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You will notice some changes to the Front Solarium over the next few weeks. The Maintenance Department will be painting the walls while the Purchasing Manager and Activity Director put a flat screen TV and new furniture in place. The Activity Department uses proceeds from Fund Raising projects for various Activity supplies and special programs. The generous participation and support for soup, doughnuts and chili sales, grocery carts and gas card raffles, etc. has made the "make over" possible for the Front Solarium.

When you look at the pictures this month, you'll see the "Home for the Holidays" display for the Scarecrow in the Park contest during Grove City's Fall Fest. Pictured with the life-size "house" are Faith Mong, Justin Robinson, Matt Winder, Scott Anderson, Germán Fernandez and Robyn Covert. The team built the house, complete with siding and flower boxes, and made six scarecrows representing trick-or-treaters, fall-like characters going home for Thanksgiving and even a couple happy to be home for Christmas! Residents went on a number of fall foliage rides and were able to enjoy the display along with the changing leaves. We're proud to have won the *Best of Show* award!

Another picture to pay close attention to is the pile of candy for Halloween! Our annual Trick-or-Treat Night has become a favorite event that grows larger every year! Over 130 children and grandchildren of Residents and Staff traveled around the Home in their costumes, going door to door to visit Residents who were ready and waiting with 10,643 pieces of candy to pass out!

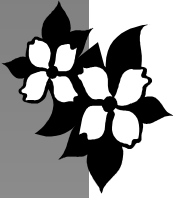
Shari Mazon, CNA, I have a surprise for you in my office! As we enter the Holiday Season at Orchard Manor, there will be many special events. Don't forget to RSVP for the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23rd. We hope to see lots of Residents and families at the various programs, dinners and parties!

Diane Robinson, NHA
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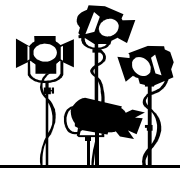


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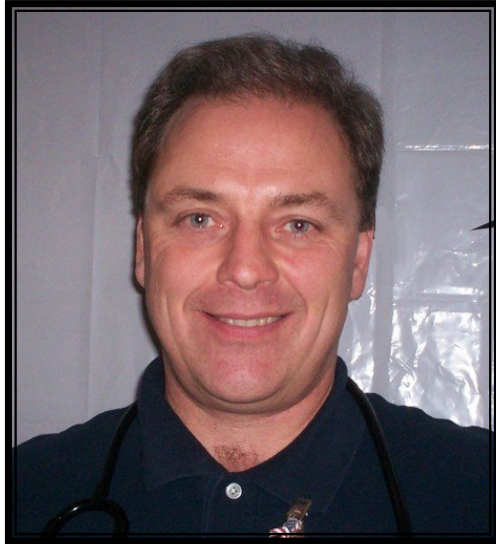
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Employee Spotlight



Jim Pittock, RN Supervisor



Jim Pittock has worked at Orchard Manor for over ten years as RN Supervisor for both day shift and afternoon shift. From 1976 to 1978, Jim also worked doing lawn care at Orchard Manor when his Mother, Mary Janet Pittock worked as an Administrative Secretary.

Jim enjoys being able to help our Residents in different ways to improve their health and well-being. He believes

that we are better than other places because of our cleanliness and caring, supportive staff.

Jim has lived his entire life in Grove City and attended Grove City High School. His father and step-mother live in Grove City as well. In 2006, Jim's brother John passed away. His sister-in-law, Jodi, and nephew, Dave, live in Wattsburg, PA.

Jim has three boys, Grayson, 12, Hayden, 10 and Brennan, 8, who keep him very busy. Keeping things on an even keel is Jim's fiancé, Tara Michaels, who is Director of Admissions with Orchard Manor.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys many outdoor activities such as hunting, bicycling, canoeing, skiing and gardening. He also loves to rollerskate. In fact, one of his favorite memories is skating through Orchard Manor handing out roses to all our ladies for Valentine's Day.

Jim's future plans include wedding bells!



