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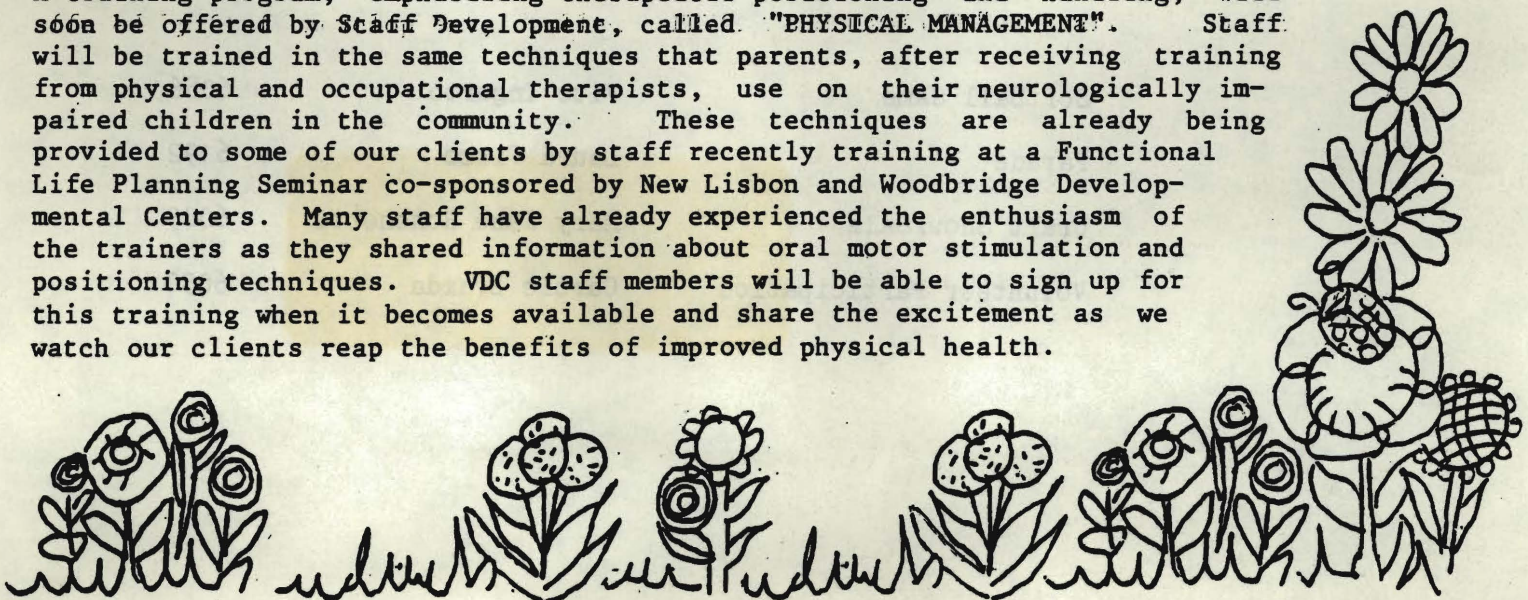
THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF POSITIONING
Submitted by
Elizabeth McFarland, RN/Physical Management Coordinator

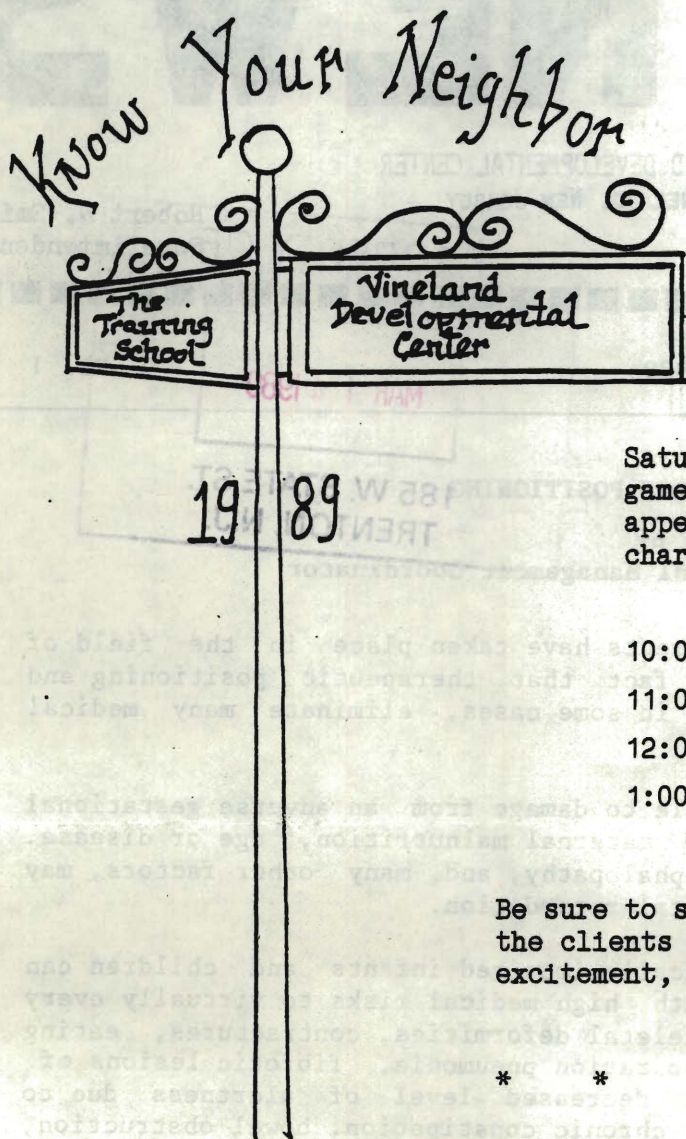
In the past ten years, many exciting developments have taken place in the field of developmental disabilities. It is a proven fact that therapeutic positioning and improved body alignment can minimize, and in some cases, eliminate many medical complications.

The Central Nervous System (CNS) is vulnerable to damage from an adverse gestational environment, such as maternal drug dependence, maternal malnutrition, age or disease. These influences, birth trauma, postnatal encephalopathy, and many other factors, may result in multiple disabilities, including mental retardation.

Improper handling and positioning of neurologically impaired infants and children can result in developmentally delayed adults with high medical risks to virtually every body system. Medical complications include skeletal deformities, contractures, eating problems, esophageal reflux, esophagitis, aspiration pneumonia, fibrotic lesions of the lungs, decreased respiratory functioning, decreased level of alertness due to oxygen deprivation, problems with digestion, chronic constipation, bowel obstruction, kidney disease, skin breakdown, osteoporosis, fractures, and many many others.

A training program, emphasizing therapeutic positioning and handling, will soon be offered by Staff Development, called "PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT". Staff will be trained in the same techniques that parents, after receiving training from physical and occupational therapists, use on their neurologically impaired children in the community. These techniques are already being provided to some of our clients by staff recently training at a Functional Life Planning Seminar co-sponsored by New Lisbon and Woodbridge Developmental Centers. Many staff have already experienced the enthusiasm of the trainers as they shared information about oral motor stimulation and positioning techniques. VDC staff members will be able to sign up for this training when it becomes available and share the excitement as we watch our clients reap the benefits of improved physical health.





SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS AND VIEWS

May 20, 1989

SECOND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Due to the success of last year's Centennial Celebration, Vineland Developmental Center and The Training School will jointly sponsor a Second Annual Block Party on Saturday, May 20, 1989. In addition to carnival games, a craft show/sale, square dancing, and appearances by McDonald's and Sesame Street characters, the day's events will include:

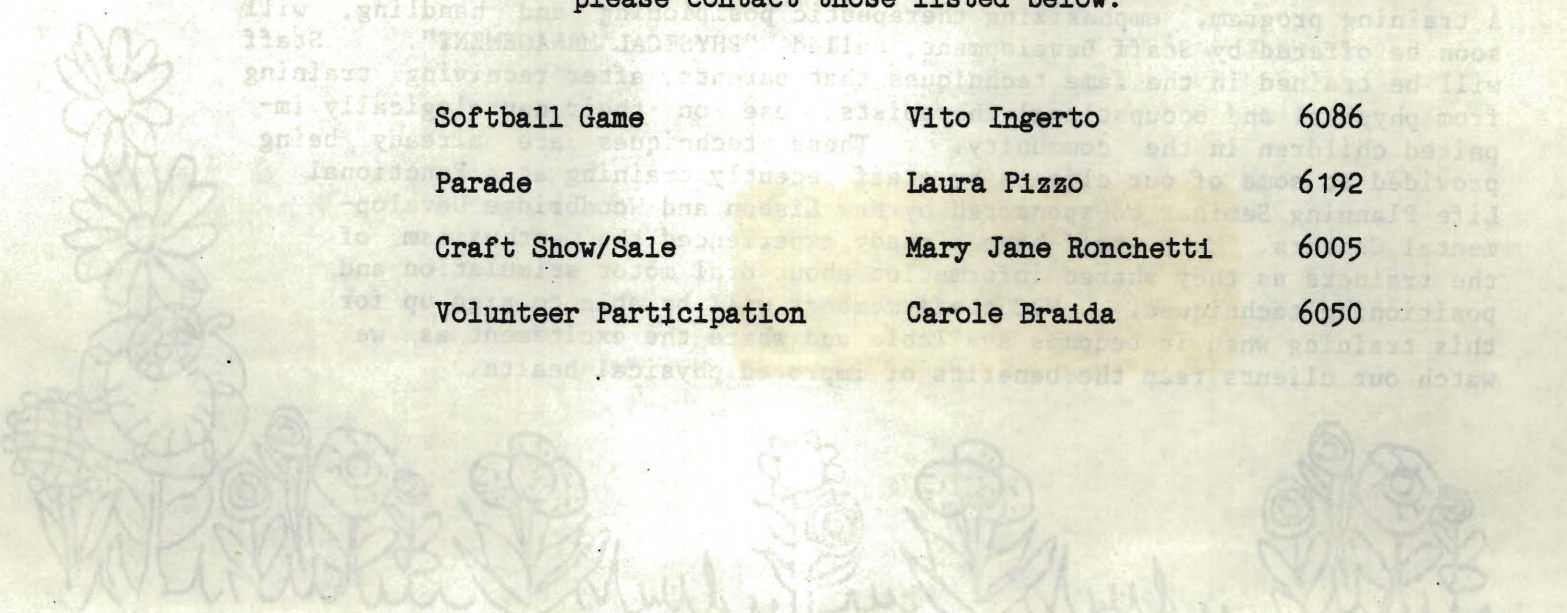
- 10:00 a.m. Employee Softball Game
- 11:00 a.m. Parade
- 12:00 Noon Lunch at the Food Court
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Musical Entertainment

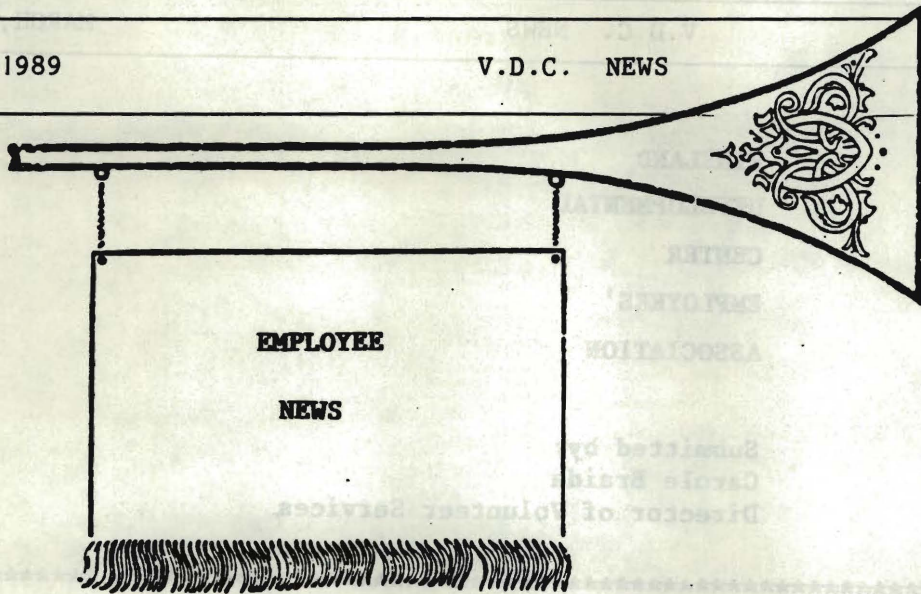
Be sure to set aside May 20th on your calendars and join the clients and staff of VDC and TTS for a day of fun, excitement, and getting to "Know Your Neighbor".

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To participate in the following Block Party activities, please contact those listed below:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|------|
| Softball Game | Vito Ingerto | 6086 |
| Parade | Laura Pizzo | 6192 |
| Craft Show/Sale | Mary Jane Ronchetti | 6005 |
| Volunteer Participation | Carole Braida | 6050 |





NEWS FROM THE P.A.F.A. TRAINING CENTER

**Submitted by
Mary L. Doughty, Director**

A new year has begun and the PAFA Training Center would like to welcome additions and promotions to the staff. Ms. Lisa Taylor is a new Production Assistant and will work with clients doing contracts. Ms. Linda Harrison will work with crafts as a Training Assistant. Ms. Lee Matusiewicz was promoted and has taken over the Remedial Program and Ms. Bonnie Styles was promoted to Training Supervisor. Good luck to each of you in your new positions!

Mr. Ed Bettino went back to VDC as an HPC and Ms. Jean Shilling went to England to be with her family. We'll miss both of these fine staff members.

All the staff at PAFA Training Center are learning basic words to sign which will enable us to communicate with the hearing impaired clients. Every month five new words are introduced. Staff signs these words when working with their clients. The words are selected according to client needs. Thus far, this program has been helpful to everyone. One client has displayed improved behavior since staff has been able to communicate with her. Other clients are learning to sign the same words. They are trying to communicate with the hearing impaired. These words are also being signed in the training classes with all the clients as reinforcement for everyone. This will be an ongoing program. Hopefully, enough signing will be done that signing words will become automatic.

A special note of congratulations to Mary L. Doughty, Director of PAFA Training Center from the staff, for receiving an award as VDC East Campus Employee of the Year..... and for a job well done at the PAFA Training Center!!!!





