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WHAT A GRANDMOTHER IS.....

Submitted by
JOAN ACHEY
Community Supervisor/Foster Grandparent Program

The following essay was written by a third grader and passed on to me several years ago.

"A Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own; she likes other people's little girls. A Grandfather is a man Grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and tractors, and like that. Grandmas don't have anything to do except be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is, and have lots of dimes ready. Or, if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves or caterpillars. They should never say, "hurry up". Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like, "why dogs hate cats and how come God isn't married?" They don't talk baby talk like visitors do because it is hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip, or mind if it is the same story again. Everyone should try to have one, especially if you don't have television because grandmas are the only grownups who have got time.

Do you know the person this third-grader is talking about? If so, send her or him our way. Our clients need Grandmothers.

If you know any retired person who may be interested in our program, please have them contact me at 696-6105.



Share an Idea.....

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS & VIEWS

"PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES"

Over ten years ago a woman from Salem, Oregon stood up and said, "We are tired of being seen first as handicapped, or retarded, or developmentally disabled. We want to be seen as 'people' first" (Perske, 1978, p. 54). There is a prevailing tendency to label and categorize the people with whom we deal on a daily basis. Instead of thinking of these individuals as people, human beings, and friends, we sometimes describe them in terms such as "headbanger", "biter", or "loner". It must be remembered that persons are not conditions. Labeling emphasizes deficiencies while ignoring strengths. Instead of saying "Mary is a face slapper", one should instead say "Mary sometimes slaps her face".

So many times we unintentionally use terms which are dehumanizing. At mealtimes, how much more appropriate it would be to describe the group of individuals eating in the dining room as those participating in the "first seating" or the "second seating" rather than the "first feeding" or the "second feeding".

Our clients are adults who need to be treated as such. They need the respect and acceptance of others, not pity or sympathy. They should neither be placed on a pedestal nor held in low regard for they have the strengths and failings of any other human beings. We must avoid stereotyping. Those with whom we work are unique individuals who have dignity and worth.

ROBERT N. SMITH
Superintendent

WEST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Submitted by
CONNIE ORTEGA, Asst. Supervisor



When the clients and staff on the West Campus work together, we get a masterpiece signed with pride. This statement is so true. We held a campus-wide joint activity on April 26, 1989-- "Puttin' on the Hits." What a huge hit it was! We had talent from Fisher Cottage, Harper Cottage, Ireland Cottage, Jones Cottage, the SFEA Department, the Vocational Department, the Housekeeping Department, and the Woodbine Developmental Center.

"Puttin' on the Hits" was one hour of great entertainment put together by a combination of clients and staff. First Place went to the staff and clients of Harper Cottage for the performance of "The Wiz." Second Place went to two Fisher Cottage staff for their performance of "Endless Love." Mrs. V. Brown made a nice Diana Ross and Ms. G. Taylor made a convincing Lione! Richie. Third Place went to Miss Florence Rogozenski from Jones Cottage with the song "One Day at a Time." All the performers were great and deserve a round of applause for making "Puttin' on the Hits" a success. This activity truly was a masterpiece signed by clients and staff.

The West Campus clients and staff have been very busy since the last V.D.C. News. Our clients have enjoyed three church services per month with April being made extra special by a Gospel Band and a Church Choir. Church services on West Campus have grown into something special with Reverend James Finney's assistance.

The clients have enjoyed many holiday celebrations such as an Easter Bonnet Contest, a Mr. Potato Contest for St. Patty's Day, a Coed Social every month, and a really special Spring Formal held May 4, 1989. The Spring Formal was a sit down dinner-dance complete with corsages for our young ladies and boutonnières for the young men. After everyone ate a great dinner complete with stuffed shells, meatballs, tossed salad, fruit cup, bread, punch, and desert, they danced the night away.

Our clients also enjoyed several community-sponsored outings. On March 11 they went to a Country Western Concert by Miss Kitty Wells. On April 1 and April 2 our clients participated in the Special Olympics State Bowling Meet held in Cherry Hill. April 13 Dance Zone came to the TLC and gave a recital for our clients and staff. April 22 the clients attended a carnival

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WEST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS (continued from Page 3)

which was held in Hammonton and sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. April 29 the clients attended a circus held in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and also on April 29, four clients attended Team Bowling for Special Olympics.

There were still more activities. May 11 ten clients attended the Fourth Annual AGAPE Love Feast held at St. Francis of Assisi in Vineland. Also on May 11, our clients attended a circus sponsored by the Lions Club in Berlin, New Jersey. May 13 fifteen clients attended "Day at the Bay" in Brigantine, New Jersey. May 19 a group of clients attended a Block Party Dance held at The Training School. May 20 one hundred twenty-seven clients attended the V.D.C. Block Party held on East Campus. All the clients and chaperones enjoyed the entertainment, food, games, friendly volunteers, and guests.

On May 20, The Vineland Developmental Center was represented by Miss V.D.C., who rode on the beautiful West Campus float. The float was decorated in large pink, white, and lavender flowers, and Miss V.D.C., Miss M. DeJesus, wore white and pink, carried a dozen pink roses, and was escorted by Mr. F. Cross. First place runner-up Miss Jones Cottage, Miss M. Body, also accompanied Miss V.D.C., and she wore a beautiful white dress. Both young ladies represented the V.D.C. with grace and style.

A special thank-you must go to the employees of Allen and Jones Cottages for all the assistance they gave Central Recreation. I would like to say thank you to West Campus Central Recreation Staff for their work in putting together the lovely float.

EAST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS

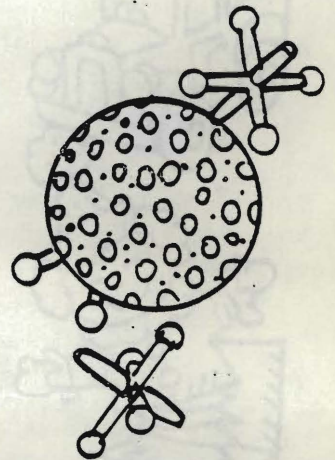
Submitted by:

RHETTA BURCH, Asst. Supervisor

CLIENT FASHION SHOW:

On Wednesday, April 19th, the First Annual Client Fashion Show was held in the Auditorium. Twenty-eight clients had the pleasure of modeling their spring fashions/ Easter outfits while clients and staff had the pleasure watching while they munched on cheese, crackers and fruit salad prepared by Food Service. Ms. Carole Braida, Director of Volunteer Services, served as our emcee, while Dr. Tony Christinzie, Psychologist, provided soft background music on the piano. Everyone enjoyed this activity and are already talking out next year's show.

