

“For Your Information”

(A periodic publication by Sherwood Oaks president, Mark Bondi)

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Kneeling Bus

Unfortunately, the kneeling bus is out of service. We have ordered a new part and are doing everything we can to expedite the repair process. We expect it to be back in service within two weeks.

Activity and Special Events Notices

To keep our lobby and common areas attractive, notices for resident activities, special events and sales are to be posted on the resident bulletin board in the mail room. If the information is of interest to employees (i.e. poinsettia sale) it may also be posted on the employee bulletin board on the lower level. All events are listed in the weekly bulletin and displayed on the Sherwood Oaks TV channel 900. Please do not tape flyers in the elevators, restrooms or other places. The only location for a free standing easel is outside the dining room entrance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Telephone Scams

I continue to hear about telephone scams from residents almost weekly. The most recent scam is a phone call from someone claiming to be from PNC Bank asking you to give them your account number so they can help you make more money. If you receive this type of call, simply hang up. Please do not give them any personal information.

Wanted: Birthday Memories

This month's birthday celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 24 and the theme is "Birthday Memories". Lynda Cooper, Dining Room Supervisor, would like to display photos of residents from past birthdays. If you would like to submit a photo, please add your name and patio home number to the back of the photo, place it in an envelope and turn it in at the reception desk. All photos will be returned. She is also looking for memories from a special birthday that will be copied and randomly placed on the tables for everyone to enjoy. Photos and memories are due to Lynda no later than June 15. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda at extension 8505.

Friendliness and Occupancy

Occupancy is very strong with over 93% of all homes sold or occupied and six move in's during the month of May.

I just met with a group of new residents. It was interesting to hear them talk about why and how they selected Sherwood Oaks. Although they came for a number of different reasons, each remarked on how impressed they were with the friendliness of the community. All of them mentioned being greeted during their tour by current residents who both welcomed them and encouraged them to move to Sherwood Oaks!

Director of Nursing

I wanted to make you aware that Sherwood Oaks staff member Margaret Ploof, RN, has accepted a promotion to the Director of Nursing position in our skilled nursing unit. Margaret (Peggi) has been at Sherwood Oaks for over 14 years. Most recently, she served as the Registered Nurse Assessment Coordinator. We are pleased to announce Peggi's promotion and hope that you will wish her success in her new role.

Sherwood Oaks Impact

Just a few examples of how Sherwood Oaks makes positive contributions to the community at large.

Scholarship Donations

The employee scholarship fund, started in 2003 by residents of Sherwood Oaks, has grown into a wonderfully successful program. In 2014, 40 employees were each awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. This year, the scholarship amount has been increased to \$2,000 and we expect to receive a similar number of applications. This program is funded solely by residents. Thank you for your generosity.

Caps for Kids

As most of you may know, we collect caps for kids throughout the year to donate to needy children. A group of resident artisans, the "Sew & So's", and employees both play a part in this effort. Together they collected 900 caps in 2014 – 682 hand made by residents, 218 donated by employees. So far this year, residents have made 366 caps, which is on track to meet or exceed last year's total! On May 13, 150 caps were sent to World Vision to help the victims of the Nepal disaster. Thank you to everyone who makes these wonderful gifts possible.

Employee Food Drive

Every year in April, Sherwood Oaks employees participate in a food drive. In the past few years, we have donated to the Ambridge Center for Hope. I'm proud to report that in 2015, we donated 20 cases of food.

Resident Putting Contest

The annual resident putting contest will be held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, June 25. All participants will putt on the same day. Round #1 - Each contestant will putt three shorter putts. The top 50% of the group from round #1 will move on to round #2. This will continue until three winners are chosen. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the administrative bulletin board in the resident mail room no later than Monday, June 22. Please contact Steve Guth at extension 8598 if you have any questions.