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WHAT	IS	THE	A	C	P

## WHAT IS THE ACP?

ACP is short for Augmentative Communication Program. Now many of you are asking "What is that?" This is the new program here at the VDC that will help supplement or augment our client's speech/communication.

All of us use augmentative communication techniques such as gestures, eye gaze, facial expressions and smiles. But many of our clients' impairments affect their ability to use many of these standard augmentative communication techniques. The ACP was developed to find those clients whose communication needs cannot be met through speech and standard communication techniques. Then after a lot of training, special augmentative aids and techniques will be developed for those clients with severe expressive communication disorders.

Many of you may know the "star" of our program, Winnie Reimel. Thanks to Winnie's previous speech pathologists, they created an encoding communication board for her to use. This was the first step in opening her world to effective communication. At Landis Cottage, the staff and her friends used this device to communicate with her. Then an evaluation was completed at the Office of Education's Communication Resource Center. The Augmentative Communication Team recommended a "Touch Talker" with Minspeak, which is an electronic device with a voice output. Winnie was so excited to finally have a voice. She memorized a lot of "new" sayings on her Touch Talker during the short six week trial period. She finally received her own in November of 1987. Since that day Winnie has really grown in her communication skills and in many other ways too! She now has a part-time job delivering mail at the Vocational and Daily Living Departments, and she loves to talk to anyone that will take the time to stop and chat with her.

Every client involved in the ACP may not be recommended for an electronic device but they'll be brought to the most effective communication level they can achieve. This may be done through gestures, signing, eye gaze, or communication boards of all types and the hard work of direct care staff, teachers, therapists and all others involved in their communication daily.

Oh, by the way..... the funny pictures that are underneath the title are called PICSYMS. This is one of the many symbol systems that our clients will be using to communicate with you. For a look at some others and the systems too, come over to the Center in the Multipurpose Building, I'll be happy to show it to you!

Myla A. Rhubart, Speech/Language Pathologist



### SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS & VIEWS

#### ICF/MR SURVEY.....

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Congratulations to Vineland Developmental Center staff for your outstanding performance during the recent ICF/MR Survey. It is your consistent effort on a daily basis to meet standards and provide quality active treatment for our clients which has enabled us to achieve so many of our goals and to meet with success during recent inspections. I commend you for your dedication and commitment to Vineland Developmental Center.

#### PAFA DINNER DANCE.....

This year's PAFA Dinner Dance held on August 7, 1988, was a resounding success. Congratulations and thank you on behalf of all Vineland Developmental Center staff to Rudy Gutman and his committee for their outstanding effort in coordinating this event, which has made possible the generous donation of a bus for our clients..

#### PAFA ELECTIONS.....

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Parents and Friends Association:

CARL GOHN, President

MARTHA MYERS, First Vice President

MURIEL GORDON, Second Vice President

REGINA DiMARTINO, Secretary

ANDREA DiMARTINO, Corresponding Secretary

We appreciate yor continued support for our staff and clients.

Robert N. Smith  
Superintendent



**Outstanding Employee of the Month - JULY, 1988**

**FREDA B. BHATTY**, HCTS/Garden Road Group Home, has been selected "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for July, 1988. Freda worked in Bassett and East Cottages before transferring to a position in the Group Homes. Her leadership has resulted in staff cooperation and teamwork to meet client needs, and her innovation and creativity have been evident in the many special activities such as trips to local restaurants, movie theaters, and an outing on the Cape May Ferry, which have been planned for the clients. Freda is to be commended for her ten years of outstanding service as an employee of V.D.C.

