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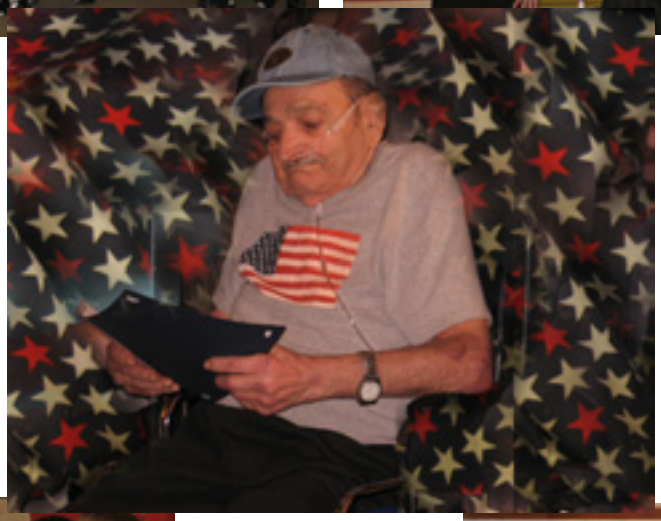
ROLLING FIELDS NEWS

USO 2011

All of the Greats were there....Kate Smith, The Lemon Sisters, Marilyn Monroe. These performers showed up at our 10th Annual USO Show. The restaurant was filled with spectator and Veterans who enjoyed the various talent acts including a number from the children in Daycare. Prior to the performances, our Elders and Caregiver Veterans were presented with Certificates from the Pennsylvania State Representative offices.

We would like to thank Jay Marcinowski, our Physical Therapist, who again this year provided props and made this event one we were proud to perform.



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Remarks...

Welcome 2012,

It is with great pleasure that I reintroduce myself as the Administrator of our Home. I am very excited about our plans for 2012 and the people we have put in charge to make the changes happen. We will continue to enrich the lives of all who enter our home and fine tune a few areas that we have fallen short in our expectations.

In order to achieve these goals we have moved and promoted a few individuals. Alida Polk has transitioned from the Director of Nursing to our Assistant Administrator with the hope that she will gather the knowledge necessary to sit for her Nursing Home Administrators' licensing exam before the end of the year. Lisa Yuhaschek has become our Director of Nursing when she turned the responsibility of Caregiver Educator to Deb Inman who was promoted from within our nursing department.

In addition to a few programming enhancements we are also renovating our family room. Within a few short weeks we will see the completion of the new family room and pub. Cindy has worked closely with our contractors to create a space that is relaxing, homey and practical. Our elders will soon be able to enjoy happy hour seven days a week and movies, sporting events and music on demand with our large screen hi definition television. Elm Street is also under renovation and we appreciate your continued patience as the carpet and new furniture will soon be installed. Again we are excited for these changes to take place and in some cases long over due.

I thank you in advance for your confidence in my ability to make sure the needs of your loved one are being met and I would like to assure you that we will continue our mission to operate a home that is Elder centered and quality driven.

If ever you have any concerns or questions I am available to you as is any member of our team.

Wishing you the best in the New Year.

Kim

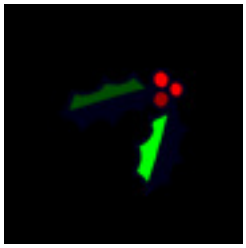
Hello everyone!

This is my first family newsletter article. Here is a quick introduction of myself for those of you whom I may have not met in person, yet! I came to Rolling Fields after visiting the Rolling Fields display at the Albion Area Fair in 2005. (Honestly, I had never heard of Rolling Fields and had no idea where it was. This after spending my youth in Albion, YIKES!) I came on-board as a nursing supervisor, in February of 2006, working evenings and night-turn. The role of Director of Nursing was offered to me in November of 2006. What an immense amount of learning opportunities came with the role. Recently accepting the role of Assistant Administrator seemed like a natural progression within our home and again, many opportunities. I have been a nursing assistant, licensed practical nurse, and a registered nurse. I strive for challenge, change and continuous learning. My life experiences have always brought me back to long-term care. I strongly believe that our Elders are a resource full of life lessons and knowledge. Therefore, they deserve and have earned the right to be treated with dignity and respect each and every day without regard to any challenges they may be experiencing.

My personal goal is to go home each day feeling that I gave more than I received. Feel free to stop and chat. You can't miss my peach-colored office on Main Street!

Alida Polk

Blessings!



Fireside Gatherings

Our Caregivers are committed to making our Elder's Christmases special. The Fireside Gatherings amplify this commitment. The Caregivers brought their families, gifts and food items to make each street's gathering a wonderful Holiday celebration.

Each street celebrates in their own fashion. But all reports are that the family spirit was not missing from any of the Gatherings.

