

Celebrating 21 Years of serving residents and their families



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News from the Director

by Terry Whitt

I thought my 'sophomore' year at the Pines of Peace would be a 'settling in' year – not quite the case! I was out for a spell but the great news is that the Pines of Peace functioned incredibly well in my absence. Care of the residents continued; the Auction, United Way Day of Caring and the Garage Sale all went off without a hitch; the house, garden and grounds were lovingly tended too. Those are the signs of a healthy, well-functioning operation! Our golf tournament was the biggest and most successful yet! Craft Shows, Volunteer Tea, Capital Campaign, and Resident Remembrances are all around the corner. The Pines is a beehive of activity within a supportive community. All of you who support the Pines, in the past and in the future, are helping not only our residents and families, but building understanding regarding end of life caring needs.



We are planning on a two-part orientation this fall to find out more specifics on what it means to be a caregiver. Call the office at (315)524-2388 to find out more and/or sign up!



Other Ways To Serve....

So patient caregiving may not be what you're interested in? That is no problem! There are many other ways to serve!

- Fund raiser – we have many events that might interest you
 - "Green Team" (caring for our beautiful grounds with lawn mowing, trimming, etc.)
 - The 3 "C's": Cooking, Cleaning or Crafting!
 - Gardening
- Call us at (315)524-2388 or stop by to fill out an application!

Finally, I have been very fortunate to have a wonderful Board of Directors that are just as committed to the mission of the Pines of Peace as I am. They work hard to be faithful stewards of our mission; and to do everything they can to see to it that the Pines is here to serve residents and their families far into the future.



Trainings to Include You in the Community!

October 15th, The Pines will be holding a training on Dealing with Grief at the End of Life. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Ontario Public Library at 1850 Ridge Rd., Ontario for approximately one hour. Our featured speaker will be Linda Haight who worked as a Hospice Chaplain for 5 years before moving to Ontario one year ago. This training is open to all of you who would like to gain insights into how we deal with death, dying, and grief. We all are aware of how hard it is to cope after someone dies but we may not be aware that the bereavement often happens before the death even occurs. Although there are many similarities in the actions of those who are in the grieving process, the journey is an individual one and we all walk this path differently. There are many factors which can complicate our grieving process but there are tools which can help along the way.

Planning for **Fall Volunteer Orientation on November 13th and 14th at 6:30 p.m.** is underway. If you want to find out more about the Pines of Peace; volunteering opportunities to explore; or how to be a caregiver, you are welcome to attend, regardless of interest level.

Dear Pines of Peace Supporters by Vicki LaRocque

I have been a staff nurse at the Pines going on 10 years. This “job” is not like any other job. It is an opportunity to make people feel cared for and comfortable.

Staff who help babies begin their life’s journey have a special place in the world as do all medical people who help patients through life’s health challenges. The staff at POP helps make life’s last journey special as well. We work as a team. We each offer different strengths and ideas about how to make each resident and their families feel ‘at home’. We may watch ballgames, cook a special food, enjoy the birds, play cards, or just sit and talk with our resident and their family and friends. We want their last stage of life to be comfortable and peaceful.

One day walking into the county fair, a woman who was familiar approached me. She said, “I don’t remember names but I do remember the wonderful care my husband received.” She then gave me a big hug. Things like that are why I love my “job” at the Pines of Peace.

Thoughts from a Family.....

Pines of Peace is over the top. In August, our beloved John, was warmly welcomed to spend his final days at POP. The entire staff is totally committed to the needs of the resident and their families. They are so focused and dedicated. Absolutely. THE BEST.

-Ginny Fowler

7/20 – Pultneyville Homecoming

9/28 – Heritage Square Fall Arts & Crafts Show

11/2 – UMC Patchwork and Pies

11/9 – Casey Park Christmas Craft Show

12/7 - YMCA Craft For A Cause

12/14 – Lyons Community Center Holiday Craft Show

*See Details On Facebook or our website: www.pinesofpeace.org



2020 Events

Wish List

- Assorted K-CUP coffee/tea pods (regular and decaf)
- Beef, Chicken & Veggie Broth
- Canned Vegetables & Fruits
- Dried Split Peas Lentils
- Powdered Beef & Chicken Bouillon
- Long Grain Rice
- Tiny Macaroni
- Flaked coconut
- Semisweet & White Chocolate Chips
- Unsweetened Cocoa
- Bulk - Flour, Sugar and Brown Sugar
- Applesauce & Pudding Cups
- Jello-Boxes
- White Vinegar
- Individually wrapped candy & snacks
- Widemouth canning jars, lids and bands
- Non-bleach disinfectant wipes
- Liquid dishwasher detergent pods
- Tall Kitchen bags
- Zip Lock bags - all sizes
- Unscented** Liquid HE laundry detergent
- Unscented** fabric sheets
- Bona Spray for Laminate Floors
- Paper products: paper towels, tissues, napkins
- Laundry Spray Stain Remover
- Rinse Agent for Dishwasher
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray & Disinfectant Wipes

Wish List

- Septic Safe Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Gift Cards! - Staples, BJ’s, Wegmans or Tops
- Stamps
- Cardstock
- Better Quality Body Wash & Lotion unscented
- Liquid Hand Soap refills
- Hand Sanitizer Refills
- Baby wipes

May 2nd – Annual Charity Auction – a wonderful success this year! Thank you 2019 Auction committee and Shelly DeVito for making it possible!

May 20th – United Way Day of Caring with the wonderful volunteers at **Ginna!**

June 11th, 12th and 13th – Garage Sale – Drop off on 6/8 and 6/9 **ONLY**. 2019 was one of the biggest and best we’ve had yet!

August 2nd – 22nd Annual Golf Tournament – In 2019 - More teams than ever before! It was loads of fun and our best year ever!!

October – Volunteer Tea

October 2020 – Capital Campaign

December – Remembrance Observance

Needed for Winter: Snow Shovelers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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