**Outstanding Employee of the Month - AUGUST, 1988**

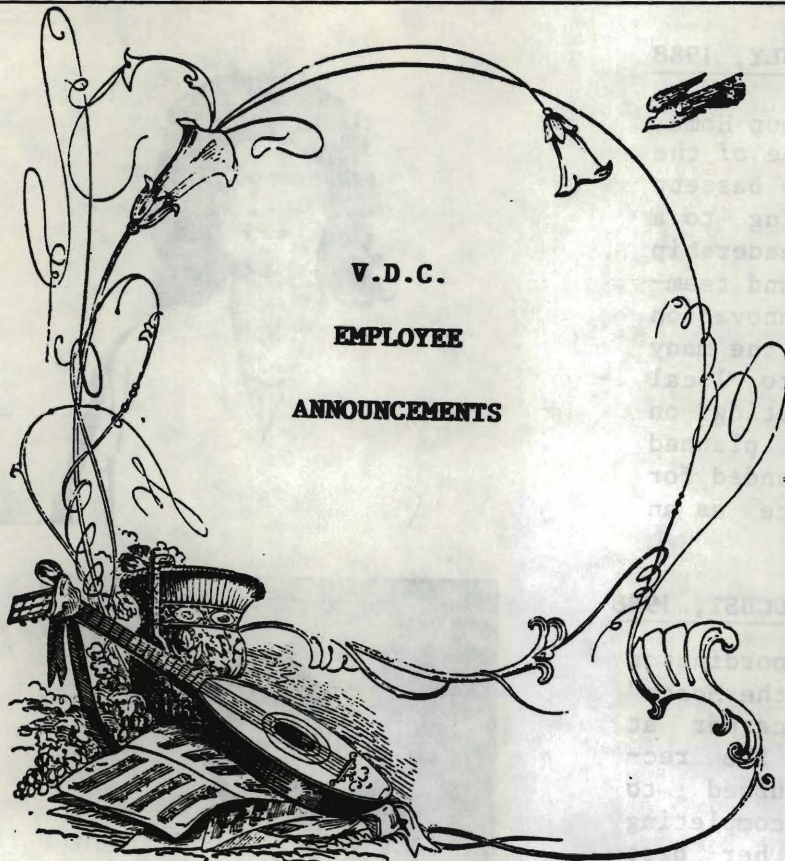
**LOIS GRIFFIN, RN**, Infection Control Coordinator was named "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for August, 1988. Lois began her career at V.D.C. as a laboratory technician. She received a nursing scholarship and returned to V.D.C. as a Registered Nurse after completing her studies. Lois, who puts forth her best effort in all that she undertakes, is now in the midst of planning an Infection Control Fair which will be held in October. Her outstanding performance of her duties as Infection Control Nurse has contributed significantly to the provision of a safe and healthy environment for clients as well as staff.

**Outstanding Employee of the Month - September, 1988**

**EASTER LASHLEY**, CTT/Emerlee Cottage, has been chosen "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for September, 1988. Easter began work at V.D.C. ten years ago in C Cottage. After four years in C Cottage, she transferred to Emerlee Cottage where she works today. Easter demonstrates a positive attitude in the performance of all her duties and can be relied upon to consistently implement client programs. Not only does she exhibit initiative on the job, but she takes time from her schedule to visit the clients on holidays and to serve as a sponsor for an Emerlee Cottage client as well. Congratulations to Easter for her outstanding service to V.D.C.'s clients.







**V.D.C.  
EMPLOYEE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Marriages

Anna (Bell) Reissek, Ireland  
Edward Connelly, Pond  
Lucrezia (DiFiore) Krolikowski, Fisher  
Catherine Reddick-Rowe, West  
Eileen (Landsdorf) Ringer, Voc/W-C  
Jacqueline (Pendola) Colon, Kimble  
Lisa (Mercoli) Pancheri, Hospital  
Shirley Woodard, Main  
Cynthia (Jenkins) Kidd, Rec/W-C  
Bonnie (Weary) Pierce, Chimes Terr GH

### Births

John Downey, North (boy)  
Jennifer Hoffman, Fisher (girl)  
Diane Locke, Hspkg (girl)  
Shirley Selby, Grisco (boy)  
Mildred Whittaker, Food Serv (girl)  
Bertha Forchion, Bassett (boy)  
Luz Garcia, Jones (girl)  
Fernanda Lane, Fisher (boy)  
Thomas Lane, Central Hspkg (boy)  
Kimberly Bogart, Sykes (boy)

### Deaths

Linda Black, Grisco (husband)  
Ida Garlic, Landis (father)  
Grace Heggs, Hospital (sister)  
Dominic Surace, Grisco (father)  
Mildred Whittaker, Food Serv (mother)  
Martha Butler, Ireland (mother)  
Florence Decker, Maurice GH (mother)  
Pam Jackson, HPS/W-C (father)  
Easter Lashley, Emerlee (brother)  
Ida Marchiney, Educ/W-C (brother)  
Margaret McIntyre, Allen (father)  
Jean Zee, Admin/W-C (mother)  
Beverly Brooks, North (father)  
Kris DeSai, Lee (brother)  
Josephine Duboski, Hospital (brother)  
Cecile Evans, Hspkg (mother)  
Gloria Franceschini, WRC (sister)  
Edna Grant, Allen (brother)  
Thelma Gould, Unit III (father)  
Arlene Isihos, Unit II (father)  
Peggy Peyton, Jones (brother)  
Alice Sutter, MIC (sister)  
Ola Scott, Fisher (daughter)  
Jean Kleiner, Vocation (mother)  
Bette Gerula, Dietary (mother)

