

*Your Family Is Our Family*



**St. Johnsville Rehab & Nursing Center**

**WINTER**

**OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2011**



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# A Visit From Congressman Paul Tonko



On November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 Congressman Paul Tonko paid a visit to St. Johnsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Congressman Tonko met with residents, staff and community members while touring the facility. The staff shared concerns with Congressman Tonko regarding the latest cuts that occurred within the long term industry.

## Secret Santa

Each Wednesday staff members put \$1.00 in the Secret Santa fund, which allows them to dress down on that day. The Secret Santa fund is set up for staff members who need a little extra help at Christmas time.

This year Secret Santa helped 1 Dietary staff employee, 3 Nursing staff employees and 1 Housekeeping staff employee.

## Veterans Day

Our Veterans were honored with a visit from the VFW. The VFW gave a beautiful program and afterwards they handed out flags to all Veterans.



## Thanksgiving

As turkey day approached the facility was filled with many family members who were joining their loved ones for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner!



## Team Spirit Award

Tara Hardy and Katina Cogan were elected to receive the Team Spirit Award.

Tara and Katina are both very influential in ensuring, maintaining and bringing safety to this facility.

Both Tara and Katina listen to safety concerns of both residents and staff. They work closely with our worker's compensation regarding outstanding cases or ways to improve safety. They have introduced new ideas to help make the facility safer, such as creating the safety bingo, safety spotlight and other programs and orientations to help prevent injuries while also making it fun at the same time.



## Murder Mystery

This year, on Halloween, residents and staff were engaged in a Murder Mystery. Staff members were dressed up to play out scenes in the Murder Mystery.

The following staff members who played different characters in the play were as follows:

Lisa Volk, Sheryl Ursi, Patty Jones, Harry Wright, Marcia Rider, and Sherry Wheelock

Narrating the play was Robert Lawson

## Employee of the Quarter

Linda Gee has been named Employee of the Quarter for the months of October - December 2011.

Every department seems to have a great employee amongst the good ones. In my department, it's Linda Gee. Ever since my early days working here, I have always known where Linda was working simply by the look of the area. If it was spotless, Linda was working there.

Over the years in my department, as well as others, employees have come and gone. But not Linda.

She has been here around 20 years. That is dedication, loyalty and love of job and the facility.

Linda has never been one to promote herself. She knows that she does a great job, and that others think so also. That seems to be enough for her. When she gets a compliment about her work, she simply thanks the person and keeps it to herself.

I have been meaning to nominate Linda for several years now. Well I finally did it.  
Robert Eckler



## Halloween Party

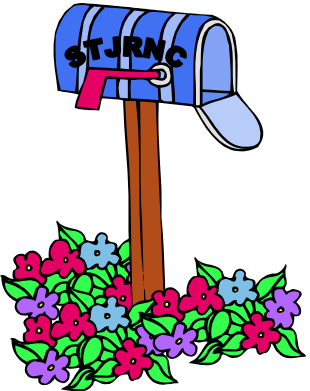
On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, our residents dressed up in their spookiest attire and celebrated Halloween. Sheryl, Patty and

Melissa helped residents transform themselves to whatever they wanted to in the morning.

In the afternoon, they attended a party in their costumes. Bloody ghoulish goodies with candy knives plunged in them were a main feature of the party. These

treats were provided by the Dietary Department. Spooky decorations, music and poetry rounded out the Halloween experience.





To the Staff,

We'd like to thank you for the wonderful care you provided to Frances Bruce while she was with you. She considered this her home and felt truly safe and cared for every day she was here.

A special thanks to the nurses of C-Unit who made it a priority to make sure she was loved and cared for on a daily basis. She thought of you all as family.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Frances E. Bruce



The kindness expressed  
by your gift to the  
**American Cancer Society**  
has been received with  
heartfelt appreciation.

October 11, 2011

Lisa Volk  
St. Johnsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Inc.  
7 Timmerman Ave  
St. Johnsville, NY 13452

Dear Lisa:

The National Breast Cancer Foundation's Board of Directors and I want to thank St. Johnsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Inc. for your generous donation of \$43.00.

