

Older American Month Nursing Home Week

What an exciting week our residents experienced in mid-May!! We took a whirlwind trip across the USA in our imaginary "RV."

Monday we began the day with a Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans. In the afternoon a magician entertained the audience and Madame Roberts set up a temporary space to tell fortunes.

Our stop Tuesday in Las Vegas brought us Cher, Elvis and a surprise wedding . While no one lost money in the casino, no one won any money either as the games were all just for fun. A new horse race game was purchased for this event and will definitely appear again.

Wednesday some real RVs appeared for viewing. A whip demonstration by a genuine Florida Cracker was followed by visits with two horses. Our evening campfire was moved indoors due to inclement weather. The kitchen assisted with s'mores and Roger Decker helped residents with a sing-a-long.

The Nashville Star program was well received on Thursday morning when some employees and a guest shared their talents. Glenn Johnson rounded out the day in Nashville with his country western show.

On Friday an audience viewed the premiere performance of the Palms Players in the production "Fishing For Facts." Lunch in the Main Dining Room was served via New York City street vendors. Residents were also encouraged to add to the graffiti wall in the Main Dining Room. An afternoon performance by the Highlands Little Theater Glad Hatters group rounded out the final day of our journey.

Many people were involved with this year's event and provided realistic props.

A survey is available for input so we can gauge the response of residents. We're always working towards trying to improve the lives of our residents with the activities we provide.



The Palms Players posed for photos after their performance. Of course, "Trixie" had to put her wig back on since "Jane" caused it to fall off when she knocked her to the floor!!!



After having her face painted, Jackie Gable posed with Elvis and Elvis.

June Birthdays



Health Care Center

Joan Heximer	-	6/11
Doris Campion	-	6/15
Walter Pietruszka	-	6/20
Sibyl Padelford	-	6/21
Susan O'Connell	-	6/22
Ethel Hummel	-	6/28

A Very Happy Birthday!



Sometimes family members want a special party for their loved one on their birthday. Elizabeth Murphy's nephew made arrangements for a party for his aunt. She enjoyed the cake even though the blue icing made her teeth turn blue. Thanks to modern technology she was able to talk with him during the surprise party and the pictures were e-mailed to him shortly after the party.

Renovated Space

We'll soon be able to move into our new spaces!!! Renovations are under way on the First Floor Day Room and the Second Floor Sun Room.

We're looking forward to having dedicated space so we don't have to do activities in the hallway.

Residents and their guests will have access to these rooms when there is no scheduled activity.

H.C. Chapel Services & Bible Study (2nd Floor Sun Room - 10 a.m.)



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| Wednesday, June 3 | Bob Farmer |
| Thursday, June 4 | Marilyn Rodrigues |
| Wednesday, June 10 | Steve Hagen |
| Thursday, June 11 | Grace Anderson |
| Wednesday, June 17 | Darrell Peer |
| Thursday, June 18 | Tim Taylor |
| Wednesday, June 24 | Jean Carlson |
| Thursday, June 25 | Seth Bliven |

May Health Care Center Happenings

A new calendar event called "Laugh and Listen" is being well received by residents (and staff who sometimes eavesdrop.) Residents gather at 9:15 a.m. on the second floor as Nancy rocks in the creaking rocking chair and tells jokes and reads excerpts from a book. During May we concentrated on stories about mothers. This is followed by a look at the daily newspaper for exciting news, comics and baseball standings. Some independent residents have also made an appearance to begin their day with a smile. This event is an interacting one as residents share their experiences with each other.

The world watched as there was an upset win in this year's Kentucky Derby. Our residents were given the opportunity to pick their own selections for first, second and third place. Unfortunately, no one had any correct selections.

Staff and residents were grateful that Mr. Mars had a birthday in May as Nancy passed out Milky Way bars on the 7th. This was a great way to celebrate the candy bar inventor's birthday.

The Red Hat Lunch in May included the inaugural "cupcake sit." Mimicking a cake walk (without the movement) residents were able to win cupcakes if they ended up with the lucky number.

Several mothers and some visitors gathered on Mother's Day to enjoy cheesecake, companionship, and bad jokes.

Most people have at least one bad habit and we celebrated "Kick the Habit Day" on the 21st by handing out patches (they looked very similar to round bandages) that were guaranteed to help get rid of bad habits.

Library Cart

In case you didn't know, we have a library cart that is stocked with magazines, books, playing cards, etc. for your enjoyment while you are at the Palms of Sebring. If you want to borrow something, see an Activity Associate.