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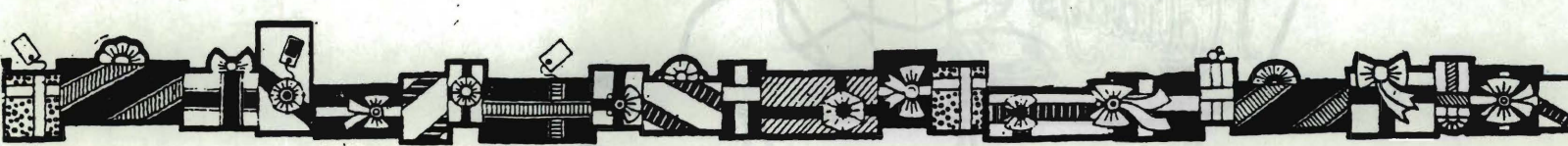
NEWS FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION TRAINING CENTER

Submitted by  
Mary L. Doughty, Director PAFA Training Center

The PAFA Training Center has come a long way in four years and during that time the staff has worked hard with the clients. As a result, eighteen clients have been selected to participate in a concentrated program to further develop skills needed for job placement in the community. These clients are on the same production table. Emphasis is being placed on skills needed to succeed on a job in the community. They are being taught to stay with a task, minimize talking while working, speed-up rate of production, keep to time frames needed on the job, cooperate to get a job done and any other skill needed to succeed on the job.

The clients attend training sessions in groups of six. They work on filling out applications, getting along with co-workers, time, social skills, proper dress and grooming and anything else that would help promote success on the job. The ladies also participate in a Remedial Program. In this program, clients work on specific problem areas, such as words needed on the job, printing/writing their names and basic math to handle their pay. Every client will also participate in a craft program. This program will provide skills and activities that can be done during the clients' leisure time. These ladies will also have a homekeeping class once a month. Here each person will receive help to enable her to function in the kitchen and provide for herself with minimal assistance. During the week, staff involved with these clients keep a log of specific items that could cause problems for them when placed on a job. Each group meets with the Director weekly to discuss those problems or any other concerns they may have. Adjustments will be made to the program as needed.

Hopefully, within the next six months, a few of these ladies will be placed on jobs in the community. This is the ultimate aim of the new program.



SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS & VIEWS

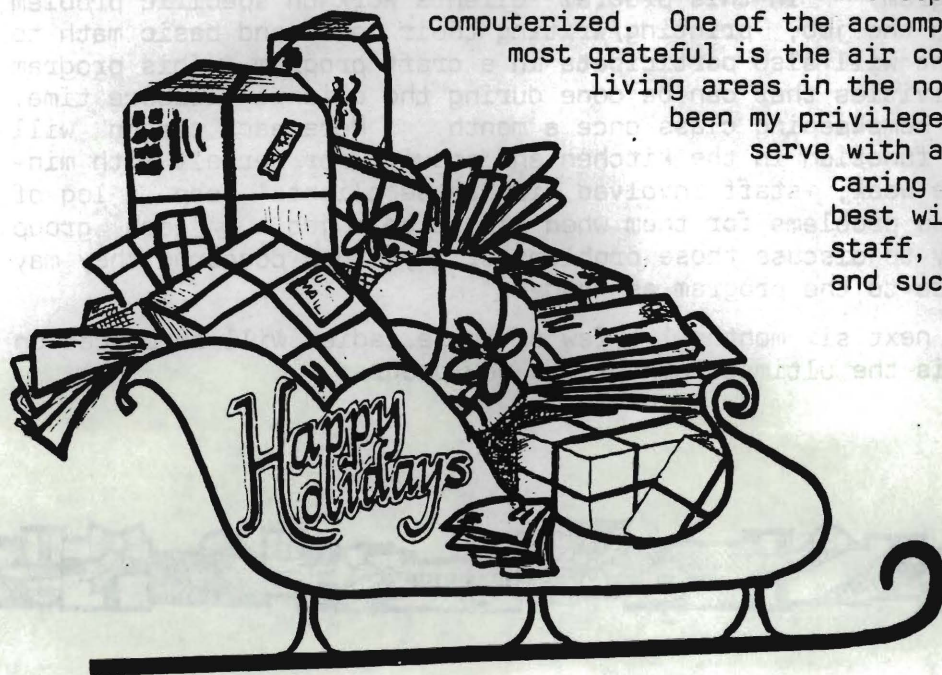
Robert N. Smith

Vineland Developmental Center can attribute its excellence as an institution to the many people of the past who have devoted years of dedication and service to our clients. We have an impressive history which is rich in tradition. It has been particularly interesting for me to research the stories behind the naming of some of our buildings. Pond Cottage was originally built for "Defective Delinquents". This building was named after Harry H. Pond, who served as a member of Vineland's Board of Managers for forty-nine years, from 1906-1955, during which he was President for forty-six years. Mr. Pond resided in Plainfield, New Jersey, and worked on Wall Street in New York City. He was beloved for his "wisdom, guidance, beneficence and friendship".

Cross Cottage was named for Nellie B. Cross, who was a former VDC employee who served as Head Cottage Supervisor of West Cottage. Ms. Cross received a Certificate of Merit from the National Association for Mental Health in 1952 and was honored as an outstanding employee of state institutions for the mentally retarded by the New Jersey Association for Retarded Children in 1961.

Dunlap Hall, the building in which Habilitation Planning Services and the Residential Services Nursing Departments are located, was named in honor of Mary J. Dunlap, the second Superintendent of Vineland Developmental Center. Dr. Dunlap was a physician from Philadelphia who served as Superintendent for twenty years. She believed that "in making others self-helpful, useful and happy, we find our lives so bright and busy that we envy not those who look on coldly". Should you have any information about the significant people in Vineland Developmental Center's history, please let me know, and I will share this information in future issues of the VDC News.

As the year 1989 draws to a close, I am proud to acknowledge on behalf of the staff and clients, the fulfillment of many of our goals. The Physical Management and Augmentative Communication Programs have been expanded to include many more clients. The Department of Staff and Community Development has initiated a comprehensive on-the-job training program for direct care staff, and the Patient Accounts and Timekeeping Departments have been computerized. One of the accomplishments for which I am most grateful is the air conditioning of client living areas in the non-ICF cottages. It has been my privilege during this past year to serve with a generous, dedicated, and caring staff. I extend my sincere best wishes to Vineland's clients, staff, and friends for happiness and success in the New Year.



**WHAT IS A  
BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAM TECHNICIAN  
(B.M.P.T.)**

Submitted by Grant J. Connelly, BMPT

In the year 1989 a Behavior Modification Program Technician's role is one that encompasses a wide range of activities. While the BMPT is responsible for aspects of the Psychology discipline, one works within the scope of a resident living modality.

One usually works in coordination with residential services staff and various disciplines responsible for the clients in the cottage setting. Client training programs that are geared to helping clients to be all they can be, are a large part of a BMPT's job.

Presently, "Zone Programming" has been used as a model for carrying out training programs. Zone Programming is a component of active treatment. The BMPT, along with other disciplines, provides training in all areas determined by the Inter-Disciplinary Team to meet each client's needs.

Besides general training, a BMPT is responsible for completing client psychology evaluations, consultations, therapy training reports, analyzing antecedents and consequences of maladaptive behavior, designing preventive measures, reviewing and collecting data in regards to frequency, duration and intensity of maladaptive behavior and the collection and review of incidents of maladaptive behavior. The BMPT is also involved in the collection of data measuring staff attempts to decrease negative behavior and increase pro-social activities. Writing behavior modification programs as required is another part of the technician's job.