Santa's Workshop

In this year we hosted Santa's Workshop. Elders who are unable to leave the home to do their shopping were able to shop in the Community Room for their Christmas gifts. Everything from jewelry to car mats were available. We shop all year to find bargains that can be passed on to our Elders.

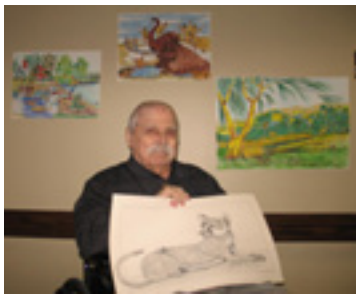
There was plenty of help from the Rolling Fields elves who assisted those Elders who couldn't make up their mind on what to buy for their loved ones on their Christmas lists.

Once the Elders made their purchases, they were able to stop by the Family Room to have their gifts wrapped. We did notice the Elders did some shopping for themselves. It was hard not to buy for themselves with such a variety of great items.

Elm Street Soup Cook-off

Cheeseburger Chowder Soup beat out the competition to win Elm's Street Soup Cook-off. Cynthia Davison and Ana Smith (Birch Street Caregivers) conjured up the winning recipe and beat 16 other great tasting soups for the bragging rights and an Elm Street Cookbook. Elders from all streets, Caregivers and guests were able to sample each soup. The winners were chosen by paper ballots.

The recipe is one of many featured in the Elm Street's Cookbook available for purchase. The book costs $8.00 each or 2/$15.00. All proceeds benefit the Elm Street Families.



Resident Artist

For years, Mr. Tom Petrillo has been drawing and painting beautiful pictures. Recently, he shared his talents with everyone at Rolling Fields. Birch Street hosted his art display. The hall was filled with his variety of artistic talent. Birch Street was given the opportunity to chose one of his pictures to frame and proudly hang it in their hallway.

Cooper

If you haven't heard, Cooper has been retired from his duties as resident canine in our home. It's a hard job that quickly frustrates our beloved mascots. We have found a great new home for him with one of our Caregivers. Ash Street families feel Cooper will live out his days being spoiled rotten in his new home. He will continue to visit everyone weekly.

We still believe our pets are a great comfort to our Elders and continue to welcome companion pets with our Elders who choose to live here.

Pardon the mess during Construction

Although Elm Street is fairly new, we saw room for improvement. The colors on the walls are going to be warmer and the carpet and dining tables are going to be replaced. There will be newly remodeled sitting areas. One area will host a piano and the other will feature a giant flat screen TV.
The entrance out to the Courtyard is going to be turned into a porch. The porch will be covered with wooden siding for a more familiar homestead look to it.

The other renovation taking place in our home is in the family room. In the near future it will be converted into Rolling Field's own pub! It will feature a wheelchair accessible bar. The bar will replicate community taverns, however this bar will be more conveniently setup to our Happy Hour attendees who are wheelchair bound.
A giant flat screen TV will be in place that will have movies on demand capabilities.
You won't be able to miss the new fireplace either. It will be the first thing you see when you enter the room. The fireplace will be incased in stone and have it's own mantel.
Games tables finish the room for those who like checkers or board games. Of course, the men's poker games will take place there too.
We are very excited about these updates to our home, as we continue to improve the lives of our Elders, we are able to prove that culture change is possible.

Free Wireless Internet

Rolling Fields now offers wireless high speed internet for all Elders and guests. Wireless internet will be available in all areas inside of the home and in the courtyard. Guests and Elders can now share those special moments via the internet. Guests can now access websites like Facebook and YouTube to share pictures and videos with their loved ones. Guests will also be able to connect with devices such as smartphones, apple devices such as the IPad and iPhone. We hope this will make a more convenient and fun way to share our achievements and memories with your loved ones.

Seein' the Sights

We are very thankful for the wonderful Fall/Winter weather we have been having. The fair weather ensures safe Elder field trips. This season we have taken the Elders to see the beautiful Fall foliage, a magic show in Meadville, the area's spectacular Christmas lights and a performance of the Nutcracker in Erie.
We would like to thank all of the volunteers who accompany us on our trips. Your help is greatly appreciated.
If you know of a local trip, the would be appropriate for our Elders, please call Jacey Deezik at (814) 587-2012., extension #360.

Check out our website www.rollingfields.com

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Upcoming Events

January: Game Month

Name that Tune—Horse Racing—Family Feud—Deal or No Deal—
Checkers Tournament

February: Around the World

Snowball Dance — February 14th

Italian Week—French Week—Mexican Week—Chinese Week
(The culinary specials will correspond with the weekly theme)

March: Press Your Luck

Casino Day
Pub Hop—March 16th
Press Your Luck Game Show

Please check our website for details!