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EAST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS (continued from Page 4)SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- 4/22 - Carnival held in Hammonton. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 3471
- 4/23 - Breakfast Benefit for Mayor Pat Fiorilli at North Italy Club, tickets donated by Vineland Developmental Center Employees' Association.
- 4/29 - Hamid-Morton Circus at Lawrenceville. Sponsored by Ticket Committee of Northfield.
- 5/11 - Fourth Annual Agape Love Dinner at/sponsored by Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Vineland
- 5/13 - Day-On-TheBay-South held in Brigantine. Sponsored by NJ Bell Telephone Pioneers.
- 5/13 - Dance Center of South Jersey performed in the Auditorium 1:30 P.M.
- 5/16 - Physical Fitness Day in Auditorium sponsored by Buena Athletic Club.
- 5/19 - Pre-Block Party Dance at The Training School.
- 5/23 - Circus at Cowtown sponsored by Order of Eastern Star #173.
- 5/24 - Vidbels Olde Tyme Circus sponsored by Ancora Psychiatric Hospital.
- 6/4 - 75th Anniversary Party at/sponsored by New Lisbon Developmental Center.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Track & Field Training Sessions held every Wednesday evening, while our Bowling Team practices every Wednesday afternoon at Loyle Lanes.

- 4/1 & 4/2- New Jersey Special Olympics Spring Games - our clients competed in the Singles and Doubles Bowling Meet held at LaMartinque Lanes in Stratford
- 4/29 - Area 8 Team Bowling Meet held at DiDonato's Lanes in Hammonton
- 5/6 - Area 8 Track & Field Meet held at Bridgeton Senior High School Stadium.
- 6/2 - Motor Activity Program Day (formerly called Developmental Sports Skills) held in Auditorium for both campuses for Area Level competition.
- 6/27 - 6/30 - 1989 New Jersey Special Olympic Summer Games to be held at Princeton University. We will have bowling team and track & field team competing.
- 6/29 - Motor Activity Program Competition at Princeton University - State Level competition

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EAST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS (continued from Page 5)

The 1989 Area 8 Special Olympic Invitational Swim Meet was held on Saturday, March 11th, at the United States Coast Guard Base in Cape May. Nine of our clients competed and tabulation of ribbons is as follows:

FIRST PLACE (Blue Ribbon):

Davis, Karen	25 Meter Backstroke	Main Cottage
DeJesus, Mickey	15 Meter Walk (Motor Activity Program)	Allen Cottage

SECOND PLACE (Red Ribbon):

Osborne, Cathy	25 Meter Freestyle	Main Cottage
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THIRD PLACE (Yellow Ribbon):

DeJesus, Mickey	15 Meter Flotation (Motor Activity Program)	Allen Cottage
Schneer, Susan	25 Meter Freestyle	Giles Cottage
SanFillipō, Cindy	25 Meter Backstroke	Park Avenue PAFA Group Home

FOURTH PLACE (White Ribbon):

Davis, Karen	25 Meter Freestyle	Main Cottage
Lewis, Karen	25 Meter Freestyle	Post Road PAFA Group Home

FIFTH PLACE (Green Ribbon):

Davis, Karen	100 Meter Freestyle Relay	Main Cottage
Osborne, Cathy	100 Meter Freestyle Relay	Main Cottage
Lewis, Karen	100 Meter Freestyle Relay	Post Road PAFA Group Home
SanFillipo, Cindy	100 Meter Freestyle Relay	Park Ave. PAFA Group Home
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SIXTH PLACE (Green Ribbon):

Castleman, Evelyn	25 Meter Freestyle	Main Cottage
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Pamela Peschak, Allen Cottage, did not complete her 25 Meter Freestyle.

The athletes enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch served in the Base Dining Room and a sunny ride to and from the shore area.

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Schools, Super Families, All Hands Pals

EAST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS (continued from Page 6)

COED DANCES:

- 5/18 - Coed Dance at Woodbine Developmental Center
 5/25 - Coed Dance at VDC with Woodbine Deve. Center
 6/15 - Coed Dance at Woodbine Dev. Center
 6/22 - Coed Dance at VDC with Woodbine
 7/13 - Coed Dance at Woodbine Developmental Center
 7/20 - Coed Dance at VDC with Woodbine
 8/17 - Coed Dance at Woodbine Developmental Center
 8/24 - Coed Dance at VDC with Woodbine
 9/14 - Coed Dance at Woodbine Developmental Center
 9/21 - Coed Dance at VDC with Woodbine

During the summer months, Block Dances are held featuring refreshments cooked on the Chuck Wagon, etc. Also, several Coed Pool Parties were being planned.

EVENING VIDEOS:

Every Wednesday evening, clients enjoy attending evening vidoes at the Multi-Purpose Building.....attendance is increasing each week as the clients enjoy vidoes:
 5/3 - "Moonwalker", 5/10 - "Kansas", 5/17 "Batteries Not Included", 5/24 "Police Academy 3",
 6/7 "Fly II", 6/14 "Chorus Line, 6/21 "Ernest
 Goes To Camp", 6/28 "Buckeye & Blue". These will continue throughout the summer with clients enjoying a custard treat and movie offered weekly.

CAPPS DAY:

On Wednesday, July 19th, East Campus clients and staff with travel to Fairton to CAPPS DAY CAMP to enjoy the day. This is coordinated by West Campus Central Recreation.

LENAPE PARK DAY:

On Thursday, August 10th, Both Campuses clients and staff will travel to Mays Landing to LENAPE PARK this year. Miniature golf, powered boat rides, paddle boats, canoes and row boats, bankshot basketball, softball, volleyball, etc. will be on the day's agenda of activities as well as a full picnic lunch. Soft custard, dj and beach lounges and swimming will be enjoyed.

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EAST CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS (continued from Page)PAFA BUS RIDES:

Daytime rides include: 5/1 Reeves, 5/2 Regan, 5/3 Sykes, 5/8 Wolverton, 5/9 Bassett, 5/10 Cross, 5/15 - East, 5/16 Giles, 5/17 Kimble, 5/22 Landis, 5/23 Lee, 5/24 Main, 5/30 North, 5/31 Pond, 6/5 Reeves, 6/6 Regan 6/7 Sykes, 6/12 Wolverton, 6/13 Bassett, 6/14 Cross, 6/19 East, 6/20 Giles, 6/21 Kimble, 6/26 Landis 6/27 Lee, 6/28 Main, 7/3 North, 7/5 Pond, 7/10 Reeves, 7/11 Regan, 7/12 Sykes, 7/17 Wolverton, 7/18 Bassett, 7/19 Cross, 7/24 East, 7/25 Giles, 7/26 Kimble, 7/31 Landis 8/1 Lee, 8/2 Main, 8/7 North, 8/8 Pond 8/9 Reeves, 8/14 Regan, 8/15 Sykes, 8/16 Wolverton, 8/21 Bassett, 8/22 Cross, 8/23 East 8/28 Giles, 8/29 Kimble, 8/30 Landis Cottage clients will enjoy these rides.