Our Dedicated Staff



Service Anniversaries for November

Sandy Quinn, RN, Infection Control Nurse,
Staff Development Coordinator—25 years

Sandy Saeler, LPN—16 years

Amy Knight, Cook's Helper—6 years

Patty Swartz, LPN—5 years

Mike Young, CNA—5 years

Zinnie Bice, Dietary Aide—5 years

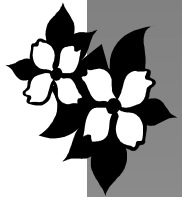
Robyn Covert, Purchasing Manager
—4 years

Rich Tallis, CDM,
Assistant Dietary Manager—4 years



Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Walter Hehman



November Thoughts

November has an interesting history. It was originally the ninth month of the Roman year, which began with the month of March. The Romans simply added "ber" to their word for nine, which was "novem." It makes sense, doesn't it?

Our November is like a box of goodies because it has so many different days to celebrate. We begin with All Saints Day on November 1st and end with the first Sunday of Advent on the 30th. In between, we find Election Day on the 4th and Veteran's Day on the 11th. So it will be about a week from the time I write this article that our next president will be elected. I wonder who it will be? Veteran's Day reminds us of all those brave fellow citizens who gave their lives for the cause of freedom and it marks the day that WWI officially came to an end.

Now we turn our thoughts to Thanksgiving! This is a day I remember well in my early years. The Hehman family would gather at my grandfather's house for Thanksgiving Dinner. My mother and father, my two sisters and our aunts, uncles and cousins would join us around the big dining room table where we enjoyed turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw and rolls. But the best was yet to come.

We all knew that Aunt Ella had made a variety of pies for dessert. From pumpkin to apple to mincemeat to coconut and lemon meringue pies, they were all out there in the kitchen waiting for us. My grandfather had a habit of ending the meal by saying, "It's time to stack the dishes in the middle of the table." We all knew the moment had arrived, dessert was going to follow. The other habit my grandfather had was his belief that pies could only be cut so that they yielded four pieces and no more. What a delight! Old or young, we all got the same size.

Then my sisters and cousins headed up the stairs to the room where the Victrola was

that played music from wax cylinders. It had to be cranked by hand, so we gained strength to do that by eating a quantity of orange frosted cookies my aunt had made for Christmas. She never complained that we had eaten some of those cookies. (Actually, the six of us had eaten quite a lot of those cookies!)

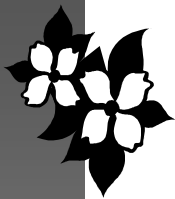
Thanksgiving Day, however, involves more than a meal. The original proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln states "The gracious hand of God has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthens us as a nation." President Lincoln felt that we had become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, and too proud to pray to the God that made us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving in 2008, we don't have quite the same feelings as in previous years. We find ourselves in economically difficult times. Who knows when this time of uncertainty and confusion will end? Nobody knows for sure, but in these times it might become even more important to remember these words from Psalm 92:1-2; "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O most high; to declare your loving kindness in the morning and your faithfulness by night."

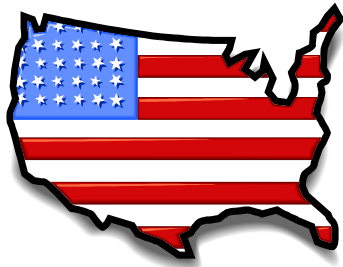
When we rush about and are hurried by the world's constant demands and are wondering about our future, the above words help us to keep our perspective. In addition we can include Paul's words to us from Philippians 4: 6-7, where he urges us not to give in to worry. Instead, we should bring God our requests with thanksgiving. Then as a result, the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds against a world filled with anxiety and concern.

Why not start each day with a word of thanksgiving? Even in these trying times, God has richly blessed us as a nation.

Pastor Walt



Veterans' Day Program



Orchard Manor will be honoring our Veterans on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 pm in the Great Room. We invite Family Members and Friends to join us for a short Veterans' Day Program. As in years past, we ask that families provide a service photo and any other pertinent information, such as branch of the military and rank, to the Activity Department. We will post all the pictures of the Veterans on an Honor Board the week prior to Veterans' Day. Hope to see everyone on Tuesday evening.