### Retirements/Resignations

Barbara Dale, Hspkg/W-C (9 yrs)  
Martin Gillette, Hspkg (7 yrs)  
Sandra Langley, WRC (5 yrs)  
Marvin Pierce, Hspkg (7 yrs)  
Alfred Rimann, Hspkg (9 yrs)  
Vernese Smith, Hosp (11 yrs)  
Envetha Batts, North (8 yrs)  
Joseph Barr, Maint (37 yrs - Ret)  
Rogelio Negron, Hspkg (15 yrs - Ret)  
Irene Ragone, Bus Off (26 yrs - Ret)  
Josephine Ross, Fisher (20 yrs - Ret)  
Perry Lois Thompson, Lee (8 yrs - Ret)  
Shirlene Davis, West (10 yrs)  
Delores Marsh, East (7 yrs)  
Tanya Maurelli, Food Serv (9 yrs)  
Lillian Miller, North (17 yrs)  
James O'Rourke, Food Serv (6 yrs)  
Sandra Price, West (7 yrs)  
Toni Taylor, East (7 yrs)  
Robin Wilton, West (6 yrs)  
Dorothy Wilson, RN/HPC (11 yrs.-Ret)



**EMPLOYEE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.....**

Vineland Developmental Center is very unique in that it encompasses two separate campuses with varied populations and geographical layout. Recently a suspected fire emergency situation occurred at an East Campus building during regular administrative hours. All procedural steps were correctly instituted, but from some of the responding employees, came feedback that suggested emphasizing VDC employees' roles during such emergencies.

All responsibilities for certain personnel in an emergency are outlined in the Institutional Fire Procedure (5.2.26), but I would like to spell out the general tasks of all responding staff to the building in need of assistance. The most important thing is to follow the very basic directions outlined on the Fire Signal Charts which should be posted throughout areas of the buildings. "Rubber-necking" should not be used as a reason to respond to an on-grounds emergency. Personnel who are required to respond, as outlined in our emergency response plans, should be there to assist in whatever way they are directed to by persons who have taken a "commanding position" at the scene.

There were two specific areas of weakness, involving responding personnel that occurred during the East Campus incident, that were brought to my attention. As you arrive at the location, remember the importance of maintaining accessibility of the roadways and not crowding the immediate area of the incident.

Our roads are not the standard width of public thoroughfares, therefore, all efforts should be exhausted to maintain them unobstructed from groups of people and/or vehicles (personal or State). Emergency personnel, responding to a scene, would much rather be concentrating their thoughts on the situation and how best to handle it, than spending wasteful time looking for an access to the building location or scene because of obstructed roadways. All employees required to respond should assemble far enough away not to be obstructive but within an area close enough to be called upon for assistance when and if needed.

These areas of concern were the only two that had consistently been brought to my attention, immediately after the incident on the East Campus. I know that improvement can be expected in any future incidents that may occur at either Campus.

We are very fortunate that Vineland Developmental Center has not experienced any major incidents, but we must be prepared to handle them when and if they occur. The participation and cooperation I have seen at the Facility during minor incidents reflects a caring attitude that all Vineland Developmental Center employees should be proud of.

**YOUR ATTITUDE IS THE KEY**  
to the smooth operation of your facility's fire safety plan.

**LEARN YOUR ASSIGNMENT**  
Study the fire safety plan for your facility. Be sure you know exactly what to do, step-by-step. If you have any questions, discuss them with your supervisor.

**COOPERATE WITH OTHERS**

Members of the staff must work together. Encourage your co-workers to take their responsibilities seriously, and work with them in drills and training programs.

**OFFER YOUR SUGGESTIONS**

In the course of your work, you may find safety hazards. If so, report them immediately. Don't be afraid to share your ideas on how to improve the fire safety plan.



**STAY ALERT --**  
never take fire safety for granted.

Submitted by:  
GLENN FRANZOI  
Safety Officer/Fire



# **VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION**

.....**POST TIME!!!** The VDCEA sponsored a trip to Atlantic City Race Track on August 15th. The bus was abuzz with the enthusiastic racing fans exchanging the tips for selecting first place horses. One race was dedicated to the VDCEA and the winning jockey was presented a trophy by Vito Ingerto and Bobbi Thomas. Due to the wild applause, everyone knew where the rest of the VDC group was sitting. The ride home was much quieter. Why?? Everyone was counting their winnings, of course!!

.....**PLEASE NOTE** that the Canteen at the West Campus (basement of Brown Cottage) is really shaping up thanks to the efforts of Jane Clark and Bobbi Thomas. New blinds, pictures, television and a microwave are already in place. Also, a very nice seating arrangement has been delivered. Still on the list of things to come are air conditioning and new tables and chairs.

.....**FLASH!!** Be on the lookout for flyers announcing the October VDCEA sponsored activities. Last year's "Count the Candy Corn Contest" was a big hit and drew a lot of entries. Make sure you check those bulletin boards!



## **INFECTION CONTROL**

Come to our **INFECTION CONTROL AWARENESS DAYS** and learn what can be done to help our clients, our families and ourselves.

There will be handouts, games, puzzles and prizes, information and videos on immunizations, diseases and food preparation. Refreshments will be available.