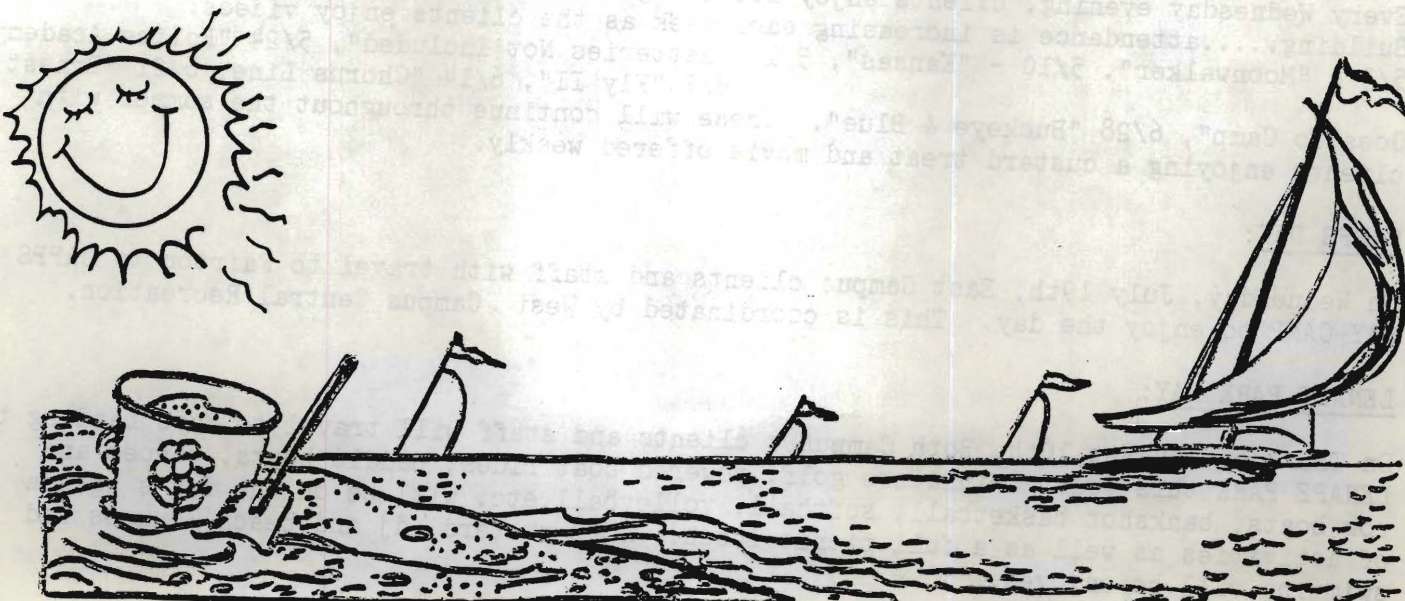
Evening bus rides are scheduled for: 5/10 North, 5/17 Pond, 5/24 Main, 5/31 Pond, 6/8 Wolverton, 6/14 Sykes, 6/15 Bassett, 6/21 Pond, 6/28 Regan and these rides will continue all summer.

Weekend Bus Rides are scheduled for: 6/3 - Bassett, 6/10 Main, 6/17 Cross and 6/24 Giles Cottages. These rides will also continue throughout the summer months.

THANKS TO PAFA FOR THEIR DONATION OF AN AIRCONDITONED BUS WHICH TRANSPORTS BOTH AMBULATORY AND NON-AMBULATORY CLIENTS.....BUS RIDES ARE ENJOYED DAILY (MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY'S)WEEKLY EVENING AND WEEKEND RIDES.....

SUMMER PROGRAM:

The pool is being cleaned, the Chuck Wagon painted, the Campground spruced up, the Pavilion aired-out, the Glide-A-Ride tuned up, the Custard, Snow Cone and Popcorn Machines prepared and all systems are preparing for GO-----Summer program will soon be in effect, please check your work area for a 1989 Central Recreation Summer Booklet that will be on the newstand soon.

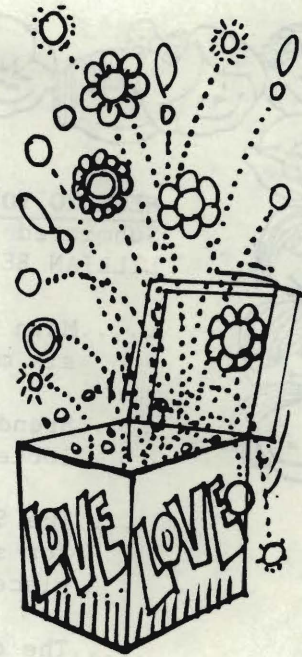


HAPPENINGS AT LEE COTTAGE

Submitted by:

Shirley Miller, STPA and
Deborah Groves, STPA

-Many thanks to our HCTS, Darlene Tomlinson, and the efforts of the cottage staff, for the purchase of a new 45-inch color projection screen TV for the clients of Lee Cottage.
-A popcorn machine, ice-cream maker, two barbecue grills and two picnic tables with umbrellas were purchased for the clients of Lee Cottage to make their summer more enjoyable and relaxing.
-On April 16th, the clients of Lee Cottage went on a trip to Delaware, to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre, to see "Annie Get Your Gun".
-On May 11th, several of the clients of Lee Cottage attended a dinner and entertainment affair at the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Vineland. They really enjoyed the outing.
-On May 16th, several clients of Lee Cottage attended Physical Fitness Day in the Auditorium, sponsored by the Buena Athletic Club. The day was a huge success.
-On May 19th, the clients of Lee Cottage attended the "Know Your Neighbor" Block Party hosted by VDC and The Training School in Vineland. Also on May 19th, some clients went on a trip to Longwood Gardens.
-On May 27th, clients from Lee got together with various cottages on campus and went on a bus trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country.
-On May 31st, clients of Lee went on a trip to see the Ringling Brothers - Barnum and Bailey Circus in Philadelphia. What a treat that was!
-Lee Cottage clients also attended various activities throughout the month, such as coed dances, parties, record hops, movies, etc.
-Lee Cottage celebrated their annual monthly Birthdays. Happy Birthday to E. Galo, R. Pawlak, G. Gorgoretti, L. Dunn, M. Morton, and E. O'Donnell.



SPRING HAS ARRIVED



NEWS TO YOU FROM MAIN COTTAGE

Submitted by:

LILLIAN BELL, STPA

-Main Cottage has had two Employees of the Month in the past six months. We sure do have some dedicated employees at Main!!!
-Brenda and Julia were in the spring Fashion Show. they really looked nice and enjoyed wearing the latest fashions.
-The Special Olympics, held in Bridgeton, NJ, was very rewarding for six clients of Main Cottage who came in first and second place. Good Show!!!
-The clients enjoyed special treats during the last three months, such as movies, several bus rides, and dances. More and more FUN!
-More special events are being planned for the long hot summer ahead. Ready-Set-Go!!!
-Several clients are working with Harvey planting a garden. They will enjoy the fruits and vegetables at harvest time. Yum!!!

