



Family, Friend and Responsible Party Newsletter February 2014



Dear Strathmere Lodge resident's family member/friend/responsible party:

Changes – Due to increased raw food and staffing costs the price for visitor meals is increasing to \$7.00 per meal [lunch or supper] effective March 1st.

Activity Calendar - Don't forget to pick up and check out the monthly Recreation calendars [available in each RHA [Resident Home Area] and also posted on our website] for events that you may find of interest and would like to attend along with your resident friend/family member. You are encouraged to join us at any time, especially for whole Home events such as:
Tues, Feb 25th - Evening Entertainment provided by Joel Horvath at 6:30 pm in the Rose Room.
Fri, Feb 28th – Happy Hour with Randy Gray at 2:00 pm
Tues, Mar 4th – Pierce Family Band at 2:00 pm
Mon, Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day Party with the "Rockin Oldies" at 2:00 pm



Feeling unwell? - Please do not visit Strathmere Lodge if you or anyone in your home has a cold or symptoms of the "flu" [intestinal or respiratory] and get your annual "flu-shot". While in the Home please be sure to use our waterless hand cleanser before and after visiting with your resident, upon entering, and as you are leaving the Resident Home Area and the building. In the event of an outbreak here at the Lodge you are requested to restrict your visitation to only one individual in the Home in order to prevent cross-infections.

Ministry of Health Inspectors – Just a reminder that a copy of the results of the most recent visit from a Ministry of Health and Long Term Care inspector is posted on the information board by the Chapel. Copies of previous visit results are located in a binder at our reception desk and available for your review. The Ministry provides a public copy of the inspection results to both our Family and Residents' Councils and I share the information with Middlesex County Council – our Committee of Management. If you have any questions about the results of the inspections feel free to contact me.

Good Reading – We have a number of excellent books about aging, dementia, and Long Term Care available for loan through our Recreation Manager or found in our Palliative Care library.



Family & Friends Council- This group of involved and caring friends and family members meets on a regular basis to share information and discuss common issues.

Next meeting is Mon. March 3rd at 1:30 pm in the 2nd floor Conference Room. For more information contact Marcy Welch at mwelch@middlesex.ca or at 245-2520 ext. 226.

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME. No pre-registration necessary. Minutes of meetings are posted and available for review at our reception desk.

Family Heirlooms & Jewelry – For security reasons please do not leave expensive jewelry or important family heirlooms with your resident in his/her room.

Did You Know? – In 2013: 54 new residents moved into the Lodge; 9 moved out to either the Community or to other Homes; 44 passed away. Over 60% of our new residents were from outside of Middlesex County [39% were from London].

We report these year-end and monthly Occupancy and Activity Statistics to Middlesex County Council – our Committee of Management.

Auxiliary Report – In 2013, members of the Strathmere Lodge Auxiliary provided over 8000 hours of service to residents of our Home, including Tuck Shop operation, ice cream Parlour, special teas and events, afternoon and evening programs, Christmas Bazaar, garden party and visitations.

Lost and Found – Unmarked resident clothing is sent to the Laundry. Please advise nursing staff if any items are missing and we will look for them. Other non- engraved items [jewelry and the like] end up in our business office. If an item has been lost, please check at reception. Recently a dark brown leather monogrammed [*Ranby. G. Kenneby*] wallet, without i.d. but with family photo's was found on Hickory Woods.

Let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future editions:

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Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends or direct them to our website

<http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>.

Electronic back copies of newsletters can be found on our website.

Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our reception desk and the staff lounge and are available for your review.

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Tony Orvidas,

Administrator

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