This writer is responsible for a cottage that has 36 clients from 14 to 35 years of age, in the profound range of mental retardation. There are 20 clients with behavior modification programs and service recommendations. Positive rewards, verbal, gestural, demonstrational, and manipulative cues are used to redirect clients to a more appropriate behavior. Aversive techniques are used only as a last resource. Basically, a BMPT's duty revolves around trying to help the clients develop behavior patterns that decrease the harm that they might cause to themselves and others. Hopefully, the intervention provided by the BMPT will allow the client to become a happy and better adjusted individual in her living environment.



**VDC EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Marriages**



Alice (Butler) Lamar, Cross  
 Marcia (Green) D'Ippolito, Post Road Group Home  
 Laverne (Kennedy) Culver, Main  
 O'Connell Brown, Electric Shop  
 Winsome (McLeod) Brown, Sykes  
 Mary Ann (Ford) Brown, Employee Relations  
 Donna (Campagna) Belmont, Clinic W/C  
 Diane (Johnson) Hall, Grisco  
 Kim (Risimini) Lapsley, Patient Accts.  
 Kathy (Sowers) McCarthy, Employee Relations  
 Katy (Swart) Gaburo, Central Client Records



**Births**

Paul Greyson, Plumbing Shop W/C - Son  
 Winsome Brown, Sykes - Girl  
 O'Connell Brown, Electric Shop - Girl  
 Ina Harris, Giles - Boy  
 Charles Marder, Bassett - Girl  
 Sandra Sharp, Personnel - Girl  
 Janice Segers, Lee - Boy  
 Doris Ziefle, ADM W/C - Girl  
 Rose Hedge, Hospital - Girl  
 Deborah Murray, Purchasing - Boy  
 Patti Ruberti, Res. Services E/C

**Deaths**

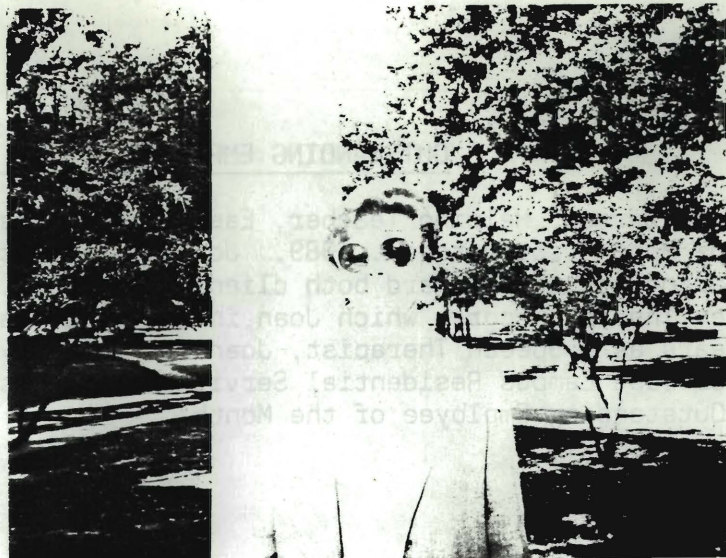
Maxsine Allen, Roselle Drive Group Home - Sister  
 Florimel Walker, East - Brother  
 Lucille Williams, Grisco - Son  
 Lorraine Williams, Bassett - Brother  
 Christine DeShields, Giles - Brother  
 Carol D'Occhio, Hospital OR - Father  
 Josephine Debowski, Hospital CSR - Sister  
 Dorothy Durand, Hospital OR - Mother  
 Margaret Lombardo, Sewing Room E/C - Sister  
 Margaretta Moore, Sewing Room E/C - Husband  
 Arlene Mazzoni, ADM E/C - Father  
 Kathryn Moore, Kitchen - Father  
 Margaret Ballanger, Jones - Daughter

**Retirements & Resignations**

Theodore Webb, Food Service - 21 years  
 Adelfa Baruffi, Kitchen - 18 years  
 Patricia Dunn, Wolverton - 9 years  
 Martha A. Flake, East - 14 years  
 Emma Jones, Pond - 17 years  
 Andrea Brown, Housekeeping - 5 years  
 Patricia Dreyer, Vocation - 6 years  
 Abigail Mallory, Staff Devel. - 8 years  
 Linda Peek, OPD - 5 years  
 Denise Ewin, Emerlee - 11 years  
 Edna Grant, Allen - 8 years  
 Kathleen Chichura, Giles - 5 years  
 Deborah Cardillo, Giles - 9 years  
 James Lee, Maintenance - 11 years  
 Shirley Capelli, Medical Records - 16 years  
 Mary Hill, Professional Services - 9 years  
 Denise Parker, Ireland - 9 years  
 Donna Moore, Sykes - 9 years  
 Dominick Surace, Food Service - 15 years



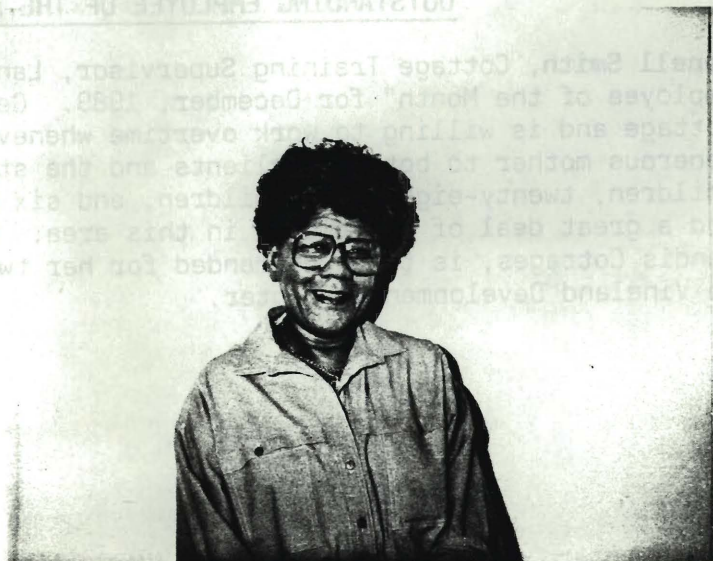
**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**  
**OCTOBER, 1989**  
Joan Carson



**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**  
**NOVEMBER, 1989**  
Marie Tindall



**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**  
**DECEMBER, 1989**  
Genell Smith



**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - October, 1989**

**Joan Carson**, Helping Teacher, East Campus, has been selected "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for October, 1989. Joan is a conscientious employee who demonstrates a caring attitude toward both clients and staff. Many clients have benefited from the Pet Therapy Program which Joan initiated in East Cottage. After working for eleven years as a Speech Therapist, Joan has recently assumed the new role of Helping Teacher for East Campus Residential Services. Joan is most deserving of recognition as an "Outstanding Employee of the Month".

**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - November, 1989**

**Marie Tindall**, Licensed Practical Nurse, Main Cottage, has been named "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for November, 1989. Marie began her employment at VDC sixteen years ago as a Human Services Assistant, and has worked in Giles, North, East and Main Cottages. In 1980 she was awarded a Nursing Scholarship. Marie demonstrates concern for each of the clients in her cottage and assures that they receive quality health care. She is a team player who can be counted on to assist with nursing care in other cottages whenever the need arises. Marie's consistently high level of performance makes her a valuable asset to Vineland Developmental Center.