NEWS AND NOTES FROM UNIT FIVE

Submitted by: •

PHYLLIS K. SIMPKINS, SWII



Clients and staff from Unit V have been very busy during the past three months. Landis Cottage clients Judith Sacharow and Patricia Ward enjoyed a four-day vacation in Disney World, escorted by our own Unit Director, Ms. Jackie Brown. Pond Cottage clients Roseanne Salisbury and Ann Marie Jenkins proved to be lovely models in the recent Spring Fashion Show, along with Lucille Patterson and Mary Shamblin of Regan Cottage. Mr. Ron Derby celebrated his 50th birthday on 5/19/89, and was tendered a birthday cake by the staff of Pond Cottage. Ironically, Regan clients who have resided at VDC fifty years or more were honored on 5/19/89 also, with a luncheon and presentation of carnations. On 3/17/89, four of six clients from Regan Cottage were winners in the Shamrock Contest. They were as follows:

Audrey Sawyer - Grand Prize
 Mary Shamblin - Silliest
 Joan Lindsay - Funniest
 Rose Hunt - Prettiest

This report will end with congratulations being extended to Ms. Ginny Winkler on her upcoming marriage (June 29th). Ms. Winkler plans to honeymoon in North Carolina.

WOLVERTON ON THE GO!!!

Submitted by
R. LAYTON, STPA
H. MATTHEWS, STPA

March 25, 1989

The clients and staff took advantage of a windy day and all took part in Kite Flying activities on the back lawn of Wolverton Cottage.

March 28, 1989

Debra Popp, CTT, gave birth to a baby girl - Aerial Marie

April, 1989

There was a cottage birthday party for Mary Lucius, Marie Moorhouse, Louise Slagle, and Margaret Jeckert.

April 19, 1989

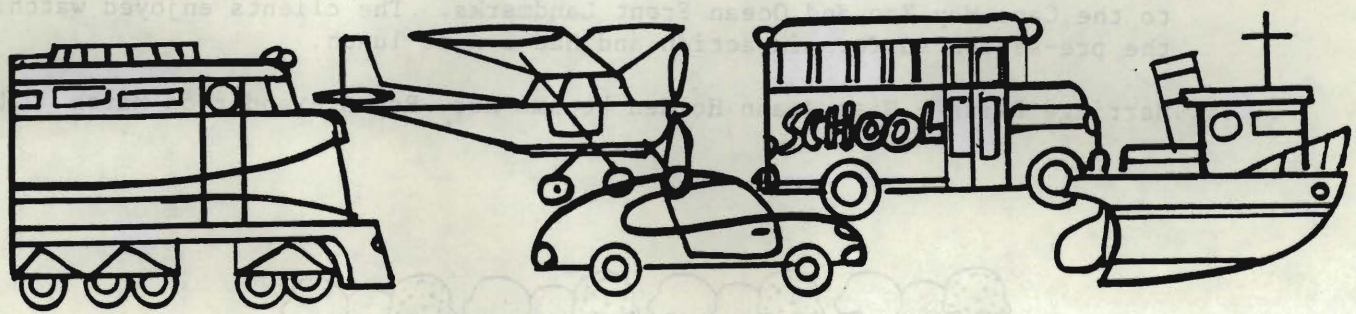
Wolverton clients Jennie Kalicki and Leslie Curtis participated in the Spring Fashion Show that was held in the East Campus Auditorium. Four other clients went to watch the show.

May 8, 1989

There was a cottage trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. 7 clients in Wolverton Cottage participated in this trip and were accompanied by 4 direct care staff, 1 LPN, and 2 Rec. STPA's (H. Matthews and S. Mehaffey). The clients who participated were Kathleen Murphy, Burdell Hurst, Mary Scarnecchia, Barbara Nuss, Jennie Kalicki, Cruzita Rodriquez and Mildred Sutton.

May, 1989

There was a cottage birthday party for Cruzita Rodriquez, Susan Lynch and Judith Rauch. The clients enjoyed a large ice cream cake.

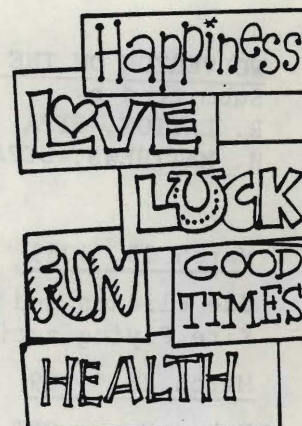


NEWS TO YOU FROM FISHER COTTAGE

Submitted by:

DOLORES BARBER, HCTS

-Many Fisher Cottage clients enjoyed special activities the past three months. Happy times! Fun times! Out and About times!
-On April 29th, eight clients went to a Circus in Lawrenceville, NJ, while another client, Philomena Gatti, represented the Cottage at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in Cherry Hill. She made us all proud with her First Place Ribbon!!!
-On April 22nd, seven clients went to a Carnival in Hammonton, NJ, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and all had a great time!!!
-Vera Brown, STPA/Rec., from Fisher Cottage, came up with an idea for a "PUTTIN' ON THE HITS" Contest. Central Recreation decided to make it a real campus activity for both clients and staff. Cottages were asked for participation and many clients were included in the show. A lot of hard work went into the show and various departments and cottages were represented. There were entries from Woodbine Developmental Center as well, and everyone had a great time!!! Fisher took pride in our two entries. Jose Rivera, BMPT, Vera Brown, Rec., and Caroly Norman, CTT, performed as Tony Orlando and Dawn, singing "Sweet Gypsy Rose". They were joined by Genevieve Samanco and Patricia Kissane. They received Honorable Mention Certificates for their participation. First Place Honor was given to Vera Brown, TPA, and Gloria Taylor, HSA, for their put on selection "Endless Love", recorded by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross. The activity was a huge success!!!
-On May 6th, Johanna Karyczak took a Third Place Ribbon in the Wheelcahir Race during the Special Olympic Track and Field Activities. Good Show!!!
-On May 11th, many Fisher clients went on different outings. Two clients enjoyed a Circus in Berlin, while two attended a beautiful Dinner given by the St. Francis of Assisi Church. The food was fantastic!!! The day was highlighted by ten clients going on a scenic outing to Cape May. The trip included visits to the Cape May Zoo and Ocean Front Landmarks. The clients enjoyed watching the pre-season surfers in action and had a nice lunch.
-Marriage Bliss - Miss Joann Holden became Mrs. Roy Alexander on March 12th!!!!



