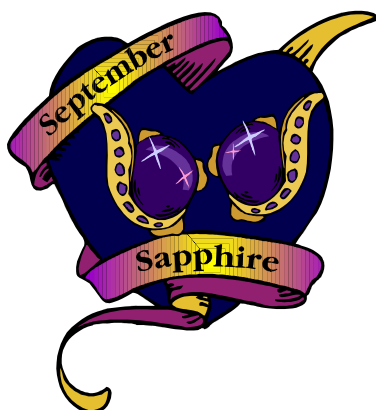


SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 2013



Sep 27 PAYDAY
Sep 30 Medicare
Oct 1 Department Head
Oct 2 Nurses Meeting
Oct 4 PAYDAY
Oct 7 Medicare
Oct 9 All Staff Meeting
Casual 4 A Cause
Interact QAPI Team
Oct 10 Board of Trustees
Oct 14 Medicare
Columbus Day

Oct 15 Department Head
Oct 16 National Bosses Day
Oct 17 Quality Assurance
CNA Meetings
Oct 21 Medicare
Oct 25 PAYDAY
Oct 27 **SAFE HALLOWEEN**
Oct 28 Medicare
Oct 30 Interact QAPI Team
Oct 31 Halloween (Staff Dress-up)

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

Thoughts from John...

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Alzheimer's walk fundraising a huge success. The Sauk County Health Care Center team once again took first place for raising the most contributions at over \$8,000. Everyone's generosity and support through bowling, bake sales, luncheons, donating baskets, bidding on silent auction items and making financial donations, made this happen. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We will once again be hosting Safe Halloween on Sunday, October 27 from 1:30—3:30. We are in need of volunteers and donations for this event. Either small wrapped candy or a monetary gift would be very much appreciated. If you have any questions or are interested in donating, see any AT staff person.

The AT Department would also like to thank all of you that assist us in transporting residents to or from events. This truly contributes to a more pleasant/enjoyable experience for our residents. We also appreciate various other support and assistance we receive on a regular basis.

Thanks, John Peterson

LaVerne's In-Service Corner

The next Mandatory **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. We will be going over survey prep. and the Corporate Compliance Plan Policy and Procedure for the Affordable Care Act.

All staff— Recently held in-services have been: Back Safety Training, (not recorded) and Module 5 on Preventing Abuse, (recorded).

Employee flu vaccines are available free. Bring your Dean Insurance Card if you have one. Make-up date is Friday 9/27 from 1:30—3:00. Other dates will be announced or see Vickie Stone.

Nursing Department—N95 mask fit testing is mandatory for all nurses and CNA's. Testing is scheduled for Thursday 9/26 and Monday 9/30, from 7:00—10:30 and 1:00—3:00. Other dates to be announced.

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 9, 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 — OCTOBER

Rebecca Driver	1 year	Marietta Rick	12 years
Rebecca Pickel	1 year	Michelle Heiser	19 years
Angela Applegate	2 years	Sherry Karstetter	19 years
Kelsey Biesek	2 years	Deb Steinmetz	20 years
Katie McGlynn	2 years	Joan Leak	24 years
Fatima Ruiz	3 years	Rita Lomasney	32 years
Corrie King	4 years	Teresa Stemper	36 years
Jane Dallman	5 years		
Danielle Powell	6 years		
John McCarthy	11 years		

Congratulations Everyone!



Hi, I'm Deedra Ang. I will be working as a CNA on the PM Shift.



Hi, my name is Stephanie Hauge. I am excited to be a part of the nursing team at SCHCC.



Hi, My name is Stacy Pletzer. I will be working the PM Shift. I love being around people. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with family and friends and my pets.

Welcome Our New Employees

ATTENTION ALL STAFF:

PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND THE MANDATORY ALL STAFF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9. WE WILL BE GOING OVER SURVEY PREPARATION AS WELL AS DISCUSSING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PLAN POLICY AND PROCEDURE. ALL STAFF WILL NEED TO SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM AFTER RECEIVING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE.

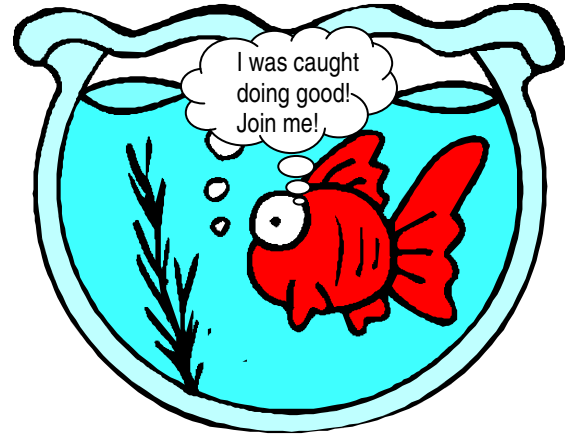
THERAPY TIP OF THE MONTH: Make sure that adaptive equipment (i.e. walker, call light, reacher) is within easy reach to help prevent falls and promote independence.



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 September is Tom Spinelli for coming in early and for all his help. He was nominated by Kristi Myers. Thank you, Tom, for going above and beyond for our residents and your coworkers.

**From the DON**

Just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone here for making me feel so welcome. Everyone here is truly dedicated to the care of our residents and I feel blessed to have walked into my role with such wonderful and caring staff. Thank you for all that you do each and every day. Everyone here should be extremely proud of the job you do.

Just a reminder that cold/flu season is upon us. I have already had reports of some illness in the community.

Vaccination, Hand washing and Cough etiquette, along with staying home if you are ill are the best ways we can help protect ourselves, our families, and most importantly our residents. Flu vaccines are being offered currently. For those that choose not to receive the vaccination, you will be required to wear a mask your entire shift if there is an outbreak in the facility or community. I will be working closely with public health to keep us apprised of illness in the community.

Jenny

Our NaCo Representative, Bill Barnes, will be here at the Health Care Center on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. He will be located in the Employee Break Room for you to meet with him and review your Deferred Compensation options.

FYI: Remember that the "official" Lost and Found is the front desk. Please turn in any lost items there.

*Happy
Fall!*