**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - December, 1989**

**Genell Smith**, Cottage Training Supervisor, Landis Cottage, has been chosen "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for December, 1989. Genell cheerfully works in any area of the cottage and is willing to work overtime whenever she is needed. She is like a loving generous mother to both the clients and the staff, and considering that she has nine children, twenty-eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, she certainly has had a great deal of experience in this area. Genell, who has worked in both Brown and Landis Cottages, is to be commended for her twelve years of dedication and service to Vineland Developmental Center.

**HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS**

Submitted by Lois Griffin, RN/Infection Control Coordinator

**NATIONAL INFECTION CONTROL WEEK CELEBRATED**

During the week of October 16-20, 1989, the Hospital Audio-Visual Room was the scene of inservices and activities in recognition of National Infection Control Week. Coordinated by the Infection Control Department/Hospital Staff Development and assisted by other hospital departments, a variety of programs were presented from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily.

Dr. Parikh gave an informative lecture on "Amebiasis" and our Staff Development Nurses presented "An Exclusive Interview With Florence Nightingale". Other topics of interest included "AIDS Update", "Counter Attack on Noso, the Notorious", "MRSA", "Universal Precautions Update", "Hepatitis B & Recombivax", "Lice & Scabies", and "Preventing Needlestick Injuries". A "Glo-Germ" hand-washing demonstration proved most interesting, as did daily lab displays; and fun was had by all who played the "Wheel of Fortune" game. The hit performance was a video "Dental Care Before and After Universal Precautions" starring staff members, Dr. Zelanis and Artie Nixon. In addition to prizes awarded to game winners, random drawings for VDC Cookbooks were held after each inservice. The winner of the "Color-the-Bear" contest (for employees children ages 5-10 years) was Cynthia Nelson - Niece of Cathleen Young, X-Ray Department. Prize was a "Scrubby Bear". Complimentary tickets for the Sunday Buffett Breakfast at Larry's II Restaurant were awarded to the following individuals (2 each).

1. Ms. Kelli Brown, Dental Assistant - Winner of Infection Control Word Search Puzzle.
2. Mrs. Cass Madden, Sr. Clerk Transcriber - Winner of Infection Control Crossword Puzzle.

This year's event was an overwhelming success thanks to the cooperative effort of all involved. Once again, we proved that "Infection Control is Everyone's Role and learning can be fun!"



**HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by  
Emma Hackley, SNS/EC

The Hospital Outpatient Escort Service is the Medical Transport arm of Vineland Developmental Center. It consists of seven staff members on first shift, two staff members on second shift, and involves 16 out of 24 hours of the day at East Campus and 8 hours daily at West Campus. Transportation of our clients varies according to client needs. For example, client emergencies intra-campus or inter-campus, transport to outside medical/diagnostic facilities, consulting physician office appointments, as well as the transportation of client medications/supplies to the cottages and stat medications, blood products and paperwork to and from the hospital as necessary.

It's no wonder those who staff the Hospital Outpatient Escort Services must be experienced dependable employees who do an outstanding job year 'round.

Our hats off to these staff members who are so vital to us all here at the Vineland Developmental Center.

**ESCORT SERVICES STAFF MEMBERS**

Our appreciation to you for a job well done.....

LONNIE HARRIS

LESTER FRAZIER

NORMA SANTIAGO

PATRICIA FOLWELL

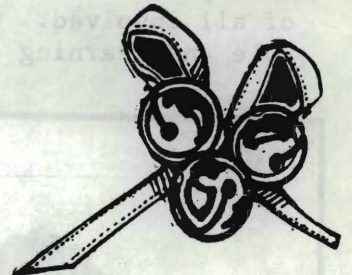
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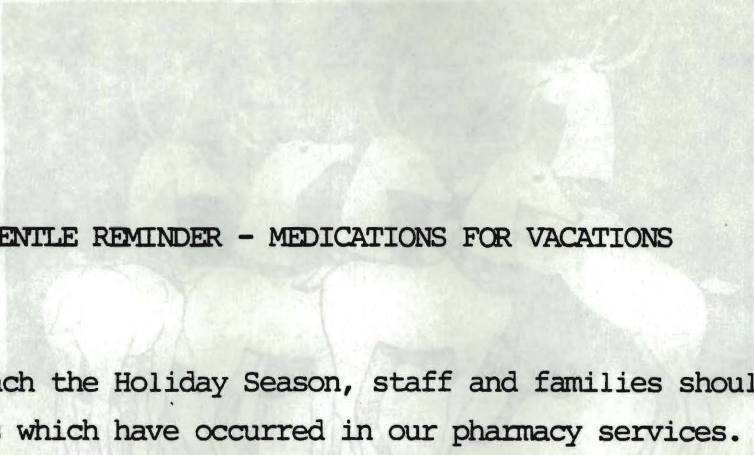
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CARLEEN GRAVELY





### GENTLE REMINDER - MEDICATIONS FOR VACATIONS

As we approach the Holiday Season, staff and families should be aware of some changes which have occurred in our pharmacy services. Due to the recent transfer of pharmaceutical services from VDC staff to Automated Pharmaceutical Service (A.P.S.), this reminder is being given on the procedure for obtaining medications for clients to be picked up for vacations.

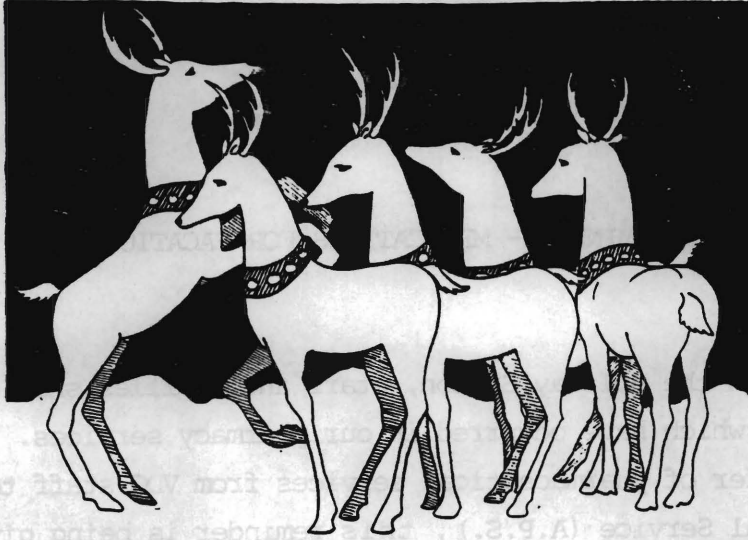
Cottage staff should continue to notify A.P.S. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled vacation so that medications can be distributed directly to the cottage.

In the event that medications are not distributed for any reason in time and the client is going on vacation, the client's attending physician must write a prescription for the medication(s) to be purchased at a local pharmacy. You should be aware that this represents a change in procedure because in the past our VDC pharmacists would provide these "emergency" medications. Since they no longer have this distribution function, they are unable to provide this service.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Enjoy the Holidays!