Thanksgiving Dinner



Orchard Manor's Dietary Department is making plans for its delicious homemade Thanksgiving Dinner! Family and Friends are welcome to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal with their Residents. The meal will be served at noon on Sunday, November 23rd. Cost will be \$7.00 per person. In order to make the family meals run smoothly, we are using R.S.V.P. invitations. If you are interested in

reserving a seat for dinner, reservations need to be completed through an R.S.V.P. invitation from inside this newsletter or stop by the Receptionist desk to pick one up. All invitations must be returned to the Receptionist by Monday, November 17th so that we have enough food and seating available for everyone. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you!

Apple Butter Recipe



Thank you to everyone who supported the Activity Department with their apple butter sale! Many of you have asked, so we are printing the recipe.

- 3/4 Bushel apples, mixed varieties
- 3 Quarts cider 1 Tbsp. cloves
- 12 C. sugar 5 Tbsp. cinnamon

Peel and core apples. Boil down with cider, a few at a time. Place sauce in electric roaster. Add sugar, cloves and cinnamon. Simmer between 250° to 300° for 6 hours, stirring frequently. Pour into clean jars and seal. Makes about 18 pints.

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. Norma Grossman, 10/8
- Mr. Robert Myers, 10/9
- Mrs. Jean Shields, 10/15

*When tomorrow starts without me,
Try to understand, an angel came
and called my name,
then took me by the hand.*

~Unknown

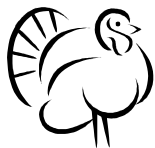


New Residents!

Mr. Roger Tinkey, 10/1
 Mrs. Shirley Tinkey, 10/1
 Mrs. Dorothy Royer, 10/9
 Mrs. Jean Raybould, 10/14
 Mrs. Anna Diulus, 10/23
 Mr. Joseph Ferringer, 10/24

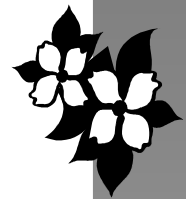
New Employees

Robin Scudier, CNA
 Darla Tadder, CNA
 Ryan Brain, Housekeeper
 Janet Whitmer, Activity Aide
 Sally Watkins, LPN



Best Wishes

Best wishes to the following Residents who were discharged from Orchard Manor.
 Mrs. Helen Lang
 Mr. Thomas Harris
 Mrs. Phyllis Calise



Support Group

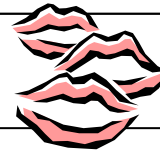
The monthly CAREgiver's Support group will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at 10:30 in the Front Solarium.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Palmer at 724-458-4456

Gas Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! First prize is a \$200 gas card from Sheetz, second prize is a \$200 pre-paid Visa card. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the front desk or from any board member. Proceeds benefit Orchard Manor. Thank you for your support! *Check out the Gas Pump in the front Lobby made by Candy Bowser!

Senior Snickers



Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complicated from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jamima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, three children, John Dough, Jane Dough, and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

Calendar Highlights

- Nov 4 Election Day—Outing for Pancake Breakfast
- Nov 6 Birthday Celebration with Patti Dawn
- Nov 10 Square Dance Demonstration
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day Celebration
- Nov 14 Music with Mary Couran
- Nov 18 Tower Presbyterian Puppet Ministry
- Nov 20 Dick Fischer and Friends entertain
- Nov 21 Mary Kay Cosmetics Display
Ceramics with Clarinda
- Nov 23 Family Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 24 Barry Spiker & Friends
- Nov 25 Outing to Kraynak's Christmas Land
- Nov 30 Piano Recital with Arlene Cooper's Students

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



- 11/1 Norie Young
- 11/2 Frank Sneed
- 11/3 Clarence Johnston
- 11/6 Emma Pokrant
- 11/11 Agnes Byler
- 11/14 Michael Yalch
- 11/14 Myrtle Knauff
- 11/18 Dorothy Hoffman
- 11/19 Eleanor Thompson
- 11/22 Stacia Moore
- 11/27 Carolyn Hollands
- 11/27 Marian Hutchison
- 11/30 Sam McConnell



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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.

