



Nurse's Week and CNA Week

Our administrative staff served at an elegant luncheon for our nurses in celebration of National Nurse's Week in April. (Tony even wore his tux!) The nurses were all appreciative of this recognition. Our nurses are on the front-line of care all day, every day. We receive many compliments on their work, and this was our opportunity to say "Thank You" to them.

We also had a display at the Macomb Chapter of the nurses' association bash that week. This let us spread the word about employment opportunities for nurses at the Care Center.

In May we celebrated national CNA week, during which we honored our Nursing Assistants all week long with prize drawings, special treats, etc. April Parkhurst, who has been with us since March of last year, won the top drawing - a day off with pay. Our Certified Nursing Assistants are the backbone of the direct, hands-on care we give our residents - and we salute them.

Steve Czekiel Congratulates Tony Coccia on Receiving His Administrator's License

Tony Coccia, our Assistant Administrator at the Nursing Center, received his Michigan Nursing Home Administrator's License in early May. He has been with the Nursing Center since February 2001. Tony was a member of our Board of Directors from June 1998 until February 2001. He has a military background, both as a civilian employee at the Selfridge Air National Guard base and as a member of the Air Force Reserve. Tony is an elder at the Northeast Church of Christ. He is a very valuable member of our administrative team.



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Also, if you have an e-mail address, we would like to have it. In the not-too-distant future we expect to be able to send our newsletter by electronic mail for those who prefer to have it that way. This will also save us some postage - and make it possible to make news more current.

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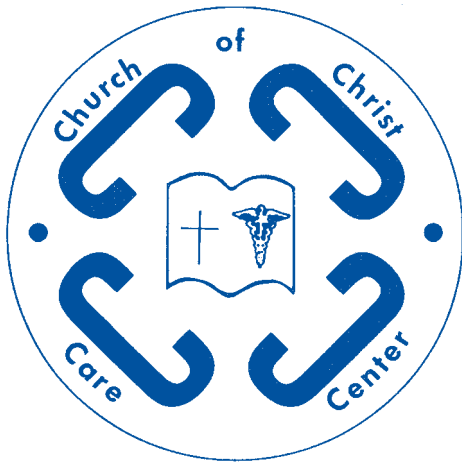
TO OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS:



FLAG AND FLAGPOLE DONATED FOR ASSISTED LIVING

“The Star Spangled Banner” proudly waves over our new Assisted Living Facility. Lavada Underwood, a long-time resident in our Senior Housing Apartments, donated this thirty-five foot flagpole and flag. The Assisted Living residents love it. One of them said, “It is so beautiful flying there in front of our home.” We agree that it adds a wonderful finishing touch to our new building. Thank you, Lavada!

RESERVE AUGUST 23, 2003 FOR OUR STEAK & CORN ROAST



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CELEBRATION

Our 16th annual Steak and Corn Roast will be August 23. The theme this year is God Bless America. We expect to have a rousing good time with skits, music, and other patriotic entertainment.

We are pleased to announce that we will have autographed baseballs this year. Tiger great, Willie Horton, is signing the balls. Featured entertainment will be by comedian & magician, Jonathan Haglund. Set that evening aside to join this celebration of our blessings in America - and to raise a little money for the Care Center as well.

This year we will have something new. The Ladies' Group at the Farmington Hills Church of Christ

has volunteered to have a Craft Table with donated items. All proceeds from sales will go to the Care Center. If other groups would like to join in this, please let us know.

Tickets are still \$75.00 each. You may order them directly from the Care Center or through the usual contact in your church. As last year, we are making "sponsorships" available such as for the tent, the steaks, the ice cream, entertainment, the baseballs, the decorations, and shuttle van service. These sponsorships help cover the cost of the Corn Roast. Please call Jerry Starling at (586) 285-7132 for available sponsorships.

PICTURE IN HONOR OF "PEM" MCCORD

This beautiful framed print entitled "The Guardian" was recently purchased with contributions from the friends and guardians of Phyllis "Pem" McCord. A plaque will commemorate this memorial gift. The print will be hung in Wing 2 just outside the room where Pem lived during the nearly 5 years she was a resident of our Nursing Center.