**VINELAND
DEVELOPMENTAL
CENTER
EMPLOYEES'
ASSOCIATION**

**Submitted by:
Carole Braidia
Director of Volunteer Services**

**27th ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
Friday, April 28, 1989**

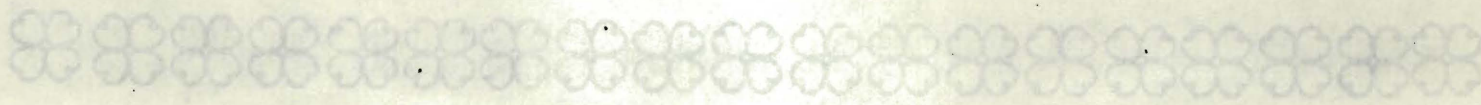
This year's dinner will be held at the Centerton Golf and Country Club. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with a cash bar. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served, including cheese and meat wedges, crackers, dips, stuffed celery, deviled eggs, mini-franks, egg rolls, pizza puffs, chicken livers and seafood puffs. Dinner is set for 7:00 PM with a choice of Deviled Crab Supreme or Prime Rib of Beef. All dinners include fruit cup, salad, potato, vegetable du jour, dessert and coffee or tea.

Service awards will be presented after dinner. There will also be door prizes, entertainment and music to dance the night away! All this for only \$20.00 per person! Employees scheduled for awards will receive a free ticket - compliments of the VDCEA. Tickets are available from your Area Representative. See you there!!!!

All members of the VDCEA are encouraged to submit suggestions (in writing) for donations to charities to the President for review by the Board of Directors.

Ideas for activities are always welcome by the President for referral to the Social Committee.

NONE OF US ALONE ARE AS GOOD AS ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER



VOLUNTEER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Submitted by:
Carole Braid
Director of Volunteer Services**



DID YOU KNOW????

Volunteering in a program that helps others can

- 1. increase your self-esteem
- 2. provide a sense of accomplishment
- 3. aid in relieving depression and stress
- 4. make you happier and healthier

So, Don't Worry - Be Happy!!

Call the Volunteer Services Office at 696-6050 and request a volunteer assignment to brighten your life - and the life of a client.

HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO VOLUNTEER.....

Many of our clients would enjoy having a special friend for the Block Party on May 20th.....A BUDDY!

A Buddy would chaperone a specific client to various events of the day, such as a softball match, games, parade and musical entertainment.

A Buddy would make a day more special for another.

A Buddy would have fun!

BE A BLOCK PARTY BUDDY

Call Volunteer Services Today
696-6050

THANKS

Outstanding Employee of the Month - January, 1989

Geneva Johnson, Cottage Training Supervisor, Emerle Cottage has been selected "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for January, 1989. During her 25 years of employment at VDC, Geneva has held Human Services Assistant and Cottage Training Technician positions in both Emerle and Brown Cottages. She was promoted to the position of Cottage Training Supervisor 8 years ago and has worked in this title in "C" Cottage as well as Emerle. Geneva is a dedicated, hard working, and caring employee who demonstrates excellent leadership ability. Her efforts in training shift leaders, coordinating programs and operations, and maintaining standards have been noteworthy. She keeps morale high while working with her fellow staff members to meet the needs of her clients. Geneva is to be commended for her dedication and service to Vineland Developmental Center.

Outstanding Employee of the Month - February, 1989

Dennis Branin, Senior Offset Machine Operator, Print Shop has been named "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for February, 1989. All who use the services of the Print Shop benefit from Dennis' pleasant demeanor and his cheerful, patient attitude. His unending patience in teaching VDC employees to use the printing equipment and his willingness to come to the rescue when problems arise is commendable. Dennis can be counted upon to perform demanding printing obligations in a competent, efficient manner. When Dennis began his employment in the Print Shop 16 years ago, it was a small operation in the Multi-Purpose Building. Over the years, with the provision of sophisticated printing equipment and Dennis' expertise in the field, the Print Shop has expanded into a major operation in its Maintenance Building location. Dennis is most deserving of recognition as "Outstanding Employee of the Month".

Outstanding Employee of the Month - March, 1989

Laura Pizzo, Head Cottage Training Supervisor, North Cottage has been chosen "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for March, 1989. Laura, who has served as a VDC employee for 22 years, began her career in North Cottage as an institutional attendant. After working as a Recreation Assistant, Cottage Training Technician, Cottage Training Supervisor, Clothing Consultant, and Acting Head Cottage Training Supervisor (HCTS), she was promoted to her present position as H.C.T.S. of North Cottage. Laura is a person who gets involved and inspires others into action. Her thoughtfulness and enthusiasm make life more enjoyable for both her clients and her staff. She has excelled not only in the workplace, but in the community as well. She has served for two terms as mayor of Deerfield Township, and she presently holds the office of Deputy Mayor. Laura attributes her selection as "Outstanding Employee of the Month" to her staff, and notes that she could not have achieved this honor without their outstanding cooperation and support.