Mary Weitzel—B-Wing

Mary was born on March 25, 1925 near Cincinnati, OH. She is one of 7 children born to parents Alice Wagner and Attie Owen. She and her brothers, Robert and Frank, and sisters, Ilo Dorothy, Beulah and Alice, grew up in Fredonia and Harrisville areas.

Mary graduated from Harrisville High School in 1943 then studied business at Butler Community College. In September of 1945, Mary married Victor Snyder. The couple had seven children, Gary, Sherry, Jeff, Pam, Randy, Ronald and Karen. The family lived in Harrisville and Mary worked as a secretary at Cooper Bessemer and raised her children.

Mary enjoyed making cream pies and everyone raved about her baked beans because she made them the old-fashioned way! In her spare time, she likes to read and do word puzzles. She also loves owls, especially their eyes.

Congratulations, Mary, on being Resident of the Month!

Joseph Oravec—Sunshine Way

Joe was born May 24, 1927 in Higgins Corners (near Hilliards) PA. His parents were Nellie and John Oravec, Sr. He was the youngest of seven children. His siblings were Mary, Judy, Ann, Nellie, Irene and his older brother, Johnny.

Joe married Rebecca "Becky" Costa on October 3rd, 1949. They recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Cynthia Mannucci and her husband, Jerry and son, Jerrod, live in Springfield, VA.

The first job Joe had was working in a sawmill. Later he worked at the Michigan Limestone Mine in Boyers until it closed in 1959. In 1986, he retired from the U.S. Steel Sintering Plant in Saxonburg.

After retiring, Joe volunteered at Lifesteps where Becky was employed. He enjoyed helping and spending time with the clients. He was also a trustee and treasurer for the Hilliards United Methodist Church for many years.

Joe enjoyed going to music sessions, traveling, visiting the sick and gardening. He liked to share his homegrown vegetables with his friends and neighbors.

Congratulations, Joe, on being Resident of the Month!

Albert Ithen—Personal Care

Al was born September 24, 1912 in Philadelphia to parents Katherine Mang and Albert Ithen. Al and his siblings, brother Joseph and sister Barbara grew up in the Philadelphia area. They attended St. Henry Catholic High School.

When Al's father passed away, he dropped out of school at the age of 14 and went to work at the John Wanamaker Department store under a work program that only hired sons of widows. He finished school at the age of 16. The store paid \$1 a day, but he made \$5 every Sunday as a caddy at the local country club. Al was also in the Marine Corp during WWII, serving at Guadalcanal.

In May of 1930, Al married Thelma. They had three children, Albert, Jr., Barbara and Geoffrey. The family continued to live in the Philadelphia suburbs. Al worked as a Sales Representative for Ralston Purina selling animal feeds. The company relocated the Ithens to Western Pennsylvania and Thelma fell in love with Grove City. Thelma and Al were married for 61 years.

Because of the years Al spent as a caddy, he became an avid golfer and is a past president of the Grove City Country Club. Al also has a fondness for airedales. He says that one particular dog, Gretchen, was smarter than he was!

Congratulations, Al, on being Resident of the Month!

Patsy "Pat" Demarco—A-Wing

Patsy "Pat" DeMarco was born April 20, 1924 in New Castle, PA to parents Joseph and Theresa DeMarco. He was one of eight children, having four brothers and three sisters.

Pat served in the Army, 635th Division Anti-aircraft Automatic Weapon Battalion. For his service, he received several medals including one from the Battle of the Bulge.

In 1952, Pat married Anita. The couple have 3 sons, Don, Gerald and David. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pat and Anita continued to live in New Castle. In 1964, Pat began working at George Junior until his retirement.

Please check out Pat's Bulletin Board on A-wing for some photos of his military service.

Congratulations, Pat, on being Resident of the Month.