**Leave a Legacy and Make a Difference for Those Who Come After:
Remember the Care Center in Your Will.**



K-9 CORPSMAN & HANDLER VISIT CARE CENTER

May 22 residents from our Assisted Living Center joined residents from our Nursing Center for an informative, entertaining demonstration by "Harry," a K-9 cop who works for the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. Harry is an expert in recovering explosives, a very dangerous, important police position. When he isn't "on duty," Harry lives as a normal pet with his best friend, Deputy Kevin Weldon pictured above. Pictured with the two deputies is Helen Deriemaecker, a resident of our Nursing Center. Helen's son, Tom, is a Sergeant for the Sheriff's Department.

AT MOTHER'S KNEE

By Jesse Barber (Nursing Center Resident)

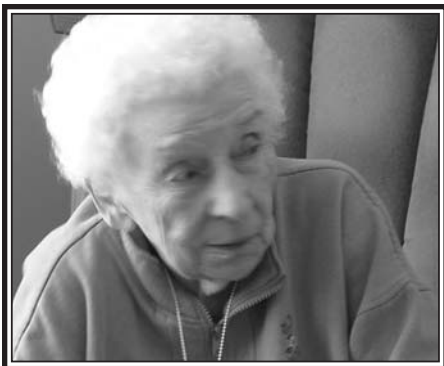
At mother's knee, I learned to pray to Jesus,
But somewhere through the years I went astray.
I trudged the path of life alone in darkness,
And loved ones see my torment day by day.
It's what I saw in Mother's eyes that haunts me.
I've failed her, though she taught me very well.
My heart's afire tonight while here composing.
I love you, Mom, much more than words can tell.
If on the morrow rapture should enthrall me,
The years I've wasted since my mother's knee
Might lead me back to days of youth and learning
That in God's grace there'd be a better me.



VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

On June 19 our Activities Department hosted the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Administrator, Steve Czekiel, thanked the volunteers and gave them an update on campus progress. He stressed that "more and more, we are adopting a campus mentality that looks at our three levels of service - Nursing Center, Assisted Living, and Senior Housing - as one continuum of care from independence through full nursing care." Fifty-six volunteers were honored and presented a gift of appreciation, Chicken Soup for the Volunteer Soul. In addition, eight others were given special recognition for having volunteered 100 hours or more. Three canine "volunteers" were also recognized as regular contributors to the quality of life of our residents. All of the vol-

unteers play an important role in making the care we are able to give residents just that much better. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lisa Hanson, Activities Director, at 586-791-2470, ext. 1037.



BLANCH KAMINSKI

Our oldest resident in our Assisted Living facility is Blanch Kaminski, 101. She was born March 16, 1902. The Macomb Daily did a lengthy article on her recently. She is an alert, perky lady who enjoys reading, playing cards, and socializing with other residents.

ARBELIA WOOD

“Oldest Living American”

Our oldest resident, Arbelia Wood, celebrated what is believed to be her 118th birthday on April 6 of this year. If her family is correct in this belief, she would qualify in the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest living woman. Guinness lists a Japanese woman born September 16, 1887 as being oldest; Arbelia was born almost 2 1/2 years earlier, April 6, 1885. However, the family Bible that could help establish that date is missing. Arbelia has been living at the Care Center since June 25, 1993.



WANTED

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEW BEDS

Earlier, we informed readers of this newsletter of the need to replace our aging beds. Responses have been generous with almost \$8,000 contributed for this purpose. That is a worthy beginning, but we still have a long way to go to completely replace all our old beds. May we encourage you to consider making a donation toward this goal? The price of a bed and mattress is \$450.00. Each bed donated will have a plaque with the name of the donor or stating that it is donated in memory (or honor) of a particular person. Several have chosen to honor current residents with their bed donations. Others have made donations in memory of past residents or others.



“DANNY DANIELS” PASSES AWAY

“Danny Daniels” Ojen, who volunteered as organist for our Wednesday afternoon coffee hour for years, passed away in early January. Our residents loved him and his wonderful performances. As a young man he worked in vaudeville with some of the all-time great performers under his stage name, “Danny Daniels.” Most of us had never heard his real last name until after his death. His skill in playing the old songs on the organ was phenomenal. For at least a year prior to his death he had been unable to be with us. Many people who had family members here will remember Danny with fondness

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