

A.C.T.I.V.E at the Villa Newsletter Spring 2016

Staff Changes: With springtime comes new beginnings and changes including those in the Day Program. We have had a few changes to our staffing team. We are happy to announce the hiring of Kathleen Mahoney who has accepted the position of Therapeutic Recreationist for the Special Needs Room and has been in her new role since February 8th. She is a recent graduate and is familiar with our program as she completed 500 student hours at our location. We have also had 2 other staff leave to explore other interests and education. We will be hiring a new Recreationist for group C and a new casual assistant to support our teams.

S.I.M Gym: We have some staff away for extended leave and or vacation this spring. While these changes will affect the ability of our clients to utilize the S.I.M Gym, we will continue to strive to provide diverse programming and understand that physical activity is of utmost importance. While we enjoy offering this feature to our program members, we can only offer it as funding and staffing allows. Therefore, at this time, we will not be able to bring our clients to the gym. We will, however, continue to offer daily exercise groups, physical games and walking groups to continue and encourage physical function.

Annual Satisfaction Surveys: We continue to send out an annual satisfaction survey upon the anniversary of your start date. We ask that they be filled out and sent back to us for review. We use these comments and suggestions to improve our programming as your feedback is important to our success. Let us know what you most appreciate so we keep doing it and any constructive thoughts to help our staff improve on the great job that they already do.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support and wish you a very happy and warm Spring.

Sincerely,

Deborah Fernandes

Supervisor of the Adult Day Program/Volunteers



“No matter how long the winter....Spring is sure to follow!” -proverb from Guinea.

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our Spring Newsletter AND the merry month of March! Our entertainment rosters are full this season and I promise to have your toes tapping and hearts happily pounding.....Wyatt Ladd will be starting off the month performing on Wednesday March 2nd, followed by Pat Murray on the 7th...**and let's not forget to turn our clocks FORWARD on Saturday March 12th before you go to bed!!!!** St. Patrick's Day celebrations will of course be on the 17th, with the Irish Crooner himself, Pat O'Connor...so be sure to wear your green and get ready for a fun-filled afternoon. The first day of SPRING officially arrives on Palm Sunday (20th) HOORAY!!!! This year the Easter bunny arrives early , so be sure to mark your calendars that we will be closed for Good Friday on March 25th and Easter Monday on March 28th, returning on the 29th for Our Easter Program with Aiden Purnell.

April happily arrives, along with our Australian mate Peter Shaw, who will be bringing us down to the “billy-bong”, waltzing with Matilda and introducing us to his brother Reg...who has an extra leg!

After that, we have Don Dunham the ventriloquist playing the guitar with his special friend on Monday April 11th. Earth Day falls on the 22nd and we will be having the “Hands - On Exotics” staff here , with their animals. If you were lucky enough to be here last year, you will remember they brought a kangaroo and let it hop around the auditorium. This year we will be having the program here in the Day Program, so there will be LOTS of animals roaming around us, including the lemur and the kangaroo! Cameron will be wrapping up the end of the month with us on April 26th....so get ready for some “Sweet City Woman” and his mish mash of 50's, 60's &70's music.

“May your troubles be less & your blessings be more..... and nothing but happiness come through your door.” Happy May! We will be celebrating Mother's Day on Friday May 6th and having our Victoria Day Celebrations on Friday May 19th with Gary Cutting as we will be closed on Monday May 23rd for Victoria Day, returning on the 24th with Gary Smith.

Our Mad potter Keith will be bringing out your creative juices throughout the season, along Susan when you are making cards and let's not forget our friendly furry visits from Kugle.



So please keep an eye on your calendars, as every groups' will be a little bit different. And sure, they may be different.....but they are all guaranteed to be full of fun, fun-facts and laughter!

So...from all of us, to all of you....HAPPY SPRING!