Submitted by Eloise E. Hawkins, Hospital Administrator

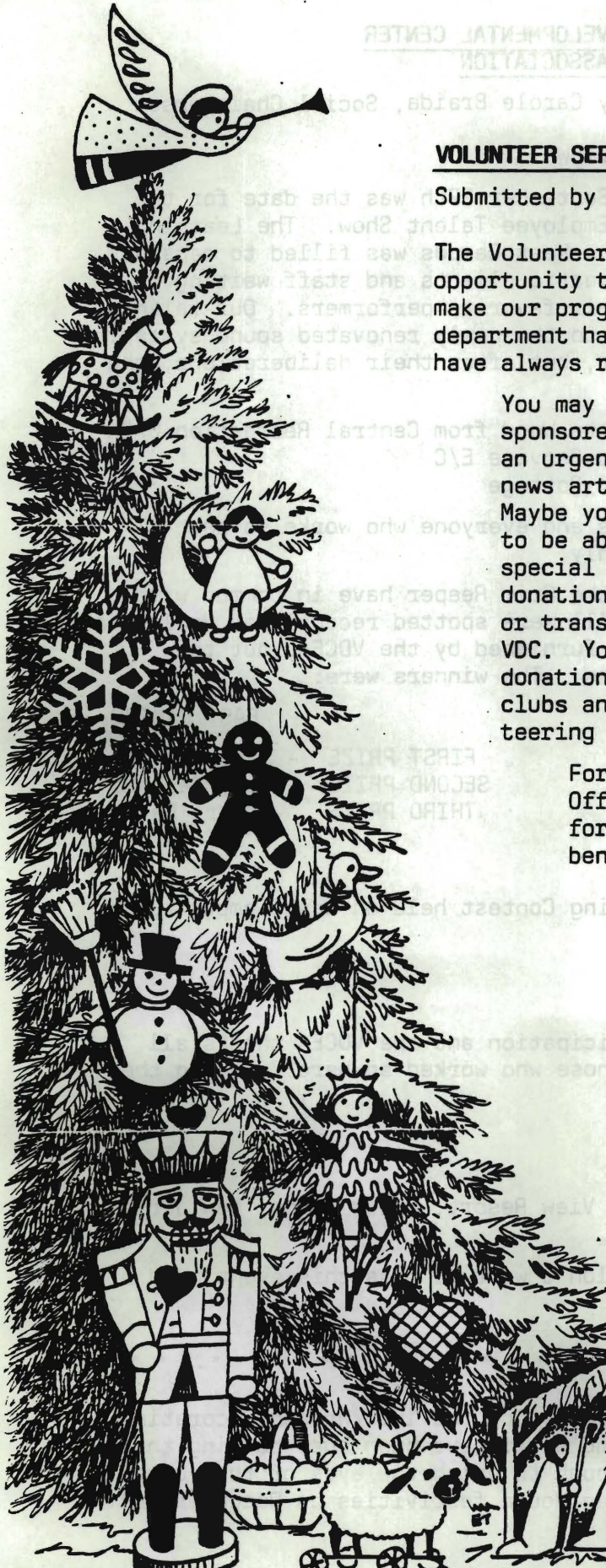


#### SMOKEOUT DAY - NOVEMBER 16, 1989

Once again, VDC employees were asked to participate in the 13th annual "Great American Smokeout" sponsored by the American Cancer Society. On Thursday, November 16th, smokers were encouraged to "take a break" from cigarettes for 24 hours, and non-smokers were asked to "adopt" a smoker for the day. Reading materials, word-search puzzles, stickers and posters were sent to all areas, with suggestions for designing an activity for the employees. Certificates will be awarded by the American Cancer Society to each area who participated in this anti-smoking activity. Just send a brief resume of what you did and who participated to the Employees Clinic.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1989 a special follow-up program will be presented in the Hospital A-V Room from 1-1:30 p.m. Ms. Tina Freeland, Program Director for the American Lung Association of Southern New Jersey will speak about the dangers of smoking and show a video entitled, "Hugh McCabe - The Coach's Final Lesson". Refreshments will be served and all interested employees are welcome.

The Infection Control Department and Employee Health Service acknowledge its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for our clients, employees and visitors. Recognizing that smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, and that smoke affects all who are exposed to it, we will work toward adopting a "No Smoking" policy within the buildings of our facility. We appreciate your cooperation as we strive to provide clean, fresh air to all who use and work in our facility.



**VOLUNTEER SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by Carole Braida, Director

The Volunteer Services Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the VDC employees who help make our program work. At one time or another, every department has been called upon for assistance and you have always responded with enthusiasm and cooperation.

You may have escorted our clients to community events sponsored by generous donors. You could have processed an urgently needed request for funds, typed letters and news articles or provided computer printouts and flyers. Maybe you furnished client information for a sponsor to be able to select just the right gift for their special friend. Perhaps you sorted through large donations of clothing, made repairs on usable items or transported donated goods from the community to VDC. You could be sponsoring clients, bringing in donations from family and friends or directing us to clubs and individuals who may be interested in volunteering or sponsoring special activities.

For this and so much more, the Volunteer Services Office is truly grateful. You make it possible for us to provide the very best in services and benefits for our very special clients at VDC.

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and good health and happiness in 1990.





**VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**  
**EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION**

Submitted by Carole Braida, Social Chairperson

**"NEWS IN REVIEW"**

Wednesday, September 27th was the date for the 1989 VDCEA Employee Talent Show. The Learning Center at the West Campus was filled to capacity with enthusiastic clients and staff waiting to cheer on their favorite performers. Our talented

co-workers sounded even better this year thanks to the newly renovated sound system. Of course, this made the judges work even harder, but after their deliberations, the winners were announced:

- FIRST PRIZE (\$250.00) Joanne Lee and Antoinette Wood from Central Recreation W/C
- SECOND PRIZE (\$150.00) David Tillman from Food Service E/C
- THIRD PRIZE (\$100.00) Joyce DeMary from North Cottage

The VDCEA thanks all of this year's participants and everyone who works so hard "behind the scenes" to make the event run smoothly.

What do witches, Count Dracula, scarecrows and the Grim Reaper have in common with dancing girls, Batman and the Blues Brothers? All were spotted recently at Halloween parties held at both campuses. Prize money was furnished by the VDCEA, but the creative costumes were furnished by VDC employees. The winners were:

**WEST CAMPUS**

- FIRST PRIZE - Janet Santucci
- SECOND PRIZE - Doris Ergenzinger
- THIRD PRIZE - Charles Hoffman
- FOURTH PRIZE - Gloria Ojeda
- FIFTH PRIZE - Mary Ann Domenico

**EAST CAMPUS**

- FIRST PRIZE - Sean Trucano
- SECOND PRIZE - Mary Zelanis
- THIRD PRIZE - Pearl Davis

Also taking home awards for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest held on West Campus were:

- FIRST PRIZE - Barbara Ascoli
- SECOND PRIZE - Mary Ann Domenico
- THIRD PRIZE - Connie Ortega

This activity has been steadily growing in participation and the VDCEA thanks all those members who entered the contest and all those who worked so hard "running the show".

**"COMING ATTRACTIONS"**

January 5, 6, and 7, 1990 - "SKI GET-AWAY"

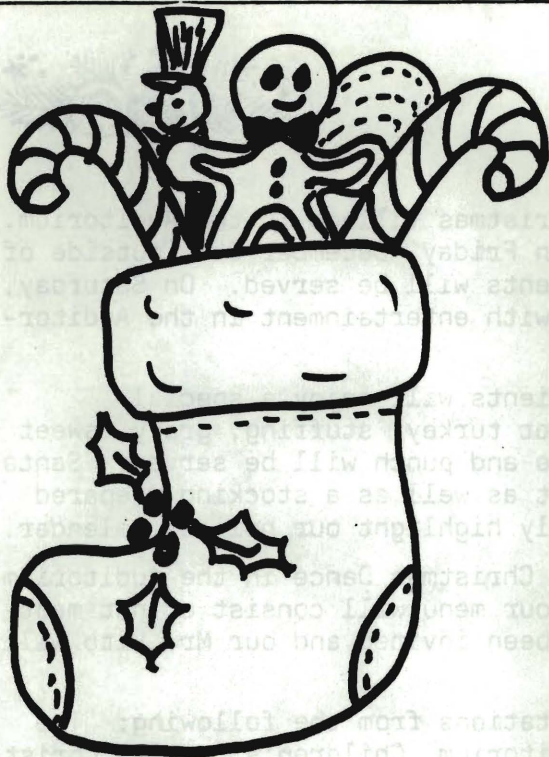
Fun for all at the Great Gorge Mountain View Resort, Great Gorge, New Jersey

April 27, 1990 - "THE 28th ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER"

Mark the date on your calendar, you wouldn't want to miss this event held at the Centerton Country Club.

