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Christmas at Pleasant View:

It's our first Christmas in our new home and we are excited about decorating and bringing Christmas to our residents.

As we all know, Christmas is a time of giving and sharing and we want to make this holiday season as pleasurable and exciting as we possibly can for our residents. Please remember to pull a ticket from our beautiful giving tree in the lobby and help us fulfill the wishes of our residents during this Christmas holiday. Also, while you're here, make sure to take a tour of the facility to see all the decorating done by our amazingly crafty residents and staff.



Events & Happenings

DECEMBER

20 Kids Unlimited Christmas Caroling

25 Christmas Cookie Social

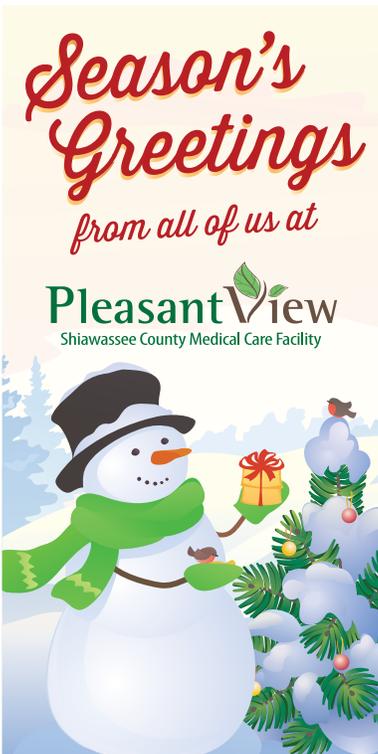
31 New Year's Eve Social with The Matt Canfield Band

JANUARY

16 Pleasant View Chili Cook Off

FEBRUARY

12 Valentine's Party



A TIME-HONORED TRADITION: Our Harvest Meal



A Harvest Meal is prepared every year by the Pleasant View Dietary team.

Several hours of planning and preparation goes into the delivery of an amazing meal that leaves everyone feeling full and satisfied. This has been a tradition for Pleasant View for more than 30 years, and came about as a way to celebrate our residents, their families, and our wonderful and dedicated staff.



Shana Says:

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

We are excited to announce that Gregory P. Bontrager has joined the Pleasant View team as a member of our Shiawassee County Department of Health and Human Services Board.

Bontrager also currently sits on the Owosso Memorial Healthcare Board of Trustees. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer of the American Cancer Society, and later as Chief Executive Officer.

Final approval to appoint Gregory P. Bontrager as our new board member was received in November after Hartmann Aue resigned to pursue other interests. Pleasant View's other current Board members are Londa Knauff, (Chair) and Cindy Cville (Co-Chair) whose continued support and dedication are much appreciated by all of us here at Pleasant View.

We would like to thank Hartmann Aue for the time he served as Board Chairman and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Mr. Bontrager, welcome and thank you for your upcoming service and commitment as our board member.

— Shana Espinoza, MSN, RN, LNHA



Tips from T

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Tidings of Comfort and Joy

The season of Christmas is finally upon us!

This time of year can be such a blessing, or it can be a difficult time considering the chaos, the financial stress and overwhelming emotions for those who are separated from their loved ones. For most of us, Christmas is not like the Hallmark movies, but still, I thought we all might benefit from thinking about what the season should be about. This time of year, we should experience hope, peace, and joy. Cliché right? Maybe, but if we dig into what those words really mean, I bet we can find a deeper blessing, one that restores and brings us all some comfort.

Hope is a feeling of trust and a confident expectation that something is or that something will be. We can cling to the hopefulness that good will come, even in bad situations. Hope can be as small as a tiny glimmer of light in the ever-present darkness, but it is light nonetheless and light always overcomes the darkness.

Peace is a quiet tranquility, a restfulness. Peace gives us much needed rest in our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Restfulness heals and restores us.

Joy is a good feeling in the soul, evoked by a sense of well-being. Joy, even in hard times is possible when we have a restful (peaceful) mind and a hopeful heart.

At PV, we deal in chaos all the time, but what is unique about us, is that we have hope that all things work out for our good because we are each called to this service. At PV we have peace and can rest in the confidence that we are providing the best care we can for our elders and knowing that together, hope and peace will supply us with joy and a sense of well-being that is also experienced by those we care for.

From my family to yours, we wish each of you hope, peace and joy.

Need to Know:

We take the requests of residents seriously and work very hard to accommodate when possible. We also realize that when visiting your loved ones at Pleasant View, there may be occasions when you want to take photos or video clips. However, please be mindful that we have residents who do not want to be photographed. Our Activities department is available if you have any questions regarding taking photos or recording videos in the facility.

Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge our staff members for their service and dedication to our residents!

OCTOBER

Monique Beach, 7 years
Sheila Cole, 1 year
Tracie Debar, 5 years
Alexandria DeLau, 1 year
Greycin Flury, 4 years
Tracy Good, 32 years
Wyatt Hall, 4 years
Leslie Harrison, 11 years
Tammy Isaac, 1 year
JoAnne Lawrence, 1 year
Gabrielle McBean, 1 year
Marisa Pierce, 2 years
Brittany Ross, 1 year
Brianna Scott, 6 years
Lindsay Smith, 1 year
Bridget Smithingell, 6 years
Jeffrey Smithingell, 28 years
Pamela Vanadia, 5 years
David Wilhelm, 11 years

NOVEMBER

Deborah Bendall, 8 years
Amy Conklin, 2 years
Renee Dallas, 20 years
Sandra Hair, 19 years
Candy Higbee, 1 year
Kala Martin, 2 years
Jennifer Palacio, 27 years
Thomas Pierson, 26 years
Aimee Reynolds, 4 years
Amber Schanick, 4 years
Shelley Watkins, 24 years

DECEMBER

Loida Arnold, 22 years
Sarah Ash, 1 year
Liza Craig, 1 year
Shannon Dennison-Loomis,
5 years
Juanita Gray, 4 years
Trisha Hamilton, 12 years
Rebekkah Harper, 7 years
Tammy Heckman, 2 years

DECEMBER (continued)

James LaFay, 2 years
Amanda Lester, 6 years
Jessica Luckhurst, 3 years
Krista McTaggart, 1 year
Gretchen Miller, 1 year
Cecily Mitts, 1 year
Leeyaness Morris, 1 year
Sue Scott, 24 years
Tori Turner, 1 year
Jennifer Zamora, 4 years

JANUARY

Jennifer Allen, 12 years
Robert Ariss, 8 years
Carrie Baker, 10 years
Rachel Baldwin, 3 years
Kaci Bamber, 7 years
Unita Bigger, 1 year
Annette Blakeslee, 18 years
Ashley Cole, 1 year
Rosemary Cole, 9 years
Julie Frolka, 7 years
Rebecca Gear, 11 years
Melissa Gillett, 26 years
Cheri Gokee, 24 years
Toni Hernandez, 1 year
Sarah Hofacker, 1 year
Rhonda Krull, 6 years
Celina Larson, 1 year
Katelynn McMillan, 1 year
Samantha Merrill, 2 years
Jennifer Newell, 21 years
April Parsons, 10 years
Richard Perkins, 8 years
Brenda Tomlinson, 10 years
Susan Wilson, 11 years
Alvara Zamora, 9 years





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CONNECTING GENERATIONS: **Sharing Our Stories**

Recently, our residents had a great time sharing their stories with students from Corunna High School!

The students came to Pleasant View to visit and speak with the seniors so they could complete a school project. It was awesome seeing different generations joined together, talking and laughing and enjoying one another.

