The PA Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Home Gazebo became a bandstand on a recent summer evening with a performance by the Erie Philharmonic. Members of the orchestra played a variety of tunes, ranging from classical music to patriotic numbers. The performance was held in front of a good crowd and lasted for about an hour.

Sponsored by PNC Bank, the musicians began the concert with several classical selections, which included Handel’s “Music for the Royal Fireworks.” Then the orchestra played some more familiar numbers, such as “Scarborough Fair,” and a medley of the work of Ray Mancini. With a strong horn section, and excellent vocals, the orchestra delighted its audience. One standout number, which many at the show seemed to remember, was the theme song to “Peter Gunn.”

Conductor Ken Heinlein wrapped things up with “America The Beautiful,” and a medley of John Philip Sousa marches. The service songs of each branch of the military were played as the performance wrapped up.

When the show was over several members of the audience expressed appreciation to Heinlein. “It’s an honor to be here,” he said.
It is hard to believe that August has come and gone! As the seasons slowly begin to change, let us enjoy the beauty that it brings and the last few warm days of the year. The official first day of Autumn is Thursday, September 22nd.

We continued to enjoy many activities throughout the month of August. On the 18th PSSH hosted the brass ensemble from the Erie Philharmonic for a special gazebo concert. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered to help with our residents. This was truly a night to remember.

September 5th, we celebrate Labor Day, the last holiday of the summer. On September 7th residents will have the opportunity to participate in the “Sharing and Caring Luncheon Cruise”. PSSH will be hosting our quarterly Advisory Board Meeting on September 8th at 0900 in the PCU Chapel. The 8th also marks the beginning of the NFL season. GO COWBOYS!!

Employee Appreciation Days in September...

September 8th is Physical Therapy Day. September 12th-16th is Security and Housekeeping appreciation week. September 26th is HR Professional Day. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you working in these departments. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Campus construction continues and projects remain on track for completion dates.

With the changing of seasons and the crisp autumn air, we must continue in keeping our residents safe. If we notice a chill in the air more often and if we find it a little cooler, our elderly population will often feel cold. Please offer a sweater or jacket to help keep our residents comfortable.

Safety reminder... School has officially started. Please be on the lookout for the little ones as we arrive and leave the facility. Slow down and be more aware of your surroundings.

Our “Caught You Caring” employee of the month of July is Scott Womer. You can find Scott working in our Security Department on day shift. Scott was nominated for staying after his shift in an effort to help another employee repair their vehicle. Your act of kindness has not gone unnoticed. Congratulations Scott!!

One last thought... “Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”
September Birthdays

Charles Mangel   September 5
David Hills     September 5
Michael Dambacher   September 7
Gerald Davis     September 15

Linda Gilson   September 17
Goerge Stanko   September 22
Samuel Huntley  September 24
David Earick    September 28

Victor Sauerwein: PCU Resident of the Month

Victor Sauerwein was born in Jolliet, Illinois. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran where he served at Product Control Central in the Civil Engineer Squadron working heavy equipment on roads and grounds. Mr. Sauerwein is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan and his hobbies include; hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, and playing cards. He enjoys listening to music and his favorite bands are Alabama, AC/DC, and The Rolling Stones. Mr. Sauerwein’s accomplishments include a letter of recommendation and he played football for 11 years. Mr. Sauerwein has a submarine sandwich named after him at J.D.’s Pizza in Ashtabula, Ohio named the “Big Vic”. He won first place in a Chili cookoff and created a special Chicken Salad recipe. The next time you see Victor Sauerwein be sure to congratulate him on being nominated the PCU Resident of the Month!

Linda Shellito: NCU Resident of the Month

Linda Shellito was born in Meadville (Crawford County), Pennsylvania. Ms. Shellito was a Second Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy where she served as an Aviation Storekeeper for eight years. Ms. Shellito is a graduate of Edinboro University where she majored in Art History and minored in Psychology. Her hobbies include reading, working on puzzles, and listening to Country music. Ms. Shellito likes cats and dogs and will always be fond of her grandparents who taught her The Lords Prayer. The next time you see Linda Shellito, make sure you congratulate her on being nominated the NCU Resident of the Month!
Preview of September’s Activities

Wednesday, 9/14, 1:30pm, Gazebo Concert: Pat’s Jazz
Thursday, 9/15, 1:15pm, Walmart Trip
Friday, 9/16, 2:00pm, BINGO
Wednesday, 9/21, 2:00pm, Bowling
Thursday, 9/22, 2:00pm, First Day of Fall Ice Cream Social
Monday, 9/26, 7:00pm, Gazebo Concert: Erie Heights Brass Ensemble
Tuesday, 9/27, 12:45pm, Erie Movie House
Wednesday, 9/28, 2:00pm, Sing-a-long with Angelo & Operation Griswold Kick-Off
Thursday, 9/29, 2:00pm, Oktoberfest with music by Mike & Marie
Friday, 9/30, 2:00pm, BINGO

Newsletter Info

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New Residents

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

Ralph Cobb
John Dryburgh
Raymond Fickenworth
Francis Fink
Merle Frye Jr.
Adam Hall
David Lyons
Connie Mundy
John Weller

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