Outstanding Employee of the Month

JANUARY, 1989

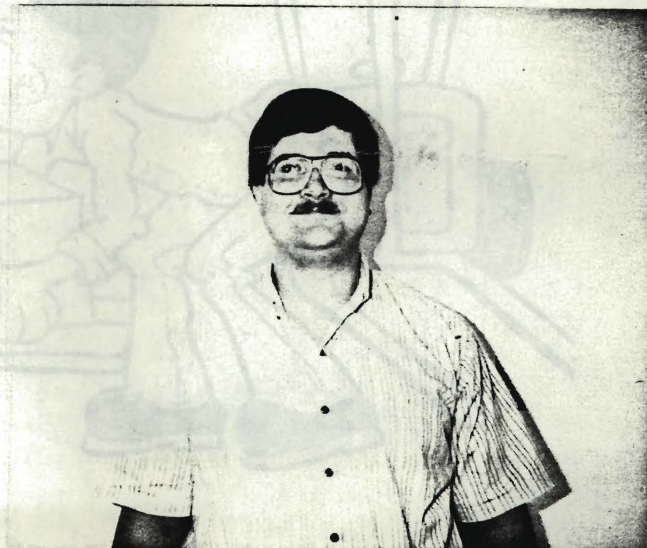
GENEVA JOHNSON



Outstanding Employee of the Month

FEBRUARY, 1989

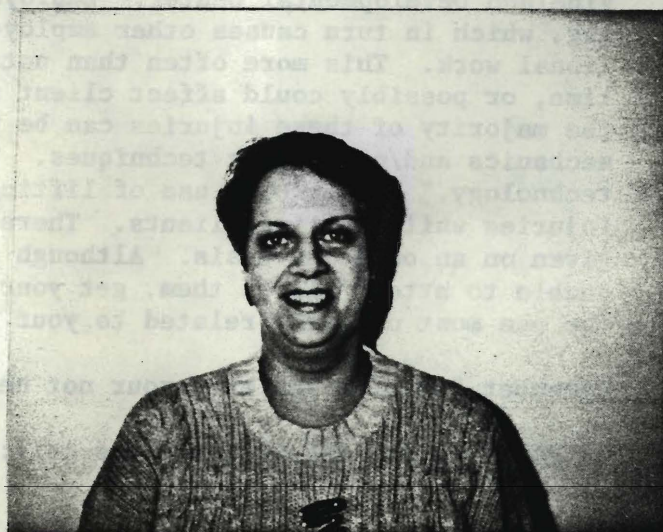
DENNIS BRANIN



Outstanding Employee of the Month

MARCH, 1989

LAURA PIZZO

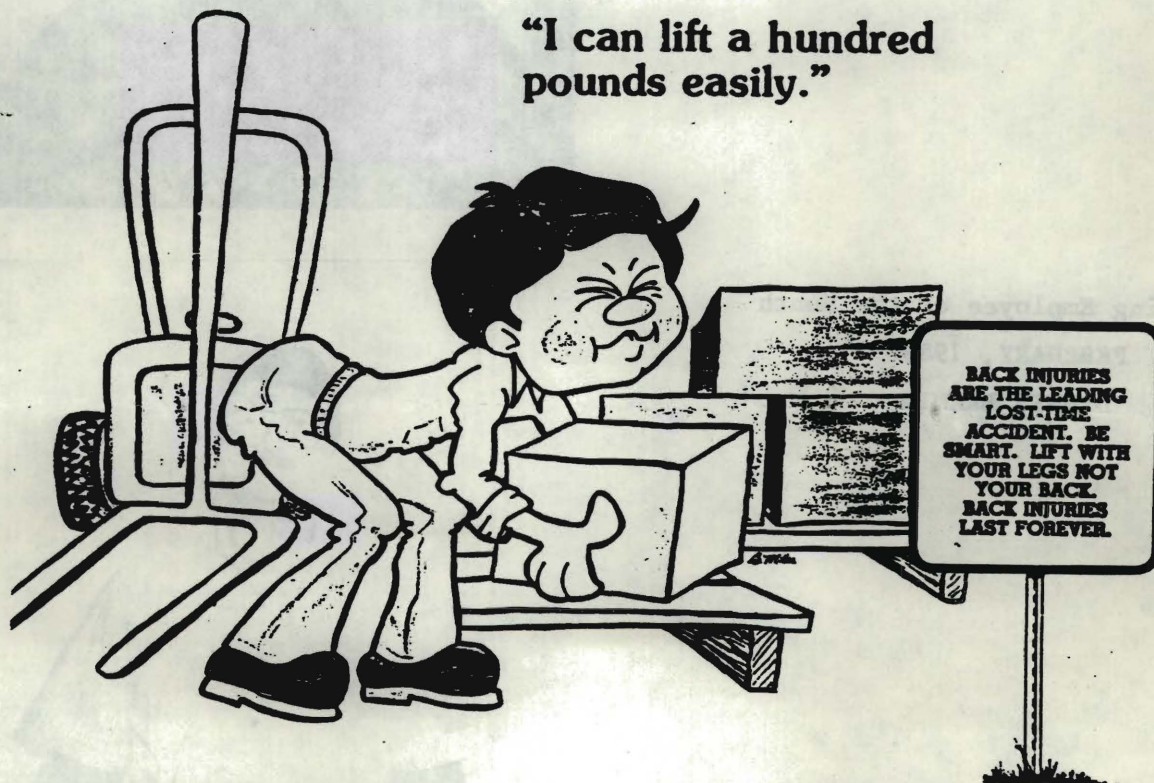


SAFETY OFFICE

VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Submitted by

ALDO MAZZONI, Safety Officer



Back injuries are the leading cause of employee lost time here at the Vineland Developmental Center. Employees lost to SLI, causes short staffing, which in turn causes other employees to be over burdened with additional work. This more often than not, results in cutting corners to save time, or possibly could affect client services. The real crime lies in, the majority of these injuries can be prevented; by employing proper body mechanics and/or lifting techniques. To quote a quip "We have the technology." The proper use of lifting devices will greatly decrease injuries while lifting clients. There are various lifting inservices given on an on-going basis. Although all are recommended, if you are unable to attend all of them, get your supervisor to schedule you for the one most directly related to your work unit.

Remember "we miss you when your not here."

If you have any safety questions call: Aldo-6076, Lee-6327, Don-6327.

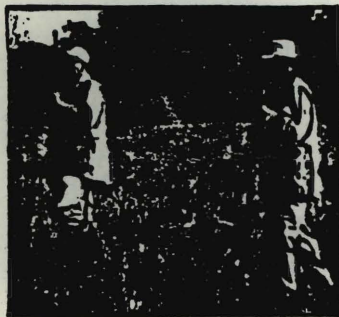
HEALTH AND SAFETY

FOR YOUR FAMILY'S

KNOW YOUR TARGET

The single biggest cause of hunting accidents in North America is "victim mistaken for game." Not far behind is "victim out of sight of shooter." So the key advice to all hunters is don't shoot unless you are absolutely sure of your target and what's beyond it.

When hunting, know the identifying features of your intended game. Identify yourself to others with bright, contrasty clothing. And be wary of "early blur" — a hazard during dawn and dusk when there is less light, making it easy to mistake one shape for another. Before firing at game or other targets afield, shooters should be certain there are no roads, buildings or livestock in the line of fire.



" FOR SAFETY INFORMATION "

CALL

696-6327

FALL FURNACE CHECK

Be sure your furnace is in safe operating condition before turning it on. If it hasn't been properly serviced, there's always the danger of asphyxiation or fire. It's a good idea to have a qualified serviceworker inspect your furnace at the start of each heating season.

Here are some checks you can make to minimize the risks.

- Replace dirty disposable air filters with UL-marked filters. Wash permanent filters in mild soap and water.
- Clean warm-air registers and air returns of accumulated dust, and make sure they are not covered by rugs, drapes or curtains.
- Make sure room thermostats are dust-free and correctly set.
- Keep the furnace area clear of combustibles.
- Clean and inspect your humidifier for optimum operation.
- Clean all combustion air intake openings of dust and dirt.

INSULATING TIP

The high cost of fuel has made everyone insulation-conscious. However, you can have too much of a good thing in the wrong place. The wrong place for insulation is around recessed ceiling lights. When insulation is placed around fixtures, heat from the bulbs can build up and start a fire. Be sure to leave at least two inches of space around the fixtures to vent the heat. Also, don't use a larger-watt bulb than is listed on the inside of the fixture.

BAD WEATHER AHEAD

In this season of changing weather it's good to know when there's a change ahead. Here's one way: During daylight hours, if a lot of oncoming vehicles have their lights on, it's a good indication that they have just left a storm area, heavy rain or fog that you'll be driving into soon. Be prepared for bad weather ahead.



FIRST DROPS ARE DANGEROUS



The first minutes of a rain — even a light one — can be the most dangerous. This is because the rain hasn't had time enough to wash away the film of dirt, oil and grease on the street. Instead, the water mixes with the film and creates a slippery goo. Reduce speed when the first drop or two of rain falls.

