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“BITTERSWEET” means bitter and sweet at the same time. Bittersweet seems to be the best way to describe the resignation/retirement of our Social Services/Admissions Director, Mary Jo Palmer. Mary Jo has worked at Orchard Manor for almost twenty years, during which time she has “touched” everyone, Residents, Families and Staff Members, in one way or another. Mary Jo has been a loyal member of the Orchard Manor Team and most importantly, has always been an advocate for our Residents. While we are sad that we are faced with such a significant change in our Team, we are happy for Mary Jo that she is able to take this action. I know that I speak for everyone when I say that Mary Jo will be sorely missed, and that we wish her only the best as she undertakes her new adventure!

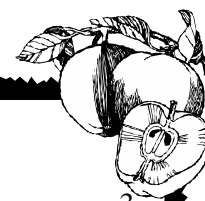
Interviews for her replacement are taking place and the announcement regarding who will be our new Social Worker will be made in the next few weeks. Keep in mind that Mary Jo will continue to hold the monthly Grove City CareGiver Support Group at Orchard Manor.

You may have noticed the new paving of the Front Lane Entrance and Fellowship Manor Parking Lots. Fellowship Manor and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western PA have undertaken that project. While it was an inconvenience to some motorists during the paving, the new lanes are a great improvement! Orchard Manor will also be starting a new project in the next few weeks, as replacing the roof has become a necessity. The

project is a major undertaking, however there will be no disruption in service and very little, if any, inconvenience. While the roof replacement is the major focus, other action is being taken to provide better insulation and other repairs that will have a direct impact on our heating and cooling issues.

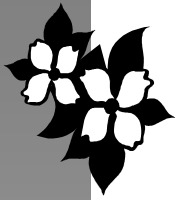
Finally, another Family Forum meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review those issues discussed in June, as well as any new concerns. Please know that plans are being made and put into place, while other possibilities are being investigated, to address a number of different issues and situations. Thank you for your patience and please continue to bring anything of immediate concern to Jodi Hoffman, RN, Director of Nursing or me. And when Jim Pittock, RN, reads this, he should stop in my office for a little surprise!

Diane Robinson
Administrator

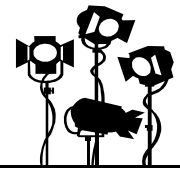


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Employee Spotlight



Bonnie Hamilton, Transportation Coordinator



Bonnie Hamilton has worked at Orchard Manor for 27 years. Currently, she works as the Transportation Coordinator, but has previously held the positions of Dietary Aide, Activity Aide and Activity Director.

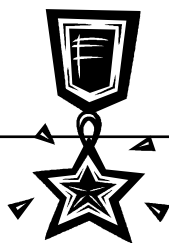
Bonnie enjoys having one-on-one contact with the Residents and hearing stories about their life experiences. Everyone at Orchard Manor is very caring.

The youngest of four, Bonnie has two brothers and one sister. She has lived in the Barkeyville Grove City area her entire life.

Bonnie has two children, Penny and Richard. She also has three granddaughters, Spencer, 15, Taylor, 6, and Brooke, who will be 3 this month.

In her spare time Bonnie loves spending time with her family, especially shopping with her daughter and granddaughters. She also enjoys reading and going on summer vacations with her family to Virginia Beach.

Bonnie's future plans include winning the lottery!



Our Dedicated Staff

Service Anniversaries for August

Erma McKnight, Activity Aide—32 years

Gloria Kaufman, Housekeeper—30 years

Margaret Taylor, Housekeeper—23 years

Tracey Cramer, LPNAC—13 years

Phyllis Beach, CNA—10 years

Laura Cook, Administrative Assistant
—6 years

Mandy Marez, Housekeeper—5 years

Kim Grossman, Dietary Aide—4 years

Amy Bailey, CNA—4 years

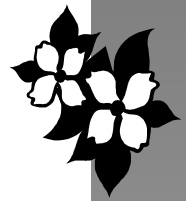
Bobbi Senn, LPN—3 years

Joyce Zickefoose, CNA—1 year



Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Stephanie Thompson



Partly Cloudy or Partly Sunny?

Have you ever thought about how negatively-focused we seem to be in our culture? Bad news seems to spread like wildfire, even one negative comment seems to draw a crowd, and it seems it is easier to believe the bad about someone than it is the good.

