

## **SARATOGA COUNTY MAPLEWOOD MANOR FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER**

### **ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT**

Did you know that all of the entertainment provided for the residents is paid for with in-house fundraisers? The fund is rapidly being depleted and our traditional fundraisers have not been as successful as they used to be. We are looking for creative ways to fundraise and would appreciate your support. Even a small amount would be helpful and greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance for your support.

There are two basket fundraisers coming up. The drawing for the autumn-themed baskets currently being displayed is scheduled for Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the lobby. The “winter/holiday” baskets will be displayed immediately after the drawing on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The drawing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> basket raffle will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013.

If you are interested in sponsoring entertainment this holiday season, please contact Laura Vigneau, Activities Director at Ext. 3562

On Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Maplewood Manor will be hosting a unique shopping experience at the Alex and Ani store at 327 Broadway in Saratoga Springs. Alex and Ani will donate 15% of all sales that evening to the residents’ fund at Maplewood. The event will be from 7 – 9 p.m. (this is after store hours) and they provide “lite bites and positivity punch”. We need 25 people in attendance over the course of the evening to get the 15%. The prices are the same as they would be any other time, but they donate the 15%. Choose from an array of colors, finishes and charms. The store is located between Cold Stone Creamery and Chicos on Broadway. There is a parking lot behind the stores that you enter from Congress St. Alex & Ani employees are able to validate your parking stickers, so parking there is free. Please join us that evening and support our seniors.

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Maplewood Manor will be hosting our annual “Kids Halloween Parade” at 10:15 a.m. We invite you to bring your little ones in costume that day to parade through our first floor and gather goodies from the residents. Donations of candy for the residents to pass out that day would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the activity office or reception desk.

On Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, we would like to have a small holiday sale in the main activity room from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This sale is being held to provide an opportunity for our residents to purchase holiday gifts at a reasonable price. Therefore, we need your help. We are looking for donations of new or gently used small gift or craft items. Some suggestions are stuffed animals, nail polish, shower gel, body lotion, 2014 calendars, photo albums, flavored coffee/tea/hot cocoa, boxed chocolates or other candies, boxed cookies, potted plants, pet toys, jewelry, cookbooks, kitchen utensils, candles, gardening tools, ornaments, hand towels, etc. There are also some nice suggestions on [happyhomefairy.com](http://happyhomefairy.com). Donations can be dropped off any time to the Activity department or the reception desk. We will also be having a bake sale and 50/50 raffle that day. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. On the 6<sup>th</sup> we will also be selecting the winner of the 7 inch, color 16GB Nook. Raffle tickets are currently being sold at the receptionist desk.

Friday, December 13, 2013 will be the Children’s Christmas Party at 10:15 a.m. in the first floor dining room. We again invite all staff and family members to bring in their small children. Please sign up on the poster outside the activity office or call us at (518) 885-2288 ext. 3562. Please provide the child’s name and bring in a \$5.00 wrapped gift for each child with your child’s name (first and last) clearly marked on the outside of the package. These gifts will be handed out by Santa at the party. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served. Please remember how much our residents love seeing the children which is enhanced all the more by the magic of the holiday season.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY** -- For the safety of our residents and their family members, there is a policy regarding residents walking with family members. If a resident requires assistance to walk, as stated in their care plan, a family member must be evaluated and instructed by Physical Therapy before being permitted to walk with the resident. Please check with the nurse on the unit for this information.

**PET VISITATION** -- The administration of Saratoga County Maplewood Manor understands the benefits of allowing pet visitors into the facility. Pets are welcome to visit provided the owners comply with the procedure mandated by the facility.

1. All owners must provide **written documentation of current vaccinations** and the name and telephone number of the attending veterinarian in advance of the initial visit. Proof of this must be given to the receptionist. All owners are to check in with the receptionist before each visit to ensure we have the appropriate paperwork.
2. All pets must be clean, properly groomed and healthy.
3. All pets must be on a leash or in a cage.
4. Pets are not allowed in the dining areas during meal times.
5. Pet owners must be conscious of all residents' feelings regarding pets and assure that any resident who is unwilling is not subjected to an unwelcome pet visitor.

***\*\*\*Please be responsible for your pet and clean up their waste from the grounds. We have had recent complaints regarding messes near the main entrance. If you do not have anything to use to clean up messes, please let the receptionist know where the mess is and we will have it taken care of.***

**RESIDENT NAME BANDS** -- All residents in the nursing home must wear name bands. This identifies them to staff to avoid errors with medications, treatments or assistance with bathing, dressing and grooming, especially with staff members who may not be familiar with the residents. The name bands also identify some advance directives. For some residents, the name band also alerts staff transporting residents from activity programs to the unit the resident lives on. It is very important that these name bands are not removed. We request that family members follow this policy. Also if you notice your loved one does not have a name band, please alert the ward clerk on the unit so that a new name band can be provided for your loved one.

**Awning Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** – We are very excited to announce that the awning at the main entrance is finally finished. It has been a very long process. Regina Rasera, daughter of a former resident, identified the need for the awning and volunteered her time to coordinate fundraisers. Many thanks to all of you who made donations for the awning: 100% of this project was paid for through donations. **Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony which is being held on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:15pm in our lobby. Refreshments will be served.**

**Bringing in Resident Food** – We understand that sometimes residents enjoy special food brought in from home and that you enjoy bringing in those treats. However, we need to ensure that food storage regulations are maintained at all times. Perishable food items must be used within 72 hours of preparation or they must be discarded. In addition, open items must be placed in sealed containers. If you bring in any food to your loved one, please bring it in a disposable food container. Also, it would be extremely helpful to the staff if you could label it with your loved one's name and the date the food was opened or prepared as well as a date the food will need to be discarded if not used. The discard date is always three days after the item is opened or prepared. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this matter.

**The Future** -- In response to the inquiries about the status of the sale of Maplewood it should be noted that administration understands it is a very stressful time for everyone. At this time, the Maplewood Manor Local Development Corporation has made no formal announcement on the selection of a new operator to run the facility. In addition, when that decision is made the buyer must submit a Certificate of Need Application (CON) to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) for review and approval before they can take over as the new operator. This process could take as long as 18 months based on the current backlog of applications. Most importantly, it should also be noted that the LDC has publicly stated that one of their top priorities is "to make sure the buyer has the financial ability to keep providing the highest quality care, which includes continued care for existing residents while retaining current employees". We will continue to keep you informed as the process moves forward.