

Family Matters

Masonic Home of New Jersey



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An informational newsletter that is designed to keep families and significant others abreast of important information and events happening at our Home. This edition covers the months of April, May, and June.

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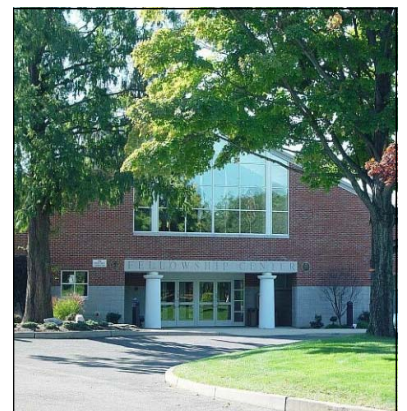
Masonic Hospice Services Hosts Seminar

For 18 years the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) has presented a nationally recognized *Living With Grief* program. This award winning annual event has been instrumental in educating healthcare professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. The program provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals – including doctors, nurses, funeral directors, psychologists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors - to share and exchange ideas.

This year HFA's 18th Annual National Bereavement Program focuses on "Spirituality and End-of-Life Care." The program will discuss differences between spirituality and religion, while also addressing spirituality during illness, death and grief; spiritual assessment and empowerment, and life review.

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, Masonic Hospice will be a host site for HFA's 18th annual education program. This free 2 ½ hour teleconference will be held in the Fellowship Center immediately followed by a ½ hour panel discussion on "Spirituality and End-of-Life Care" lead by local professionals. Continuing Education credits are available for a wide range of professions. Attendance at the ½ hour discussion is required for these credits.

To learn more about the National Hospice Foundation of America visit their website at www.hospicefoundation.org. For information about the program on April 13th at the Fellowship Center, please contact Pat Concannon at Masonic Hospice Services at pconcannon@njmasonic.org or (609) 589-4072.



The Spirituality and End-of-Life Care Conference will be held at the Fellowship Center.

Tricky Tray Voted To The Top Ten List Again!



Some of the baskets and gifts at our 2010 event.



Our 2010 Tricky Tray was voted one of the Top Ten Tricky Trays on the TrickyTray.com website! In fact, out of over 660 Tricky Trays we were voted First Runner Up – 2nd place. What a great accomplishment as this was only our second year running a Tricky Tray event. Below are some of the comments posted by the voters...

"From start to finish, everything ran smoothly. If you had a question, there was always someone there to help or guide you. The prizes were very nice, and a variety to pick from. Oh, food was excellent too!"

"It was a very organized, first class event! The prizes were incredible and the food was outstanding. You could clearly see the time and effort the Masonic Charity Foundation spent to make that night a huge success."

"It was very organized and well planned. It was a very enjoyable time. The food was outstanding! Can't wait until its tricky tray night again!!"

Don't miss our 2011 Tricky Tray and Buffet Dinner which is being held on October 15th at the Fellowship Center on the Masonic Home Campus. We suggest that you get your tickets as soon as they go on sale, as this event sold-out in 5 weeks last year! Proceeds raised from our 2011 event will be utilized to purchase a new sound system for our Masonic Home Chapel. If you would like to be placed on our e-mail list for this event, just send an e-mail to SpecialEvents@njmasonic.org and request to be added.

If you would like to donate a new item, gift card, or basket for the Tricky Tray event, please contact Cindy Shemansky at cshemansky@njmasonic.org or (609) 239-3924.

Masonic Home Working with Local Colleges

The Masonic Home has recently partnered with Mercer County College to facilitate customer service training for our employees. The training sessions, which are 10 hours in length, are being held over a five week period and are scheduled through June. There is no cost to the Masonic Home for the training as Mercer County Community College provides training to our staff with grant funding from a partnership between the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), NJ Department of Labor, and the Consortium on Workforce and Economic Development.

In addition, staff from our Human Resources, Information Systems and Education departments are working with Ketan Gandhi, Dean of the Corporate College of Burlington County College, (BCC) to coordinate computer classes for the employees of the Masonic Home. This training will enhance the computer skills of our staff allowing us to increase workplace productivity. Courses are scheduled to begin in May.



News from the Activities Department

In addition to our regularly scheduled events, special programming has been arranged for the months of April, May and June.

