# SAUK COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER'S COMMUNICATOR FEBRUARY 2014



Feb 14 VALENTINE'S DAY Feb 17 President's Day Holiday Feb 18 Department Head Feb 19 **Nurses Meeting** Feb 20 **CNA Meetings** Feb 24 Medicare Feb 28 **PAYDAY** Mar 3 Medicare Mar 4 Department Head 5 Mar Ash Wednesday

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Mar 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 10 Medicare
Mar 12 All Staff
Casual 4 A Cause

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## Happy 🗱 St. Patricks Day

### From the DON

Just wanted to thank all the staff members for their hard work and dedication with our recent quarantine. In case you didn't know we had an outbreak of Norovirus. Norovirus is a highly contagious GI illness (often called the "stomach flu") that is spread through the mouth which means that good hand washing is vital to keep disease from spreading. We had an infection rate of less than 40% in our two affected neighborhoods. That rate is excellent according to public health officials. It means that we did a great job of identifying the sick quickly, isolating them for the appropriate amount of time, and using great hand washing techniques on a daily basis.

Thanks again for all you do. Everyone here really makes a difference!!! Jenny

THERAPY TIP OF THE MONTH: We twist, turn, stop, start, bend, and straighten our bodies many times in a day. Make sure you stretch before you begin your active work day to prevent injuries.



#### LaVerne's In-Service Corner

The next Mandatory **All Staff Meeting** has been scheduled for Wednesday, **March 12**, at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

New In-services for all staff— Medical Waste Disposal and Resident Evacuation. Module 6 on Dementia Care is also taped and available in the in-service room.

Nursing Department— CNA's—remember that CNA meetings are mandatory. They are usually scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. The February meeting is on the 20th. For March there will be a meeting on March 20 at 1:30 p.m. only. The special topic of this meeting is Oxygen Safety. If you are unable to attend, you will need to complete an inservice packet which will be provided in your mailbox. These will be due before the next scheduled CNA meeting.

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

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#### **SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS**

Our next Casual 4 A Cause will be on March 12, 2014. 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.

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EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES — MARCH
Tammy Woirol 1 year Clarissa Parks 11 years

Wanda Potter 13 years

**Ianet Gordon** 11 years

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE

The Activity Therapy Department would like to recognize the terrific effort that was put forth to ensure that our residents needs were met during our recent quarantine. Both Babb's Prairie and Eagle Path staff members demonstrated outstanding skills in keeping our residents engaged during this difficult time. We know that true "Resident Directed Care" breaks those old silos of what is your job and what is mine; and turns it into "Resident Centered". Again, you truly showed a good example of this and the Activity Department greatly appreciates it; as we were able to try some new approaches during this time as well.

Just an update: We have submitted 15 resident names and are waiting for the equipment to begin the Music and Memory Initiative. Thanks, John Peterson

NOC SHIFT: PLEASE CONTINUE TO PARK IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT ONLY TO FACILITATE SNOW REMOVAL.

ALL STAFF: IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE HERE BEFORE 4:30—5:00 A.M. PLEASE ALSO PARK IN THE FRONT.

ALL STAFF: WHEN PARKING IN THE BACK LOT, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BUMPER IS COMPLETELY OFF THE SIDEWALK TO MAKE SURE THAT MAINTENANCE STAFF CAN CLEAN THE COMPLETE SIDEWALK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

#### 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 hand it on one of the hooks. You must sign the fish. Each month one lucky person will receive a gift. The winner for February is Michael Miller for going the extra mile, being an outstanding CNA and for being positive and having a great sense of humor in rough situations. He was nominated by Mary Quinlan, Kathy Rachuj and Peggy Connors.

Thank you, Michael, for going above and beyond for our residents and your co-workers.



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