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OUR ISLAND HOME

Monthly Newsletter

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SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

Nutcracker comes to OIH!
We would like to thank the **Nantucket Ballet School** for performing the Nutcracker in the Our Island Home dining room. Our residents, staff, and family members enjoyed each performance and helped us spread holiday cheer to all.

OIH looking like Whoville!

A huge thanks goes to

Caroline Cole Designs for decorating our building for the holiday season. Residents were able to help and watch the trees go up, ornaments hung, and lights brighten up their home.

You can never have too many parties!

Thank you **Cape Air** for throwing the residents and staff another wonderful Christmas



OIH Resident, Barbara, dancing with Santa!

2 ANNUAL STATE SURVEYS

The Annual **State Survey** occurred on November 8th and 9th. Nursing homes participating in Medicare and Medicaid are required by federal law to undergo an annual survey and certification process by its state's health department. Homes must be in substantial compliance with Medicare and Medicaid requirements, as well as state law. Surveyors toured the facility, reviewed charts,

medication passes, care plans, policies and procedures, spoke to staff, residents, and families, and studied the daily happenings of OIH. Administration has recently received the report, providing us with categories to be addressed in order to remain in compliance and provide residents with the highest quality of life. A Plan of Correction (PoC) has begun and will be submitted within the upcoming week.

The **Life Safety Code (LSC) Survey**, occurred on

November 29th. The LSC is a set of fire protection requirements designed to provide a reasonable degree of safety from fire. It covers construction, protection, and operational features designed to provide safety from fire, smoke, and panic. The Health Care Facilities Code (HCFC) is a set of requirements intended to provide minimum requirements for the

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

Family Council: *The next Family Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th from 10-11am.*

QAPI: The Family Council has just started working on a very exciting project and would love more family members to join in. They have recognized a problem/need at OIH; "More space is needed for our residents, families and guests to gather." In order to address this they are using a standardized format called a *Quality Assurance Performance Improvement Plan(QAPI)*. This plan is a way to systematically identify a problem/need, develop Performance Improvement Project (PIP) Team to work on changes, and then measure the results. The Goal of this Project is to make our

attractive Dining Room entrance available to everyone, when meals & clean-up are not in place. Some changes being discussed are:

- ✚ Securing the room for resident safety;
- ✚ Redesigning the sitting area so that it is conducive to holding small groups, such as Trivia, Bible Study, Inky
- ✚ Designing a small section of the front portion of the dining room for socializing, enjoying coffee, working on laptops, reading and enjoying each others' company.

They would love your ideas, feed-back and

assistance no matter how small or great. Please contact Laurie, SW with any questions.

DECEMBER DELIGHTS

Friends of Our Island Home is a charitable fund established through the Community Foundation for Nantucket; helping to reconnect OIH residents with the Nantucket community. Each Tuesday afternoon, Frances Karttunen, a family fixture at Our Island Home, presents a narrated slide show in the living room. The topics are varied and the content chosen specifically to engage the residents. Please join us For "**December Delights**

at Our Island Home" on December 26th at 4pm. A photo-documentation of events and activities since Thanksgiving at Our Island Home. Families and friends of residents are most welcome as we review a month of festivities!



OIH Art Class decorating our tree at the Whaling Museum!

WELCOME LPN, LAURA!

We are happy to welcome Laura, our new travel LPN to the OIH team! Laura is a mom to two grown girls living in North Carolina and Florida, and five grandchildren. She has been an LPN for 36 years. Laura has been a travel nurse for 13 years, having worked in New Hampshire, Texas, Wyoming, Arizona, Alaska, Washington and Tennessee. Laura calls Florida

her home. In her off time she enjoys knitting, reading and exploring her new surroundings; she has seen the Northern Lights and "they are SPECTACULAR!" "Thank you for letting me join you here at Our Island Home."

STAFF CHANGES

An update on next year's staff changes. Michelle, our Business Office

Assistant has accepted a position with the town HR dept. Michelle has been an invaluable asset to the OIH team and will be missed by all. I'm sure she will visit often! Within the new year OIH will gain both a new Business Office Assistant and an Executive Assistant to the DON. We are looking forward to add new members to the OIH family.



Nantucket Cracker ballerina's performing for all our residents. What a treat!

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us on
**Friday December
22nd @ 4pm** to
enjoy Christmas
treats and music
with residents,
family, and staff!
Residents will each
receive a present
purchased from local
island businesses,
paid for by Friends
of Our Island Home.
Don't forget to wear
your red & green!



2 ANNUAL STATE SURVEYS continued

installation, inspection,
testing, maintenance,
performance and safe
practices for facilities,
material, equipment and
appliances. The LSC and
HCFC, which is revised
periodically, is a
publication of NFPA,
which was founded in
1896 to promote the
science and improve the
methods of fire
protection. Adminstration has
received the report and
our PoC has been
approved. A copy of the
report is located on the
bulletin board by the

front entrance and also
on the OIH website.
www.nantucket-ma.gov



*Caroline Cole's
employees making OIH
feeling more like home
during the holiday
season!*

Would you like to receive OIH Updates via E-mail?

Would you prefer to
receive this newsletter
and other general
communication about
events at Our Island
Home via email?

If so, please send an
email to Erin Kopecki
ekopeccki@nantucket-ma.gov
with this preference
stated. We will keep

you up to date about
events at the nursing
home such as family
council and holiday
celebrations
electronically.

Resident Monthly Quote

*"Being kind is just as important
as medicine."*

-TW



Employee of the Month

Kerri Flaherty

is our December EotM!
Kerri is one of OIH's CNAs
who has provided care to our
residents for over 11 years!

Volunteer of the Month

Lisa Ravenscroft

Thank you for bringin in
your therapy dog, Atticus
each week. Residents & staff
always look forward to your
visits!

OIH TREES!

Please be sure to
check out the **OIH
Chamber of
Commerce Christmas
tree** located at 8
Washington Street &
our **OIH art class tree**
at the Whaling
Museum's Festival of
Tress!