 9 Medicare

Sept 11 **PATRIOT DAY**
Sept 12 Board of Trustees
Sept 13 PAYDAY
Sept 16 Medicare
Sept 17 Department Head
Sept 19 Infection Control
Pharmacy
Sept 22 Autumn Begins
Sept 23 Medicare
Sept 27 PAYDAY
Sept 30 Medicare

Thoughts from John...



Thank you to everyone for the clever basket donations and all the great bidding over the past few weeks. It is very much appreciated. We will continue to place items for bid until the week of the Alzheimer's walk on September 21. We will also continue to accept baskets for bid until that time.

We will also be accepting fresh garden item donations for the Salad Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, August 21. Anyone who would like to donate can bring them in next week on Monday or Tuesday. The profits will also go to the Alzheimer's walk.

Thanks, John Peterson

Error in last month's Communicator

Amber Garza has been an employee at the Health Care Center for one year as of this month. We apologize for this error.

LaVerne's In-Service Corner

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

All staff— Modules 1—4 on dementia care are available on DVD in the in-service room. New in-service is Falls Prevention which is 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 **September 11, 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.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES — SEPTEMBER

Tim Green	1 year	Peggy Connors	21 years
Jennifer Potts	3 years	Karen Johnston	22 years
Jennifer Rhodes	5 years	Dean Alt	38 years
Laura Borkenhagen	9 years	Leon Lombard	38 years
Heather Luke	14 years		
Deanna Cooper	19 years		
Dawn Drea	19 years		

Congratulations Everyone!

Welcome Our New Employees



Hi! My name is Tracy Wheat. I finally decided what I want to be when I grow up! A nurse. I went back to school in January of 2013, became a CNA, and am thankful to be part of the PM team. My son leaves for college on August 30th. I'm downsizing and beginning a new mark on my time line. I look forward to getting to know my co-workers and residents. Please say "Hi" when you see me. I'll be the short one with the smile!



Hi, my name is Amanda Little. I am 21 years old and am a very outgoing, happy person. I absolutely love being a CNA and taking care of others. If anyone would like to know more about me, please don't be afraid to ask me anything.

THERAPY TIP OF THE MONTH: Pivot your feet instead of twisting your back if you need to turn while lifting :)

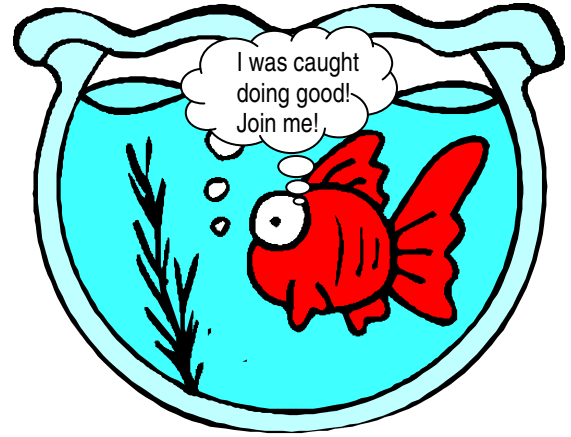


- Reminders: Please leave purses, coats, lunches, and other personal belongings in your vehicle or in the locker room, not on the neighborhood. The family room is for resident/family use only.
- The cabinet above the hand washing sink is now a dedicated cabinet for staff use for beverages. They must be in a closed container.

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 for August is Karen Johnston for coming in to work on her weekend off. Karen was nominated by Megan Haag. Thank you, Karen, for going above and beyond for our residents and your co-workers.



Quality Assurance Performance Improvement—QAPI Update

What is Quality Assurance Performance Improvement?

- It is a new approach to making improvements in resident care and facility services.
- It is intended to prevent or decrease the likelihood of problems.
- It is pro-active instead of reactive.
- It looks at how we envision our facility in the future.
- Performance Improvement Projects (PIP) are created with multi-disciplinary participation.
- First project is on improving staff communication and work environment.
- Please fill out the staff survey that will come with your next check.
- Anyone can participate.
- Next meeting is on August 29th at 8:15 a.m..