Our Foster Grandparents will be holding a Bake Sale and we'll have a demonstration of the "GLO GERM".

A poster contest is being held with 6 cash prizes totaling \$200.00, donated by the Employees Association.

Please come and join the fun, while you learn your role in Infection Control.

Wednesday October 19, 1988 - W/C TLC Gym - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday October 20, 1988 - E/C Auditorium - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**THE ROLE OF THE HOSPITAL SOCIAL WORKER**

Submitted by: Georgina Gaughran, ASWS

Ever wonder just what it is the Hospital Social Worker does?

The monthly admissions to the Hospital average about 60 clients. The Hospital Social Worker must see each client within two working days of the admission and prepare a detailed social history, including the reason for the admission, client and family information and a needs assessment, also within the two-day time frame.

The interim assessments are done on any client who has been hospitalized over 90 days in order to reevaluate their need for Social Service intervention.

The rounds are made in "A" Wing and "B" Wing on a weekly basis in order to increase communication between Social Services and the medical staff regarding discharge planning.

The Social Worker also maintains contact with other departments within the Division in order to assist with discharge planning for community clients to community placements, institutions and nursing homes. Discharge planning is provided for VDC clients who are returning to their cottages, and referrals are made for ICF placement at the physician's request.

Liaison services is another important aspect of the job. Liaison services are provided when clients are transferred from our Hospital to community-based hospitals for specialized treatment. The Social Worker also acts as the liaison between the clients and their families and Hospital staff. The Social Worker may be asked to address any concerns which they have regarding Hospital care, treatment, or special equipment. The Social Worker also assists clients in maintaining contact with family and friends through telephone calls, letters and visits. If any client is involved with a community agency, the Social Worker provides liaison services.

Through a cooperative effort between Hospital Social Services and Central Recreation, Religious Services were established on a monthly basis for Hospital clients and staff. If any Hospital client wishes to attend the Client Council meetings or go off-grounds on trips, it is the Hospital Social Worker who obtains the physician's permission and usually escorts the client.

Besides all of the above, the Social Worker is a member of various committees within the Hospital. Hopefully, everyone now has a better understanding of what the Hospital Social Worker does.

**MY JOB AS A SUPERVISOR**

Submitted by: Gladys Whittington, HCTS/Harper Cottage

To be a good supervisor you must have high standards and set goals to be attained by staff in a cooperative manner. This is not an easy task. Staff must be motivated. They must also be able to grasp and feel what you are trying to do.

I've always felt that the clients deserved the very best that I could give them or obtain for them, whether through supportive services or otherwise. It means looking at the environment, both inside and outside of the living area and trying to create a loveable, colorful area for them. It means looking at the clients' clothing to see if it is appropriate in style, color, size, etc. In other words, "Would I wear this or allow my children to do so?". It means being able to speak to, hug, or relate to, these clients who ask for so little, but are accepting of our "Active Treatment". It means being able to relate to your staff on all levels. At times, being a good listener, offering advice or referral for counseling as needed. To sum it up... going home at the end of the day feeling that you have accomplished some good today!



Congratulations to the Vineland Developmental Center Hospital staff for their participation award from the National Disaster Medical System. The award, presented by Michael P. Krawchuk, Federal Coordinator of the project, is for the state-wide disaster drill held in April. Our Hospital has agreed to provide Medical Care for Domestic Disaster victims that exceed the available local medical resources. Each VDC employee pictured also received a NDMS pin presented by Lee Stokes, VDC Coordinator of the NDMS Program.



#### TRANSITION HOME TO RE-OPEN

Submitted by  
Dee Taylor  
Social Worker, Unit II

The re-opening of the West Campus Transitional Project has been scheduled for September 13, 1988. During the year activities were focused on increasing and enhancing socialization skills, self-help skills which included meal preparation and housekeeping, and recreational activities. Clients who attend our Project appear to enjoy themselves. The benefits from our efforts can be observed from the client interactions that transpire.

Visitors are welcome, however, we do encourage advising staff of the day and time of your visit. Visitors may contact Cheryl Webster at ext. #6269, or Dee Taylor at ext. #6875.



.....CLIENT ACTIVITIES.....**NEW JERSEY SPECIAL OLYMPICS FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Submitted by  
**Britt A. Dorian**  
and  
**LaRue Cheesman**

Four PAFA Group Homes, Arbor Avenue, Brewster Road, Park Avenue, and Post Road, participated in the First Annual Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Cape May Marlin and Tuna Club on August 31st. Five chaperones and eight clients participated in the trip.

Four gloriously sunny hours on "Miss Cape May" were spent with Captain Bob and his crew who spared no effort to ensure we had a great time. After fishing instructing by the crew, we began! Everyone caught at least one fish. Cindy from Park Avenue got the most....nine flounders!!! Surprisingly, fishing makes you hungry and boxed lunches from the Lobster House were a welcome treat.

