

# Volunteer & Activities Newsletter

## Winter 2023



### Winter Festivities

January and February were filled with so many great activities, entertainers and outings because the weather was much less wintry than usual. We are happy to welcome back so many of our great entertainers like Todd Morton, Z Praise, Mike & Marie and Dan Hogan. Awards were given to employees with longevity greater than thirty years. Executive Director, Brad Donor assisted members of Erie County Council in the presentation.



Pictured above: Andre' Horton, Brian Shank, Mary Hinz (40 years) and County Executive Brenton Davis during our Employee Recognition Luncheon.



DID you know that our salon appointments are free to our residents? Call Lori at extension 240 to make your appointment.

### Rebuilding our Volunteer Base: YOU Can Make A Difference!

The number of volunteers we have has been slowly declining since the beginning of Covid-19. Some of our volunteers actually retired from volunteering, and some chose not to return to the health care field. Schools and universities that used to require service hours have changed their processes. And people are spending more time at home caring for their own family members or are working two jobs.

We would like to invite you to become a volunteer with us. There are many opportunities for people of all ages and talents. As a volunteer, you are in control of your time. You decide your schedule. We offer opportunities from which you choose to spend your time. Please call us for details. (814) 474-5521, extension 260.

Work somewhere amazing...we are always looking for people to join our family. Great benefits, great residents. Opportunities are on our website.



## Memorials & Donations

*Because we've changed our newsletter format, you may see a delay in this public acknowledgement section of the newsletter. We appreciate your patience.*

*We thank the following for their financial or other contributions to the Pleasant Ridge Manor*

*Friends Forever:*

*Keith Pierce*

*Ruth Smith/Sunshine Club*

*Kim Gervais & the Asbury United Methodist Church*

*Sewing Ministry*

*Lisa Carnes*

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*St. Vincent Primary Care & Post Acute Care Services*

*Union Local 1771 Members*

*Julie Papson/Adaptive Stitches*

*Taylor Payton & Strong Vincent Middle School Art Students*

*The Art Students from Fairview High School*

*Fairview Garden Club*

*The many PRM employees who gave gifts or snacks to our residents during the holiday season. Thank you.*

*The following donations were made to the Friends Forever in loving HONOR of: Joan Wohlgemuth*

*By: Ms. Patricia Renshaw*

*The following donations were made to the Friends Forever in loving HONOR of: Almeda Brunner*

*By: Beth & Fritz Zelina*

*The following donations were made to the Friends Forever in loving Memory of: Dr. John Hrinda*

*By: Linda McKeever*

*Times Old Newsies*

*Judy Gerlach*

*100% of your donations are used to directly benefit the residents and are always greatly appreciated. If you'd like to make or discuss making a donation, call LeeAnn Krahe at (814)474-5521, extension 260. Checks may be written to Pleasant Ridge Manor Friends Forever and sent to the PRM address*

## Looking Forward...

*So many of us live through winter wishing for sunnier; much warmer days. It seemed, however, that we had many more sunny days than our typical Erie weather.*

*Statistics found on current results dot com indicate by search that Erie has an average of 160 sunny days each year. Combined with a lower than average (67) snowfall of 48 inches, and an average high temperature of 35 degrees, we've had a fairly mild winter.*

*Winter lovers were a little disappointed, however, it's fairly safe to say that most people really didn't mind winter this year!*

*This spring, we can look for many more sun-filled days, beautiful flowers and gardens and lots of great activities. We would love to have a few more volunteers to help make our gardens beautiful! Please consider taking some time this spring and summer to help us spruce up a bit. We're also looking for someone to help us with our vegetable garden plans. Please call us for details.*

*This spring, you can look forward to many great activities during National Nursing Home Week starting on May 14th. Our ladies receive beautiful corsages made by the Elk Valley Garden Club ladies on Sunday morning.*

*Our picnic outings will start again in the good weather. Our residents really love visiting a variety of parks for those luncheon trips. We also love going to the casino, shopping, and local restaurants. Edinboro's Buffalo Farm is a very popular stop on our scenic outings as is the beautiful Presque Isle.*

*Finally, we look forward to the return of our Annual Golf Outing at Lawrence Park Golf Club on August 14th. Call Linda at extension 131 for details.*



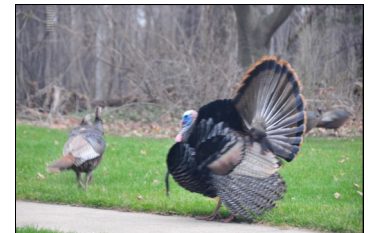


Last year, we enjoyed a great Super Bowl party  
and Carlos is ready for this year's event!  
Did your favorite team win?

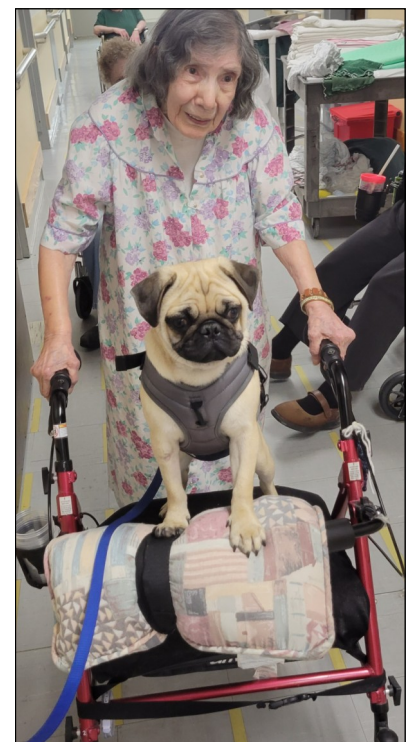


Candy Grams  
were a great  
success again  
this year! For \$2  
each, individuals  
purchased their  
choice of candy  
bar to give to  
their Valentines.  
Our Volunteers  
raised over  
\$400 this year  
to use toward  
projects, pro-  
grams or items  
for our resi-  
dents.

One of our most favorite activi-  
ties continues to be cinnamon  
roll groups. Nothing in the world  
really beats making, baking and  
eating those fresh, warm sweets.



*Did you know that you can  
bring in your pet to visit?  
Please make sure they are  
on leash at all times.*



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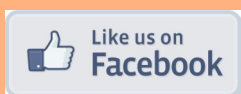
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*We're looking for  
gardening help  
this year!  
Scout troops and  
students can  
earn community  
service hours!  
Call today!*

Please let us know if you have a change of address, the addressee isn't at this address, if you would like an extra newsletter to share, or if you would like to be removed from our mailing list. Please notify our chief editor, LeeAnn Krahe at (814) 474-5521, extension 260 or email her at [lkrahe@pleasantridgemanor.com](mailto:lkrahe@pleasantridgemanor.com).

If you are interested in volunteering, sharing a story, making a donation, or have a question, please contact LeeAnn. She's always happy to help!