SPECIAL NEWS AND NOTES FROM VOCATION/WORK ACTIVITY CENTER

Submitted by:
PATTI DAVIS



On Wednesday, February 15th, Work Activity Staff held a Valentine party for the clients. Staff made a variety of finger sandwiches, crackers and cheese, spinach dip and crackers, ambrosia salad and cranberry punch. Cake was purchased from LaConca D'Oro Bakery for dessert. Games and aerobic exercises were also provided. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

On Friday, February 17th, twenty Work Activity clients and staff went to a Valentine party at Woodbine Developmental Center. Pizza and soda, cake and cookies were provided for lunch. Everyone had a grand time.



On Thursday, March 23rd, Work Activity gave the clients an Easter Party. Easter hats and baskets were made by staff for all the clients. Eggs were gotten from the Kitchen and were dyed and used for the Easter Egg Hunt. A special surprise guest attended our party - The Easter Bunny!!!!!! The clients really enjoyed seeing him!!!!

(A special Thank You to Cathy Malone and her daughter, Janice.)

**Pictured at left:
THE EASTER BUNNY (Janice Malone)
and HEIDI RUSSELL**

On Friday, May 5th, twenty Work Activity Center ladies and staff went to Atlantic City for the day. Some went shopping on the Boardwalk and Ocean One Mall and others spent time at Bally's Park Casino. Lunches were provided by Food Service. Although it rained, everyone enjoyed the day anyway.

THE TRUCK FINALLY ARRIVED.....On Thursday, May 18th, WAC went to Trenton with John Zilnick from Transportation Department, to pick up our new truck. The gift of this truck will help make it easier in loading/unloading of contract work. We will no longer have to hand load/unload the contract work as we have done in the past, since this vehicle is equipped with a hydraulic lift on the back.

NEWS FROM THE PAFA TRAINING CENTER

Submitted by:

MARY L. DOUGHTY, Director



Spring has finally arrived and with it, the Homekeeping room has been remodeled. This room resembles the kitchen that is found in the Group Homes. The non-ambulatory clients find it much easier to do dishes and cook. Both a high and low sink were installed. An island was built and a two-burner cooking unit was installed. These two items make it more convenient for the non-ambulatory client to learn skills that can be utilized within their Group Home.

The new video materials are being used in the Community Homekeeping programs. These materials show the clients how to do something and then the group, with guidance from the staff member, practice the skill.

The production groups are busy working on new contracts. Many of the items are for washing/waxing/cleaning a car and can be found in the local stores. A new all-in-one "L-Bar" and shrink machine has just arrived. Clients using this machine are fastinated that they can seal an item and watch it while the wrap shrinks around the item.

The craft program had a tremendous Easter/Spring sale. The staff members worked with the clients and created exciting items. Everyone worked hard on items that were sold at the May Block Party.

IRELAND COTTAGE

Submitted by:

FRANCES DIXON, CTT

PENNY HADDEN, HSA



"HELLO LADIES".....Hello, our names are Ms. Dixon and Ms. Hadden, and we are here to give a helping hand. Our day starts at 2:30 PM by saying "Hello Ladies" to each and everyone and helping you to reposition. We give nourishments which is followed by personal care; all the while we interact with you. Now it's meal time and next comes evening hygiene, which consists of whirlpools and bathing. We take turns bathing while the other is promoting interaction. This involves playing music, singing, reading books, etc....Our roles then reverse so we can each enjoy the fun stuff....then it's bed time. We talk with you while doing all these things. But now it is time to say "Good Night Ladies" because it's 11:00 PM. This is how we give you a helping hand for a day....We also call it "Good Caring".

NEWS FROM SOCIAL SERVICES

Submitted by:
GEORGINA GAUGHRAN, ASWS



Welcome back to Janice Bono, SWII/Unit II, and Lucrezia Krolikowski, SWII/Unit I, both of whom have been on child-care leave.

On March 20th, the Social Work staff honored its own on "Social Worker's Day". Following a very nice luncheon and business meeting, each member of the staff received a "Certificate of Recognition" signed by Robert N. Smith, Superintendent, and a silk flower arrangement done in the VDC colors, complete with the bleeding heart - the symbol of all social workers.

March was "Social Work Month", and so we set aside some time to say "Thank You" to our staff for the fine job they do all year.

On April 7th, Michael Denboske, ASWS, and Georgina Gaughran, ASWS, attended a conference at Southern Ocean County Hospital, Manahawkin, NJ, on the topic of "Elder Abuse". Also, Dorinda Taylor, SWII/Unit II, and Karen Wojtowicz, SWII/Hospital, attended a conference on May 17th, in Millville, NJ, pertaining to "Child Abuse".

Several social workers attended the "First Annual Social Worker's Forum" on May 18th, at Kean College, Union, NJ. The Forum was designed for the social workers who work in the field of Developmental Disabilities, and was cosponsored by the Kean College Social Work Program, the New Jersey Chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation and the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Besides providing an overview of Social Work and Developmental Disabilities in New Jersey, workshop topics included "Case Management in Social Work", "Innovating Services to Families with a Retarded Member" and "State Planning in the Field of Developmental Disabilities in New Jersey".

Our social Work Intern, Cassie Pollakis, completed her field placement and received her BSW Degree from Stockton State College on May 12th. We wish Ms. Pollakis much success in her new career.

Our other Social Work Intern, Darlene Mack, also completed her field placement in May. Ms. Mack is a Social Work student at Cumberland County College, Vineland, NJ.

Congratulations are in order for two members of the Social Work staff - Ann Stafford, SWSII, and James Timberman, SWII/Unit VI, each received awards for fifteen years and five years respective service to the State of New Jersey.

NEWS FROM REHABILITATION SERVICES

Submitted by:
ELOISE HAWKINS, CORS



ADVANCE NOTICE.....On September 7 and 8, 1989, Jeanette Burpee, M.Ed. OTR/L, will be returning to Vineland Developmental Center to present the Level 2 course for **SENSORY INTEGRATION THEORY AND TREATMENT**. This course is free to all VDC staff and other state employees. Permission to attend must be given by the immediate supervisor. Therapists, psychologists, teachers, HPC's, cottage supervisors, and direct care staff are recommended to attend. The course will focus on sensory integrative therapy. Treatment techniques and demonstrations will be included. More information about the course will be distributed at a later date.

NEWS FROM OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

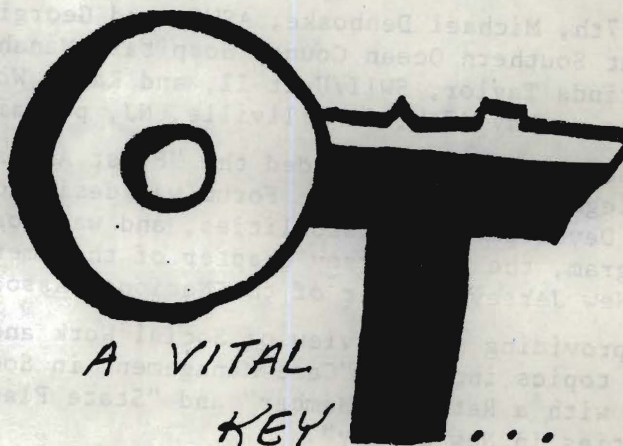
Submitted by:

AMY PERCHICK, OTR

This year the Occupational Therapy Department celebrated National Occupational Therapy Month on April 24th. There were videotapes, poster and equipment displays, books, brochures and of course, delicious food. Occupational Therapy is "the use of purposful activity with individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, poverty and cultural difference or aging process in order to maximize independence, prevent disability and maintain health" (AOTA 1981). At VDC, the occupational therapist works to facilitate the clients' learning, growth and development by decreasing physical limitations, and increasing independence in self-care and perceptual motor capabilities, as well as improving environmental and self-awareness through sensory stimulation/integration.

