

Life^{at} Manatawny Manor

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Bowling benefits Manatawny Manor. See Page 6.

Book-lovers set up library for residents

They're book lovers and active readers and they want to share their enthusiasm with other residents of Manatawny Manor.

That's why a dedicated group of assisted living residents is maintaining a lending library on the second floor of Manatawny Manor's assisted living community.

The "librarians" are residents Betty Renninger, Janet Yerrington,

Freda Skreenock, and Emily McCauley.

Approximately 1,000 books fill the library shelves, and may be borrowed for 30 days. The

collection includes fiction, biographies, and nature, gardening, travel, and inspirational books, as



Resident Evelyn Zindren finds much to enjoy at the Manatawny Manor library on the second floor of the Assisted Living unit.

well as encyclopedias, paperbacks, and large-print books and magazines. The Chester County Library Outreach Program donates large-print

books every three months.

The group also holds a book sale at the facility twice a year, with proceeds used to buy large-print books. Other special items also have been purchased for the library, including a large-print dictionary, clock, Bible cover, and two water-color prints. ♦

From the Executive Director

I recently met with family members planning for their future.

Their questions about what services are available in our community, how insurance coverage works, and options that might be available to them were well thought out. After working with them, I was struck by the fact that many of the services they inquired about are offered right here at Manatawny Manor.

Most people know us for our nursing care center, the level of care we have provided at this campus since 1974. The assisted living and adult day services programs, which began in 1978 and 1984 respectively, also are well established.

However, you may not know

that we also provide programs to meet very special and specific needs.

Manatawny Manor also offers...

- A specially designed program for people with memory impairment, available at both the nursing care and assisted living levels.
- A hospice program for those with terminal illness, available at the Nursing Care Center or in Assisted Living.
- Respite care for those who need a temporary stay while a caregiver is on vacation or for those who develop a sudden illness. This service also is available on both the nursing and assisted-living levels.
- An Enhanced Services option for those in Assisted Living who may need extra care. This service option often can delay the need to move into nursing care.
- Rehabilitation services including physical therapy, speech/language therapy, and occupational therapy. From the most intensive therapy to the restorative program, all are designed to help people maintain or reach their maximum level of potential func-

tion. Our therapy staff members even do home visits to smooth the transition from the nursing center to home.

With this comprehensive offer of services, residents can select what they need across the continuum. For example, couples who need different services or levels of care can live in the same building and each receive the care they need, making it possible for them to stay together.

As we move into the future, Manatawny Manor is positioned to provide services to people as their needs change over time, allowing them to move between levels of care—all at one location.

If you or someone you care about is planning for the future, please give us a call.

Chances are one of our many programs is the answer to your needs.



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New Manatawny Manor social services director helps residents and families

Kelly Weaver has joined the staff of Manatawny Manor as director of social services, bringing an extensive background and experience in human services to her new position.

Weaver is a graduate of DeSales University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology; she earned her master's degree in counseling psychology and human service from Chestnut Hill College.

By the time she was graduated from Chestnut Hill in 1997, she already was a veteran in the human services field. While attending



Kelly Weaver

DeSales, Weaver worked at Via of the Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem as a community endeavor instructor and employment specialist to train and find employment for individuals with physical and mental challenges.

She also held the position of assistant director of Residence Life at DeSales University. At the same time, she completed graduate practicum requirements at the Catholic Social Agency in Allentown, where she counseled adults, children, married couples, and families struggling with a wide range of issues and problems. She also has served as a group therapy counselor

at the Mercy Special Learning Center in Allentown.

Weaver's educational background and varied employment experiences will enhance her work with residents and families at Manatawny Manor, says Executive Director Debby Reid.

"Many staff members here have cared for my family members, who were and still are residents," Weaver says, "and they have offered me friendship and support. The residents have touched me deeply and I intend to give them the same love and respect I would for my own family.

"I appreciate the opportunity to work for an amazing organization and facility such as Diakon and Manatawny Manor." ❖

Manatawny offers thanks to nurses

Residents, families, and staff members at Manatawny Manor joined in recognizing nursing staff during National Nurses' Week in May.

Everyone was encouraged to "Thank A Nurse" by stopping by the offices of Jayne Guest, director of nursing, or Helen Marshall, assistant director of nursing, and writing a note on paper flowers (a special note of thanks goes to Karen Weglos, activities director, for making the paper flower bouquet).

Several special events marked

the week as well. Each wing received a basket of "Treasures" candy on May 7. On May 8, all nurses were asked to dress in full white uniform, complete with nursing school pin, and cap.

All nurses were entered into a drawing, with a winner selected each day. Manatawny Manor also honored nurses with "Hugs and Kisses" candy and shared 101 reasons why "I Love Nursing." All nursing staff received either a canvas bag or lunch bag filled with a

pen and goodies, thanking them for all they do all year long.

Prizewinners from the nursing staff were:

Michelle Becker
Korie Kulp
Denise Lenhart
Barbara Reis
Ellen Riegel
Sheila Schell
Donna Scott
Susan Smith
Liz Walker



Celebrating all that we do



Gail Weidner, RN, B-Wing Charge Nurse



Helen Marshall, Assistant Director of Nursing, left, and Jayne Guest, Director of Nursing

Nursing and nursing assistant staff enjoyed some extra attention during National Nurses Week in May and Nursing Assistants Week in June.

