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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Thursday, April 19th 12:30 pm **Awards** Recognition **Speakers Wonderful Food**

Invitations will be mailed soon so watch your mailbox and remember to respond as a reservation is required. Thank you.



"Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark." Have faith, spring is here!



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mike Cox, Administrator

MARCH FUN AT LAURIE CARE CENTER

Our Activity Department has been working more and more with the children from Good Shepherd Learning Center. Our goal is to do at least 1 activity per day with the kids and the residents. March 1st they had a parachute game together, the 7th they had a History 1 on 1 together and on the 8th a Car Race. They played Basketball on the 14th and an Egg Drop on the 15th where they had 5 minutes to prepare their raw egg for a 15 foot drop off the ladder. There were two winners; 1 resident and one child. The residents filled 800 eggs for the egg hunt Easter Party for the kids on the 23rd, a joint Birthday Party on the 22nd and they dyed Easter Eggs together on the 28th. It is very heartwarming to watch our residents' interacting with the children and both benefit very much.

The residents also have a lot of activities that do not include the children, like Family Feud on the 2nd, Jeopardy on the 5th, Karaoke on the 9th and they MAINTENANCE SUPERVISER enjoyed listening to the Capps Band on the 19th. We also want to thank St. Patrick's Catholic Church for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebration they put on for our residents on the 17th. They really know how to throw a party!!!

We now have a Bus for the Good Shepherd Learning Center since we pick up HUMAN RESOURCES MGR. children at the Hurricane Deck Elementary School as well as bringing staff children back and forth from our sister facility, Good Shepherd Care Center.

I look forward to seeing you around the halls!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR Joyce Chorpening

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1st Easter 11th Birthday Party 7th Schick's 70th Anniversary

19th Volunteer Tea

What a privilege to be part of this program for purchasing our new vehicles. MODOT TITLE VI PROGRAM

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES-2:00 PM

1st 1st Baptist Church, Laurie

8th 1st Baptist Church, Sunrise Beach

15th Ozark Chapel Church, UMC

22nd West Lake Christian Church

29th Sunrise Bible Church

Shrine of St. Patrick's Catholic Church holds services each Monday morning @ 10:00 am.

All services are held in the activity room. Our

MONDAY CHURCH SERVICES - 10:00 AM

All services are held in the activity room. Our church services are open to all who would like

attend.

A big thank you to all who participate in churches services. You are appreciated!



BINGO EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Tuesday Bingo is at 2:00 pm and Wednesday Bingo is at 10:00 am.

Thanks to all who help with this activity. Listed below are those helping during the month of December. We appreciate you all who help with Bingo.

3rd 1st Baptist Church, Sunrise Beach

10th 1st Baptist Church, Laurie

17th American Legion Auxiliary

24th West Lake Christian Church

Each Wednesday, Bonnie Ferment does bingo @ 10:00 am. We appreciate the volunteers who share their time with the residents for this activity and for

the goodies they furnish for bingo.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6th Karl Dalton

9th Martha Wickum

11th Joan Pieper

11th Shirley Thomlison

13th Helen Burkhart

17th Irma Trego

19th Patricia Berryhill

21st Carmine Soricelli

Thanks to the 1st Baptist Church, Laurie, for furnishing the resident's birthday gifts.

TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH THE DEMENTIA RESIDENT

A person with dementia is often difficult to communicate with because their cognition is skewed and their perception of reality is altered. What seems to be normal conversation for you and me may be upsetting to the individual with dementia because the information is not understood or is understood in a way not meant by the speaker. Here are some tips that have been documented to assist caregivers, facility employees and lay people in maintaining communication and quality of life without negative behaviours exhibited for the person with dementia:

1. Use calm approach and tone of voice.

- 2. Arguing is futile because they cannot understand and only causes both parties to become frustrated and agitated, which often cause negative behaviours by both.
- 3. Use of distractions; food, drink, objects of interest, or music can assist in achieving outcomes desired.

4. A smile and friendliness is always helpful.

5. If you are perceived as someone the individual does not like, just move away and do not attempt further communication at that time. Someone else may need to step in to assist them.

There is much more information on dementia care via the internet if you are interested and we also have dementia training at this facility.

SPREAD THE NEWS - 8TH ANNUAL SUMMER FUND

RAISING EVENT IS COMING FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2018

SUMMER FESTIVAL - FUN!