



December

Meaford Long Term Care Center Newsletter 2011

Seasons Greetings

During the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season it is important to stop and take a moment to reflect and appreciate what is truly important in our lives. We should all take the time to remember Christmas's past, and the wonderful memories we have shared with family and friends. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you and your family today and always.

Coming Events:

Goldenaires Concert **Mon. Dec. 5th** **7:00 pm** **Albert Place**

The beautiful voices of the Goldenaires' will be filling the auditorium this evening with Christmas carols and old time favorites. Don't miss it!

Menu Committee **Tues. Dec. 13th** **2:00 pm** **Unit 2**

Resident's Council **Tues. Dec. 13th** **2:30 pm** **Unit 2**

Join us for our Menu Committee to discuss the new fall and winter menus. Stay for our Residents Council meeting.

Christmas Light Tour **Dec. 14 & Dec. 19** **6:30 pm** **Outing**

We are taking a tour of the Town of Meaford to view all the Christmas lights and holiday decorations. To reserve your spot on the bus, please speak with Wendi, Vicky or Sandy as soon as possible – space is limited!



Salvation Army **Sat. Dec 17th** **1:30 pm** **Roaming**

It has become a Christmas tradition to have the Salvation Army band fill our halls with music. They will be visiting from room to room with a little Christmas surprise and blessing for the season!

Family Christmas Luncheon **Wed. Dec. 21st** **12:00 pm**

Families will be joining us to celebrate the season with our family Christmas Luncheon. The turkey/stuffing and all the trimmings meal is \$8.00 per person. We have a two person limit per resident. Seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. Please notify Holly Fiegehen by December 9th, by calling 519-538-1010.

Happy Birthday to...

Ruth Hutchison-Dec 7 Anabell Doherty-Dec.8 Eileen Higginson-Dec.9
Amelia Burnett Dec.11

Happy Birthday wishes to our staff...

Betty T, Marion B, Holly B, Anna M, Diane W, Jenn G.P., Christina C





Santa is Coming to Town

Sat. Dec. 24th

2:00 pm

Roaming

He is getting a head start at delivering his Christmas goodies! Keep your eyes and ears open for Santa and his elf as he stops by for a visit.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to new residents: George Howes, Elsie Brinkman and Bill Dean.

Congratulations!

Our staff all work together to provide quality care and compassion to the Meaford Long Term Care residents.

April Cargo- 3 years Norma Ellis- 3 years Julie Pedwell- 3 years

A message from Karen Hinton, Support Services Manager



As the holiday season is upon us, and many residents receive new clothing at this time of year, it would be very helpful to remove pins, clips, and other packaging prior to giving your gift. This is greatly appreciated by laundry staff in dealing with the influx of clothing that arrives during the holiday season. To help us keep track of new clothing, please take all new items to the nursing station or laundry staff to be labeled. Thank you for your assistance.

Bereavements

It is with sincerest sympathy that we say good bye to Alice Ward.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.



A message from Shirley-Ann in the Hair Salon...

Shirley Ann will be open on Friday December 23: 9-3, Saturday December 24: 9-3 but will be closed Tuesday December 27, 2011. The hair salon will re-open Thursday December 29, 2011 at 9:00 am . Gift Certificates are available.

Thank You

Some people deserve a special THANK YOU for their extra efforts this past month!

- ☺ Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion – Meaford Branch for the Remembrance Day service here in our Home.
- ☺ To everyone who donated items, baked goods and participated in the Christmas Bazaar! It was a wonderful success. To all volunteers and staff who helped make our bazaar the “best in town” with your talents and dedication. We thank staff, residents, family and friends for your support. All the proceeds from the bazaar go to the Auxiliary Memorial Fund, which helps to support and enrich the residents’ lives. You all help to make MLTCC a wonderful place to be!



Winter Weather Report

As we head into the snowy season, please remember the following safety reminders:

- The parking lot will be snowy and slippery from time to time as it is impossible to keep it clear of snow and ice at all times. Please wear proper footwear and walk carefully and slowly to make sure you do not fall.
- In the home, please remove your boots at the entrances in order to maintain a dry floor and prevent slips and falls. Please bring a pair of shoes to wear while visiting or use the blue slip-on booties (located at the entrances). We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our Home safe.



Christmas Gift Ideas for Residents:

Just a reminder that soap and body powder are not permitted in the bath tubs due to infection control and equipment protocols. Please use body wash instead.

Other Christmas gift ideas may include:

- ✓ Electric razors (men & women)
- ✓ Calendars, Magazine or Newspaper subscriptions
- ✓ Photo albums full of pictures of family, digital picture frames
- ✓ Lotions
- ✓ Clothing, slippers, nightgowns, housecoat



We are Having A Toy Drive!

MLTCC is supporting our Meaford Fire Department Toy Drive. We will be accepting donations of new unwrapped toys to donate to this cause. If you are interested in donating, there is a toy box located in the front office. Each of these toys is delivered to **local families.**

Floor Replacements Nov. 28, 2011- Dec. 6, 2011

We will be replacing flooring, therefore the quiet room will be used while this process is taking place and will be unavailable. If you require a space to use please see a staff member. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Facebook: Meaford Long Term Care is now on Facebook. Please take a look at our page. We will be adding information that will be happening here at the nursing home. Our facebook name is MLTCC Nursing Home. If you have any questions please speak to Sandy 519-538-1010 ext.27

Influenza Campaign

Staff and Volunteers are reminded to have your yellow immunization card signed or bring a note to Clinical RN (for staff) or Sandy Sewell (for volunteers). Volunteers are able to get their flu shot at the nursing home. Please call Sandy for more details. 519-538-1010



Please remember when coming to visit a resident to call to check for closure as the flu season is upon us!

volunteerLINKS

The Christmas season is a very exciting and joyous time of the year, but for some it can also be very lonely. If you have some time and enjoy making people smile, come on in and join us in our festive cheer and help to brighten someone's day! We need help with our many Christmas events as well as visiting with residents 1 on 1 or assisting them at meal time. If you are interested in sharing the joy of the season and helping out this Christmas, please call **Sandy at 519-538-1010.**

We are also looking for 3 volunteers to join our **Hospice Volunteer Program.** Volunteers will be matched with one Resident to visit weekly. Palliative Care course is an asset but volunteers will be refunded by VON for the cost of the course.