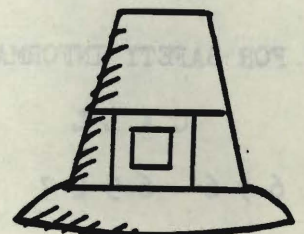
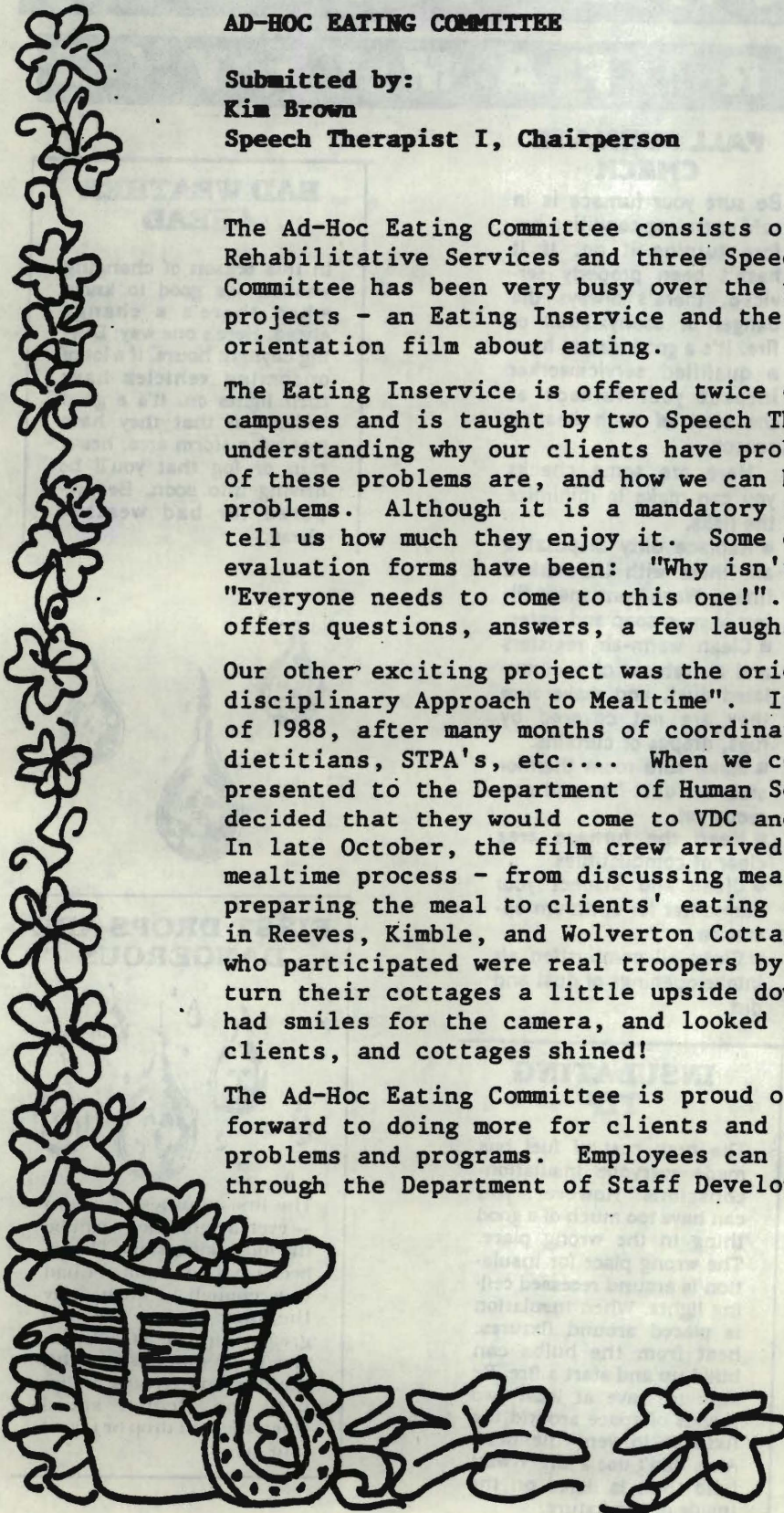
AD-HOC EATING COMMITTEE**Submitted by:****Kim Brown****Speech Therapist I, Chairperson**

The Ad-Hoc Eating Committee consists of the Coordinator of Rehabilitative Services and three Speech Therapists. This Committee has been very busy over the past year with two major projects - an Eating Inservice and the production of an orientation film about eating.

The Eating Inservice is offered twice every other month on both campuses and is taught by two Speech Therapists. It involves understanding why our clients have problems at mealtime, what some of these problems are, and how we can help them overcome these problems. Although it is a mandatory inservice, those who attend tell us how much they enjoy it. Some comments given on the evaluation forms have been: "Why isn't this course longer?" and "Everyone needs to come to this one!". The Eating Inservice offers questions, answers, a few laughs, and coffee!

Our other exciting project was the orientation film, "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Mealtime". It was completed in November of 1988, after many months of coordination with doctors, nurses, dietitians, STPA's, etc.... When we completed the script, it was presented to the Department of Human Services Media Center. They decided that they would come to VDC and film the video for us. In late October, the film crew arrived at VDC and filmed the entire mealtime process - from discussing mealtime at an IHP Meeting to preparing the meal to clients' eating the meal. Filming took place in Reeves, Kimble, and Wolverton Cottages. The clients and staff who participated were real troopers by allowing us to invade and turn their cottages a little upside down for a short time. Everyone had smiles for the camera, and looked great! The VDC staff, clients, and cottages shined!

The Ad-Hoc Eating Committee is proud of both projects and is looking forward to doing more for clients and staff in regards to mealtime problems and programs. Employees can sign up for the Eating Inservice through the Department of Staff Development.



MARRIAGES

Marcia (Bailey) Dawkins, Jones
 Barbara Pierce, Bassett
 Diane (Torres) Rivera, Group Homes
 Linda (Kruise) Karwowski, Fisher
 Charlotte (Bratten) Jacoby, Chimes Group Home
 Zella (Seda) Phillips, Pond
 Annette (Pitts) Allen, Pond
 Anita (Alston).Downing, Landis
 Lynette (Smith) (Buff) Francis, Education

DEATHS

Evelyn Burns, Employee in Landis
 Regina Ellis (mother), Sykes
 Mary Fields (son & mother), Landis
 Ella Halsey (brother), Landis
 Diane Johnson (brother), Grisco
 Anna Mae Kubrak (mother), Sewing Rm.
 Lisa Morgan (father), Ireland
 Frances Richardson (daughter), Wolverton
 Lenora Riley (husband), Reeves
 Phyllis Rowland (father), Grisco
 Cathy Shawlot (father), Reeves
 Lucy Ritter (father), Reeves
 Rachel Walton (father), Cross
 Mary Holden (sister), Lee
 Pete Lombardo (mother), Linen Supply
 Terry Norton (brother), Lee
 Kathleen Poole (mother), Pond
 Joanne Preston (husband), Pond
 Genelle Smith (father), Landis
 Ida Stokes (son), Lee

RETIREMENTS

Evelyn Burns (deceased) - 18 yrs.
 Blanche Flynn, Main - 14 yrs.
 Bernadette Etter, North - 14 yrs.
 Florence Vasquez, Bassett - 23 yrs.

RESIGNATIONS

Christine Baker, Sykes - 7 yrs.
 Cecile Evans, Hspkg. - 5 yrs.
 Denise Clement, OPD W/C - 6 yrs.
 Jane Jannarone, Pacific G.H. - 10 yrs.
 Joan Kinder, Unit II - 8 yrs.
 Clara Palmer, Ireland - 18 yrs.

BIRTHS

Sharon Frye (girl), HPS Dept.
 Voncille Hannah (girl), Landis
 Veronica Tenowich (girl), FGP
 Diane Rivera (boy), Group Home
 James Prospero (girl), Food Serv.
 Anita Downing (boy), Landis
 Lillian Battle (girl), Giles
 Sandy Bowman (boy), Harper
 Gayle Hart (boy), DSCD



NEWS FROM SOCIAL SERVICES

**Submitted by
Georgina Gaughran, ASWS**

.....During the months of October and November, 1988, all Social Workers attended a training program which was sponsored by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. The two-day program was aimed at upgrading the Social Worker's skills in the areas of working with families and the legal aspects of the Social Worker's job.

.....As a result of these training sessions, Sister Suzanne Allyn, SWII, Unit III, was asked by Mr. Philip V. Conti and Dr. Meyer Schreiber, trainers, to help plan future sessions.