Your gift helps us to carry out our mission to educate women about the life-saving techniques of early detection and to help provide free mammograms for underserved women.

We appreciate your help in the fight against breast cancer.

NBCF-Help for Today! Hope for Tomorrow!

*Janelle Hail*

Janelle Hail  
President/CEO

P.S. For your tax records, no goods or services were exchanged for your donation. Thanks!

*Thank You to everyone  
for your during and after my  
wife's illness*  
*Gordon Allen*

*The Carlisle Fire Dept. gratefully  
acknowledges your donation of clothes  
and household items for flood victims  
in Schoharie County.*

*The devastation is immense and your  
kindness is needed and truly  
appreciated*  
*Thank you.*  
*Debi Christmas*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*  
*Carlisle Fire District*

*To The Staff at St Johnsville  
Nursing Home:*

*I was able to visit  
friends Saturday and all of  
you were so kind and helpful  
to - even inviting me for lunch!*

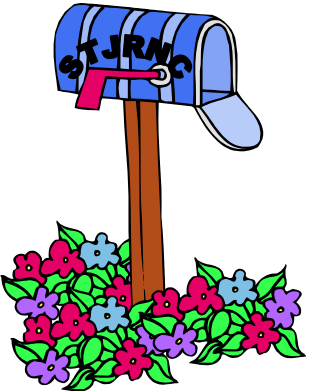
*I don't drive anymore so  
it was a treat to come and  
visit! Imagine 6 friends and  
asking to find each one.*

*Thank you for the care  
you give everyone & your help to me.*  
*Sincerely Mary Simpson*

*To All the Staff:*

*Thank you All so much for  
your thoughts, prayers, cards +  
All your acts of kindness.  
MA loved living here at the  
nursing home. Everyone was  
Always wonderful to her.*

*Glewin + Family*



May God bless  
all of you.  
With deep gratitude,  
Art & Ann Cicciolo

In Loving Memory of

**Carol Stanley**

July 4, 1936  
October 16, 2011

**"The Magic of a Mother's Touch"**

There's magic in a Mother's touch, and sunshine in her smile. There's love in everything she does to make our lives worthwhile. We can find both hope and courage just by looking in her eyes. Her laughter is a source of joy, her words are warm and wise. There is a kindness and compassion to be found in her embrace, and we see the light of heaven shining from a Mother's face.

Vincent A. Enea Funeral Service  
St. Johnsville, NY

Dear Lisa & all the Staff:  
How can we even begin to thank you for all your kind, compassionate, and loving care you gave to my Mother over the years. You all went over and beyond all expectations. You will never know how much we greatly appreciate all that you did for her and also for all the times you helped us.

It's hard to find words

nice enough

to thank people nice as you!

Thanks for all the kindness extended to Dorothy during her six year stay. We always knew she was well cared for and her needs were being met. Our sincere gratitude to all of you. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Friends & family of  
Dorothy Murgatroyd  
Jeff & Nancy Baldwin

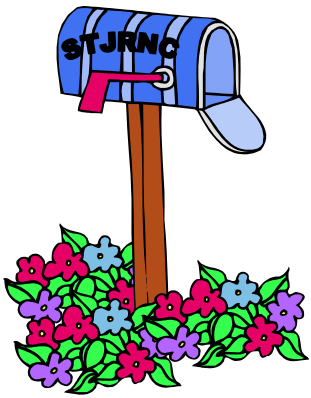
Thank you

For thinking of  
the family at our  
time of need

From: John Carr  
+  
Family

**On Line Survey**

Nursing Staff: better than excellent, very dedicated  
Housekeeping Staff: is excellent  
Laundry Staff: Excellent You're the best  
Dining Services Staff: Excellent, cheerful, caring and very professional  
Activities and Recreational Opportunities: Excellent  
Therapy: Excellent  
Administration and Support Staff: Excellent  
Over all experience at STJRN: Excellent,  
Superior to any place I have seen or heard about (in other states as well)  
Would you recommend STJRN to others: Yes Its extremely clean, homey. The staff is incredibly caring; treats the residents like family  
Would you change anything about STJRN, if so what would it be: Absolutely nothing. I just wish it was closer to me!!!



