

Laurens Care Center Newsletter

February 2015

Administrators Corner



We have had our January Thraw, and it was a good number of days, but now we are cold again and waiting for a February thaw. The sun has been shinning in February and that lifts all spirits. We will have a valentine party with a King and Queen this month and lots of fun. Lent also begins this month so we are looking forward to having the community in for the first lunch and going to as many of the other luncheons as we can. We are getting out of the winter doldrums.

The board is working on a project to do some work on our entrance, old nurses station and main lounge. This will be nice. Plans are formulating slowloy but the project will be a nice update to our home. Winter is on the way out, let's get ready for spring.

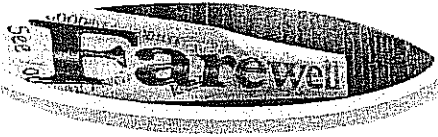
February Birthdays

Residents:

Joe McDermott 2-7
Bonnie Frye 2-8
Jim Hodgel 2-20
Clifford Cook 2-27

Staff:

Destini 2-3
Alanna 2-7
Mandy 2-8
Haley 2-11
Tiffany 2-14
Latrina 2-15
Deanna 2-16



Farewell:

Ardys Hanish

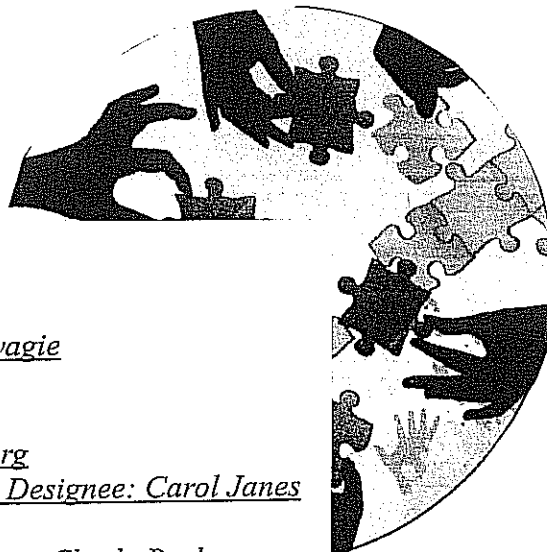
Our Sympathy to families of:

Charlene White
Elizabeth Anderson

Welcome:
Debra Hetrick
Lary O'Clair



New Staff:
Lartina
Shelby



TEAM LEADERS

- Administrator: Gail Olson
- Director of nursing: Tanya Louwagie
- MDS: Amanda Biddle
- Dietician: Marla Smith
- Dietary Supervisor: Kay Dahlberg
- Activity Director/ Social Service Designee: Carol Janes
- Social Services: Amy Kruse
- Housekeeping / Laundry Supervisor: Cherly Bush
- Maintenance Supervisor: Loren Booth
- Office Manager: Lorri Rohrbaugh
- Beautician: Teresa Bunting

January is gone and we are on to another month, hopefully it won't be as cold. The ground hog has made it's prediction for 6 more weeks of winter, I think it will always be six more weeks of winter no matter what Mr. Ground Hog says.



We welcome Susie McRunnel she will be assisting Carol in activities.

The residents had a Super Bowl Party, which they enjoyed all the snacks. We had the game on the large T V in the activity room for anyone who wanted to watch the game.

Some of the residents braved the cold weather and went to the Gospel Music at the United Methodist Church Thursday January 29, 2015. The residents that went really enjoyed it, and slept quite well that night.

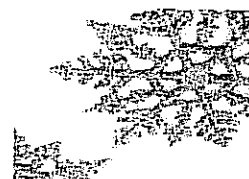
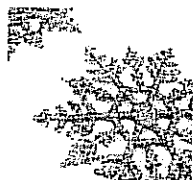
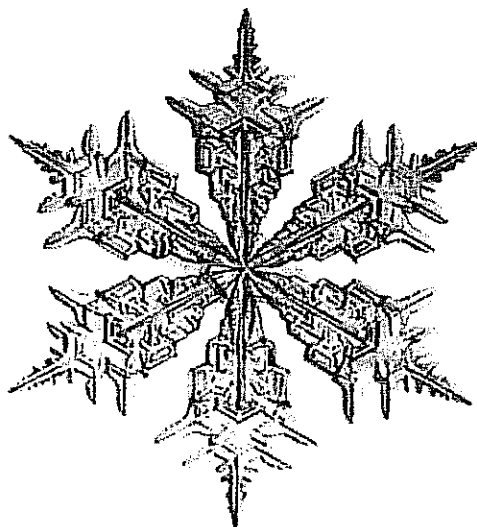
We will be having valentine party for residents again. There Will be a Valentine box sat out for staff to put valentines in; Lets make this a good day for the residents.



