

The McCune Tribune

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Administrator's Report

I'm excited to see a newsletter starting for the McCune Center. I appreciate the dedicated work of Leah Ledbetter, Doug Smith, George Webb, Louise Sisk, Lee Gerringer, Weezie Flemming and our Activity Director, Troy Cox.

We have been overwhelmed by by so many, this past year. As we were able to provide every wish list.

Lions Arnold and Dot Hyde, of \$10,000 to the center for the had a wonderful visit with



reminisced about their involvement with the home and their vision for future landscaping. They also discussed purchasing new dining room furniture, for which they donated \$5,000 towards that goal. We feel truly blessed by their kindness, generosity and ongoing love for this Center and its residents.

Two of our beloved residents, Bill Cohen and John Capelle, have passed away. They will be greatly missed. Please extend prayers and comfort to their families and best friends, Weezie Flemming and Jennifer Rouse.

the kindness and outpouring of love a result of the generosity of donors Christmas gift on our resident's

Givens Estates, have donated beautification of the grounds. We them at the Center as they

Frances Coates

COOKBOOKS ARE COMING!



We are asking for really good recipes from our McCune Center friends as we are going to put together a cookbook. This cookbook will be available for \$10 and all proceeds will benefit our "Special Needs Fund". This fund is used to supplement funds for those residents that are need of things but don't have the financial means to make those purchases. We need your help. Dig out those irresistible recipes and send them in. Your name will be attached to each recipe that you submit.

Thanks in advance for your support.

April

3- Charles Wilhelm
5- Sonya Ribley
5- Billy Penland
27- Betty Beahan
28- Dennis Wheeler
29- Freddie Golding



May

12- Joyce Taylor
15- Gail Brooks
23- Greg Smith
26- Angie Whitemore
26- Marcella Williams
28- Tina Robinson
29- Albert Searcy
30- Robin Smith

THE RESIDENT COUNCIL

The people we serve have the right to form and run a self-governing council. This council usually takes one or two forms, (1) A Resident Council run for and by the residents of the facility, (2) A Family Council run for and by the family members of residents who lives in a facility. The idea is that residents (and their families) should be involved in policy decisions that affect resident life. These councils provide the residents (and their families) with opportunities to participate in decision making through voicing their views and helping resolve issues and concerns.

According to OBRA, every long term care facility is required to have a Resident Council. Other facilities, including adult day programs, assisted living centers, and hospitals may also have some type of council. The Activity or Social Service Professional is usually the chairperson for the council and responsible for assuring that this very important meeting occurs each month and that minutes are kept and issues resolved. What is the Resident Council? The Resident Council is the political voice of individuals who use or reside in your facility. Many of the residents are unable to voice their opinions and/or concerns and need to relay to residents who are capable and interested in facility events to speak for them.

A President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer should be elected from the group. Because of the Resident Council is so important, during the annual survey process, the survey team will ask to meet the President and/or the Vice President of this Council. The surveyors will also lead the Resident Council meeting with only residents involved to determine whether there are issues that residents wish to confide in them without staff present. The regular monthly meeting consists of all interested residents, representative from the Ombudsmen program and guests that the residents invite and/or request to speak and the Chairperson (the staff person responsible for assisting the Resident Council). The Resident Council members need to approve any staff members or visitors to these meetings. They can also request to have time alone without any staff present in order to discuss issues confidentially.

Many residents will be hesitant to take on the responsibility and leadership of the Council positions, as it may be a new and intimidating experience. Because of this, be sure to explain how the meeting work, what the responsibilities are and encourage members to share a position if they are interested. The President is the spokesperson for the Council. This resident sits at the head of the group along with the chairperson and other officers. Each Council has its own personality. Create the positions to meet the needs of the current group along with the stated responsibilities of the Council. The Resident Council is required to take place one time per month. In large facilities, additional meetings may be called as the need occurs. This Chairperson keeps the minutes of these meetings. A copy of the minutes always goes to the Administrator for review so that he/she is current on issues, concerns and resolutions.

George Dallis Webb III
Resident Council President



Landscaping Needs

We are so grateful for the \$10,000 landscaping donation that we received from Lions Arnold and Dot Hyde.