December 5, 2011

13 Reid Street  
Fort Plain, New York 13339

St. Johnsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center  
7 Timmerman Avenue  
St. Johnsville, New York 13452

We wish to convey to all the committed caregivers and other personnel at the Center, our gratitude for their support and care of Howard E. Sanders.

Their considerate attention to his needs and wishes is appreciated and acknowledged.

Thank you all again and God Bless!

Sisters and Brother  
Doreas M. Bowley  
Leo M. Simmons  
Berge T. Bellung

by L. Simmons

To All the Staff  
at St Johnsville  
Nursing Home.

We want to thank  
you all for the kindness  
and care that you extended  
to our mom, Maria

You all are very special  
people with "hearts of gold"  
We knew she was in good  
hands during her stay with  
you. God Bless you all!

Gina Joe & Maria  
The Minichello Family



**American  
Red Cross**  
New York-Penn  
Blood Services Region

845 Central Avenue  
Albany, N.Y. 12206

On behalf of hospital patients in your community, thank you for your commitment to the American Red Cross blood program.

As a dedicated blood drive sponsor, your leadership in the coming months will help prevent blood shortages.

The need is constant. The gratification instant. Give Blood.

**St Johnsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center,  
Inc.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLOOD DRIVE ON 12/13/11

BLOOD DONATION GOAL 23      DONORS SCHEDULED 26

DONATIONS COLLECTED 26      FIRST TIME DONORS 3

PATIENTS HELPED 78

Thank you for helping to save lives!

Your support of the  
American Red Cross is  
GREATLY appreciated!  
Jim

## Christmas Lights Rides

On Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>, Access donated several vans and their drivers donated their time as a Christmas present to our residents. Many of our residents enjoyed a leisurely ride through town and up the line to view the many beautiful Christmas lights. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A special thanks to Access and their drivers for a special gift!

December was filled with a generous amount of Christmas caroling from local church groups, school children, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Daisies.

Our residents really enjoyed singing along to the many holiday songs, thanks for bringing such joy to our residents

As Christmas approached staff were busy decorating their units for Christmas. A decorating contest was held to vote on what unit was decorated the best. The judges were children from a local school. The winners of the contest was C unit.



The St. Johnsville Bell Choir entertained our residents on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the activities room. For many of the young ladies it was their first time in the Bell Choir but you wouldn't be able to tell because they did such a beautiful job and we also had the privilege of enjoying the songs of the Singing Choir.

Thank you to all the young ladies and Miss Curtis for bringing them for the past couple of years and starting a Holiday tradition with our family here at St. Johnsville Rehab and Nursing Center.

We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Thanks to all in the Dietary Department for providing Cookies and punch throughout this Holiday Season. We know they were very busy and we had an abundance of volunteers coming in to share the Holiday Spirit.

So once again thank you all for all you do in Dietary!

On December 10<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Kids Christmas Party. The staff brought in the children to visit. Santa showed up to pass out presents to the children and visit the residents. Our Activities room was filled with 40 residents, a couple staff and lots of children. Everybody really enjoyed themselves. Hopefully Santa can visit us again next year.



On December 19<sup>th</sup> the Openheim - Ephratah choir joined us in the activities room to once again sing many of our holiday favorites. The girls passed out bells for the residents to join in, and then they went out to the units to do some caroling for the residents who didn't get down to the activities room. After the girls came back to enjoy some cookies and punch provided by the dietary department.

Christmas morning was very exciting for our residents. They were all so appreciative for the gifts they received. Thanks to all the staff that helped pass out presents and helped the residents to open their gifts. Secret Santa, Kinney's, the American Legion and many other donations made this Holiday a happy one for all our residents. Thank You!



## Noon Years

Once again the Activities Department sponsored a facility wide Noon Years Eve Party. Each wing celebrated with a countdown to noon. Noisemakers, horns and party poppers could be heard throughout the facility as residents enjoyed the festive occasion. Cheese, crackers and pepperoni were provided by the Dietary Department. Residents drank (sparkling grape juice) champagne.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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*7 Fimmerman Avenue, St. Johnsville, N.Y. 13452*

*"Where the heart is"*