Again, we would like to thank all of those individuals who came to learn about occupational therapy and celebrate National Occupational Therapy Month with us.

A special thanks from everyone at the VDC Occupational Therapy Department.



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SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Submitted by:

G. Gartland, Unit Director/Unit I

A very special thank you to GINA GANT, CTT/Jones, for her extra interest in assisting both Elaine and Kathleen of Jones Cottage in the Physical Management Program. Ms. Gant's sincere dedication has been commended in a special letter to Betty McFarland, Physical Management Program Coordinator from Ruth Scott Portonova, Peripatologist of Vision Loss Rehabilitation, Inc. Again, our sincere THANKS and appreciation for a genuinely dedicated employee.



FUNCTIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

Submitted by:

LYNETTE FRANCIS, Education Department

The students in the SFEA program will be offered a new and innovative experience beginning in July. The program will focus on functional living skills - those skills necessary for successful placement in a group home and/or sheltered workshop. Our population is aging and soon will be past school age. This is our attempt to help them make a positive transition to the next stage of their lives.

The project will be under the direction of Mrs. Cynthia Brooks who has eight years of experience in the department. She has been the teacher for several other "special" classes for our students, including a pre-vocational workshop and a social skills classroom. She is a very versatile individual who is looking forward to the challenge of preparing our students for community living.

The structure of the class will be a very small group or one-on-one instruction, depending upon the students. Mrs. Brooks will be starting at the students' present functional level and working from there to help each student reach her highest potential. Some planned activities include trips to supermarkets, laundromats, and variety stores. Prior to the trips, instruction will be provided to help prepare the students. Activities such as cutting pictures of food supplies from magazines to make up pictorial shopping lists, practice in putting money in vending machines, understanding the concept of giving money to receive something in return, and practice in measuring and pouring washing machine detergent, fabric softener, etc., will be gone over in the classroom until students achieve some degree of proficiency. Then they will go into the community to transfer the experience. After the trips, students will be involved in simple cooking activities using the supplies which they purchased on their shopping expeditions.

Arrangements have been made with Mrs. Mary Doughty for Mrs. Brooks to bring students to the PAFA Training Center for part of each day for some "hands-on" experience in a real workshop. Our students, as well as Mrs. Brooks, will learn first hand what it takes to be gainfully employed in a workshop. Mrs. Brooks will incorporate ideas gained from PAFA into her curriculum to give our students the best opportunity for success.

Mrs. Brooks states "We are excited about the new program and have brainstormed a variety of community training ideas. We are also looking forward to our involvement in the PAFA Center. The students who have participated in our pre-vocational program should fair well in the community center. We're all looking forward to in-depth community training."

We all commend Mrs. Brooks and wish her the best of luck with this new endeavor. We are looking forward to hearing positive reactions about our students' progress from both Mrs. Brooks and the community.



SPECIAL NEWS FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Submitted by:
HARRIET LEVIN, Supervisor

Special Awards Received:

Governor Kean declared May 14 - 20, as Special Education Week in New Jersey. During this week, the Office of Education decided to pay tribute to two educators from each state operated program.

Staff members of the Education Department were given the opportunity to nominate and vote. One candidate had to be a certified staff member. The other selection had to be from the para-professional work force.

Ms. Patricia Toth, Assistant Supervisor, Adult Education, West Campus, received the Educator of the Year Award. She received a two thousand dollar award that must be used for instructional purposes.

Ms. Emily Myrick, Teaching Assistant, SFEA Department, West Campus, was selected to receive the award of Para-Professional of the Year.

A certificate of commendation was presented to Ms. Toth and Mrs. Myrick at a conference held during Special Education Week.

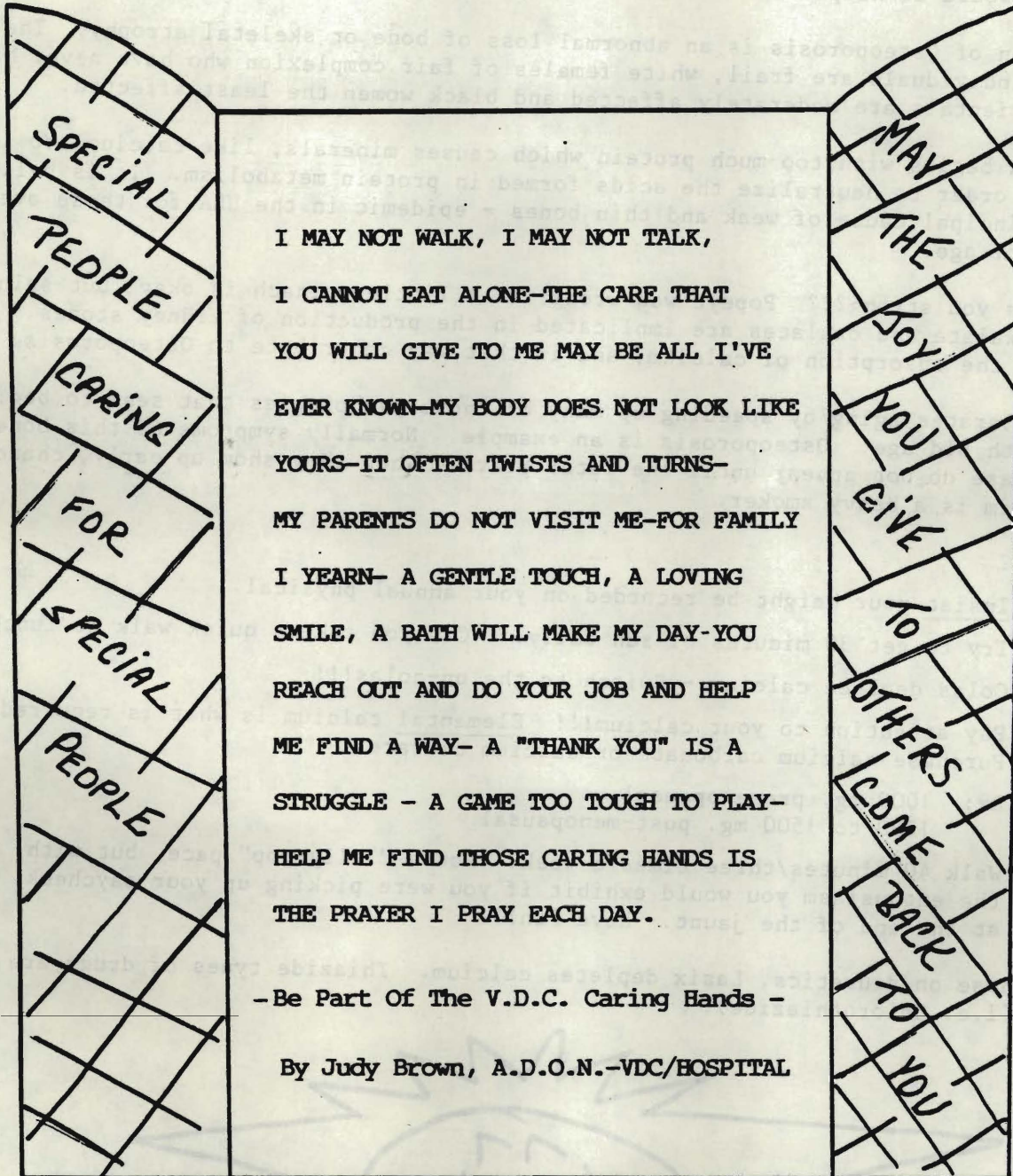
Both individuals, in addition to the successful completion of their regular duties, constantly contributed to the education program above and beyond normal expectations during the past year. They exemplify the philosophy and the standards of the facility and the Office of Education.

