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Winter

Volunteer & Activity Newsletter



Winter 2025

Welcome to 2025! As December came to a close with numerous engaging activities, we had the opportunity to reflect on the highlights of 2024. We proudly celebrated our 100th Anniversary with a series of small events throughout the year, sharing our rich history with all.

We were delighted to see the CMS guidelines regarding Covid-19 relax, allowing us to enjoy the company of smiling faces once again. While we continue to prioritize safety with precautions in place, we feel fortunate to have experienced a relatively positive year.

We are also pleased to welcome two new clergy members, Deacon Kevin Kunik and Chaplain Joe Kaufer, both of whom have previous ties to PRM prior to their appointments here.

Our community celebrated the Solar Eclipse with a special gathering featuring eclipse glasses, Sunny D, and Moon Pies as snacks. It was a memorable experience as we watched the sky darken and the birds fell silent, truly a unique occasion.

Our dedicated volunteers organized a variety of successful fundraisers, resulting in the acquisition of new furniture and a large television for the dining room. Our Annual Basket Raffle was one of our best yet, making it easier to provide Christmas gifts for every resident. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated!

We have welcomed several new volunteers and sincerely hope this trend continues into 2025. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please complete the registration form available on our website.

We have exciting plans in store for the remainder of January and February, so please stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

Fundraisers:

Jan 27-Feb 14: Candy Grams! (Friends Forever)

Feb 24-Mar 21:
Alzheimer's Memory Walk fundraiser

March 28: Relay for Life
Chinese Auction

Events:

Join us for entertainers
Angelo Phillips, John Guras, Mike & Marie

We'll celebrate our
Employees' longevity
again in February!

Coming UP:

Winter Games Jan 23

Valentine's Day Feb 14



Enjoy these photos!

These photos are of part of the Misery Bay Dulcimer Club’s visit in early January. The Appalachian dulcimer is one of the easiest instruments to learn and many variations of the instrument can be found worldwide. Producing a very lovely, soft sound is often referred to as “sweet sounding” and has roots in all-American folk music.

Pictured below are only a few of the photographs from Christmas 2024. We sure had a great Christmas with thanks to our own staff, friends, and volunteers. We thank our Erie County Community for providing support in donations from churches, families and a sharing tree sponsored by FNB Airport Office. Frosty and Santa provided some unforgettable entertainment as well as a few guest appearances by the one and only Grinch!



Memorials & Donations

We thank the following for their financial or other contributions to the Pleasant Ridge Manor

Friends Forever:

Scott & Tara Stewart;

Superior Vending

Patty Bonnell

Jennie Ringor Tomas

Lisa Anderson

Bob & Robin Otis

Richie Hernandez

Todd Kightlinger/Fish USA

Did You Know?

Our Volunteer Organization is committed to supporting Pleasant Ridge Manor in its care for our residents, and we engage in this mission through a variety of initiatives.

We warmly invite individuals and groups, such as church and scout organizations, to get involved with our efforts. We would be delighted to discuss our organization with your group!

We provide educational opportunities for school, church, and civic groups about the benefits of volunteering with older adults.

We assist the Activities Department with their bingo games, parties, outings, and special events.

We also welcome scouting troops and dens to join us in meaningful activities, where they can learn valuable skills. Additionally, we offer a unique patch for scouts to earn!



Activity Aide Jill sells candy from the candy cart. Our Volunteers fund the cart by providing inventory at cost. Watch for our cart as it comes around and get your favorite snacks!

Elvis was in the building!



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The Friends Forever Volunteer Organization, through their partnership with Pleasant Ridge Manor, provide charitable work, human and financial support to Pleasant Ridge Manor so it can be successful in its mission to provide quality medical and nursing home care. This partnership enhances and improves the quality of the lives of the residents living and receiving therapy at Pleasant Ridge Manor.