I heard the story of a woman who went into a restaurant for a meal; and, although the food was especially delicious, she had a bad attitude. The waitress, try though she might, couldn't do anything to change the woman's disposition. As she was paying her bill, the waitress decided to give it one more try and said to the woman, "have a nice day", to which the woman responded, "no thanks, I have other plans". Sometimes I think it has become easy to get caught up in the negativity all around us, and we've all decided to make other plans.

Why, even the weather channel is caught up in it. A couple of months back, my husband and I noticed when we listened to the weather radio that almost every day in the next five they said partly cloudy or partly-to-mostly cloudy. Concerned that it was going to be a terrible week, and having had some plans that we thought were going to be rained out, we decided we'd better look on the internet on weatherchannel.com to confirm when the bad weather was going to arrive. Imagine our surprise when we went online and found that while, yes, it was going to be partly cloudy, it was also partly sunny – right there in the picture there was a little cloud AND there was a little sun. As we watched the next five days unfold, it WAS a bit cloudy, but in the midst of it, there was bright sunshine every day.

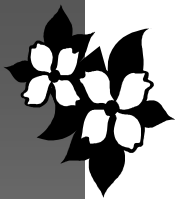
Many years ago the Heyden Planetarium in New York City advertised that they were looking for a small group of people to take a trip to another planet. They were overwhelmingly surprised when over 18,000 people showed up and filled out applications. Psychologists reviewing the applications discovered that most of those who had applied were so discouraged by this world, they wanted to take advantage of the opportunity of going to another planet and starting all over again.

If you pause to look at your life during the past week, which attitude seems to have taken root in you, partly cloudy or partly sunny? If you believe in God you know that we have hope beyond any negative attitudes we may have gotten caught up in. The good news is that we can each choose to change our focus and we don't have to go to another planet to start "all over again".

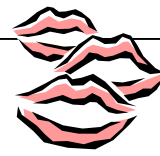
A pastor speaking to a group of dads said that many fathers teach their children to get up in the morning, but don't always teach them *how* to get up. He said they should teach them to get out of bed and stretch, which prepares their bodies for the day. Next, they should look in the mirror and smile, which prepares their soul for the day. Then, they should say out loud, "God loves me", which will prepare their spirit for the day. With body, soul, and spirit set right, we begin the day with the right focus.

Yes, it is simple, but it works, I've tried it.

Pastor Stephanie



Senior Snickers



Life's Imponderables...

Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.

Is atheism a non-prophet organization?

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?

How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?

How is it possible to have a civil war?

If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?

If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

Can an atheist get insurance for "acts of God?"

If you're in a vehicle traveling at the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?

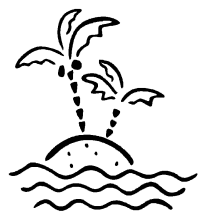
Why do we park in driveways and drive on parkways?



Summer Concerts

The Summer Concert Series continues into August with Harrisville Country Gospel on August 6th, Mike Canali with his Big Band Music on August 15th, and the Harrisville Community Band on August 20th. Look for more concert information throughout the facility.

Sunshine Way Luau



We are having a luau for Sunshine Way and their families on Sunday, August 10th at 6:00 pm in the outside courtyard. We are asking families to bring in their favorite dessert for everyone to sample. Come and enjoy the evening with us, there will be beautiful decorations, good food and entertainment!

WELCOME! New Residents!

Mrs. Betty McKinney, 7/9
Mrs. Mary Ruth Montgomery, 7/11

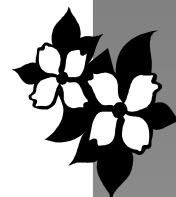
New Employees

Diane Heidlbach, RN
Cassandra Gadsby, Housekeeper
Chelsea Bowser, Housekeeper
Leslie Brison, LPN
Crystal Armstrong, GPN

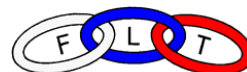
Support Group

The monthly CAREgiver's Support group will be held on Wednesday, August 20th at 10:30 in the Front Solarium.

If you have any questions, please contact Orchard Manor at 724-458-7760.



Memorial Service



A reminder to Odd Fellows and Rebekahs~The Annual Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2008 in the Great Room of Orchard Manor. Additional information and details will be forthcoming.

