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OPEN HOUSE - FINALLY!!

Our long awaited Open House is finally going to happen.....this month! On Sunday, February 15 from 1:30 to 4:00, we will host family, friends and all those who are curious about what we have been up to for the last 7 years here at Wellsville Retirement Community. When my father, wife and I purchased "Wellsville Manor" in 2008, we were a skilled nursing facility with an average resident census of 31. Today, we are licensed for 60 residents in our two skilled nursing neighborhoods and we have another neighborhood for assisted living licensed for 20 people. Our average resident census in recent months is 75. These past 7 years have been a fabulous journey and we are looking forward to a great turnout on the 15th. The Barnyard Boys will be providing wonderful musical entertainment in our Community Room that afternoon and our great dietary staff is already working on a menu of items that will ensure that no one goes home hungry. I hope to see YOU on the 15th!!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On Monday, February 23rd at 2:00 in the afternoon, we will have a "Celebration of Life" in our Community Room. This is a special time in which we recognize and remember the residents who have passed in recent months. Everyone is welcome to attend our Celebrations of Life. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Dorothy Adams at 785-883-4101.

A WHACK ON MY HEAD

I was leaving Wellsville Retirement Community a few evenings ago and a resident (who later asked to remain anonymous) gave me a precious gift.....which I will also refer to as a "whack on the side of my head." When I knelt down by her bedside and asked how she was doing, her response was: "It's incredible how lonesome a person can be around a mass of people." WOW!!! Her comments felt like a knife cutting into my heart. Although her comment wasn't directly aimed at me, I immediately realized how focused I personally have been in recent days with DOING things. And what this resident so artfully - and maybe inadvertently - made me realize is that I have not been very available or "present" for our residents in recent days. It was a real wake up call for me and it is one that I have shared with my co-workers. So here is a special THANK YOU to this anonymous resident!! And to EVERYONE reading this, PLEASE feel free to ALWAYS let us know how we are doing at WRC - we thrive on your feedback!!

'til next month,

Scott



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February Honorees

Gib Cation Resident of the Month

Gib is originally from the small town of Humbolt, KS where his mother owned a dress shop and his father was a farmer. After Gib married his wife, Ann, they lived in several places due to his job with Williams Pipeline. During his 39 years working for Williams, Gib wore many hats starting as a pipeliner in the field and advancing his way up to safety engineer.

Gib and his wife had been married for 67 wonderful years when she passed last year. They have 1 son, 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a new little one on the way. As a matter of fact, Gib is the grandfather of Jennifer Blaine from our Therapy Department.

Over the years, Gib has enjoyed such activities as hunting and fishing, woodworking, playing board and card games like Wahoo and Yahtzee, watching KU and K-State sports, and he is especially fond of dogs. As a youngster, Gib played college basketball and proudly served in the Airforce during WWII.

Gib has spent his life caring for others without any need for recognition. He has served as President of the Lions Club and Deacon of the Presbyterian Church in Independence. Gib is also a proud member of the Masonic Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars. His son says he has always loved to lend a helping hand to those in need and is adored by everyone who is lucky enough to know him.

Gib is one of the kindest, most gracious residents to ever call Wellsville Retirement Community home. When asked what he loves most about living at WRC, he simply stated, "I appreciate everyone and everything here."

Patty Roberts Employee of the Month

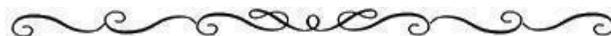
Patty works on the Countryview Dietary crew. She is a native of Johnson County and has been married to her husband, Clifton, for 44 years. Patty and Clifton have 3 children and 8 grandchildren—3 of which work here at WRC!

In her spare time, Patty enjoys crocheting, leather crafting and spending time in the great outdoors. Prior to joining the WRC family, she did construction cleanup and applied special coatings to sports equipment.

When asked what she likes most about working at WRC, Patty responded with, "I just love working with the residents and being close to home."



Gib and Patty share February honors.



WRC Book Drive

We are looking for large print books. Westerns, mysteries, suspense, romance, ect. You may drop books off in Jennifer's office any time.

**** We do not need any readers digest. ****

Activities: Life at WRC

Valentine's Day is a time for love, a time to celebrate life, a time to give and forgive and a time to say a prayer for all of you who touch our lives! Heather and Jennifer would like to thank all of our families and our fabulous volunteers for the many ways you have touched the lives of the WRC Family. You have made a tremendous difference.

