

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Nov. ‘18**

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

1. **Annual Resident/Family Christmas Meal**



On Wednesday December 5, 2018, The Lodge will be hosting our Annual Resident/Family Christmas Meal. There are two meal times to choose from – 12:30pm or 5:15pm.

The menu will consist of: roast turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce; mashed potato with gravy; buttered turnip; Prince Edward Island mixed vegetables; fresh dinner rolls with butter; mixed greens salad; pumpkin pie or fruit salad for dessert; and tea or coffee.

Please see the enclosed flyer with this month’s mailing for additional information about our Resident/Family Christmas Meal. Space is limited; please contact Reception by Friday, November 30th in order to reserve your spot.

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 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 November (in the Rose Room, unless otherwise indicated):

1. Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 2:00pm – Ladies’ Auxiliary Apple Pie Social with Jim Patterson entertaining on piano (family/friends are welcome to partake in a slice of homemade apple pie)
2. Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 2:00pm – Mike and Paula entertain
3. Friday, Nov. 9th, 3:30pm – Remembrance Day Service (family/friends welcome)
4. Tuesday, Nov. 13th, 2:00pm – Mocha Shrine Concert Band performs
5. Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1:30pm – Music with Leaving Tracks
6. Sunday, November 18th, 1:30pm – PURC Choir sings
7. Wednesday, Nov. 21st, 2:00pm – Dan Schelcher entertains
8. Friday, Nov. 23rd, 2:00pm – Music with The Finlay’s
9. Friday, Nov. 30th, 2:00pm – Happy Hour with Jentleman Jim
10. **Room Booking for Family Functions / Get-Togethers**



The Lodge has two rooms (the Family Dining Room and the Conference Room) that families may reserve for family functions (e.g., birthday celebrations, Holiday get-togethers).

If you are interested in a room booking, please contact Reception (and advise us of any special needs for your function).

1. **Resident Transfers to Hospital**

Please be advised that the return trip from hospital following a need to transfer a resident to hospital is coordinated by the hospital, not The Lodge.

In cases where family members/residents cannot make the necessary transportation arrangements for a resident to return to The Lodge from hospital, please note that the hospital will coordinate the necessary transportation service (e.g., Voyageur non-emergency medical transportation), and will invoice families/residents accordingly.

**5. 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, November 5, 2018, at 6:30pm in the (second floor) Conference Room. Note the evening start time. As a result of our annual satisfaction survey feedback results, Family Council members have agreed that meetings will alternate between days and evenings, in order to afford more family members the opportunity to attend Family Council meetings.

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 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. **Ladies’ Auxiliary Annual Alzheimer Coffee Break Fundraiser**



Our Annual Alzheimer Coffee Break event on Tuesday, September 25th raised $500 in donations for the Alzheimer Society of London–Middlesex.

Thanks for the generosity to all families/residents who participated.

1. **Labelling of Residents’ Personal Clothing/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 for residents/families to label other personal effects brought in to The Lodge (e.g., 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>

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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