

HOMESTEAD HAPPENINGS

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HOMESTEAD HOLIDAYS!

HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Here are some gift ideas for residents:

CD Player with CD's
Television Headphones

Grandparent "Brag" Photo Album
Photo Album filled with Family Pictures

Mobile

Large Print Books
Magazine Subscriptions

Comforter for Bed

Terry Cloth Bathrobe

DVD's

Wal-Mart Gift Certificates

Memory Basket (with items meaningful to the
resident)

Bed Jackets

Gift Certificate for the Beauty Salon**

Gift Certificate for Hospitality Cart**

**Available from the Business Office



FESTIVITIES AT THE HOMESTEAD

Each year, the Holiday Season brings the Sussex County Homestead together with our community. The support we receive from our community and families is tremendous! You can see this reflected throughout the year and especially during the holidays when we benefit through visits, music, parties and gifts. Everyone is welcome to attend or assist most of these special groups. There is something for everyone! Here are some highlights of the holiday parties and special groups that will be held at the Homestead:

Auxiliary Holiday Greens and Craft Sale
Items must be pre-ordered

Rockaway Mall Trip

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Bell Ringing Volunteers at Wal-Mart

Family Resident Holiday Party with
Karaoke Kevin and Bernie Weishaust Buffet
Dinner 5:00 pm Party 7:00 to 8:30 pm

**Please see the activity calendar to dates, times,
places and other special activities!**

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Happiness is like a perfume; you
can't pour it on somebody else
without getting a few drops on
yourself.

James Van Der Zee



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A Note from the Administrator:

*Dear Friends,
I am proud to announce the graduation of our first CNA class in twenty years. This program will allow six newly trained CNA's to complement our wonderful staff. The class went through a rigorous program over the last few months and had their graduation on 11/3/08. I look forward to seeing our new staff on the units and ask you all to welcome them into our Homestead family. I would also like to congratulate Linda and Tom on their recent marriage. The occasion was so special to us all and we are blessed to have had their marriage ceremony here at the Homestead. On behalf of the Homestead community and myself, I wish them much happiness together.
Sincerely,
Jake Lighten, Nursing Home Administrator*

SAVE THE DATE!!

EMPLOYEE PARTY

January 17, 2009

Break up the after holiday blues, come out and party with your co-workers!



50/50 TICKETS LAST CHANCE

This is the last chance to purchase 50/50 tickets to benefit the Employee Council! The drawing will be November 7 so hurry up and get them! Tickets are for sale at the receptionist's desk.

Our next raffle will be for a "Brunch for Two" at the Lafayette House!

RESIDENT RIGHTS FOCUS

Our residents have the right to:

Be informed of your rights and of all regulations governing resident responsibilities both orally and in writing.



FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Carol Novrit from the division of Social Services wrote to say thank you to Jake for the Homesteads participation in their food drive.

"On behalf of the Division of social Services, I would like to personally thank you and your staff for the generous donations of food they made to the County food Drive during the week of September 22, 2008. We are grateful to your office for participating as one of the drop off locations for the food drive.

The cooperative manner in which our agencies have worked together to accomplish such an important mission has deeply touched my staff and me. As a result of this team effort, we have touched the lives of countless residents throughout Sussex County who will receive the food they so desperately need. Together, we truly have helped to "Stop Hunger."

Monday November 17, 3:30 PM

Family, Resident, & Staff

**POT LUCK THANKSGIVING
DINNER**

Sign up at the front lobby to bring your favorite side dish we will provide the turkey and we will sit down as a family and celebrate together.

For more details, call activities at 3119 or the front desk

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Homestead wishes to congratulate the following people:

Linda and Tom Conklin on their September 21 wedding! It was a great day and a wonderful ceremony!

Amanda Bunting, Mary Daxis, Crystal King, Peggy Majos and Tiffany Meyers on their completion of the nursing assistant course! They will take their skills test November 5!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Just a reminder...

No Tipping, Please!

Our staff works hard all year to benefit the residents in their care. It is not appropriate or necessary to give monetary gifts to staff members for the holidays or any other time. It is our pleasure to serve you!

THANK YOU

...To the Conklin family for their donation to the Employee counsel on behalf of Tom and Linda.

...to those who participated in our Employee Council Hot Dog Sale. A special thank you to **Tess Furman** who made and donated the Kabobs!

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVER'S MONTH

"In Good Company"

Caregiver's Open House

Thursday, November 20, 2008

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Learn about our new program offering respite to the caregiver's of Sussex County's over 60 population.

Enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and games

Receive information about available services

R.S.V.P. to receptionist or extension 3122 by November 12, 2008

Group Meetings

- **Auxiliary Meeting**
Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Wednesday, December 3, 2008
4:30 pm Auditorium
- **Caregivers Support Group**
Tuesday, November 25, 2008
Tuesday, December 23, 2008
Family Room

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Ed Waller

What school do you have to drop out of in order to graduate?



Parachute School!

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Willkommen

Albert Rome

Bienvenido

Dobro došli

Mollie Passage

Irene Potter

Καλώς ήρθατε

WELCOME NEW STAFF:

Welkom

Linda Nicosia, RN Nights

Carol DelGuercio, RN 3rd Fl Nursing Supervisor

In Memoriam

The Homestead family extends its condolences to the families of **Letizia Andreoli and Gilbert Belcher.**

Staff Information

Activities ext. 3119
Administration ext. 3101
Admissions ext. 3115
Business Office ext. 3104
Dietary ext. 3111
2nd floor Nursing ext. 3201
3rd floor Nursing ext. 3301
Social Service ext. 3140
Volunteers ext. 3115



Families and/or residents can contact any of the above people with any questions or concerns.

The Homestead Life Enrichment Foundation
homesteadenrichment@gmail.com

Resident Information

Second floor phone: 973-948-3316
Third Floor Phone: 973-948-4058
Resident e-mail: homesteadresident@yahoo.com

FAMILY HOLIDAY IDEAS

Planning holiday activities for a loved one in a nursing home can be a challenge. Here are some ideas for the season:

Room Decorating: Help you family member decorate their room for the holidays. Please remember any electrical decorations must be inspected by the housekeeping department.

Holiday Cards: Help write notes, address envelopes and bring cards to the post office.

Holiday Apparel: Consider bringing your loved one holiday clothing and accessories they can wear throughout the season.

Shopping: Bring your loved one on a holiday shopping trip. Consider planning your trip during the times when there are fewer crowds in the stores.

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