Tom Boyle  PSSH Resident

Elizabeth Seibert, PSSH Deputy Commandant, recently presented at the Family Support meeting on July 12th. Seibert introduced Darcy Henderson as the homes Quality Assurance Coordinator, who’s job duties include review of clinical incidents related to falls, weight loss, behavioral issues, and regulatory compliance to name a few.

“Darcy will be reviewing all incidents along with an interdisciplinary team,” Seibert said, “and she manages the monthly QA Committee meetings held once a month.” She went on to share “family notification is important to the team and with incidents contact with them is attempted. If any contact numbers change or if travel plans require any communication alternatives, we ask families to let us know.”

On PCU, resident support plans are reviewed annually and on nursing, care plans are reviewed quarterly. These resident specific discussions are important and valuable opportunities to provide support to families and opportunities to share information. Some of the feedback at those meetings are incorporated in the Quality Assurance program. Areas that are needing attention may trigger an improvement process.

Darcy in her role as QA Coordinator will oversee the process which helps us to figure out what to fix, how to fix it, if the fix worked and how to keep the fix in place over time. Sometimes we are only limited by our own creativity and imagination with solutions.
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying healthy and safe! The month of July has come and gone so fast that it’s hard to believe the days of August are upon us.

On July 3rd Erie celebrated Independence Day with its annual “Boom Over the Bay” fireworks display which could be viewed from the hillside west of the PCU building. A special 4th of July bingo was held for the residents by the activities department. On July 13th, residents were invited to a fish fry put on by the VFW in Titusville. We also continued to enjoy Gazebo concerts, campfires, poker days and pet visits throughout the month.

Campus construction continues to be ongoing. We have moved into phase 3 of our bathroom renovation project which includes the men’s and women’s room on the first floor, the private restroom in room 801 and the communal restroom between rooms 903 and 905.

Safety reminder…. The heat and humidity of a beautiful summer day can be dangerous causing dehydration to our elderly population. Please ensure that they are drinking plenty of fluids, apply sunblock if they are going to be outdoors for any length of time and encourage them to stay out of direct sunlight.

Our “Caught You Caring” employee of the month of June is Denise Reid! You can find Denise working in our Housekeeping Department on 1st shift. She is an amazing worker and a great asset to our PSSH team. Thank you for everything that you do for our residents and staff. Congratulations Denise!!

As July comes to an end, I have one question for you…Are you ready for some football?! The Hall of Fame Game will kick off on August 4th at 8pm between the Las Vegas Raiders and the Jacksonville Jaguars. Who are you cheering for?

One last thought…. “Weaknesses are just strengths in the wrong environment.”
Paul Seitz: PCU Resident of the Month

Paul Seitz is a U.S. Air Force veteran and was born in Washington D.C. He served for 20 years as an aircraft mechanic and was stationed in Okinawa, Korea, and Japan. Mr. Seitz enjoys playing pool and BINGO. He is also an artist who likes to draw cartoons and cars. Mr. Seitz is a scuba diver and regularly reads scripture. The next time you see Paul Seitz be sure to congratulate him on being nominated PCU Resident of the Month!

Stanley Baker: NCU Resident of the Month

Stanley Baker was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he was a computer engineer. Mr. Baker also served in the Army National Guard and supervised computer maintenance. He received a B.S. from the University of Tennessee. Mr. Baker is married and has five children and four grandchildren. His favorite NFL team is the Philadelphia Eagles and his favorite movie is Top Gun. Mr. Baker enjoys playing golf and his roommate here at PSSH is his best pal! The next time you see Paul Jack be sure to congratulate him on being NCU Resident of the Month!
Preview of August’s Activities

Monday, 8/1, 7:00pm, Sounds of Summer Gazebo Concert: P.I. Little Big Band
Wednesday, 8/3, 2:00pm, Watermelon Social, NCU Porch
Wednesday, 8/10, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Full House
Thursday, 8/11, 1:15pm, Walmart Trip
Friday, 8/12, 7:00pm, BINGO
Wednesday, 8/17, 2:00pm, Happy Hour Social (Unit B Lounge)
Monday, 8/22, 7:00pm, BINGO
Wednesday, 8/24, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert
Thursday, 8/25, 1:45pm, Movie & Snacks: The Wizard of Oz
Thursday, 8/25, 6:30pm, Campfire
Friday, 8/26, 7:00pm, BINGO
Tuesday, 8/30, 4:45pm, Erie Seawolves game

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William Smetana

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The PA Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Home would like to welcome our new residents:

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Lillian Donavan
Clinton Huff
Victor Sauerwein

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