.....There is a new face in Social Services - Mrs. Cassie Pollakis. Mrs. Pollakis is a senior at Stockton State College, Social Work Program, and is doing her field placement with us. She began here in September, 1988, and spent her first semester working at the VDC Hospital. This semester, Mrs. Pollakis will be working in Unit III with Sister Suzanne Allyn, SWII and Mrs. Gloria Thompson, SWII.

.....Best wishes to Mrs. Lucrezia Krolikowski, SWII, Unit I, who began her maternity leave on January 26th.

.....Social Services is looking forward to the return of Mrs. Janice Bono, SWII, Unit II, from her child-care leave.

.....The Office of Social Services has been working with Ms. Kate Blisard, New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project, and the Client Council to train the Client Council members in developing leadership skills. After much hard work, Ms. Gloria Wilson led the October, 1988, Client Council meeting. Ms. Blisard will continue to work with the interested clients in developing leadership skills and on how to conduct a meeting, so that they may take an active part in the Client Council meetings.

.....In September, 1988, Mrs. Georgina Gaughran, ASWS, attended an Advisors' meeting in Princeton, New Jersey, which was sponsored by New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project. There was another Advisors' meeting scheduled in February, 1989. The purpose of these meetings is to meet with other Self-Advocacy Advisors throughout the state of New Jersey and to share ideas.

.....In all, the past few months have been busy for the members of Social Services.



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SENIOR THERAPY PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Submitted by
Barbara Newman, STPA
Donahue Cottage

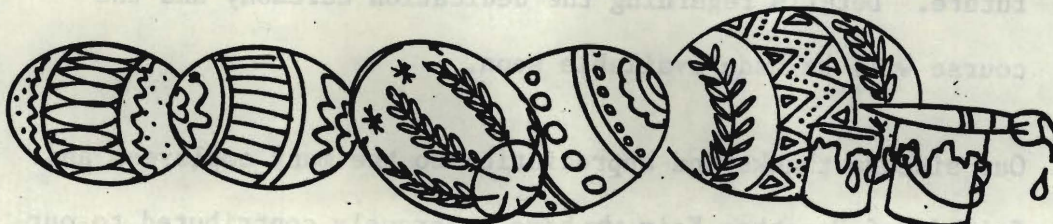
- S** = **STANDARDS** - Setting a standard of service to our clients and upholding it.
- T** = **TRAINING** - Implementing training programs that will help our clients reach their fullest potential and enrich their lives.
- P** = **PROGRAMS** - Keeping programs tailored to fit each client's personality and ability.
- A** = **ASSERTIVE** - Being assertive enough to keep clients and employees motivated without being oppressive.

An STPA is a trainer and part of the management team process. This position requires one to care before one can train. While responsible to an HCTS, the STPA must have a good working relationship with the HPC, so that cooperation and continuity of service/programs are assured. This position requires the cooperation and support of the cottage HCTS and CTS to perform the job effectively. This position requires one to seek advice from supportive services for the betterment of the client. One must be flexible enough to learn new and better ways of doing things.

An STPA must be aware of their clients' needs and capabilities, and set forth individually identified objectives. The STPA is included in the active treatment plan, as a zone coordinator, utilizing training techniques to bring about a positive behavior change in the clients, to increase/improve socialization skills, self-help skills, and gross and fine motor skills in a daily living experience.

Warm positive praise appears to be the best reinforcer for progress. All clients should be provided with the opportunity for intensive training in all programming elements.

In conclusion, an STPA position is challenging, motivating, and rewarding, especially when the clients have come a long way and signs of progress have been observed. This position is aimed at helping others. One must maintain a positive attitude - as viewing the glass as "half full" instead of "half empty".



N Memoriam

UPDATE FROM THE DOROTHEA KEIM
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE...

Last March 1988 we petitioned donations towards the Dorothea Keim Nursing Scholarship Fund. Thus far \$1200 has been received. Our initial plan was to offer a two year Cumberland County College Nursing scholarship to one of our Vineland Developmental Center employees. At the same time we were offering our nursing scholarship, the State of New Jersey awarded 8 nursing scholarships which included full tuition and salary. Our scholarship therefor had no recipient. The Dorothea Keim Nursing Scholarship Committee met recently to discuss an alternative plan in which we could sponsor an activity in memory of Dorothea Keim. It was decided by the committee to sponsor a 80 hour Coronary/Intensive Care Course to all interested registered nurses working here at the Vineland Developmental Center. This course is planned for sometime in April 1989. In addition to sponsoring this course a memorial plaque to be mounted in the VDC Hospital has been ordered and a dedication ceremony will be planned for the near future. Details regarding the dedication ceremony and the course will be made available soon.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many employees and friends of Dorothea Keim who have generously contributed to our endeavour over the past year.



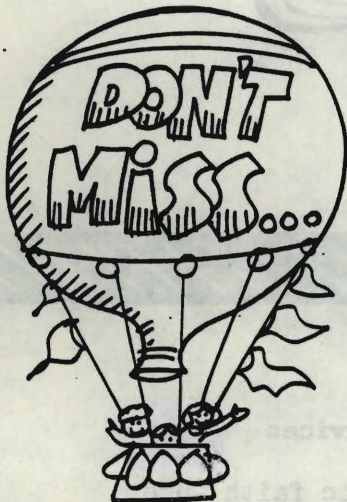
RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Submitted by Paul Miller, Volunteer Services

Special Church Services for clients of the Catholic faith were provided by Father Salvatore DeIelse of Sacred Heart Parish, Vineland, at the West Campus Learning Center on Thursday, January 26th and the East Campus Vocational Building on Thursday, February 16th. Accompanying and assisting Father DeIelse were Ms. Ann Hartman, teacher, and a group of students from Sacred Heart High School.

The services included a special liturgy of hymns and prayers. Holy Communion was also provided. The clients were very attentive and especially enjoyed participating in singing well known hymns led by Ms. Hartman on the guitar. The students mingled with the ladies and encouraged singing, distributed holy cards, and placed a decorative angel sticker on the jackets or coat lapels of those in attendance. Further special services are being planned as a result of the enthusiasm shown by the clients.

COME ALONG!



NEWS FROM ROSELLE GROUP HOME

Submitted by
Cynthia Hannah

On December 10, 1988, clients, staff and spouses celebrated the Holidays by going to the Neptune Restaurant for a Christmas dinner. Everyone had a delicious dinner and a very special time. There were gifts exchanged as well as Holiday cheer. Clients and staff alike had a wonderful time at the Neptune!

NEWS FROM POST ROAD GROUP HOME

Submitted by
Freda Bhatti and Joyce Thomas

A Valentine Party was hosted at Post Road Group Home on February 18th. Guests included the ladies from Garden Road Group Home, gentlemen from New Lisbon Group Homes, and a few relatives of the Post Road Group Home ladies. The refreshments included homemade cookies...heart shaped, of course! There was something for everyone-- Some guests enjoyed a video in the recreation room while others got acquainted in the living room. There was a variety of popular music and some guests danced. Everyone had a great time and we hope to have many more fun parties in the future!

