

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – June ‘19**

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

1. **Janet Patterson, Ladies’ Auxiliary President**



On May 2, 2019, The Lodge received the heartbreaking news of the sudden passing of Janet Patterson, Strathmere Lodge Ladies’ Auxiliary President. The Lodge will not be the same without her.

Janet served on the Ladies’ Auxiliary for almost 35 years, tirelessly working in this volunteer capacity to support resident activities, and to raise funds for the purchase of goods and services benefiting those living at The Lodge. Janet was on site faithfully multiple days weekly, manning the Tuck Shop and the weekly Ice Cream Parlour Day, sewing for residents, and coordinating/assisting with resident activities/events. Many residents, family members and staff had the distinct pleasure of knowing and interacting with Janet.

An extraordinarily giving and dedicated individual, our Janet is, and always will be, profoundly missed.

1. **Recreation Calendar / Important Events**



Please pick up and check out our monthly Recreation calendar (given to every individual resident, in addition to being available in each Resident Home Area, and on our [web page](https://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care/recreation) at: https://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care/recreation) for events that you may find of interest and would like to attend.

Our upcoming events for June (in the Rose Room, unless otherwise indicated):

1. Saturday, June 1st, 1:30pm – Joel Horvath entertains
2. Wednesday, June 5th, 2:00pm – Music with Wayne & Rich
3. Wednesday, June 5th, 6:45pm – Vocal Federation Chorus performs
4. Monday, June 10th, 2:00pm – Franky Baby entertains
5. Wednesday, June 12th, 2:00pm – Rhubarb Pie Social
6. Friday, June 14th, 2:00pm – Father’s Day Social with Mike & Paula
7. Monday, June 17th, 2:00pm – Georgina Rae performs
8. Friday, June 21st, 2:00pm – Music with The Findlays
9. Saturday, June 22nd, 2:00pm - Annual Garden Party with “Leaving Tracks” (outdoors weather permitting; don’t forget your lawn chair)
10. Tuesday, June 25th, 2:00pm – Uptown Dixieland Jazz Band
11. Thursday, June 27th, 6:30pm - Strawberry Social with the Appin Busy Bees
12. Friday, June 28th, 2:00pm – Canada Day Happy Hour with Walt Lonc
13. **Bed Rail Risks**

Enclosed with this month’s newsletter is an informational brochure on the risks associated with bed rail use.

Critical incidents resulting in resident injury or death continue to occur provincially and beyond because of bed rails (Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Memo to provincial long term care homes, March 2019).

While traditionally, bed rails have been be thought of as providing a measure of security, there are real risks associated with bed rail use, and bed rails do not prevent resident falls. As such, Strathmere Lodge does not employ bed rails for many of our residents.

You are urged to review the enclosed brochure. Further to doing so, please discuss any questions/concerns you may have with the registered nursing staff, or the Director of Resident Care (Crystal Brooks, 519-245-2520, ext. 6228).

1. **Next Family Council Meeting**

This group of involved and caring friends and family members meets on a regular basis to share information and discuss common issues. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019, at 6:30pm (note evening start time for this meeting), in the Conference Room (upstairs).

 All family and friends of residents of Strathmere Lodge are welcome to attend. No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact Marcy Welch (519-245-2520, ext. 6226, or mwelch@middlesex.ca).

Minutes of the most recent Family Council meeting are posted on the family information board in the Rose Room (near the Chapel), and previous minutes are available for review at our Reception desk.

1. **Labelling of Residents’ Personal Items**



This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident’s name before residents begin to wear it.

One of the ways clothing will go missing is if a resident wears new clothing before it gets labelled. In this case, if new clothing gets into our laundry system without a resident name on it, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to trace it back to its rightful owner.

It is also a good idea to label other personal effects brought in to The Lodge (e.g., blankets, photographs, books/magazines, watering cans), as there are occasions where personal effects find their way outside of a resident’s room, whereupon it becomes difficult to trace such items back to their rightful owner without an associated name.

1. **In Conclusion ….**



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact me at 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our [web page](http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care): http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care

Electronic back copies of our newsletter can be found on our web page. Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our Reception desk and the staff lounge, and are available for your review.

You can find additional copies of this newsletter edition on our Public Information Board in the main lobby (near the Chapel).

**Brent Kerwin,**

Administrator

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