Many people need to be thanked for their help in providing this outing. We are immensely grateful to the Cape May Marlin and Tuna Club for planning the day, the South Jersey Marina who hosted the event and provided facilities for the picnic and awards ceremony following the tournament, Penn Reels for donating a rod and reel to each client, and the Coast Guard who provided a safety escort for the 104 fishing boats.

It was a truly unforgettable day! To enjoy the fruits of their labor, Brewster Road Group Home hosted a fish-fry luncheon for all staff and clients who had participated. Randy Cerana, Group Home Administrator, attended as our guest of honor. Everyone looks forward to next year's event!

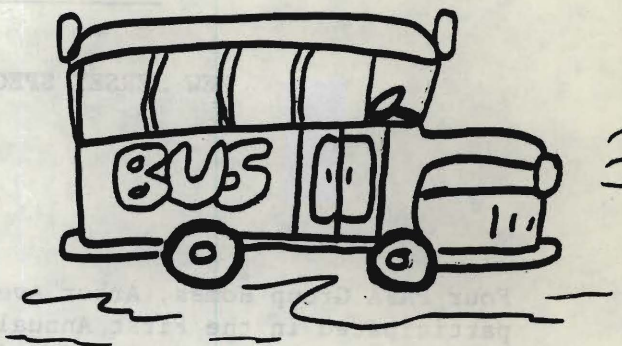


**SUSIE LOFCAN, Arbor Avenue Group Home**



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UPON REACHING A GOAL****Submitted by****Connie Ortega, Assistant Supervisor/Recreation**

For several years, one of the goals of the VDC was to get a vehicle to transport more than two or four non-ambulatory clients at one time. Well, thanks to the VDC/PAFA and the hard work of those who sold raffle tickets, our goal was reached. The new bus holds 16 ambulatory and 10 non-ambulatory clients, and is air-conditioned for hot summer days.



The bus arrived on campus on July 12, 1988. Upon arrival, the bus key was turned over to VDC staff members. Tours of the bus were followed by a luncheon enjoyed by members of the Parents and Friends Association and VDC staff.

Since the arrival of the bus, two nice events occurred. The first was having the bus seats fitted with plastic covers for easy cleaning. After that, the bus took to the road with great success. East and West Campus clients have enjoyed trips to Great Adventure, the Cherry Hill Fair, several trips to the Philadelphia Zoo, trips to Cape May, and excursions to the local malls and parks. The bus is scheduled every Thursday and Friday at the West Campus; and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the East Campus. Weekend and evening trips have also been planned for the total enjoyment of our clients.

Many thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for a truly wonderful gift!!!

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well received and an article, complete with photographs, was published in the Atlantic City Press on July 28th. Staff from the Woodbridge Developmental Center again visited our open house and were invited to participate in a one-day event bringing clients from that agency for a day of activities in the Stockton program. This was highly successful and created an enthusiasm with the Woodbridge staff to initiate this type of program within their developmental facility.

We are looking forward to next summer with the hopes of increasing the length of the program to eight (8) weeks and having day trips each Saturday. This would increase the number of clients in having the opportunity to participate in the program with both day and evening activities.

Dr. Richard W. Nice  
Clinical Psychologist I



**VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER  
STOCKTON SUMMER PROGRAM  
FINAL REPORT 1988**

Two hundred and six clients from the Vineland Developmental Center enjoyed a summer vacation on the grounds of the Stockton State College Campus living in rented student apartments. This program, now in its seventh year, is designed to introduce community living experiences, promote socialization and increase community awareness to our clients, hopefully resulting in successful community placement in group homes. The current program took place over a period of six weeks beginning on June 27, 1988 (Monday) and ending on August the 5th, 1988 (Friday). This year the program ran seven days and evenings of each week with both the Almond Road and Landis Avenue Campuses participating. An added experience this year was three Saturday day trips designed to meet the needs of increased requests for participation in the program. On site supervision of the program was provided by West Campus Mental Health staff. This year a Social Service Worker was also assigned full time from the East Campus for supervision and Social Service coordination.

As in previous years, in order to operate the program the institution rents two student apartments on the Campus of the Stockton State College. Each apartment consists of two bedrooms, one which is used for staff who remain overnight and the other for three overnight clients. Each apartment also has a living room, dining area and kitchen. The apartments are air conditioned and are side by side and located on the first floor in order that the clients with disabilities may be accommodated. The program involves a group of six clients leaving at approximately 9:00 AM and remaining two nights, (Monday & Tuesday) and returning to the institution late Wednesday. On that same day (Wednesday), a second group leaves the institution remaining Wednesday & Thursday and returning Friday. The third group leaves the institution Friday morning and remains over the weekend, returning Monday. This "leap frog" scheduling provides for continual participation of clients in the apartments. Day trips leave the institution at approximately 9:00 AM on Tuesday and Thursdays and return by 3:00 PM on the same day. Three Saturday trips were also tried this year which met with complete success.