NEWS FROM MAURICE RIVER GROUP HOME

Submitted by
Veronica Bell and Pearl Hull

"It's Great to be 90 Years Old!".....Mary Comedeco of Maurice River Group Home recently celebrated her 90th Birthday on December 22, 1988. Special guests at the gathering were Mr. & Mrs. Clive Conover, Executive and Assistant Executive Directors of PAFA Group Homes. Also, two friends of Mary from Fisher Cottage, Ms. Betty Montgomery and Ms. Christine Scala, accompanied by Vera Brown, Recreation Dept., Ms. Maud Elener of the Bridgeton Nursing Home, and Mrs. Janine Peters, Social Worker. There was plenty of food and entertainment.....Even "Clarabelle the Clown" (Mrs. Henrietta Kirby, Teaching Assistant) found her way to this joyous occasion. Mary and her guests enjoyed the clown's visit, which was the highlight of the party. Mary sends her special "thank you" to all those who helped her celebrate this "Big One".

SPECIAL OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Submitted by
 Britt A. Dorian

The VDC Recreation Department and several PAFA Group Homes participated in the New Jersey Special Olympics Winter Games at Great Gorge/Vernon Valley, New Jersey, on January 31st thru February 3rd. Athletic Director Vito Ingerto coordinated this event with the assistance of Coaches LaRue Cheesman, Betty Jones, and Britt Dorian.

Nordic, or cross-country, skiers were Joan Steimle from Brewster Road Group Home, Brenda Emmons from Main Cottage, and Susie Lofcan and Wendy Sellers from Arbor Avenue Group Home. Janice Myers from Morton Avenue Group Home and Joyce Sample from Fairton Road Group Home, competed in the Alpine, or down-hill, events.

On the day of the time trials it was 65 degrees and there was more mud than snow; but on the day of the competition, there was much colder weather which promoted better skiing conditions. Brenda did very well for a beginner and Susie won a Gold Medal! Our four-day stay culminated in closing ceremonies with a spectacular ice show and fireworks.

Our athletes worked incredibly hard, but they also enjoyed the social and recreational aspects of the trip. Morale was high and a spirit of cooperation prevailed. We are all looking forward to next year!!



WENDY SELLERS
 Arbor Avenue Group Home



WEST CAMPUS SEWING ROOM

Submitted by:

Anna May Kubrak
Evelyn Pokorny
Bonita P. Long

CHRISTMAS PARTY.....The clothing consultants and the ladies of the Sewing Center of West Campus enjoyed a Christmas luncheon and party. Gifts were exchanged and each of the ladies in the Sewing Center received a thoughtful gift from the clothing consultants. Everyong had a great time!!

MEETING THE GOVERNOR.....Bonita Long of the West Campus Sewing Center recently appeared on New Jerrey Channel 23 TV, singing with "Camden Inspirational Mass Choir" at the Third Annual Governor's Award Dinner and Ball on January 5th. Bonita met and spoke to Governor Kean. She received an autographed napkin from him for the ladies of the West Campus Sewing Center.



WEST CAMPUS RECREATION HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by:

Connie Ortega, Assistant Supervisor

The hard work and caring we extend to those we serve is the foundation of our progress and success. This was certainly true at the West Campus for the Holiday Season.

The season opened with the appearance of West Campus clients in the City of Vineland Christmas Parade held on Saturday, November 26, 1988. Central Recreation decorated a beautiful float in red and white and accented it with poinsettia plants and flowers. On the float was Miss V.D.C., Miss Mildalia DeJesus from Allen Cottage, and her escort, Mr. Fred Cross. They were joined by Miss Patricia O'Connor from Emerlee and her chaperone, Easter Lashley, Miss Elizabeth McCormick from Grisco and her chaperone, Barbara Douglas, and Miss Marjorie Body from Jones Cottage and her chaperone, LaDonna Lopez. Miss V.D.C. was dressed in a beautiful rose gown and white fur, and her escort wore a white tux with a red bow tie and cummerbund. Miss V.D.C. represented the Vineland Developmental Center with style and grace as she gave the crowd her warm smile and wave.

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On December 2, 1988, the employees of the Vineland Developmental Center shared the gift of life by donating blood during the December Blood Bank held at West Campus. I am proud to say that our Blood Drive was for 40 pints. Sixty people signed up to give blood, and we received 35 acceptable pints. Once again, the caring at the Vineland Developmental Center has shown through!

Then, there came a list of Holiday Activities that was enjoyed by all the clients and staff of the West Campus.

- December 1 - Coed Christmas Social with Woodbine Developmental Center Sixty-two clients attended.
- December 3 - A Christmas Children's Show was held at the Trenton War Memorial Building in Trenton. Eight West Campus clients attended.
- December 9 - Tree Lighting at East Campus was attended by 53 West Campus clients.
- December 10 - Open House in the TLC gym Entertainment was provided by the Dinshah Dance Group and three routines provided by the West Campus staff. The gym was packed with 235 clients who enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus.
- December 13 - A Magic Show was held at Washington Township High School, and twenty-five West Campus clients attended.
- December 14 - The City of Vineland Santa Float arrived at West Campus, and he greeted and passed out candy to 145 West Campus clients.
- December 15 - A Christmas Dinner was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hammonton, and ten West Campus clients attended.
- December 18 - Christmas Church Services were held in the TLC Gym by Reverend James Finney for 53 clients.
- December 20 - The F.O.P. Christmas Party/Luncheon was held in Cherry Hill at the Hyatt House, and fifteen West Campus clients attended.
- December 21 - The West Campus annual Christmas Show was held in the TLC Gym provided by Central Recreation. This Christmas, Mr. Robert Louis Smith, from Mind Theater Productions in Atlantic City presented "Tiffany Jewels." After the lovely performance, the 180 clients who attended were treated to refreshments.

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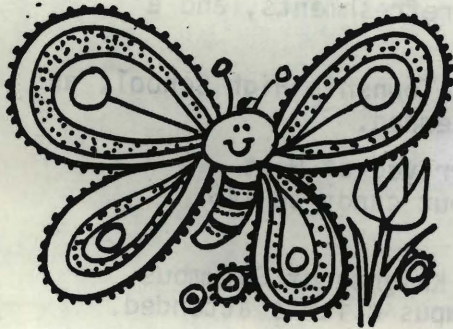


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December 27 - The Cottages enjoyed leisure parties, dancing,
to and games provided at the TLC Gym by Central
December 30 Recreation and Cottage Staff. Also, during the
month of December, the Cottages enjoyed many
van and bus rides to see local Christmas decorations.

As you can see, the clients and staff at the West Campus had a busy, but enjoyable, Holiday Season, and we are looking forward to an enjoyable, activity-filled 1989. The year of 1989 has started out with a Coed Social held January 27, a Coed Social held on February 2, and a Valentine Sweetheart Social held February 14 with the Woodbine Developmental Center.

The Valentine Sweetheart Social was a campus-wide event. All the Cottages were invited, and SFEA and Vocational clients were in attendance. Each of the SFEA and Vocational classes made Valentine Cards to give to each client who attended. During the social games were played, and prizes were given to the winners. After all the excitement, those in attendance enjoyed cakes, especially decorated for Valentine's Day, and juice.



EAST CAMPUS RECREATION WINTER SEASON

Submitted by

Henrietta Burch, Assistant Supervisor

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Winter Games: On Tuesday, 1/31/89-Friday, 2/3/89, clients and chaperones, under the direction of Mr. Vito M. Ingerto, Athletic Director, traveled to Vernon Valley/Great Gorge for a week of fun and competition. They were housed at the Mountain View Resort and except for a shortage of fresh snow, the week was fabulous. Tabulation of events is as follows:

NORDIC EVENTS: (Cross Country Skiing)

Susan Lofcan	Arbor Avenue PAFA Group Home	1st Place Gold Medal
Wendy Sellers	Arbor Avenue PAFA Group Home	2nd Place Silver Medal
Karen Lewis	Post Road PAFA Group Home	2nd Place Silver Medal
Janet Gaynor	Morton Avenue PAFA Group Home	4th Place Ribbon
Brenda Emmons	Main Cottage	6th Place Ribbon
Joan Steimle	Brewster Road PAFA Group Home	Disqualified Time Trials

*All Nordics were entered in 500 M which was cancelled due to lack of snow.

