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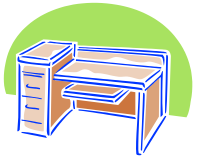
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From the Desk of the Administrator

“The times they are a-changing”!
We are going through a lot of changes here at the Annex. It was with regret that we received the resignation of our Director of Nursing. We wish Chris all the best in her new endeavor.

Until a new Director of Nursing is hired any concerns or questions may be directed to Dolores Hudson, R.N., Assistant Director of Nursing, Christina Kaumans, R.N., MDS Coordinator, or me.

In the meantime, if you know someone that you think would do a good job of filling her shoes, please have them call for an application. We

have received some good applicants but are still accepting applications.

We are also doing some restructuring in the business office. We are training a new human resource person to replace a retiring one. Our secretary is learning accounts payable/accounts receivable. And we are all pitching in with the phones.

Our Alzheimer’s Memory Unit will be opening soon. Unfortunately, we’ve hit a few bumps in the road. The worst being that our furniture has been delayed “again.” This time it’s until September 24th. So although construction will be complete the state can’t inspect it and license it until everything is in its place.

We have already started selecting and training staff for the Memory Unit.

I'm so excited. I can't wait for the open house so I can take you all on a tour!

Holly Schwein, Administrator



Under Construction

Construction is almost complete for the new Alzheimer's Memory Unit. Due to a few hiccups we are now anticipating opening the unit in October.

Some of the special amenities in the new unit will be a special bathtub with a built-in t.v., flat screen t.v.'s, and their very own kitchen for special activities.

As soon as we get a firm date, we'll be notifying you of the date and time of our grand opening ceremony.



Care Plan Meetings

Join your loved one's care plan meeting, held every Tuesday, by calling Kris Cooper at (620)254-7253 for the schedule.



Activity Corner

There will be a lot of changes coming in the near future to the Activity Department. I will be transferring to the Alzheimer's Memory Unit once it is up and running. I would like to introduce Jinnie Berry. She has been hired to take my place.

To help make the transition easier she is already here getting to know the residents and their interests. We are very excited to have her join our department.

Jinnie comes from the Ellinwood/Hutchinson area. She has a number of years' experience in activity work in long term care facilities. She began in 1984 as an assistant for one year and then became an Activity Director. She is married to Chuck Berry and they have one daughter, and two grandchildren who live in Viola, KS.



Even after the Alzheimer's Memory Unit is open, I will still be around to lend Jinnie a helping hand,

if necessary.

So during your next visit, please stop by and meet Jinnie. I'm sure you'll be as happy as we are that she's here.

Tammy Struble, Activities Director



I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the wonderful residents and their families for allowing me to be a part of their lives over the past several years. I have grown to love so many and feel such an ache in my heart as I approach my last few days here with you all. I have made a very difficult decision to step down as the Director of Nursing and explore new avenues in my nursing career. I have enjoyed serving the residents here at the Attica Long Term Care facility and will take so many wonderful memories with me as I begin a new chapter in my professional career.

My family and I live in Attica and have been a part of this home for many, many years. I will continue to care about the progress of this facility

and the lives of the people that choose to live here. Each one of the residents and family members has touched my life and has made my job worthwhile. I will miss you all, but promise to stop in and visit with you as I will not be able to let you go! Thank you for your love and support and allowing me to be part of your lives.

I will be working in acute care at the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital where I will learn new skills and have different responsibilities. I have young children at home and decided that working at the hospital will allow me to spend more time at home with my family. May God bless you all as He has blessed me with such a rewarding job in the nursing field.

Love always,

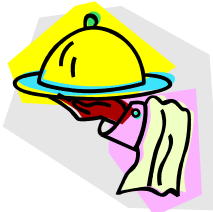
Chris Rogers, Director of Nursing



Trash To Treasure

You can turn your trash into treasure by donating your unwanted items to the Activities Department

Garage Sale. Not only will you receive a tax donation receipt but all proceeds from the sale will benefit the Activities Department. The date has yet to be decided but plans are to hold the garage sale in September or October. For donations or to arrange a pick up please call Jinnie Berry or Tammy Struble at (620)254-7253 as soon as possible.



Food Focus

"A funny thing happened on the way to restaurant style dining". The last major piece of equipment for the kitchen remodel ended up at the Attica Locker! It was sent back to Wichita to an undisclosed location (okay, a warehouse) and is finally on its way to us. The pieces of the puzzle are all falling into place and the excitement is building. I anticipate the changeover to follow right behind our annual state survey.

Special food projects, developing a new cycle menu and finalizing details for the dining change, to name just a few, have kept us busy. We're having a good time supporting the

Activity Department with fun and fantastic resident food and beverages. Wine and cheese, snapping green beans, picking (and eating) peaches and putting together a custom snack mix has been a staff and resident social building project.

Teresa McGee, Dietary Manager



Save A Tree!!!

Did you know that we've got a website? We can be found at www.atticalongtermcare.com. You are now able to read both the latest newsletter and the current month's activity calendar on the webpage. So if you wish to help us save trees and stamps by accessing the newsletter via our website, please call Debbie Pyle at (620)254-7253 so your name can be taken off the mailing list.