April Events

On April 9th, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children or grandchildren of our staff. It will be held on the third floor of our Medical Center at 10:00 AM so that our residents can watch the egg hunt.

On April 15th, there will be a "1980's Theme Party" for our Assisted Living (CPCH) residents. A special lunch with musical entertainment will be provided in Grow Memorial Hall (GMH). Menu will include: Bruschetta, Tortellini Soup, Garden Salad, Chicken and Veal Francaise, Green Beans, Red Skinned Potatoes, Rice Crispy Treats and Pudding Pops.

During the Passover and Easter Season, the following will occur:

April 17th, Trip to Collingswood Consistory, "Story of the Crucifixion"

April 19th, Passover Seder with Dinner in the Recreation Room – by Invitation Only

April 20th, Trip to Bordentown Scottish Rite, "Feast of the Paschal Lamb"

April 21st, Maundy Thursday Church Service in the Chapel – 7:00 PM

April 22nd, Good Friday Church Service in the Chapel – 2:00 PM

April 23rd, Happy Easter – 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM Church Service in the Chapel

On April 26th, the Burlington Entertainers will perform in GMH at 7:00 PM, and on April 27th our Masonic Home Bell Choir will perform at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly.

May Events

In the month of May, additional programming is being provided to recognize "Older Americans Month". There will be a "Spring Fling Theme Party" on May 3rd & May 10th, for the 2nd Floor Medical Center Residents.

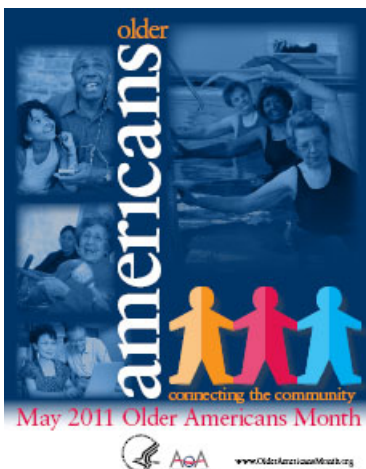
The Singing Angels will perform in the Chapel on May 5th at 2:00 PM, and on May 9th, the American's Boy Choir will perform in the Chapel at 10:00 AM.

The Special Services School will perform a "Spring Concert" on May 13th in GMH at 10:00 AM and there will be a trip to Beverly United Methodist Church Roast Beef Dinner on May 14th.

On May 18th, the students from the Lumberton Middle School will be on site for their annual visit. They will be leading the morning Activities, enjoying lunch with residents and performing some of their musical talents.

Tina Surrency will have a music recital in the Chapel at 2:00 PM on May 22nd.

Our outdoor concerts will begin again starting in May. Concerts will be held on May 19th for our 2nd Floor Medical Center residents and Residential residents; May 24th for our Special Care Unit and Assisted Living residents; and May 26th for our 3rd Floor Medical Center residents. Concerts are held on the front lawn and begin at 2:15 PM.



News from the Activities Department (continued)

If you are visiting, please join us for the entertainment. On May 30th, Memorial Day, a musician will stroll to each of the eating areas from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

June Events

Baseball season is upon us, so on June 2nd we will head to Trenton for a Trenton Thunder Baseball Game and Dinner. On June 9th & June 16th, there will be a “Patriotic Theme” party for the 2nd Floor Medical Center Residents.

On June 15th, Pet Appreciation Night will occur in Grow Memorial Hall at 6:30 PM, and on June 21st, there will be a picnic in the Pavilion for our Assisted Living and Residential Residents beginning at 11:30 AM.

During the month of June, the Assisted Living , Medical Center and Residential Councils will hold their elections.

Did you know.....

Resident Birthdays are celebrated on a scheduled day each month at the lunch meal for all residents who have a birthday in that month. The resident receives a birthday card, small gift, birthday cake with candle blowing along with the singing of “Happy Birthday”.



Activities Department Contacts

The Activities Department offers a wide variety of Activities at our Home. We believe that all residents have the right to enjoy and participate in life to their fullest potential, as independently as possible, optimizing the highest practicable capabilities and skills they possess. We provide creative and comprehensive services and programs that enhance, improve, maintain or promote a persons self-esteem, pleasure, comfort, education, religion, fraternal, creativity, success, and independence. Activities can occur at any time and may be provided by activities staff, as well as other persons, such as facility staff, residents, family and volunteers. If you have questions please call the Activities Department or Activities Coordinator for your family member’s unit.