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Thanks to the VDCEA, the winners (one at each campus) of the 1989 Wreath Decorating Contest will receive a \$50.00 prize. Clients and staff have been busy putting their ideas together to make their wreaths special enough to catch the eyes of the judges. The winning entries will be announced at the Open House festivities on December 9th.



### RECREATION ACTIVITIES - East Campus

Submitted by: Retta Burch, Assistant Supervisor

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Approximately 200 clients enjoyed attending our Second Annual OKTOBERFEST held in the Auditorium parking lot on Thursday, October 5th. The area was decorated with carved pumpkins, mums, cornstalks, white lights that were hung by our Maintenance Department, as well as a float constructed by our Central Recreation Department. The float was utilized as a stage for our DeeJay "Vito". The Vineland Musicians Union Band also provided entertainment for our ladies' enjoyment. Hot dogs, sauerkraut and pretzels were served. Everyone was thrilled with their new plastic mug they received with their delicious drafted birch beer. To complete their evening, our clients received a personally engraved "OKTOBERFEST '89" bracelet as an additional souvenir.

On Thursday, October 26th, clients from Cross, Bassett, Sykes, Reeves, Hospital, Pond, Lee, East and North Cottages participated in the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest held in the Auditorium. Refreshments were served and prizes were won by: **1st Prize** (Roger Rabbit Video Basket) Cross Cottage, **2nd Prize** (Grapevine Holiday Wreath) Reeves Cottage and **3rd Prize** (Animated Witch) by Sykes Cottage.

On Tuesday, October 31st, approximately 50 clients entered the annual Costume Judging Contest. Many original costumes were worn by our Trick-or-Treaters who enjoyed a candy treat. There were ten top prizes consisting of sweatshirts for our ladies to wear after the festive occasion. Pond Cottage was given an honorable mention prize for their theme "The Wizard of Oz" costumes.

On Thursday, October 31st, approximately 130 clients enjoyed attending the Ghoulie Bash. During the evening, our annual Employees' Costume Contest was held. Mr. Vito provided our music for the evening and donuts and apple juice were enjoyed by all.

Prizes for all Halloween activities were provided by the Vineland Developmental Center Employees' Association. Everyone appreciates the continued help and support of VDCEA.

Other Halloween activities included: October 23rd, Pond Cottage clients traveled to Glassboro State College for a party sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children; October 29th, ten clients traveled to New Lisbon Developmental Center for a coed party; October 28th, many clients traveled to Cumberland County College to attend the Fall Harvest Dance sponsored by the Area 8 Special Olympics. Central Recreation ordered and delivered apple juice, donuts and candy treats to all cottages, Hospital, and Vocational areas for all clients to enjoy their Halloween.

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**RECREATION ACTIVITIES - East Campus**

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**DECEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

The Central Recreation "elves" are preparing the Christmas Village in the Auditorium. The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 8th, outside of the Auditorium. Musical entertainment and refreshments will be served. On Saturday, December 9th, our December Open House will be held with entertainment in the Auditorium beginning at 2:30 PM.

On Wednesday, December 13th, approximately fifty clients will enjoy a special "Christmas Dinner" at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium. Hot turkey, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, string beans, pumpkin pie and punch will be served. Santa has been invited and each client will receive a gift as well as a stocking prepared by Central Recreation's elves. This event will truly highlight our holiday calendar.

On Thursday, December 19th, our ladies will enjoy a Christmas Dance in the Auditorium. Woodbine Developmental Center has been invited and our menu will consist of hot meatball sandwiches, potato chips and soda. Santa has been invited and our Mr. Vito will again provide musical entertainment.

Our holiday calendar is beginning to fill with invitations from the following: The Vineland Fraternal Order of Police Party in the Auditorium, Children's Special Christmas Party at Cherry Hill Hyatt House, Children's Christmas Show at Westside Memorial Building in Atlantic City, and the very special Santa Float will be visiting on campus, as well as many other special events to come.

A special thanks goes to the RENNOC CORPORATION. They have donated a new plush Santa suit, beard, wig, etc., so that "Jolly Old St. Nick" can make many visits throughout the upcoming holiday season.

**CENTRAL RECREATION ON THE GO**

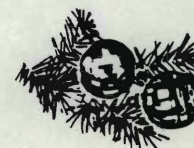
Weekly swimming sessions are held at the Vineland YMCA on Tuesday mornings. Our swimmers are preparing and training for the 1990 Special Olympic competition. Clients from our Hospital are included in this activity.

Weekly bowling sessions are held at the Loyle Lanes in Vineland on Thursday afternoons. Our bowlers are practicing their skill for 1990 Special Olympic bowling meets to be held at Show Boat Casino, DiDonato's in Hammonton, and State Meets.

Weekly bowling sessions are held Friday mornings at Loyle Lanes in Vineland for non-ambulatory clients. The clients are rotated weekly and are enjoying their experiences. Clients from our Hospital are also joining in this activity.

Buena Athletic Club - Slender Shapes Physical Fitness Sessions: Every Wednesday afternoon the van rolls to the Slender Shapes Salon where several of our clients work out on the latest in physical fitness equipment. Our ladies look forward to this weekly trip and are slimming down nicely! On Wednesday evenings, staff from Slender Shapes visit East Campus to work out with any client interested in participating. To date, our attendance is good, clients are having fun and enjoying their weekly work outs as well as their "balloons" supplied by the staff of Slender Shapes as an incentive for our clients hard work!

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**RECREATION ACTIVITIES - East Campus**

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PAFA Bus Rides are held every Monday thru Friday and clients are enjoying trips to shop, sightsee, leisure rides, and also many holiday trips have been scheduled throughout the month of December.

Sunday Services are held weekly in the Auditorium and monthly in our Hospital, for all those clients wishing to attend.

**CORNER CANTEEN HOURS**

The Corner Canteen hours are as follows:

SATURDAY	1:30 PM - 9:00 PM
SUNDAY	1:30 PM - 9:00 PM
MONDAY	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
TUESDAY	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
THURSDAY	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
FRIDAY	9:00 Am - 3:00 PM

**HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS**

The Central Recreation staff have kept decorations and holiday parties and movies on the priority list, in addition to their regular programming. Clients enjoyed a Halloween Party and the Christmas Party is in the planning stages.