A Special Goodbye

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

It is not easy to say goodbye to those who have been a part of one's life for so long. Some of you may remember when I first began working here, my then young children visiting with Residents, coming to the Annual Picnic, or helping with a variety of activities. I remember my husband and I coming up on our wedding day and visiting with the Residents and bringing wedding cake. The memories are many—dressing up for Halloween, helping at concerts, taking part in the Christmas Candlelight

Service as a "Wisewoman", helping someone with the loss of a loved one, adjusting to the Nursing Home, or dealing with a personal issue. I never imagined how full my life would be and how the lives of so many would touch mine. You are all so special, with so much to offer—no matter what your age or your status here at Orchard Manor—Resident, Staff or Family. You will all be in my thoughts and I thank you for being a part of my life.

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Palmer

Our Deepest Sympathy

Everyone at Orchard Manor extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the following Residents who recently passed away.

Mrs. Ruth Reynolds, 7/5
Mr. Mark Farren, 7/25

*No matter what we may face,
the Lord provides a place of peace,
a place of hope, and best of all,
His presence to see us through.*

-Unknown



Calendar Highlights

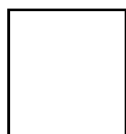
- Aug 5 Blast from the Past Birthday Celebration
- Aug 6 Flip Bingo with Stephanie Longstreet
Summer Concert—Harrisville Country Gospel
- Aug 10 Sunshine Way Luau
- Aug 13 Summer Concert—Mike Canali
- Aug 15 Ceramics with Clarinda
- Aug 19 Morning Fishing Trip
- Aug 20 Summer Concert—Harrisville Community
Band
- Aug 21 Root Beer Floats with Dick Fischer & Friends
- Aug 25 Barry Spiker & Friends
- Aug 28 Skit Play with Lori Jack

*For a more thorough list of activities
and times, please see the calendar on pages 2 & 9.*

Happy Birthday!



- 8/6 Kathryn Hockenberry
- 8/9 Jennie Koprivnak
- 8/13 Velma Shaley
- 8/13 Irene Weiss
- 8/26 John Thornbury
- 8/27 Lucy McCarl
- 8/27 Wanda Carrell
- 8/28 Thelma Lichtenberger
- 8/30 Dale Hennon
- 8/30 Bertha Rodgers



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Residents of the Month



Don't forget to look at the pictures of our Residents of the Month! They are on the bulletin boards located on each wing.

Eleanor Thompson—Sunshine Way

"Butchy" Pearl was born on November 19, 1948. Her life began on the Red Brush Road near Coaltown in Butler County. She attended Pipestem School and graduated from Moniteau. Her parents were Herman and Amy Thompson Eleanor has three sisters, Betty, Mary and Erma Jean and one brother, James.

Eleanor lived most of her life on Wayne Street in Butler. She worked in the cleaning department at Butler Hospital. She called off sick only three times in 15 years!

Eleanor is a single mom who raised two boys. Donnie and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, Amy and Lisa. David and his wife, Linda, have two boys, Jack and Owen.

Eleanor loved to paint with oil on canvas and sold many of her paintings. One year, her Mom entered a McConnells Mills painting at the Butler Fair. She won a blue ribbon and a lady from California bought the painting.

Eleanor took literacy classes at the Butler Library and taught her Dad how to read. A proud moment in Eleanor's life was seeing her son, David graduate from Rochester Institute in New York as an engineer.

She had a huge terrace flower garden behind her house on Wayne Street. She would sit out there with her dog, Useless, and paint Wayne Street. Congratulations, Eleanor, on being Resident of the Month.

Bertha Coyer—Personal Care

Bertha Sigut Coyer was born September 8, 1923 in Rilton, PA, located between Irwin and Greensburg. Her parents, Henry and Veronica Sigut, raised two daughters, Henrietta and Annie, and two sons, Walter and John, in addition to Bertha.

In 1940, Bertha graduated from Slippery Rock High School. She married Clyde Coyer in 1944. The couple had four children, Barbara, Betty, Ron and Cheryl.

In addition to working in the custodial department at Slippery Rock Middle School, Bertha liked to garden. She had a flower garden and grew tomatoes and pumpkins. One of her pumpkins grew to 50 lbs.! She also enjoyed making no-bake cookies for her kids—their favorite!

Bertha once traveled to Hawaii, where she saw the famous ship, the U.S.S. Arizona. Congratulations, Bertha, on being Resident of the Month.

Jackson "Jack" Surrena—A-Wing

Jack Surrena was born May 25, 1940 in Harrisville, PA to parents Oatis and Bessie Surrena. He grew up in the area along with his four sisters and 6 brothers. He attended school at Van Dyke and West Sunbury.

