



PSH&JC Newsletter



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Vision Statement: People experiencing the highest quality of life regardless of the challenges.

Mission Statement: To improve lives by connecting people with supports and services.

Ruth Finds a Ride

"I like church. I go to the Catholic and the Methodist," Ruth Klein stated.

Ruth has been active in both churches for a few years now. She rides the van to the Methodist Church. Before retirement of the Chaplain she rode with him to the Catholic Church. But since his departure, Ruth has arranged for her own transportation to Mass. She has set up her own network of friends to call upon for a ride.

And Ruth has lots of friends to call on. Her friends include current and former employees as well as other church members from the community. If she stays after a service to help with refreshments or another activity, there is always someone willing to give her a ride home.

At the Methodist Church Ruth also helps with the Angel Ministry. This is a food pantry program which is held once a month. Over 500 baskets of food are prepared for pickup.

Ruth also stated, "I like to get out in the community. I've made new friends."

Ruth is currently employed on campus in the Packaging Department. She also enjoys going for walks, searching for treasures at flea markets and shopping. She does her laundry downtown and enjoys this activity as well!

We are proud of Ruth and her initiative and independence.

Happy Birthday

Shannon Beard
Linda Bennett
Keith Billingsly
Robert Booker
Linda Brown
Cody Carrillo
Shawn Cavitt
Lori Davis
Jeri Dick
Terry Duecy
Barbara Duling
Jared Essig
Daryl Fink
Jon Flora
Nathan Forkner
Rita French
Alice Gamblian
Connie Guddie
Tommy Haney
Carol Harpster
Robert Heape
Patrick Heavrin
Connie Hersh
Christopher Holding
Thomas LeClerc
Tracy Light
Kassia Madl
Brian Merchant
Liz Munding
Todd Newberry
Angelo Perez
Toni Peterson
Brenda Pierce
Steven Reed
Ceretha Rettmann
Jennifer Rodie
Rodney Salyers
Jerry Stevens
Brenda Stoneberger
John Taggart
Linda Woods
Janice Young
Randy G.
Kenneth J.
Matthew L.
Nicholas M.
Amanda R.
Joseph T.
Billy A.

Randy D.
Jacob S.
Sean D.
John D.
John D.
James D.
Tina L.
Paula P.
Allan W.
William G.
Sara H.
John P.

Welcome Wagon

Please welcome these new employees. Introduce yourself and help them to feel welcome. If you have someone new to your area, consider having a welcome dinner or lunch. If you have a new employee on your loved one's cottage, consider dropping them a card or note welcoming them and introducing yourself and telling them something special about your loved one.

Ash Cottage:

Shelly Cruse-MH/DD Tech. Trn.

Holly Cottage:

Linda Shields-Cook

Pine Cottage:

Levi Ellis-Temp.

Spruce Cottage:

Ian Yanez-Temp.

Staff Training:

James Captain-Publications Writer I

Habilitation & Treatment:

Gloria Young-Temp. Clinical Chaplain

Around Campus

Photos by: Roger Browning

What is your favorite TV show?



Tammy Auman

Grays Anatomy.



Kim Ball

I like to watch bull riding.



Paula Jungles

Any show on HGTV, especially the decorating shows.



Fena Taylor

I like all the CSI shows but my favorite is the one on Thursday- the original CSI.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank all of Oak staff for working extra hours to assist with residents at LCMC. I know they and their families appreciate the care we give. I also want to thank the PSH&TC Hospital staff and Nurses for the care they give the residents.

Thanks again,

Karen Van Leeuwen, QDDP Oak cottage

The Real Definition of Leadership

Dr. Alan Zimmerman

I was speaking to OneBeacon Insurance in Boston. But before I got up to speak, I was preceded by Gary Black, the Vice President. He shared a story that gave the best definition of leadership I've ever come across.

Gary talked about his third-grade daughter, Taylor, who came home from school one day rather upset. She had not been chosen as the "line leader," a position that she really wanted.

Dad tried to console her by reminding her that she had been chosen dozens of times before, to be the "line leader for lunch, for the bus, etc.

