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Administrative Note

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We certainly are enjoying a beautiful spring! Most of you do know that Nancy Hanson, RN, our Director of Nursing for the past 27 years retired on April 30th. She is really enjoying the spring! We did not have any retirement parties for her at her request. She has given her heart to Chippewa Manor for all these years and to part with us and to do so in a party fashion wasn't what she wanted. I did receive a recent email from her and she said she was doing very well and misses us but is glad to enjoy each day with less responsibility and stress!

Karen Davis, RNC, has been promoted to the position of Director of Nursing. Karen has been with Chippewa Manor since 1981 and has served in many roles. She started with Chippewa Manor as a Certified Nursing Assistant and then went to school for nursing and became a staff Registered Nurse. She served as our Assistant Director of Nursing until the birth of her children and then served as our staff education coordinator, assessment RN and infection control Practitioner.

Karen is a Chippewa Falls native. Karen and her husband Pat have 3 children. You will find that Karen will be happy to talk with you anytime!

Father's Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, June 17

7:00 to 8:30 AM

Open to all MEN
and their Guests

Call 723-4437

by June 10

Nursing Notes
by Karen Davis,
Director of Nursing

Did you know that Wisconsin keeps track of immunizations for its residents? The website is called the “Wisconsin Immunization Registry” and it can be accessed via the Internet. Healthcare providers document all information regarding vaccinations there and then other providers have access to it for their immunization records. Pneumovacs, flu vaccines and tetanus are just a few that are recorded.

Upon admission to Chippewa Manor, we look up your vaccination records via the WIR and then recommend any vaccines that may be due or needed. So if the nursing staff questions you about your vaccine history, that is why!

It seems a little early to be reminding you of this but with the hot weather hitting please pay attention to the potential for dehydration and sunburn. Remember to drink plenty of fluids (water is the best choice) and wear your sunscreen when outdoors. It only takes a short time of sun exposure to cause damage to the skin!

Enjoy the summer!

If you have any **summer or straw hats** that you would like to find a home for, the Activity Department would be happy to help you out! Please drop them off in the Activity Office.

Office Talk
by Jennifer Buescher, Accountant

If you are wondering where exactly the Business Office is, it is located in the hallway by the kitchen and chapel. The administrator’s office as well as the administrative secretary, the bookkeeper’s office and the accountant’s office are all located here. The Business Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you need to schedule a care conference, attend a care conference or pay for a guest meal please stop by the Business Office.

Social Service Corner
by Marv Proue, Social Worker

I'd like to take a few minutes to talk about "Resident Rights". We have a posted sign in the hallway before the dining room, which says "You Have Rights". It is to draw your attention to the rights a person has while living in a Nursing and Rehab facility. Whether you are here for rehabilitation or longer-term care, your rights are the same. Chippewa Manor staff has always gone above and beyond with working to protect these rights. Here, I would like to provide a reminder of these rights by highlighting a few of them and provide definition.

Dignity: to be valued as an individual; to be treated with respect and dignity in a courteous manner, as well as being free from any abuse and restraints.

Privacy: to have privacy during care; confidentiality concerning your personal and medical information; to have private visits with others in person or on the phone and to send and receive mail without interference.

Grievances: to verbalize any concerns about cares or services and expect prompt resolution of concerns.

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These are a few of the rights of someone staying at Chippewa Manor. We strive to protect and promote rights in an effort to promote independence and enhance quality of life. This information on rights is shared with each resident at the time of admission as well as with each staff member as they are hired.

We also provide a yearly training session for staff to be sure this focus is in the forefront in caring for each and every resident of Chippewa Manor.

This particular information on Nursing Home Resident's Rights is taken from a brochure that accompanies the poster I mentioned earlier. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this brochure or a resident rights booklet provided to each new resident, please stop in Social Services and Tristi or I would be glad to provide you with a copy. The resident rights booklets are also posted by the bulletin boards in the hall by the Nurse's Station and by the Dining Room.

Hope you all have a pleasant summer!

Thought for the Day:
If you want to feel rich,
just count all the things you have
that money can't buy.

The Chippewa Manor is invited to attend the Chippewa Valley air Show PREVIEW on Friday, June 4 at 3:00pm. If you would like to assist, please let Cindy know in Activities.