Lenten will be upon us soon, and the residents will look forward to attending the Lent service and lunch. The first lent luncheon will be at Laurens Care Center February 18, 2015.

Will be looking forward to warmer weather in about six weeks!

Carol Janes
Activity Director



SOME FEBUARY FACTS:

- 1. The birthstone for February is Amethyst(purple-Lavender)*
- 2. Two Zodiac signs for February are Aquarius(Jan20-Feb 18)and Pisces(Feb19-March20)*
- 3. The month has 29 days in leap years,when the year number is divisible by four. In common years the month has 28 days,*
- 4. Viola (plant) and the Primrose are the birth flowers.*
- 5. In February1910, the Boys Scouts of America was incorporated.*
- 6. On February 6, 1933 Amendment 20 to the United States was proclaimed which moved the Inauguration Day to January 20th.*
- 7. On February 4, 1861, a temporary committee met at Montgomery, Albama where they organized a Confederate States of America.*
- 8. On February 6, 1899,The U.S. Senate ratified the peace treaty that led to the end of the Spanish-American War.*
- 9. On February 6, 1953, Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.*
- 10. February 12th Abraham Lincoln;s Birthday*
- 11. February 22 George Washington Birthday*
- 12. Black History Month is celebrated in Canada and United States.*

February, along with January , was introduced onto the Roman Calendar by Numa Pompilius when the calendar was extended from ten to twelve. The word February comes from the word 'februa' – which means cleansing or Purification, and reflects the rituals undertaken before Spring.

Other Names for February :

Anglo Saxons called February 'Sol-monath'(cake-month), because cakes were offered to the gods during that month.

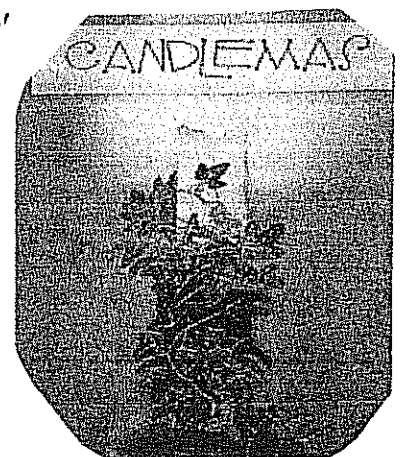
Also known to Saxons as 'spout-kale' from the sprouting of cabbage or kale.

Known as 'y- mis bach' i-the little month, in Welsh because of having 28 days in non leap year.

In Shakespeare's time about 400 years ago, the second month of the year was called 'Feverell;'

In Isaac Newton's time one hundred years later it had become 'Februeer'

The Modern name, February, is only about one hundred years old.



February 2nd is not only Ground hog day. It is also Candlemas Day. This marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox. February 2nd was day of the year when all candles, that were used in the church during the coming year, were brought into the church and a blessing was said over them-so it was the Festival Day (or 'mass') of the Candles.

Candles were important because there was no electric lights, Some people thought it gave protection against plague, illness, and famine. For Christians, it is reminder of darkness before Jesus came to the world and gave light.

The idea of looking to a hibernating animal for a clue as to when we can expect to see the return of spring originated in Germany. The Germans borrowed the idea from a Christian holiday called Candlemas. The animal was a hedgehog instead of groundhog.

February has long been a month of romance. It is month associated with Valentine's day celebrations. The origin of this lovers day goes back as early as 270 A. D. and started with the clash between a kindly priest and a mighty ruler.

The modern St. Valentine's Day celebrations are said to have been derived from both Christian and Roman tradition. There are many different legends about valentine's day.

Trivia about Valentine: (Answer at bottom of page)

What state produces majority of american roses?

Most popular way to say "Be Mine" ?

Fruit that is known as the "love apple"?

What % of flowers are brought by men on valentine day?

Top company for selling valentine cards in america?

Who receives the most valentines ?



WHAT DID THE VALENTINES DAY CARD SAY TO THE STAMP?
STICK WITH ME AND YOU'LL GO PLACES.

WHAT IS BEST PART ABOUT VALENTINES DAY?
THE DAY AFTER WHEN ALL THE CHOCOLATE GOES ON SALE.



1. California 2. Candy 3. Tomatoe 4. 65% 5. Hallmark 6. Teachers