But Taylor said, "Dad, you don't understand. This was for a field trip. I had the chance TO LEAD MY CLASSMATES TO A PLACE WHERE THEY'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE."

I thought, "Wow. That's as good of a definition of leadership that I've ever come across." After all, leadership is not a title. It's an action.

So if you think you're leading others, and you look behind, if no one's following, you're just out for a walk.

Dr. Alan Zimmerman is a motivational, keynote speaker. Visit his website at <http://www.tuesdaytip.com/>.

Get Involved

Several teams are forming and looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in being a part of any of these teams, please call Karen VanLeeuwen at ext. 1929.

- **FISCAL MANAGEMENT TEAM**
 - Objectives/Goals
 - Accountability of residents' money
 - Educate staff and residents about money tracking system
 - Resident and staff input into fiscal management
 - Budget
 - Capital Improvement
 - Meet Council Assurances regarding Fiscal Management
- **MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM**
 - Objectives/Goals
 - Educate and train residents, staff and guardians regarding medical services
 - Resident self-medication program
 - Better communication between medical services and cottages
 - Information regarding medications, side effects and procedures, etc.
 - Meet Council Assurances regarding Medical Services
 - Make policy and procedures for medical services (documenting choice, obtaining medical history information, at least annually), etc.
- **PSH&TC POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**
 - Objectives/Goals
 - Updating PSH&TC Policy Manual
 - Training and In-service on new policy and procedure
- **COUNCIL TRAINING SUGGESTION TEAM**
 - Objectives/Goals
 - Address Council Workshop Suggestion List
- **RECOGNITION AND REWARDS TEAM**
 - Objectives/Goals
 - Recognition, Rewards, Celebrations, Block Parties, Christmas Party

Announcement

The Staff Training Department is developing a training opportunity to teach interested individuals team facilitation skills and how to lead a successful work team and/or project team.

The instructor for this training will be Becky Stich. Training dates to be determined. This will be a 20-hour training course. With the successful completion of this training, participants will be assigned a work group or project team.

If you are interested in becoming a Team Facilitator, please call Becky Stich, ext. 1601 or Nancy Tiede, ext 1680. Class size may be limited.

Curriculum includes:

- * Setting Up a Successful Team
- *Stages of Team Dynamics
- *KQM Fundamental and Guidelines
- *How to Use the KQM Tools and Techniques
- *Using the Problem Solving Process
- *Team Assignment

You are invited
to share in the fun and friendship at the
Special Olympics Kansas Southeast Spring Games
which includes:
Aquatics-April 21
Power lifting-April 26
Athletics-April 27
Athletics rain date-April 28
All competitions will be held on the campus of
Pittsburg State University
Please come and cheer for all our athletes
A good time is guaranteed
For further information contact
Lynn at 620-421-6550, ext. 1726

The Ugly Bunny

by: Christina Walker

Every year on Easter there is no uglier bunny than Chipper. You might ask why he is ugly. Well let me tell you a little secret. He has no hair. Also every year he tries to lay eggs, but no matter how hard he tries every year he just can't lay a single egg. But this did not make him give up. He got a job painting the Easter eggs. He was very good at it. The moral to this story is you can achieve your goals if you put effort to it.

Thank You

I would like to thank the residents and staff for their participation in my retirement reception. I was honored to have all who helped in preparing and attended the event. The hardest part of retiring is saying goodbye to you, my friends.

Leroy Foreman, "Retired" Chaplain

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Campus Calendar

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 2	Daylight Saving Time begins
April 14-16	Endowment bus to Wichita & KC
April 16	Easter
April 21	Special Olympics Aquatics-Pittsburg
April 26	Special Olympics Power lifting-Pittsburg
April 27	Special Olympics Spring Games-Pittsburg
April 28	Special Olympics rain date
May 11	Special Olympics Sports Camp-Parsons
May 12	Special Olympics Sports Camp-Parsons
May 12-14	Endowment bus-Wichita & KC
May 14	Mother's Day
May 29	Memorial Day

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