**SPECIAL NEWS FROM UNIT FIVE**

Submitted by P. K. Simpkins

Staff and clients in Unit Five have worked together to make the fall holidays memorable and meaningful. Regan staff and clients have enjoyed casino trips, playing Bingo, attending Phillies ballgames, Fall Fest at Woodbine Developmental Center, Longwood Gardens, sports banquets, monthly bus rides, Special Olympic Dances, and a splendid Halloween Party with all of the traditional costumes, food and games. On October 26th, the Human Awareness and Family Life sponsored "Indian Day", combining clients birthdays for September and October. Special thanks to Dr. Kumari who was a fantastic tour guide. She provided food and clothing which is common to the culture of India for all our clients to enjoy. Staff modeled in a fashion show as Dr. Kumari explained each costume. A tour of India was provided using posters, maps and the flag, along with different articles of Indian culture as Dr. Kumari detailed what part of the country they were native to. Staff and clients enjoyed the food, and every birthday girl received a necklace and bracelet representing Indian colors and cultures, which were made in Zone Activity. Many thanks to all staff in Unit Five who continue to work together for the benefit of all our clients.



### TRAVELING WITH LEE COTTAGE

Submitted by Debbie Groves, STPA/Rec and  
Shirley Miller, STPA/Rec

.....On June 21st, a group of ladies enjoyed the day at the shore having lunch on the "boards" and enjoying the beautiful weather.

.....At the Special Olympics Motor Activities in Princeton, Helen Bennett, from Lee, took first place in the Walking Event.

.....A Monthly Birthday Party as held for June birthdays on June 23rd. The ladies enjoyed cake, ice-cream, punch, and a special watermelon treat.

.....On July 14th, a group of Lee ladies enjoyed a picnic at Batsto Village and a walk along the grounds.

.....It was dinner and a show at the fabulous Three Little Bakers in Delaware. The show was "The Sound of Music" which everyone truly enjoyed.

.....Another summer event enjoyed by Lee ladies was Capp's Day Camp.

.....Also this summer, it was off to Lenape Lake Park for another group of Lee ladies.

.....On August 16th, the clients with birthdays in July and August had a summer bash Birthday Party.

.....The ladies from Lee also enjoyed a Cool Down Day and a Chuckwagon Party during the month of August.

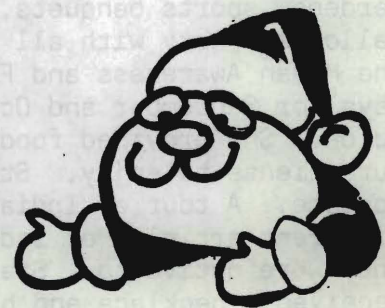
.....Unit III, Lee, Bassett, Giles and Sykes Cottages had a swinging time at the Moose Lodge with Woodbine Developmental Center and Training School gentlemen. A buffet dinner was served and dancing took place all evening!

.....A group of Lee clients took a ride on the Cape May Ferry to Lewes, Delaware and a leisurely drive home on September 13th. We all enjoyed this day.

.....It was off to the Nation's Capital on September 19th. Lee, North and Pond Cottages had the pleasure of cruising to D.C. on a chartered bus and saw all the sights with the assistance of a Step-on Tour Guide. After a busy day, everyone enjoyed a huge meal at Horn & Horn in Townson, Maryland. It was fun and educational for everyone.

.....Lee ladies also enjoyed a trip to Cowtown Rodeo and don't forget the OCTOBERFEST at Woodbine. All in all, it's been a great summer and fall!!!!

# Christmas Greetings



**REEVES COTTAGE CLIPPINGS**

Submitted by Cathy Shawlot and Denise Branin

Reeves Cottage clients have been truly thankful for the use of the PAFA bus. Without this bus, our group shopping trips may not have been a reality. On September 13th, a group of clients went to the Ocean City Boardwalk. They enjoyed shopping in all of the shops and also at the Senior Citizens Craft Show. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at a local Italian restaurant.

Another group of clients enjoyed a shopping trip to the Cumberland Mall on October 18th. After purchases were made, the ladies enjoyed lunch at LaGondola Restaurant. Again, our special thanks to those who made these trips possible!

In November, three clients enjoyed celebrating their birthdays at a local restaurant. They enjoyed dinner and a surprise birthday cake. Afterwards, they went to the local mall where they purchased their own birthday gifts. Everyone had a Birthday Blast!

**MAIN COTTAGE HAPPENINGS**

Submitted by Lillian Bell, STPA

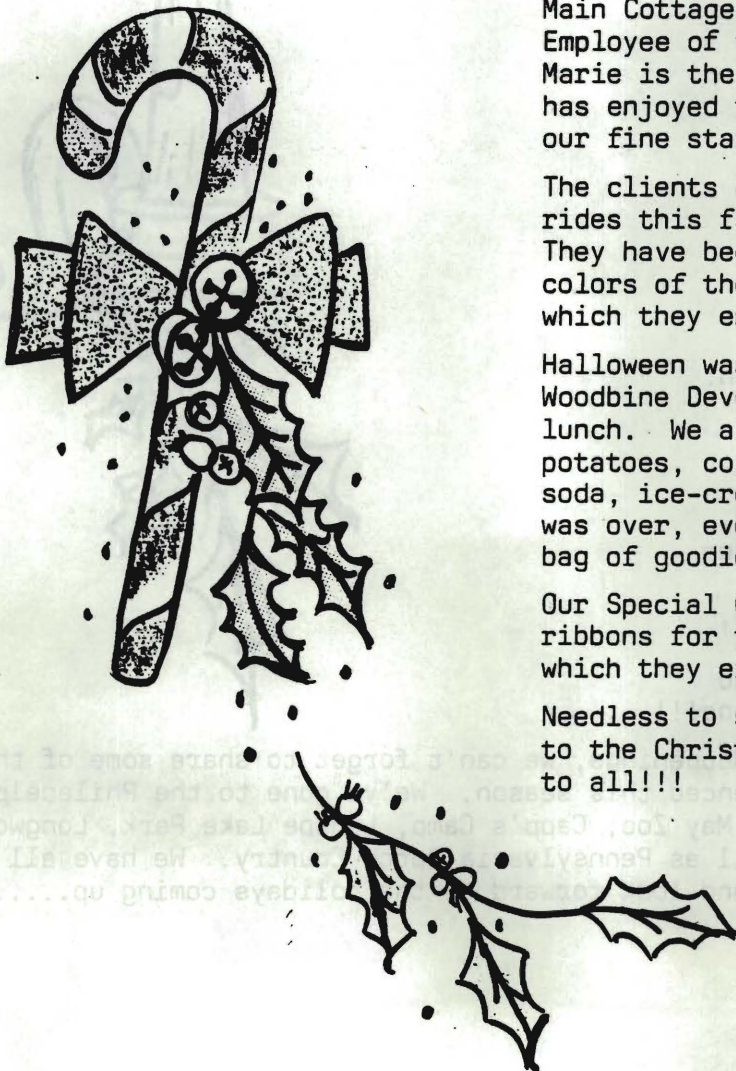
Main Cottage has another staff member named Employee of the Month - Marie Tindall, our LPN. Marie is the third person in our cottage that has enjoyed this honor. We are all proud of our fine staff.

The clients have been treated to several bus rides this fall which they enjoyed very much. They have been fascinated with the changing colors of the leaves and the beautiful scenery which they enjoy.

Halloween was a big day for us all. Clients from Woodbine Developmental Center were our guests for lunch. We all feasted on fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, hot biscuits, rice and beans, soda, ice-cream and cupcakes. When the party was over, everyone received a Trick-or-Treat bag of goodies.

Our Special Olympic clients won many medals and ribbons for their achievements at various sports which they excelled in.

Needless to say, everyone is now looking forward to the Christmas Holidays.....Happy Holidays to all!!!



