



**Family, Friend and Responsible Party
Newsletter
December 2013**



Dear Strathmere Lodge resident's family member/friend/responsible party:

Happy Holidays:

The Strathmere Lodge Recreations Department made an amazing Christmas video for everyone to view and enjoy! Special thanks to all of the wonderful residents, Auxiliary members and staff who took part in our Christmas cheer!

"I want a hippopotamus for Christmas!" <http://youtu.be/S6ZLrkKN2wU>

Activity Calendar – Don't forget to pick up and check out the monthly Recreation calendars [available in each RHA [Resident Home Area] and also posted on our website] for events that you may find of interest and would like to attend along with your resident friend/family member.

You are encouraged to join us at any time, especially for whole Home events such as:

Mon, Dec 23rd – Annual Christmas Parade at 2:00pm beginning in the Rose Room

Tues, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve with music by Eric Shain at 2:00pm

Sat, Dec 28th – Joel Horvath entertains at 1:30pm in the Rose Room

Tues, Dec 31st – New Year's Social with Gentleman Jim at 2:00pm

Wed, Jan 8th – Peter Mason entertains at 2:00pm

Wed, Jan 15th – Dan Skeltcher entertains at 2:00pm

Mon, Jan 20th – All Saints Ice- Cream Social at 2:00pm in the Rose Room

Wed, Jan 22nd – Auxiliary Snowflake Social with Brian Gillis at 2:00pm for Residents, staff & family members



Feeling unwell? - Please do not visit Strathmere Lodge if you or anyone in your home has a cold or symptoms of the "flu" [intestinal or respiratory] and get your annual "flu-shot".

While in the Home please be sure to use our waterless hand cleanser before and after visiting with your resident, upon entering, and as you are leaving the Resident Home Area and the building.

In the event of an outbreak here at the Lodge you are requested to restrict your visitation to only one individual in the Home in order to prevent cross-infections.

Guests at Christmas and New Year's Noon and Evening

Mealtimes –The meal cost will be \$20 per guest.

Due to space limitations and to meet the needs of our residents, we have had to restrict the number of mealtime guests and suggest one per resident and a maximum of 6 per RHA [Resident Home Area]. Please call ASAP to reserve your meal.



Special Snacks - On Christmas and New Year's days, in the café at the Rose Room, we will offer a festive morning and afternoon snack for visitors so that they may enjoy relaxing visits with their family members living in our Home.

Thank you – The members of the Strathmere Lodge Ladies Auxiliary wish to express their sincere appreciation to Lodge staff, family members, residents and community at large for their ongoing support of the work of the Auxiliary. Special thanks to everyone for the very successful Annual Christmas Bazaar held earlier this month! *Janet Patterson, President*



Family & Friends Council- This group of involved and caring friends and family members meets on a regular basis to share information and discuss common issues.

Please contact Marcy Welch – Recreation Manager at mwelch@middlesex.ca or ext. 226 for more information or to verify the times and dates of future meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6th at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room on 2nd floor.

New members are always welcome.

Minutes of meetings are posted and available for review at our reception desk.

Use of Palliative Care Suite- Some families has been asking to use this suite when visiting from out of town. Regretfully we have to restrict the use of this special room for Palliative Care purposes only.

Seasons Retirement Home next door has a visitor suite available for families to rent for overnight or longer term accommodation.

Let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future editions:

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Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends or direct them to our website

<http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>.

Electronic back copies of newsletters can be found on our website. Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our reception desk and the staff lounge and are available for your review. Find additional copies of this edition are on our Public Information Board in the main lobby.



Tony Orvidas,

Administrator

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