Congratulations Pat and Emily. We are very proud to be associated with you. The honor is well deserved.

HOSPITAL/MEDICAL SERVICES

Submitted by:

JUDY BROWN, Asst. Director of Nurses



A NEW CONSENSUS ON OSTEOPOROSIS

Submitted by:
BARBARA ANN LOGAN, RN/MA

In order for us to take better care of our clients and ourselves, I felt a briefing on Osteoporosis would be helpful.

The definition of Osteoporosis is an abnormal loss of bone or skeletal atrophy. The most susceptible individuals are frail, white females of fair complexion who have never had children. Orientals are moderately affected and black women the least affected.

The condition begins with too much protein which causes minerals, like calcium, to leave the bones in order to neutralize the acids formed in protein metabolism. It is believed to be the principal cause of weak and thin bones - epidemic in the USA for those over fifty years of age.

Spinach makes you strong??? Popeye was wrong!!! A little spinach is okay, but spinach is high in oxalate and oxalates are implicated in the production of kidney stones. They also prevent the absorption of calcium, and in that way contribute to Osteoporosis.

Smoking accelerates aging by speeding up many of those pathologies that seem to begin to get worse with old age. Osteoporosis is an example. Normally symptoms of this bone-eroding disease do not appear until the later years. When they show up early, chances are the victim is a heavy smoker.

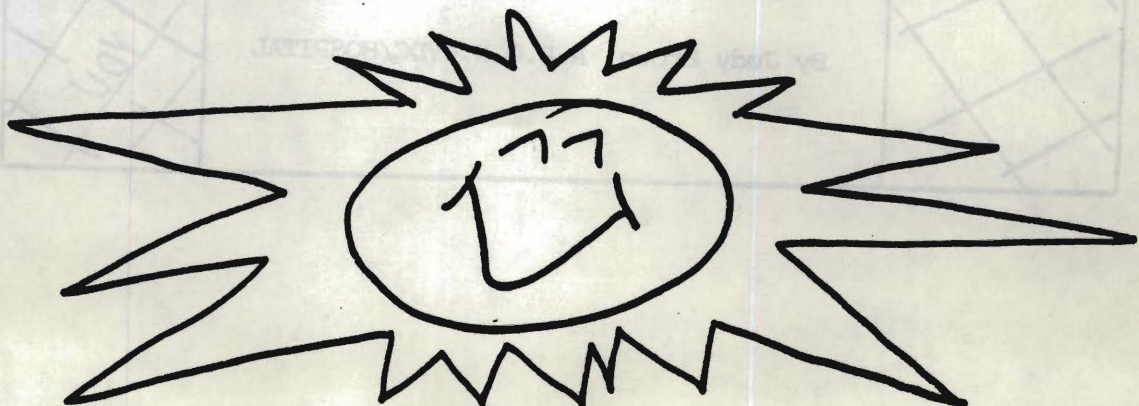
What to do???

- (1) Insist your height be recorded on your annual physical.
- (2) Try to get 30 minutes of sun daily. (Can you take a quick walk at lunch?)
- (3) Colas deplete calcium - Switch to the un-colas!!!
- (4) Pay attention to your calcium!!! Elemental calcium is what is required. Purchase calcium carbonate or calcium citrate.

Rx: 1000 mg. premenopausal
1200 to 1500 mg. post-menopausal

- (5) Walk 40 minutes/three times a week. Not a "lolly-pop" pace, but with the enthusiasm you would exhibit if you were picking up your paycheck at the end of the jaunt. Have Fun!!!

P.S. For those on diuretics, Lasix depletes calcium. Thiazide types of drugs are safe (i.e. Chlorothiazide).



WHAT IS A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE?

The Human Rights Committee at the Vineland Developmental Center acts as an advocacy and advisory committee to insure the clients' rights. Developmentally disabled individuals are entitled to exercise the same human and civil rights enjoyed by other citizens. Administrators need to be advised and to be held accountable for assuring that these rights are protected. The committee becomes one of advising administrators on rights issues and ultimately monitoring results of administrative actions.

The HRC can contribute into policies and procedures pertaining to clients' rights and make recommendations for action. Any client or their representative can initiate a complaint resulting from conditions, services or lack of services. These should be addressed initially to the agency administrator. If the complaint is not satisfied with a resolution, then a formal complaint can be filed with the HRC. By investigation and negotiation the committee would attempt to resolve the problem. The Superintendent can then be advised of an acceptable resolution. If this method proves to be unacceptable by the accusing parties, further appeals can go beyond the agency.

The HRC reviews and approves individual programs written to manage inappropriate behavior and other programs that, in the opinion of the committee, involve risks to client protection and rights.

The committee acts as a check on abuse, neglect, or exploitation investigations. If a matter appears questionable, the HRC can ask for further investigation. The committee also reviews any proposed involvement of clients in research projects.

There are written policies and procedures that govern the management of all of the above possible infringements on clients rights. The HRC is the last auditor checking back on Quality Assurance, Unusual Incidents Rights, and Behavior Management.