In order to meet the needs of clients participating in the program, two 15 passenger vans are leased for daily and evening activities. Also there are two color televisions rented, one for each apartment, to provide visual recreation in the evening hours and for inclement weather. Meals are provided family style and cooked by staff members within the apartment setting with most meals being taken in the court immediately outside the apartments. Dining out however, at local restaurants is a pleasing experience for the clients and they enjoy it at least one time each group's stay. Each client that participated in the overnight phase of the program had \$35.00 withdrawn from their personal account to be used for spending money. Day visitors withdrew \$15.00 from their account for spending money during their day activities.



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Activities available on both the campus and surrounding areas included day trips to the village at Smithville, Ocean City, Brigantine, Atlantic City and frequent nature walks located on the campus as well as various outdoor activities including numerous luncheons and dinner barbecues in the courtyard outside the apartments. These activities were available to both day and "overnighters". Those clients remaining for the three day period had an additional opportunity to visit the beach at Atlantic City and explore Ocean One Mall which is used extensively during our program as it provides a glass enclosed elevator and deck overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. It also provides a source of recreational activities and amusement in inclement weather. Clients had opportunities to listen to band concerts, dined at several restaurants and visited numerous ice cream parlors during their visits. Some clients had visits from family members who are notified of their relatives' participation in the program in advance. Participants in the program also attended local movies and the use of the Lewis Delaware Ferry for boat trips between New Jersey and Delaware with a picnic lunch on board.

Over the past seven years we have been welcomed by numerous casinos in the Atlantic City area. Our clients have an opportunity to visit lounges where they are served cocktails consisting of non-caffeine sodas or "Shirley Temples". While there they are entertained by the performing bands and many members of these entertainment groups have visited with the clients making a special attempt to entertain them, sign autographs and make them welcome. Those clients who are of age and able, are given an opportunity to play the slot machines with some then realizing a return for their investment. This was guarded jealously and many times brought back to the institution upon their return.

This year's program involved two hundred six (206) clients from both the Almond Road and Landis Avenue Campuses. This includes ninety-nine (99) clients who remained overnight and one hundred seven (107) who participated in the day trip program. These clients were from eighteen (18) living units with over sixty-five (65) different cottage persons remaining overnight at different times during the vacation period. Many of these staff members offered service on more than one occasion and some of them on their own time without remuneration.

Besides the cottage staff there were numerous support individuals who help make the program successful such as Social Services, Mental Health, Nursing, Recreation and Secretarial support staff. Also administrators in Food Service, Clothing, Laundry, Central Storeroom and Unit Clerical staff as well as the Business Office all contributed to help make the program run smoothly.

An open house was held on July 14th for the second year in which administrative staff from both this institution and community organizations were invited to attend to view the activities and living arrangements that our clients enjoyed. This year's open house program was

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**LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CENTRAL RECREATION!!!!**

Submitted by: Retta Burch, Asst. Supervisor/Recreation

**Cohanzick Zoo Discovery Program.....**

Beginning 8/18/88 to 9/15/88, Ms. Dee Pinkerton, from the Cohanzick Zoo, will be presenting a "DISCOVERY PROGRAM" in the following cottages: Bassett, Reeves, Sykes, Pond, Landis, Kimble, Lee, Main, West, East, Giles, North, Regan, Cross, and Wolverton. On 9/8/88, the Central Recreation will host the program in the Auditorium for all clients. She has several animals on hand and her presentation includes total explanation and discription of the animals. At the conclusion of her presentation, she allows the clients, at their own will, to come forward and pet, touch, etc. the animal. Our clients and staff have been very interested in the program and seem to enjoy their weekly "visitors"!

**Sports Program.....**

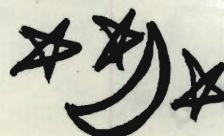
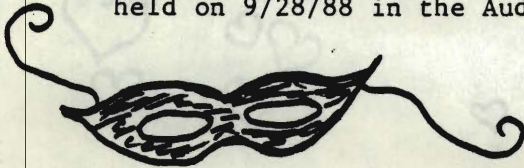
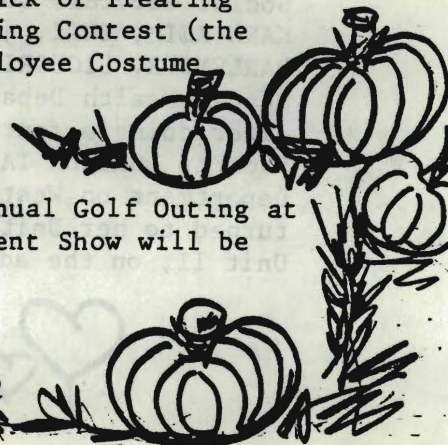
Clients enjoyed a fishing trip on 8/31/88 at Cape May for deep sea fishing on equipped fishing boats sponsored by New Jersey Special Olympics. The Central Recreation Department took a trip to Sea Isle City for "crabbing" with our clients. A first and new experience! In September, the following programs will begin a new season: Physical Fitness, Swimming, Bowling, Volleyball...in addition to Developmental Sports. On Saturday, 9/10/88, New Jersey Special Olympics will sponsor a Softball Tournament at Magnolia Road Park, Vineland. Mr. Ingerto is coordinator.