In the late 1960's, Jack married Waneta Frampton. He has a step son, Johnny. Jack spent some time working general labor jobs in the Fort Worth, Texas area before returning to Pennsylvania.

When Jack was young, he worked in the coal mine owned by his father. It was called Pone Hill and was located between Barkeyville and Clintonville. He remembers using coal cars that had to be pushed and pulled by hand. They also wore carbide lamp hats. Jack owned a 1948 black Buick which was his favorite car. He used it to go back and forth to work, there wasn't much time to play around.

Jack enjoys playing bingo and going for van rides. He also likes to go fishing. Congratulations, Jack, on being selected as Resident of the Month!

Marian Hutcheson—B-Wing

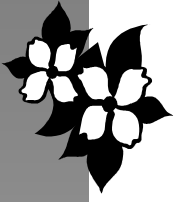
Marian Laderer Hutcheson was born November 27, 1925 in Portersville, PA to parents Joy and Anna Laderer. One of seven children, Marian, her three brothers, and three sisters, grew up in Porterville. As a child, she loved to rollerskate. She and her friends would zoom down the hill into Ellwood City.

Marian graduated from Muddy Creek High School in 1943 and in 1945 from Butler Business School. Two years later she married Jack Hutcheson. The couple had two children, Thomas Edward and Jody Ann, and lived in the Slippery Rock area.

In her spare time, Marian loves to read. She also likes dogs. One time her son, Tom brought home a little black and white terrier named Jet. He had that little dog until he went to college!

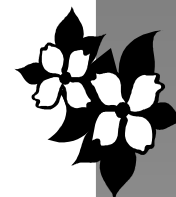
Marian's first job was as Office Manager of the Farm Bureau in Butler. For several years, she was a bookkeeper for First National Bank. For five years, she also worked as a substitute rural mail carrier. In addition to this, Marian was elected Slippery Rock Township Tax Collector for 5 consecutive terms.

After Marian's husband died, she moved to Florida with her daughter and her grandchildren. For a time they also lived in Kentucky near the Ohio River and operated a bed and breakfast in a historic building. Congratulations, Marian, on being Resident of the Month.



Annual Picnic

Raffle Winners!



DONOR	ITEM	WINNER
Springfield Restaurant Group	\$25 Gift Certificate	Ben Hamilton
Pharmacy Management Group	4 Pittsburgh Pirate Tickets	Braydon Wilson
Physician's Mobile X-ray	Bath & Body Works Baskets (5)	Ilo Riddle, Tammy Ki, Shelby Anderson, Jenny Koprivnak, Linda Hoffman
	Bath & Body Works Air Fresheners (2)	Hulda Heister, Sherry Carlson
Grove City College	Note Cards (2 sets) Fleece Throw	Robin Anderson, Nancy Rodgers P. Edeburn
Orchard Manor	First Aid Kit	Joe Campbell, Jr.
Battery Warehouse	Energizer on the GO!	Clarence McCracken
Mercer County Rehab Supply	\$50 Gift Certificate	Norman Lilley
Quill	MP3 player Rachael Ray Cookbook/Skillet DVD Player Insulated Cooler Bag Bath & Body Gel National Treasure DVD Dooney & Bourke purse	Roberta Graham Robin Anderson Larry Eakin Rick Thornbury Ilo Riddle Dianna Patterson Lois Heister
MCG Rehab	\$50 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Kitchen Photo Set	Linda Moore Carrie McKinnon
Click Family Chiropractic	\$150 Gift Certificates (2)	Diana Hafera, Samantha Hoffman
Karen Powell	Catalog Gift Card	Laura Cook
Sodexo Co.	Patio Swing Western Boot	Hulda Heister
VNA Hospice	Gift Basket	Marsha Green
Agway	Gift Basket	CJ Elder
Linda Gaggini	Handmade Ornaments (3 sets)	Lori Jack (2), Jennie Koprivnak
Healthcare Services Group	\$25 Sheetz Gift Card (2)	Betty Crowder, Linda Dickson
Druzak Medical	\$25 Macy's Gift Card (2)	Rudi & Gail Grieb
Willow Lake Baskets	Gift Basket	Lori Jack
Representative Michelle Brooks	Bath & Body Works Basket	Nancy Sack
Harold McQuiston	Flats of Flowers (2) Potted Flower	Clarence McCracken, Janet Kuhn Linda Hoffman
Dairy Queen	8" Ice Cream Cake	Dan Knauff
Karen Brobander	\$10 Perkins Gift Card (2)	Lana Crowder (2)