Look What's Happening
by Cindy Tewalt, Activity Director

We had a grand time during National Nursing Home Week and we appreciate everyone's participation and help! One highlight was the balloon lift off on May 12, we were joined with 55 4th graders from Stillson School as we let up 160 helium filled balloons. It was a cloudy day as we watched those balloons drift to the northwest. If you see a tag with Chippewa Manor's name on it that is attached to a broken balloon.... pick it up and write to us!!

We will be attending the Chippewa Valley Airshow on Friday, June 4.

We celebrate June Dairy Month on Friday, June 11 with Root Beer Floats on the patio....weather permitting.

All men and their guest(s) are invited to the Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast coming up on Thursday, June 17 at from 7:00 to 8:30 AM. Come whenever it is convenient for you... the griddle will be ready when you come! RSVPS are needed by June 10th by calling 723-4437.

We will be going out on the patio as much as we can this summer.... sometimes just to sit and visit. We are looking forward to the beautiful flowers and the calming water fountain! Take advantage of this lovely area; it is right outside the dining room.

Fair Day is Wednesday, July 7th at the Wisconsin Northern State Fairgrounds. We do need volunteers for that afternoon and so if you can help, please let us know. Tickets are \$5.00.

We have many music programs and enjoy the variety of performers and the genre of their repertoire. We welcome you to join us for any or all of these programs. Watch the calendar for date and times.

Research shows that exercising your brain is just as important as exercising your body! Keeping your mind active is important and the Activity Department recognizes that. We have several programs scheduled just to do that! One program is our "Reading Group" and it will "tickle the brain". We also have Trivia and Spelling Bees to keep our minds always thinking! We encourage reading books and/or magazines, word search puzzles, Suduko and crossword puzzles in your spare time.

This newsletter is sent to the first informant of each resident. Additional copies are available at the beginning of Wing 3. Monthly Activity and Menu calendars not included in the newsletter may be picked up at the same area. You may also pick up our calendars online at www.chippewamanor.com. If you would like to be added or removed from our newsletter list, please give us a call and tell us.

Library books are available in the Activity Office for sign out. Check it out! The Chippewa Manor Resident Council sponsors a Candy Cart. It is located in the Activity Office. Purchases help fund special programs for the residents as well as other special events decided upon by the residents. Stop in and make your selection! Candy bars and chips are 75 cents. And soda or water is 50 cents.

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If you would like to reserve a Day Room for a private family gathering, please contact the Activity Department for availability. Generally the day room is available from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Enjoy the Summer

Living Services

By: Brandon Thorsness, NHA
Assistant Administrator

If you are currently reading this as a patient in our rehab unit, and are possibly looking into assisted living post-discharge – I'd like you to think about what we can offer you.

Living Services is a part of the full continuum of care Chippewa Manor offers. Why is this program something you should look into? Because we offer a very discrete program from the convenience of your apartment, along with all the resources Chippewa Manor Nursing & Rehab has to offer.

We can set up therapeutic routines with the therapists you're currently working with, right in your own apartment. We can offer you comfortable dining experiences in our formal dining room, where wait-staff serve you tableside. We can provide you with daily medication assistance, assist you in getting up and ready for the day, as well as with ending your day. We can schedule your appointments and our registered nurse can talk with you weekly about any concerns you may have.

The above services only constitute a fraction of the services we provide day in and day out to many of our clients. We do all of this with structured care plans and complimenting goals of keeping you in a setting where you feel most comfortable.

If you think we are the right fit for you, please speak to our Social Services department for more information.

What's Cookin' in the Kitchen?

by Wanda Martell, CDM

Thursday, June 17, will be the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 to 8:30 am. ALL MEN and their guests are invited to join us in the Dining Room. Please let us know by Thursday, June 10 who will be coming.

We want to remind families and friends the importance of bringing in appropriate foods for the resident. Please bring in a sealed container and marked with the resident's name and date. Keep in mind the resident's need for their appropriate diet. This would apply to calorie content and also texture. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to a nurse or myself.

As gardens are being planted and harvests are reaped this summer, please keep in mind we welcome fresh fruits and vegetables. We are happy to work these into our menus and the residents especially enjoy the fresh produce.

There will be a **CAR SHOW** on Friday, June 25th in the Back Circle Parking Lot from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This is dependent on the weather. There will also be Root Beer Floats available during that time in the Chippewa Manor Residential Living Dining Room and Patio. Come out and browse, visit with the owners and see some classic cars!