**Fall Programming.....**

Many special large group activities are on tab for this Fall on East Campus. On 9/14/88, COOL DOWN/FUN DAY was held behind the Multi-Purpose Building. Clients were invited from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm to enjoy sprinklers, snow cones, custard, popcorn, and other refreshments. On 9/21/88, CAPPS DAY CAMP DAY was held for 428 clients from both East and West Campus. On 10/6/88, OCTOBERFEST, will take place at the Auditorium parking lot. It will be converted to a "German Festival" theme to include band, decorations, hot dogs, birch beer, and sauerkraut. On Tuesday, 10/18/88, the Sixteenth Annual Sports Banquet is tentatively scheduled to be held in the East Campus Auditorium to give recognition to clients who have participated in Special Olympic events, to include Developmental Sports competition. September also begins our Popcorn Video programming in the Multi-Purpose Building giving our clients the opportunity to enjoy this activity in the evening hours. Halloween is our drawing board with activities like: Chiller Thriller Ghoulie Bash, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Costume Judging Contest, and Trick-or-Treating scheduled. The VDCEA will sponsor an Employee Pumpkin Decorating Contest (the pumpkins are displayed in the clients' Dining Room) and an Employee Costume Judging Contest.

**VDC/Employees Association/Central Recreation.....**

In addition to the Halloween activities, we coordianted the Annual Golf Outing at Centerton Country Club. Also, the Fifth Annual Employees Talent Show will be held on 9/28/88 in the Auditorium, East Campus.

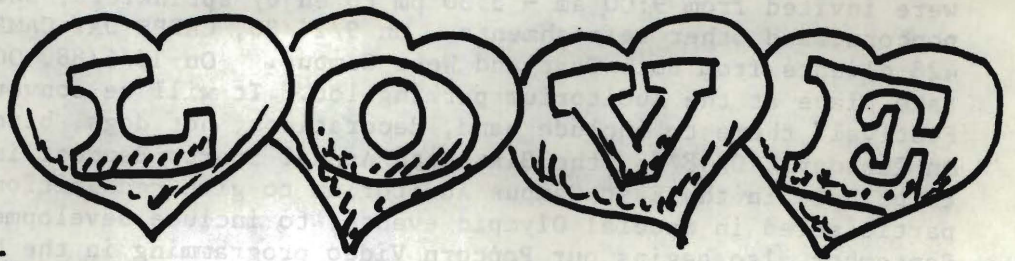




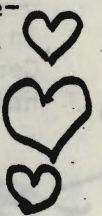
**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS.....****Submitted by Joan Achey, Supervisor FGP**

The exciting news in our program is that since the beginning of July we are no longer the Foster Grand-Parent Program. We are the FOSTER GRANDPARENT/SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM. After several years of planning, we hired the first Senior Companion at VDC on July 1st. The second S.C. started two weeks later, and plans are to have five Senior Companions working by the end of the year.....Many readers, I'm sure, are wondering what the Senior Companion Program is and why we're so happy to have it here at VDC.....The Senior Companion Program lets us recruit low-income senior citizens to work one-on-one with our older (over 21) clients.....The combination of Foster Grandparents, who work with clients under age 21, and Senior Companions, who work with those clients over 21, allows us to provide companionship services to a much larger percentage of clients at VDC. We no longer have to deny a request for a client to have a "granny" simply because the client is too old.....You'll recognize Senior Companions by the gold smocks they wear (that is, they will be wearing them as soon as our order arrives!).....

Do you know anyone who is over 60, low-income, retired, bored? If they have love to give and the willingness to share it, send them our way!!!! We're looking for a few special people who have lots of love to share and 20 hours a week to spare. In return, these people will receive the personal fulfillment of helping someone who needs them, plus a stipend of \$2.20/hour, travel reimbursement or free transportation, paid vacation, sick time, free lunch, and the chance to meet and work with people their own age who continue to remain physically and mentally active during their retirement years.....Please have anyone interested in our program call (609) 696-6105.