**WOLVERTON'S HAPPENINGS**

Submitted by Regina Layton, STPA and  
Hannah Matthews, STPA/Rec

On October 23rd, a group of Wolverton ladies enjoyed a trip to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. They visited the Lancaster City Outlet, an Amish farm and village, the Park City Mall, the Wax Museum and enjoyed a meal at Miller's Restaurant. They not only were thrilled with the excursion but everything went smoothly for the clients on this lovely day.

We've had a Baby Boom in Wolverton!!!

Share with us the good news:

DeMarie Mercado - baby boy

Kathleen Bundy - baby boy

Daisy Guadalupe - baby boy

Cathy Bryant - baby boy

Stacy Allen - baby girl

Good luck to all our mothers and babies!!!

Also, good news to those from our area that are on the mend from a sick list:

Miriam Muriel

Frances Richardson

Joyce Bleda

Good health to you all!!!

And we must share the good news of the two recent marriages in Wolverton:

Stacy (Worlock) Allen

Kelly (Kamenski) Brandriff

Good luck and fortune to you!!!

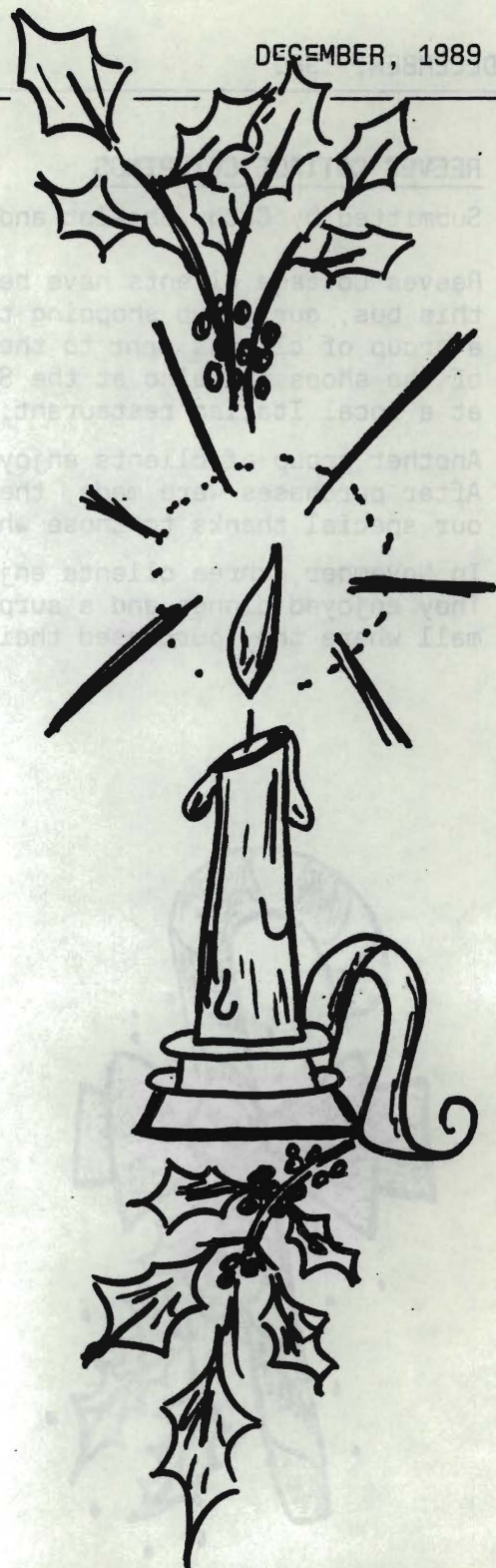
We are losing some great friends and employees to other areas and wish them all the best:

Virginia "Jinx" Ussery, Paula Warner,

Tina Flannery, and Paula Mazzochi

We will miss you but know you will do another fine job in your new positions!!!

Well, along with all the Wolverton Happenings, we can't forget to share some of the summer day trips our clients experienced this season. We've gone to the Philadelphia Zoo, Great Adventure Park, the Cape May Zoo, Capp's Camp, Lenape Lake Park, Longwood Gardens, the Christiana Mall, as well as Pennsylvania Dutch Country. We have all enjoyed a wonderful, active summer and look forward to the holidays coming up.....



DOINGS IN DONAHUE COTTAGE

Submitted by Marta Betances, CTS

On Saturday, September 16th, all our clients from Donahue Cottage were taken to Woodbine Developmental Center for the Fall Fest. It was a rainy day but the weather didn't stop us from doing our job....all 34 clients were out for the day.....and what an outing! Both our clients and our staff were well received by everyone at Woodbine. There were Arts and Crafts to enjoy, delicious foods, wonderful music to dance to. Our rainy day sure turned out to be a sunny day for all of us at the Fall Fest! On behalf of all the staff and clients at Donahue, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone at the Woodbine Developmental Center.

POND COTTAGE ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Shirley Rose, STPA/Rec

The clients of Pond Cottage have enjoyed many activities this past October. Some events were fitness classes, movies, glide-a-rides, as well as some of these others:

.....October 5th, clients enjoyed the OKTOBERFEST sponsored by our Central Recreation Department.

.....October 23rd, the clients went to Glassboro State College for a Halloween Party. Everyone had a great time and one of our clients, Roseanne Salisbury, won a prize for her most original costume.

.....October 26th, the clients invited Lee Cottage, Landis Cottage, and The Training School, to the Halloween Party and Dance held at the Auditorium.

.....October 31st, the clients attended the Costume Contest held in the Auditorium, sponsored by Central Recreation. One of our clients, Susan Leslie, won a prize for the scariest costume. Pond Cottage also won for Overall Best.

As you can see, we sure have been busy, and we intend to stay that way! After all, the best is yet to come.....



## N.J. SPECIAL OLYMPICS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Britt A. Dorian

On August 30, 1989, sixteen Special Olympics athletes and eight coaches from PAFA Group Homes participated in the Second Annual Fishing Competition in Cape May, New Jersey.

This year's event was hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard, and seventy-six boats with full crews and complete equipment volunteered for the more than two hundred special olympians from every corner of New Jersey.

We spent four beautiful hours of fishing. Although the sea was a bit rough, and the fish did not bite too well this year, we still managed to catch a few. Cindy, from Park Avenue Group Home, won a Second Place trophy for her sea bass.

After the fishing and back on shore, we were treated to a picnic, entertainment, awards, and closing ceremonies. We will all remember this incredible day for a long, long time and certainly look forward to next year.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those involved in making this annual event such a wonderful and successful occasion.



LYDIA PARKER, Pacific Avenue Group Home

VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

DECEMBER OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 8, 1989

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony  
(adjacent to the East Campus George  
Barton Thorn Auditorium)  
Sacred Heart High School Choir  
VDC Employees Association Talent Show  
Winners  
Refreshments

Saturday, December 9, 1989

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Vocational Department Arts and Crafts Sales  
(The West Campus Learning Center and  
the East Campus Vocational Building)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All cottages and Vocational Department areas  
on both campuses will be open to  
visitors

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Open House Entertainment  
(The Learning Center - West Campus)  
Welcome by Robert N. Smith, Superintendent  
Employee of the Year Award - West Campus  
Entertainment by VDC Choir  
Announcement of wreath contest winner and  
closing remarks by Virginia Bianchi,  
Assistant Superintendent and Connie  
Ortega, Assistant Supervisor of  
Recreation  
Refreshments and visit by Santa

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Open House Entertainment  
(George Barton Thorn Auditorium - East  
Campus)  
Welcome and announcement of wreath contest  
winner by Rebecca Sutton, Assistant  
Superintendent and Michael J. Gavigan,  
Employees Association Vice President  
Red, White and Blue Band  
Remarks by Robert N. Smith, Superintendent  
Employee of the Year Award  
(East Campus and PAFA Group Homes)  
Entertainment by East Campus Clients and  
Staff  
Entertainment by PAFA Group Home Clients  
and Staff  
Refreshments and visit by Santa

...discussed ...  
...turn this organization into a ...  
...members and have approximately 15 ...  
...to lend us their beautiful voices. We are hoping that the Choir ...  
...will be ready to perform for December Open House. Thank you and ...  
...Good Luck to everyone!!!