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Safe Patient Handling Legislation



One-Way Slide – used on the chair, helps to keep at risk residents from sliding forward in a chair.



Friction-Reducing Sheet – placed under the resident allows staff to reposition resident in bed with greater ease.

The Safe Patient Handling Law, which went into effect January 1st of this year, is one of the most comprehensive Healthcare laws recently passed. The Legislature recognizes that nurses, CNA's, and other direct caregivers have the highest number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work than other occupations. Chronic back pain and other job-related musculoskeletal disorders contribute significantly to the decision by nurses and other health care workers to leave their professions, which has exacerbated the shortage of health care providers. Studies show that manual patient handling and movement negatively affect patient safety; quality of care; and patient comfort, dignity and satisfaction. Therefore, this legislation mandates that Healthcare facilities implement "No Lift" and other safe patient handling policies to reduce staff injuries while maintaining safe and comfortable support of residents.

The Safe Patient Handling Act forces us to think and act in new ways. We will post signs around the Home that say, "We are a Safe-Lifting Facility". It will no longer be accepted practice to "gang-lift" a resident off of the floor, or to transfer a heavy resident alone. New equipment and devices such as hoist lifts that go all the way down to the floor, special friction-reducing sheets that make it easier to pull residents up in bed, and gait belts with handles, for those with ambulation difficulty, will be implemented soon. Our nursing staff will be required to complete training on the new policies and equipment. Once that is completed, the new equipment will be put in operation. We will share more information regarding this as we get closer to implementation.

One Simple Act

The next time you are in a line at the post office, bank or theatre consider this - only one in three people around you has a Will. As you ponder the people in line with you, it does not matter how rich, poor, young or old they may be. The simple fact is that most people in this country do not have a legally binding Will or estate plan.

While the cost of making a Will is low, the price of not having one is high. Here are the benefits of having a Will:

- ◇ You determine your wishes, and not a judge who does not know you.
- ◇ You can avoid estate tax by making sure your priorities are met, and not the government's.
- ◇ You can care for your family and favorite causes beyond your lifetime.
- ◇ You have the peace of mind knowing your life's work does not end with an unforeseen event.

The Development Services staff at the Masonic Charity Foundation stands ready to serve as your estate planning resource. We have the expertise in estate planning and administration to assist you with achieving your estate planning goals. For more information, please contact Christopher Abbott, CFP® at (609) 239-3999.





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Family and Friends Referral Program

Did you know that the Masonic Home of New Jersey has a referral program that will allow you to receive \$1000?

The Friends and Family Referral Program is specially designed for the family and friends of the Masonic Home. All you need to do is make a referral to the Marketing Department and when your referral chooses to become a resident of the Masonic Home and is here for 90 days, you will receive \$1000!! (Medicare and Medicaid recipients are not qualified for the program).

We have already awarded \$4000 to family and friends who have made referrals to the Marketing Department. Please see Linda Andress, Kara Lee or Maryann Poinsett in the Marketing Department for additional details. You may be the next recipient of \$1000! Our telephone number is (609) 239-3888.



Upcoming Programs Sponsored By Our Marketing Dept.

Save These Dates!

October 15, 2011

*Tricky Tray &
Buffet Dinner*

December 10, 2011

Breakfast with Santa

Tickets will go on sale
towards the end of summer.

Understanding Medicaid

Thursday, April 21, 2011 ~ 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Thinking about your future and what happens when your money runs out? Come to our free breakfast seminar and let our elder law specialist Jerold Rothkoff tell you what you need to know about Medicaid, including who is eligible; when you can receive this benefit and what is involved.

Concert Under The Stars

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 ~ 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Featuring the Bonsal Blues Band. Sit back, relax and enjoy an evening of entertainment with your family!

Meet the Experts

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 ~ 6:00 PM

Thinking of making a move but are overwhelmed? Join us for a free information session and let our experts answer all your questions. Guest speakers include:

- Casey Price, Elder Law Attorney
- Donna Willman, Downsizing and Moving Expert
- Christian Seemuller, Realtor

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