Wish List

Consider a gift!

Awning to cover courtyard patio in adult day services area.

China closet for each dining room.

Computers with Internet capability.

Semi-recumbent exercise cycle.

Plant habitats.

Aviaries.

Aquarium.

Treadmill.

Wheelchairs.

Lounge chairs.

Flowers for tables in each dining room.

Artwork.

VCR tapes (movies, music etc.).

Wheelchair and walker bags.

Kitchen appliances for assisted living activities.

Small convection oven for Milestone Community.



Cheryl Priest, RN, A-Wing Charge Nurse, left, and Michelle Hartman, LPN, A-Wing Staff Nurse



Michelle Becker, RN, C-Wing Charge Nurse, left, and Sigrid Trassert, LPN, C-Wing Staff Nurse

Honoring nursing assistants

Manatawny Manor also celebrated Nursing Assistant Week in June.

As was done during National Nursing Week, all nursing assistants were entered into daily prize drawings. The highlight of the week was a luncheon, at which all staff members were invited to share the day with nursing assistants to honor them and say thanks for all they do.

A special note of thanks is extended to all nurses and staff from other departments that donated food for the luncheon.

Prizewinners from the nursing assistant staff were:

Judy Mauger	Sophie George
Krista Reinert	Diane Selfinger
Chris Reazor	Bonnie Anderson
Lisa Matias	Anne Turner



Healthcare referral sources get special taste of Manatawny Manor's gracious hospitality

Healthcare professionals who help seniors find the services they need at Manatawny Manor got a special taste of the facility's hospitality this spring.

They were invited to a "tour and take-out" event that gave them a close-up look at Manatawny Manor. Staff members came from many local sources that refer residents to Manatawny Manor including Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, Phoenixville Hospital, Pottstown VNA, Health South Rehabilitation, and Caring Hospice.

"We had a great turnout for the event," says Vicki

Kriczky, Manatawny Manor's admissions and marketing director. "It gave us a chance to showcase all areas of our facility for referral sources."

In addition to Kriczky, Barbara Keller, director of referral and development, Jayne Guest, director of nursing, and Helen Marshall, assistant director of nursing, helped with tours and answered questions. Tours covered all essential areas of Manatawny Manor including assisted living, adult day services,

the nursing care center, rehabilitation services, and both Alzheimer's specialty units. ❖



Vicki Kriczky, admissions and marketing director, serves up a special dinner-to-go to referral sources invited for a personal tour of Manatawny Manor. With Kriczky are (left to right): Jeanette Korchowsky of Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, Michelle Burke of Pottstown VNA, and Joan Onopa of Health South Reading Rehabilitation.

Sharing National Assisted Living Week

This year, National Assisted Living Week was celebrated Sept. 7 through 13, with a theme of "Sharing Life's Treasures." Various special events were held to celebrate and appreciate the treasures of life. Residents, staff, and families had the opportunity to share special hobbies, talent, music, art, nature, friendships, family, and history with one another.

Special events

Summer game night

Thanks to the generosity of the family of the late Kurt E. Klotzbach of Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home in Royersford, assisted living residents of Manatawny Manor were treated to an evening of fun and games this summer.

On July 2, residents enjoyed hot dogs, chips, macaroni salad, soda and dessert, along with a variety of games. Mr. Klotzbach had expressed a wish that his family "give back to

the community" in his memory. The Klotzbach family donated all food and games for the event.

Celebrating fall

Residents of Manatawny Manor's assisted living community had extra fun in early October.

Manatawny Manor held an Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 4. Local musician Bill Minnick entertained with his accordion, and the event was topped off with Black Forest cake for dessert.

Having a ball!

Fun and fund-raising were on the minds of the Manatawny Manor team of bowlers who took part in a spring bowl-a-thon sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The sounds of pins falling and lots of laughter filled Limerick Bowling Alley, as the team helped raise funds to benefit Manatawny Manor and the local Meals On Wheels program.

Bowlers gathered sponsors to raise funds and earned free bowling, tee shirts and mugs for their efforts. Debby Reid, executive director, brought her three granddaughters, helping to make the event a family affair. Thanks go also to Vicki Kriczky, Joe Dietz, and Gina Cooke from Manatawny Manor's staff for their participation.

This was the second year Manatawny Manor



Bowling to benefit Manatawny Manor in the spring Thrivent Financial bowl-a-thon were (left to right, front row): Brooke Collingwood, Jocelynn Iannelli, and Alexandria Iannelli; and (left to right, back row): Brett Detweiler, Gina Cooke, Vicki Kriczky, Lizzie Cooke, Debby Reid, and Tom Ryefield.

was chosen to be one of the recipients of dollars raised in this event. Gina Cooke, director of adult day services, represented the campus in receiving a check for \$1,700, raised at the bowl-a-thon. Plans are to use the funds for new patio furniture for the facility. ❖

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