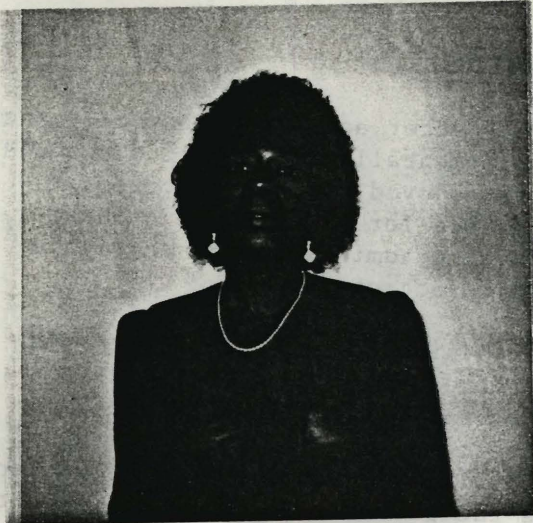
The Vineland Developmental Center HRC meets on the second Friday of every month. Emergency meetings can be scheduled, at any time, if necessary. Members are appointed by the Superintendent. The group is composed of staff members and community representatives who work together to assure that our clients' rights are protected.

All staff have a responsibility to advocate for, and protect the rights of, developmentally disabled persons. The HRC does not supersede this responsibility, but adds to it by providing a structured forum to deal with human rights issues.

HARRIET LEVIN, Chairperson, Ext. #6255

ALLEN KLEEFELD, Vice Chairperson, Ext. #6028





OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - APRIL, 1989

SHIRLEY J. WOODARD, CTS/Main Cottage has been selected Outstanding Employee of the Month for April, 1989. Shirley has worked in Main Cottage during all of her fifteen years of employment at VDC. She is a reliable employee who can be counted on to get the job done. Her willingness to work overtime as needed and her exemplary attendance record are to be commended. She shows concern for clients as well as staff and her spirit of caring and support has touched the lives of many. Congratulations are in order for Shirley for her significant contributions toward the growth and development of the clients.



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - MAY, 1989

DEBORAH H. MATTHEWS, LPN/Ireland Cottage was named Outstanding Employee of the Month for May, 1989. Debbie, a recipient of a RN Scholarship, has worked in Bassett, Wolverton, and Ireland Cottages during her ten years of employment at this facility. Staff have noted that Debbie is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she sees the need. She is a team player who graciously shares her expertise with others. Debbie noted that she was especially pleased to receive her award during National Nurses' Month.



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - JUNE, 1989

SHIRLEY A. BAILEY, RLS/Garden Road Group Home, has chosen Outstanding Employee of the Month for June, 1989. Shirley has been employed by VDC for twenty-two years. She worked in the Activity Therapy Center, Bassett Cottage, and East Cottage before assuming her present position at the group home. Shirley has a pleasant personality and treats both clients and staff in a caring concerned manner. Her work performance far exceeds expected standards. She is a conscientious, dedicated employee who is truly deserving of recognition.



VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

EMPLOYEE

NEWS

Deaths

Valerie Bell, Harper - father
 Elizabeth Hanson, Kimble - brother
 Shirley Harden, Donahue - mother
 Pearl Huss, Maurice River Group Home - mother
 Margaret Lampert, Emerlee - father
 Gussippena Luppino, Hospital Hspkg. - mother
 Ida Marchiny, Education W/C - father
 Lydia Munson, Foster Grandparent - husband
 Gloria Price, Sykes - father
 Stanley Stiles, Human Resources - father
 Lucy Peace, Foster Grandparent - sister
 Josephine Dandrea, Chimes Terrace G.H.-mother
Employee - Jean Zee, ADM W/C
Employee-Christine Reynolds, OPD
 Queen Adams, Housekeeping - brother
 Rosetta Jones, Ireland - husband
 Laura Mills Planter, Bassett - mother
 Irene Childers, Ireland - father
 Rita Locicero, Human Resources - mother
 Jacqueline Satchell, Housekeeping W/C - mother
 Frank J. Seabo, Business Manager - mother
 Sandra Sheared, Allen - brother
 Doris Green, Linen Ctr/W-C - father

Retirements/Resignations

Pamela Fleeks, Group Homes - 13 years
 James Prospero, Food Service - 6 yrs
 Curtis Curry, Housekeeping - 8 yrs
 Dianna Williams, A-Wing - 8 yrs
 Irene Densten, Emerlee - 8 yrs
 Eileen Walker, Cross - 8 yrs
 Dorothy Floyd, Employee Relations - 5 yrs
 Catherine Thomas, Ireland - 16 yrs
 Eunice Isakson, Lee - 15 yrs
 Laura Carrita, B-Wing - 6 yrs
 Barbara Singleton, Wolverton - 16 yrs
 Gay Ruth Simpson, Linen Center W/C - 33 yrs

Marriages

Warren Howell, ADM Training W/C
 Lisa (Corwonski) Macklin, Donahue
 Maribel (Santiago) Ramos, Allen
 Judith (Finch) Beakley, North
 Joanne (Holden) Alexander, Fisher
 Carol (Maldonado) Loller, Education W/C

Births

Vernetta Blocker, Pond - girl
 Joan Butler, Sykes - boy
 Beverly Dairsdow, Emerlee - girl
 Demaris Dias, Business Office - boy
 Lynn Garner, Clothing Consultant - girl
 Daisy Guadalupe, Wolverton - girl
 Valetta James, Pond - boy
 Lucrezia Krolikowski, Fisher - boy
 Scott Marsh, Unit 3 - girl
 Pamela Oliver, Vocation E/C - girl
 Linda Rosenwasser, Landis - girl
 Jacqueline and Michael Gavigan - Hospital ADM and Pond - boy
 Vanessa Kahie, Garden Road Group Home - boy

VOLUNTEER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Submitted by:
CAROLE BRAIDA, Director

The Volunteer Services Office gratefully acknowledges all of the volunteers who assisted with the Block Party on Saturday, May 20th. Throughout the day, VDC Volunteers could be spotted decorating, serving soda, taking photos, chaperoning clients, moving equipment, driving the Glide-A-Ride, and lending a hand wherever and whenever needed. Your time and efforts truly helped to make the day more special for our clients.

VOLUNTEERS

Connie Kenelia
Alice Sutter
Bob Seabo
Charles Glackin
Ron Zinn
Frank Gentile
Sharon Hines
Tina Butcher
Debbie Groves
Herschelle Williams

Jackie Colon
Gus Colon
Philomena Pendola
Jake Pendola
Patty Pendola
Kim LaRosa
Patty Hennessey
Frank Oswald
Christine Banner
Mary Gonteski

Debbie Isihos
Alexandria Isihos
Cathy Malone
Clara Mohan
Vera Williams
Thelma Gould
Carole Braid
April Fowler
Marlene Harris
Ed Gonteski

A Special Thank-You

Any employee who wishes to bring a client(s) to Community Church Services, please contact the Volunteer Services Office at 696-6050. Your kindness and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Does anyone have an unwanted piano????? If so, please call the Volunteer Services Office at 696-6050. We have a couple of cottages who promise to give your piano a good home with plenty of good use and tender loving care!!!