During a recent morning meeting, a staff member shared an experience he had while visiting with one of our residents. The resident spoke of how she feels alone at times because she does not have as much interest in activities as some of her fellow residents. She commented that with all the day-to-day duties of the staff that there are times when she is yearning for some one-on-one attention. As much as we strive to provide individual attention ourselves, we truly value our volunteers for dedicating their time to those who need a little extra personal interaction. So, if you are available or interested in becoming a pen pal, phone friend, companion, etc., or know someone who would be interested, please let Jennifer or Heather know.

We are excited about our fun-filled month of February. Some of our exciting entertainers are as follows: Tuesday the 3rd, the music Man Wednesday at 3:00. On the 4th at 3:00, we will have our monthly Wine and Cheese event. Thursday the 5th, we welcome Michael and Rachel. We look forward to the elementary school kids that will be here on Friday the 6th at 10:00. Saturday the 7th, we will have a visit from Doc Fuller at 3:00.

Monday the 9th at 2:00, we invite the ladies from the community to join us for our Ladies Tea. Our host will be Esther Raugawitz. We will be sharing Valentine poems and writing limericks. Following ladies tea, at 3:00, we will enjoy music from the Man and his Dog. Wednesday the 11th, we will celebrate all of our February birthday at 3:00.

Back by popular demand! Thursday the 12th at 3:00, Brody Buster will be here. He grew up

playing the harp on Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee at BB King's nightclub beginning at the young age of 8. When opening a new nightclub in Los Angeles, BB King personally invited Brody to open for him. One night while performing at the new club, Brody was discovered by The Tonight Show - and the rest is history. In 1996, at the age of 12, Brody was invited to perform at the prestigious "Montreux Blues and Jazz Festival" in Montreux, Switzerland with legends such as Quincy Jones, Isaac Hayes, Oleta Adams, Chaka Khan, Phil Collins, Keb Mo', Richie Havens, and Melvin Taylor.

On the 14th at 3:00, we will be having our Valentine's Day Party with special music from the Galloway Duo. Sunday the 15th from 1:30-4:00, we are having our Open House. There will be hor d'oeuvres as well GREAT music from the Barn Yard Boys.

Thursday the 26th at 3:30, we will once again host the one and only Ashley the Entertainer! Ashley has the look of a Rat Packer, pipes like Nat 'King' Cole, and when he shakes his hips, the ladies swoon. His show is part song, part dance, part ballet, and part acrobatics. It's fresh yet familiar. His love of performing is written all over his face. Join "Ashley the Entertainer" as he dances and sings his way through the songs of the 40's, 50's, and 60's with grace, class, and a style all his own. You'll be reminded of Sammy Davis, Fred Astaire, and Nat King Cole all at the same time. It will be a packed house so get here early to get a good seat!

*If you would like to view photos and videos of the fun we have at WRC, visit our Facebook page.
(Search for Wellsville Retirement Community.)*

To view photos of our new Assisted Living and Skilled Unit, visit our website at www.wellsvillerc.com and click on News > Expansion.



Wellsville Retirement Community

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Open House

*February 15th
from 1:30 to 4:00*

*Come check out all the
changes we have made!*

SPOTLIGHT #1: Terry Hailey



SPOTLIGHT #1 is on Terry Hailey who is a C.N.A. in our Meadowlark Neighborhood. Terry has worked in healthcare for 32 years. She has 2 children, a boy and a girl, and 3 grandchildren. Terry lives in Baldwin City. Here are her responses to our famous Spotlight questions:

Favorite High School Memory: Our senior trip to Springfield, Missouri.

3 words that describe me: fun, hard-worker, loving.

If I had a time machine and could travel anywhere

in time: I would go to the past so I could spend more time with my grandmother.

If I could buy anything with price not being a concern: I would buy a place where I could adopt all animals that are abused so I could nurture them.

A person in my life who has inspired me: My grandmother. She started me in healthcare.

If I could wave a magic wand and change one thing about the world: I would eliminate cancer in children.

SPOTLIGHT #2: Ashley Washington



SPOTLIGHT # 2 is on Ashley Washington who recently took over as our Business Office Manager. She lives in Olathe with her son who is 9. Ashley grew up in Wellsville and has worked in the field of long term care for 11 years. Check out her answers to our Spotlight questions:

Favorite High School Memory: Going to South Padre island with 5 other girls on spring break.

3 words that describe me: quiet, dependable, loving.

If I could buy anything with price not being a concern: I would buy a house and go on a Disney cruise with my son.

If I had a time machine and could travel anywhere

in time: I would go to ancient Egypt to see the pyramids when they were new.

A person in my life who has inspired me: My dad.....he's such a hard worker.

If I could wave a magic wand and change one thing about the world: No more racism.