

FRIENDSHIP MANOR NEWSLETTER

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'Tis The Season

Color lights, activities, food and fun make the Holidays bright

In this issue: Updates from the Manor keep residents informed and well informed.

The **Annual Employee Appreciation Fund** drive is underway, relying on Residents for donations to express our thanks to all full- and part-time employees.



December Highlights

December 2
Ice Cream Social

December 6
Christmas Karaoke Party

December 7
Fall Prevention – Part 2
Treble Clefs – Jamison Hall

December 8 & 22
Book Mobile

December 8
Patrick Lindley – Jamison Hall

December 16
Hot Dog BBQ

December 21
Christmas Lights Tour

December 23
Christmas Party

December 25
Merry Christmas I

December 28
RSC Meeting – Jamison Hall

December 30
Pizza Party

December 31
New Year's Eve Party – Nicole Lvoff

UPDATES FROM THE MANOR

Dining Room Christmas Tree

Once again John Van Wyk Painting, responsible for the excellent painters seen regularly around the Manor, has donated a tree for the dining room, and we always appreciate their generosity in helping make the season bright. Larry, our faithful Santa's Helper already has decorated the tree, and as you can see around the Manor he has begun festooning every available surface everywhere with bright lights and decorations. Many thanks to Larry for once again spending so much time to make the Manor a showplace for holiday decorations.



Annual Fire Inspection

As Residents may have been aware, the last month has seen much activity around the Manor in order to make our facility compliant with the annual fire inspection and ever changing fire code. Compliance included removing furniture from hallways, removing door stops, completely removing all the combustible storage in the basement parking garage, updating exit signs, and trimming or removing trees whose foliage overhung the various rooftops of the Manor. These changes are mandated by the State fire code and enforced by County Fire Inspectors. Our Executive Director Dan happily reports that we have passed for this year. — Of course, this official compliance is ongoing, and Residents are asked to continue keeping all hallways and stairways free from obstructions of any kind (including chairs or other furniture), and keeping the garage free from any combustible storage. Thanks to all Residents for their patience, understanding and cooperation in making the Manor compliant with Fire Regulations.

Missing Dishes from the Kitchen

Residents are reminded that dishes, silverware, glasses, and mugs are meant to be left in the Dining Room. Please be aware that your monthly rent payment, part of which is allocated for your dining services, does not mean that anyone owns or is entitled to take bowls or any other kitchen items back to their room. Dishes and other kitchen items are communal and are for everyone to use daily. Recently, dishes have been found in the trash, as if they were disposable, and this is distressing. The way it works is that when people take dishes or silverware of any kind, those items must be replaced so that they can be used by all other residents. It is impossible to stress enough how expensive it is to replace kitchen dishes, silverware and glasses — and when the Kitchen has to replace these items, it means, quite simply, that monthly rents will be increased that much more, impacting all residents, not just those few who abuse the rules and take these items for their personal use. Most Residents abide by the rules and do not take dishes, etc., from the Dining Room, and thanks to all of you. If anyone has dishes stashed, please return them to the dish room to replenish our dwindling supply!

Employee Appreciation — Annual Fund Raising Drive

MESSAGE FROM THE RSC BOARD: It's that Holiday time of year again when Residents have a chance to show the entire Friendship Manor Staff how much they are appreciated for their hard work all year long.

You can send a big "Thank You" to those who work at the Manor by contributing to the **Employee Appreciation Fund**.

We have 38 dedicated full and part-time employees who —

- Prepare and serve meals every day of the week
- * Drive the van to medical appointments
- Drive the van for shopping trips
- Fix the plumbing, change lightbulbs and maintain the facilities
- Patrol all night long and provide security
- Work to keep costs controlled and the quality of life high
- * Keep the overall operation running smoothly
- Sell stamps, cash checks, schedule van rides and endeavor to handle all front desk inquiries and resident issues



Manor employees take care of you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They work hard so you can have a better, more meaningful life.

Please show your appreciation for the terrific service and support throughout the year, by putting cash or checks into the decorated lock box located in the Lobby, on the Slant Board.

The **Deadline** to contribute is **Thursday, December 14**, so please open your hearts, and your wallets, to **make this year's Employee Appreciation Fundraising Event the most successful ever!**

Thank you for **any size** contribution, cash or check. *(Tax deductible.)*

Please make checks payable to "VSS"

**DOROTHY’S CORNER STORE:
YOUR PLACE TO SHOP LOCAL!**

From ice cream to toilet paper, and from peanut butter and soup to hand lotion and myriad snacking items — and so much more — the Corner Store has it all, so check it out Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.



All profits from every purchase go back into inventory, pay for the B Lounge wi-fi and copier, and more. Support your Corner Store and make use of this valuable resource in the B Lounge.



And for 24/7 snacks and sodas, remember the machines adjacent to the Corner Store. A portion of those proceeds also go into the RSC general fund for Resident services.

December Birthdays

- 12/3** David McCalmont
- 12/5** Robert Washington
- 12/13** Gary Tholander
- 12/14** Tom Davis
- 12/15** Kenneth Hanvey
- 12/17** Joyce Wycoff
- 12/17** Ross Vallone
- 12/18** Michael Villanueva
- 12/19** Michael Erickson
- 12/21** Greg Brown
- 12/26** Jerry Jones
- 12/28** Sheldon Dubow
- 12/28** Sheri Wright
- 12/30** John Bobkoff
- 12/30** Susan Moore
- 12/31** Glenna Natale

