

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Mar. ‘17**

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

1. **TV Service in Resident Rooms**

The change to our new TV service package (offering substantial savings to residents/families) is nearly fully implemented, following some unexpected technology issues.

A few channels in the package await licensing approval at the time of this newsletter writing, but this is expected to be remedied imminently.

1. **Recreation Calendar / Important Events**

Please pick up and check out our monthly Recreation calendar (given to every individual resident, in addition to being available in each Resident Home Area, and on our website at: <https://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care/recreation>) for events that you may find of interest and would like to attend.

Our upcoming events for March:

1. Wednesday, March 1st at 2:00pm – Tony Nother entertains
2. Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm – Vocal Federation Barbershop Chorus performs
3. Saturday, March 11th at 1:30pm – Randy Gray entertains
4. Friday, March 17th at 2:00pm – St. Patrick’s Day Party with The Goldies
5. Saturday, March 25th at 1:45pm (in the Rose Room) – Dance Factor Dance Recital
6. Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm – Gary Munn entertains
7. Friday, March 31st at 2:00pm – Happy Hour with Jentleman Jim

Looking forward to April:

1. Saturday, April 1st, 9:00am-12:00pm (in the Rose Room) – Ladies’ Auxiliary Indoor Yard Sale and Ollie Bollen Fundraiser
2. Wednesday, April 26th, 9:00am-3:00pm (in the Rose Room) – Geri Fashions Clothing Sale (regular and “adaptive” clothing in fashionable styles for seniors)

Family and friends are always welcome to join us for Recreation programs that take place at the Lodge.

1. **Provincial Government Funding of Long Term Care Homes**

Strathmere Lodge is a non-profit long term care home that is a member of the “Ontario Association of Non-profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS)”.

OANHSS is a provincial body that advocates on behalf of long term care homes for appropriate levels of provincial government funding to provide care and service to residents in long term care homes.

In anticipation of the provincial government’s annual funding considerations, OANHSS is once again advocating for the provincial government to increase current funding to raise the hours of direct care staffing in long term care homes in support of resident care.

For more information on OANHSS and its efforts, you can visit the OANHSS website at: <http://www.oanhss.org/>

1. **Scent Sensitivity**

Increasingly, the issue of “Scent Sensitivity” is becoming more prevalent.

Scented products have been blamed for adversely affecting people’s health, with symptoms that include: shortness of breath; headaches; dizziness; lightheadedness; and nausea. Some scent sensitive people need to carry EpiPens with them as their scent sensitivity can mean serious health consequences.

Please keep in mind that staff, residents or families who are scent sensitive will need to be accommodated such that those around them will be asked to refrain from using scented products, such as: perfumes; cologne; creams; and hairspray.

**5. In Conclusion ….**



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact me at 519-245-2520, ext. 222, or via email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

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 our newsletter 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.

You can find additional copies of this newsletter edition on our Public Information Board in the main lobby (near the Chapel).

**Brent Kerwin,**

Administrator

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