**WEST CAMPUS RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

Submitted by Connie Ortega, Assisnat Supervisor

"All the Constitution guarantees is the pursuit of happiness.  
You have to catch up with it by yourself."

Benjamin Franklin



That's what Recreation tries to do -- catch happiness for our clients and hard working staff. We started this fall off with a Septemberfest for all the West Campus clients and staff. The Fest was a campus-wide picnic complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda, watermelon, popcorn, and snowcones. There was plenty of dancing music to move your feet to, provided by D.J. "Red" (Mr. Richard Dixon). We also had a visit from some very special guests -- Bert, Ernie, Big Bird, and Sparky. A special thanks goes to Vera Brown, Debbie Byrne, Cheryl Coleman, and Valarie McClain for volunteering to wear the costumes and to the cottage staff for the huge turnout. The day was very definitely a huge success!

We moved into October and had the Seventeenth Annual VDC Sports Banquet for 54 Special Olympic and Motor Activity Clients. The banquet was very tasty with a menu of sausage and peppers, chicken in lemon sauce, a seafood neuburg, and cheesecake. Mr. Robert Smith, Superintendent, Mrs. Virginia Bianchi and Mrs. Rebecca Sutton, Assistant Superintendents, and Mrs. Charlotte O'Neill, Executive Assistant, presented all the athletes with their ribbons, medals, and trophies. A sincere thanks goes to Food Service Department for a great meal, and a special thanks goes to Cynthia Kidd, Mari Anne Kidd, Joanne Lee, and Paula Ramsey, Senior Recreation Therapy Program Assistants, for putting together this year's banquet. All 153 athletes, staff members, and guests had a pleasant evening.

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Donahue Cottage



Jones Cottage

West Campus Recreation

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Next, the competition and anticipation mounted as each cottage prepared for the Miss VDC Pageant. Once again this year each cottage held a Local Pageant and came up with a finalist to represent the cottage. The winners were:

Miss Allen - Lorraine Duddy  
 Miss Donahue - Kim Taylor  
 Miss Emerlee - Sheila Wilson  
 Miss Fisher - Marie Ratti  
 Miss Grisco - Eleanora Colley  
 Miss Harper - Fawn Hesington  
 Miss Ireland - Mary Brown  
 Miss Jones - Valerie Bell

Then, on Wednesday, October 25th, the Campus Pageant was held in The Learning Center Gymnasium and all eight finalists competed in the Sportswear, Talent, and Evening Wear categories. The winner was **Miss Fisher - Marie Ratti**, and the runner-up was **Miss Jones - Valerie Bell**. Once again, a big thanks must go the dedicated, hard-working Recreation staff who decorated the Gymnasium so beautifully. A special thanks also goes to all the cottage staff who worked so hard with their local Cottage Pageants and to Mr. David Tillman, Mrs. Joyce DeMary, and Mrs. Brenda Patterson, for their entertainment during intermission. The Miss VDC Pageant was a good example of campus teamwork and we should all be extremely proud of the fine effort!

There was still more -- Trick-or-Treat! You cannot beat the Halloween activities that were enjoyed by clients and staff on Tuesday, October 31st. The day started with a Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and the winners were BARBARA ASCOLI (First Place), MARY ANN DOMENICO (Second Place, and CONNIE ORTEGA (Third Place). Then, in the afternoon, a Campus Halloween Party was held wherein two more contests were held. Winners of the Clients' Costume Contest were RENEE FIGUEROA (First Place), SHARON THOMPSON (Second Place), ROSE SCHUMACHER (Third Place), KATHRYN RIDINGS (Fourth Place) and BERTHA STROTHER (Fifth Place). Winning a Special Group Prize were CARMELLA FRATTALI, ELEANORA COOLEY, CAROL BECKMAN, ROSE TOMASZEWSKI, and PATRICIA FERRONI. Winners of the Employees' Costume Contest were JANET SANTUCCI (First Place), DORIS ERGENZINGER (Second Place), CHARLES HOFFMAN (Third Place), GLORIA OJEDA (Fourth Place) and MARY ANN DOMENICO (Fifth Place) A special thanks goes to the VDCEA for providing all the prize money!

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THERE SHE IS..... MISS VDC

**MARIE RATTI**

Fisher Cottage

**West Campus Recreation**

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**IDEAS INTO REALITY**

by Connie Ortega, Assistant Supervisor of Recreation

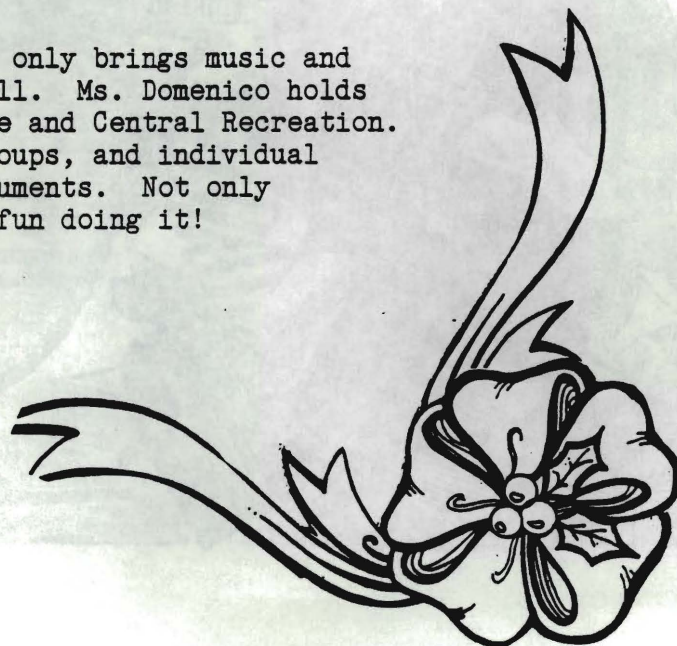
"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

And, the rewards are many when you listen to your staff, because they have good ideas. The latest idea we are turning into a reality is the suggestion given to me by Mrs. Vera Brown, Sr. Therapy Program Assistant from Fisher Cottage, to assemble a West Campus Choir. I discussed this idea with Ms. Mary Ann Domenico, West Campus Music Teacher, and she agreed to work along with me to turn this suggestion into a reality. So far we have held several meetings and have approximately 15 staff members who have agreed to lend us their beautiful voices. We are hoping that the Choir will be ready to perform for December Open House. Thank you and Good Luck to everyone!!!

**MUSIC AND FUN GO HAND-IN-HAND**

by Connie Ortega, Assistant Supervisor of Recreation

Ms. Mary Ann Domenico, Music Teacher, not only brings music and fun to our clients, but she teaches them as well. Ms. Domenico holds her music program once a week with each Cottage and Central Recreation. Ms. Domenico holds sing-alongs, rhythm band groups, and individual client and staff training with the music instruments. Not only are our clients learning, but they are having fun doing it!



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