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ALPINE EVENTS: (Downhill Skiing)

Joyce Sample	Fairton Road PAFA Group Home	2nd Place Silver Medal
Janet Myers	Morton Avenue PAFA Group Home	3rd Place Bronze Medal

ALPINE EVENTS: (Giant Slalom)

Joyce Sample	Fairton Road PAFA Group Home	3rd Place Bronze Medal
Janet Myers	Morton Avenue PAFA Group Home	4th Place Ribbon

All skiers enjoyed their events as well as the many socials held which included a dance with music provided by the Dovells.

Area 8 Bowling Meet was held on Saturday 2/11/89 at the Show Boat Casino in Atlantic City. Twenty-two clients competed and tabulation was as follows:

7 First Place (Gold Medals)
6 Second Place (Silver Medals)
5 Third Place (Bronze Medals)
2 Fourth Place (White Ribbons)
2 Fifth Place (Lt. Blue Ribbons)

Area 8 Invitational Swim Meet will be held on Saturday 3/11/89 at the United State Coast Guard Base in Cape May. Seven clients from both campuses will compete in this year's competition.

On 4/1/89 & 4/2/89 - Spring Games will be held in Cherry Hill...State Meets for Swimming and Bowling.

Late March, Track and Field Training Sessions will be held in preparation for Area 8 Meet to be held on Saturday 5/6/89.

Motor Activity Program (Developmental Sports Skills) coaches training session will be held on Wednesday, 3/29/89, with Mr. Gene Daquila, New Jersey Special Olympics Coordinator, in our Auditorium. Medicals are presently being processed for clients who will compete in June on an Area and State level.

COHANZICK ZOO PROGRAM:

The Cohanzick Zoo Discovery Program has been most successful this year and clients in the following cottages have enjoyed learning about the various animals taken to their cottage:

- 1/12 - North/Pond Cottages
- 1/19 - Reeves/Regan Cottages
- 1/26 - Sykes/Wolverton
- 3/2 - Bassett/Cross Cottages
- 3/9 - East/Giles Cottages
- 3/16 - Kimble/Landis Cottages
- 3/23 - Lee/Main Cottages
- 3/30 - North/Pond Cottages

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POPCORN/VIDEOS:

Clients have enjoyed viewing: The Last Emperor, ET, Robo Cop, Short Circuit II, Empire of the Sun, and many more are being planned for Wednesday evenings in the Multi-Purpose Building.

VALENTINE'S PARTY:

Hats off to the members of the Vineland Rotary Club and their spouses for the most enjoyable Valentine's Party they hosted in the Auditorium on Friday, February 10th. Thirty clients were entertained by their piano playing and barbershop sing-a-long. Sheet cake, ice cream, coffee, sherbert punch, chips, pretzels, candy, etc. added to the festivities as well as an individually wrapped gift presented to each client in attendance. (We had three Reeves Cottage clients who were unable to attend, so refreshments and gifts were sent to them).

BAND CONCERT:

On Wednesday, January 18th, the Vineland Local Musicians Union sponsored a concert in the Auditorium. Clients enjoyed a night of music and relaxation to their favorite hits.

MIME SHOW:

On Wednesday, January 25th, the Glassboro State College "Homemade Mime Show" was held in the Auditorium. The show was sponsored by the VDC Employees' Association and clients, employees and their families were invited to view this most unusual performance.

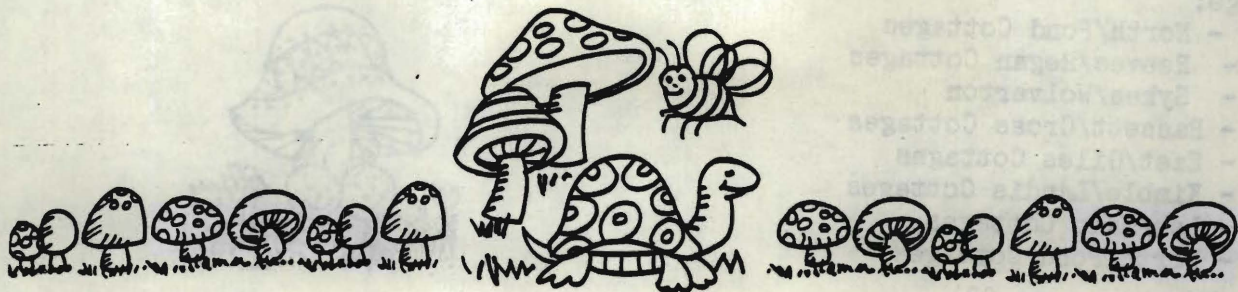
SUNDAY SERVICES:

Every Sunday afternoon, Sunday Services are conducted in the Auditorium at 2:15 P.M. On the first Sunday of the month, Sunday Services are conducted in the Hospital.

HOSPITAL:

A Christmas Party/Valentine Party/St. Patty's Party and Easter Activities are on the Hospital Central Recreation Special Calendar of Events. In addition to regular daily programming, videos are shown every Tuesday and Friday for client entertainment & enjoyment.

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BUS RIDES:

The PAFA Bus rolls every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for East Campus clients. Many trips to sightsee or shop, etc. are held and really help to brighten a winter day when you can not go out (even though we are experiencing a rather warm winter). The following cottages are enjoying rides as follows:

2/1 - Giles	3/1 - Wolverton	4/3 - Sykes
2/6 - Kimble	3/6 - Bassett	4/4 - Wolverton
2/7 - Landis	3/7 - Cross	4/5 - Bassett
2/8 - Lee	3/8 - East	4/10 - Cross
2/14 - Main	3/13 - Giles	4/11 - East
2/15 - North	3/14 - Kimble	4/12 - Giles
2/21 - Pond	3/15 - Landis	4/17 - Kimble
2/22 - Reeves	3/20 - Lee	4/18 - Landis
2/27 - Regan	3/21 - Main	4/19 - Lee
2/28 - Sykes	3/22 - North	4/24 - Main
	3/27 - Pond	4/25 - North
	3/28 - Reeves	4/26 - Pond
	3/29 - Regan	

Evening Bus Rides: 2/8 - East, 2/15 - Giles, 2/22 - Lee Cottages

EASTER ACTIVITIES:

Several holiday activities are being planned to include parties, dance, and a concert by the Red, White and Blue Band on Wednesday, March 15th.....look for upcoming flyers to be distributed giving notification of activities, dates, locations and times.

CORNER CANTEEN:

VDC Employees' Association sponsored a "Name the Canteen Contest" and Jane Bajewicz, Central Recreation, won with the entry: "CORNER CANTEEN". The Canteen is getting a face-lift which includes: fresh paint, new shelves, new sink, partition.

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING:

On Thursday, February 16th, the Central Recreation Department re-located to the Multi-Purpose Building - East Wing. As soon as telephones are installed you may reach us in the numbers listed in your new VDC Telephone Directory.



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DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1989

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