

WINDSOR MANOR
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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- January 11th
Crouse Café
for Pie Social
- January 20th
Barber Shop
Quartet
- January 25th
Birthday
Party w/ Mike
Lozano
- January 30th
the Music of
Jean Blume

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From the Desk of Gayla



WOW! What a year it has been here at Windsor Manor....So many great things happened in 2011, makes me wonder how we will keep up with 2012! I want to take the time to thank all

the residents, families and the wonderful staff for allowing me to get settled back into



my position as manager. I have been blessed to have Windsor come

back into my life as it has.

My door is always open to new and insightful ideas for the upcoming year, so please stop by say hello and share anything you would like to see happen this year! May 2012 bring each one of you health and happiness.

Festive Holidays Flow Into New Year

While our "Eve of Christmas Eve Party" on December 23 was a first, it was a success! I think I speak for all when I say that having our families present was the best present, but as a whole, the staff was pleased with your emotional receipt of this years gifts from us. We all enjoyed the magic of the harpist, Spenser Hardin.

She did such a wonderful job, we will be having her come back and play for us again soon. It warms my heart when our community puts together events like this and all of the staff and residents alike pull together and make it such a smooth sailing, joyful evening. A special thanks to one resident in particular who never rests until

the last job is complete. You all know who She is!



Employee Spotlight— Donna Reed



“I never drink coffee at lunch. I find it keeps me awake for the afternoon.” ~ Ronald Reagan

“A warm smile is the universal language of kindness” ~ William Arthur Ward

If the names of so many kind employees are hard to place with a face, your sure to at least recognize her charming Southern Drawl! Donna is one of our hardest workers yet. Never afraid to speak up for what is right, and an endless supply of comforting hugs are what make her stand out. Since her beginning employment over 2 years ago you have seen her face on every shift and even heard that twang coming through our kitchen

doors. The first to lend a hand when the other girls are short on a shift, or come in here in the middle of the night to sort out confusion with new employees on the overnight shift. She has even shared part of her family with us... Her daughter Desiree is now employed here with us also. So when you see Donna next, try to beat her to a hug. (But good luck because she will probably beat you to it)



Warm Hearts Make Ice Packs

I wanted you all to know we received such a kind letter of thanks from the Emerson Elementary School nurse, Bernie Rabine for the ice packs we made for the children. It was tedious work, but very much worth the effort. Because of our simple little ice packs, children with “ouchies” will feel the warmth of our hearts. If you missed out on this activi-



Audrey Wilder, her granddaughter Chrissie, & our twins

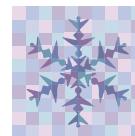
ty, fear not! We will be making them again soon as Bernie tells

us that they are flying out of her office like hot cakes!



Lois Campidili, her daughter & grandson who was among the students in our Show Choir performance

David Says...



We have been spoiled with warm temperatures, but winter is coming and so is it's frigid temperature, snow, and of course ice. I have us stocked up on ice melt to keep you all as safe as possible and my plow truck is ready and waiting for that first big snow. I would like to remind

you that the walkways can be treacherous even after being cleared and salted so do not hesitate to ask a staff member to assist you if you must go outside. Better safe than sorry. I am also regularly monitoring our furnaces and thermostats. If you notice a chill, or feel that the temperature needs

increased, please let me know. I may not be able to thaw the outside, but I can sure make it nice and toasty in here! Let's all stay warm and safe this winter!

Construction in our Front Yard

I know many of you have been keeping a close eye on the construction progress across the street. But what exactly are they doing? Well, I called and got us the scoop. The middle school accommodates grades 6-8 and there are approximately 280 kids in EACH class. The expansion project is more than just a gym as we suspected. They are also moving their offices to the front of the building, adding on science rooms/

Expansion Project on Indianola Middle School

labs, and expanding the library! I know we are all glad to see that they finally have the new gymnasium enclosed so we don't have to suffer through seeing those workmen up on



the roof in that wind! Our sources tell us that the final completion of the project isn't set until later in 2013 though! As soon as we hear that they get the new gym completed, we will arrange a trip over to see all the hard work from the inside!

“Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently” ~

Henry Ford

Chef Steph— New Dinning Experience

The great demand for fabulous food and a unique dinning experience shall not be ignored here at Windsor Manor! We want only the best for our residents. This is why we will soon be opening our new restaurant right here in our home. Just think, you will get the pleasure of dinning at a five star restaurant every day without having to step one foot outside in this frigid win-

ter weather! Some aspects must be kept a surprise, but I will tell you that we will have a very detailed menu of your favorite foods to choose from for each meal. Our kitchen staff will not only be going through lessons in service and hospitality, but we also have chefs from other resturants coming here to provide us with new ideas. If you have suggestions on a particular

dish you would like to see on the menu, or any other aspect of our new restaurant, please share your thoughts with Steph. We will keep you updated as our progress continues.



Tickets to Fun

With our introduction of a new activity ticket system there is sure to be an excitement buzz to accompany it as well as some skepticism. The plan is to alter the “Bingo Store” into a more substantial experience for all. Instead of a weekly store, we will be hosting a monthly auction of prizes. Each activity attended will earn you one ticket, as well as each bingo win. You will then use said tickets to bid on your

purchases in our auction. Prizes up for bidding will ultimately be kept secret until the day before auction when they will be displayed for you to start considering what they will be worth to you when the bidding begins. If you have specific items you would like to see make appearances on Auction Day, please let Daphanie know. The same goes for questions and concerns. She will be happy to assist each one of you in

understanding this new system. For those of you concerned about your previously earned bingo points; we will be transitioning those same points over to tickets so you will not be loosing them. Again, please do not hesitate to direct positive as well as negative comments toward Daphanie. Happy bidding!



Laughter is the best medicine!

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Forget Me Not

The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's develops differently for every individual, there are many common symptoms, but unfortunately, no cure. This disease affects those loved ones of its victims just as it does the victims themselves. Here at Windsor Manor we host an Alzheimer's Support Group the 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Consider this your open invitation to join this group either as a victim or loved one from anywhere in the community. In December, we received such a warm, heartfelt thanks for the special candlelit dinner provided. We too many laughs, hugs, and stories to count.

As always, Windsor Manor invites you to donate to the Alzheimer's Association. Find more info at ALZ.org.



Janice Stutchel and her daughter Jayne at our Alzheimer's Support Group dinner