We now need your help. We will need volunteers to help plant our new foliage. If you would be willing to help out, please contact the office and leave your name and phone number. We will call you when we get a workday scheduled. The more volunteers we get, the farther our money will go.

Please call now (828)669-8452.

Plan now to attend on Saturday evening, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

\$15 gets you an evening of games with wonderful prizes. All proceeds benefit the McCune Lions Club. Food will be served.

McCune Lions BINGO

Growing Old Gracefully

There's a mole on my neck that's growing a hair
When I was younger it wasn't there
A lot of things changed since I've grown older
like my fallen arches and this hump on my shoulder

Yesterday I noticed a twitch in one eye
and spots on my hand that resemble a fly
I used to be able to party all night
but now to stay awake until five is a fight

My breasts used to be firm and quite pert
Now I have to be careful they don't drag in the dirt
Gravity surely has taken its toll
What was once on the surface is now in a hole

The backs of my arms are wobbly like jelly
and I found the remote tucked under my belly
I used to eat steak but now I can't chew it
Growing old gracefully. I don't think I can do it





On Memorial Day we need to stop and pay, with sincere conviction, our respects for those who died protecting and preserving the freedoms we enjoy. For we owe those honored dead more than we can ever repay.

We would like to honor the Veterans of the McCune Center-

Jerry Anthony

Melvin Brown

Jim Coates

Troy Cox

Jackie Fletcher

Tom Greene

Ernest Hefner

Larry Marr

Vernon Fatzinger

Joe Agostini

Albert Searcy

Hugh Hastings

James Pierce

Ernest Laws

Michael Hoyle

Memorial Day

by Michelle R. Christman

As we stand here looking
At the flags upon these graves
Know these flags represent
A few of the true American brave

They fought for their Country
As man has through all of time
Except that these soldiers lying here
Fought for your country and mine

As we all are gathered here
To pay them our respect
Let's pass this word to others
It's what they would expect

I'm sure that they would do it
If it were me or you
To show we did not die in vein
But for the red, white and blue.

Let's pass on to our children
And to those who never knew

What these soldiers died for
It's the least we can do

Let's not forget their families
Great pain they had to bear
Losing a son, father or husband
They need to know we still care

No matter which war was fought
On the day that they died
I stand here looking at these flags
Filled with American pride.

So as the bugler plays out Taps
With its sweet and eerie sound
Pray for these soldiers lying here
In this sacred, hallowed ground.

Take home with you a sense of pride
You were here Memorial Day.
Celebrating the way Americans should
On this solemnest of days



The Reeds, what a nice addition to our McCune family. Our only married couple, Clinton and Eliane have been resident's since February 1st of this year. Assisted by Eliane's son, Bill and his wife, SuLing, they moved out of their Swannanoa home which is where they have shared their 15 years of married life.

Eliane came over, alone and pregnant with her son, from France to live here in Oakley approximately 45 years ago.

She now has 2 sons and 1 daughter. Her daughter lives in High Point, her eldest son in Raleigh, the other son, lives here in Asheville. She has 5 grandchildren. Eliane remembers working for Biltmore Manufacturing where she sewed draperies and slip covers by hand for the prestigious Biltmore Estate.

Clint, a native of Fairview, worked for 15 years as a security officer. He remembered a few times when he had to chase people off of the property that he was hired to watch over. He was previously married for 24 years but never had any children of his own. He was actually on the job when he first met Eliane.

They are really happy to be here at the McCune Center. "It's a nice place", says Eliane. "It's a good place to live", says Clint. And we are really glad that they are here with us and happy.

Employee of the Month

March



Troy Cox, Activities Director

Resident of the Month

March



Lee Gerringer

We have wanted to issue a news letter for so long now and it is finally happening. We are so excited about this adventure. We will be producing the McCune Tribune bi-monthly. It will feature upcoming activities, pictures and articles of things going on at the McCune Center. We hope that you will enjoy what you read and find it helpful in keeping up with McCune life. If you have any comments or suggestions that you'd like to share please feel free to email me at any time at newsletter@mccunecenter.org. If you'd prefer not to receive future editions of the newsletter, please contact me at the email address listed above or by phone (828) 669-8452, extension 16.

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