**SOCIAL SERVICES.....****Submitted by Georgina Gaughran, ASWS**

Social Services would like to welcome three new Social Workers to its ranks: KARA KEIM, SWII, joined our staff in May, 1988. She is assigned to Unit I..... DARLENE R. LIGUORI, SWII, has been assigned to Unit IV. She comes to us from the Mental Health Department on West Campus. She began working in the Unit on 8/15/88, after doing a fantastic job with the Stockton Project this summer.....Welcome back to DORINDA TAYLOR, SWII, who, like Darlene, comes to us from the Mental Health Department on West Campus. She is the former Unit II Social Worker and has returned to her Unit.....Congratulations are extended to JANCIE M. BONO, SWII, Unit II, on the adoption of her son, JOHN NICHOLAS BONO!!!!!!





**VOLUNTEER SERVICES DEPARTMENT.....****Submitted by Carole Braida, Supervisor**

The donation room is currently located in the basement of the Multi-Purpose Building. Miscellaneous items are kept on hand, such as costume jewelry, pocketbooks, cards, stuffed animals, assorted toiletries and magazines. We can usually help out when supplies are needed for client programs, recreational activities and special events.....The Volunteer Services Office has been receiving many questions regarding items to be donated. The most popular supplies that we get requests for are: toiletries, pantyhose, cosmetics, playing cards, construction paper, crayons/markers, wrapping paper (both Christmas and all occasion), greeting cards, and puzzles (100 pieces or less).....Anyone having items to donate should call the Volunteer Services Office at 696-6050. All donations are cheerfully accepted and acknowledgements made.....Thanks to the efforts of Mel Phillips of the United Way of Cumberland County, VDC was the recipient of a most generous donation from the Anheuser-Busch Co. Sweatshirts, tee-shirts, plastic cups, and camp shirts are all emblazoned with "SPUDS - THE PARTY ANIMAL". Also included in the bounty were jockey hats, foam puzzles, sweaters, key chains, aprons, and paper supplies. This generous donation will supply prizes and gifts for many activities from "COOL DOWN DAY" to ST. PADDY'S DAY parties. THANKS A BUNCH MEL!!!!!!!!!!!!

**UNIT I.....****Submitted by Peggy Peyton, HCTS/Jones and Margaret Tunis, HCTS/Allen**

OUR DAY AT BALTIMORE HARBOR.....At 9:00 am on 9/7/88, eight clients and four employees from Allen Cottage, and nine clients and four employees from Jones Cottage boarded a mini-bus and back-up van, and took off for Baltimore Harbor. We stopped at Roy Rogers in Delaware to eat and freshen up for the balance of the trip. We arrived at Baltimore Harbor just after noon and we were met by a tour guide who informed us of the different tours available. The decision was made to tour the Aquarium. The first level was an open ocean tank of large sharks, whales, and sawfish. Levels 2 and 3 contained many different kinds of tropical fish. On level 4 we observed the puffins, murres, and razorbills who demonstrated their unusual ability to fly under water in search of food. The level outside was surrounded by harbor seals and large grey seal basks. We observed reptiles, birds and sloths. The clients were able to touch and rub many of the birds.....At 3:00 pm, the group found themselves seated at Phillip's Harbor Place for a delicious seafood meal and ice cream. Afterwards, we headed for the Shopping Plaza. At 5:45 pm, we boarded the bus to return home. All agreed that it was a beautiful trip and a memorable day enjoyed by everyone!!!!





IRELAND COTTAGE.....

submitted by Debbie Matthews, LPN  
and Jean Zee, RN/SNS

Thanks to the flowing efforts of DCS and Nursing, the Ireland clients are bubbling with good cheer and good hygiene this summer.....Their hot, humid days have been spent in the swirling comfort of the new whirlpool bath..... Happy smiles replace frowning discomfort as the clients take turns soaking their problems away.....Uncomfortable rashes and pressure areas are floated down the drain along with the soothing bath suds.....The beneficial and stimulating effects are evident as treatments decrease, sensory awareness increases and contractures begin to relax. The "I" team is Proud and Happy!!!!

OUR WHIRLING WHIRLPOOL

Submitted by

Sandy Dillon, HCTS/Ireland

Ireland's Whirlpool is a Whirl,

As the Suds Begin To Swirl.

The Smiles are Large

The Skin Aglow

As the Swirling Suds of the Whirlpool Flow.

The Nursing Staff and Direct Care Crew

Have insured the rashes are few.

As benefits in fact increase,

Pressure Sores are on the Decrease.

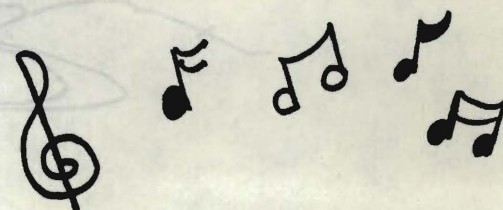
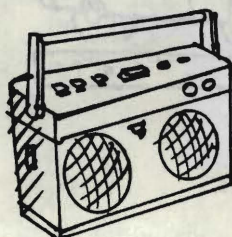
So When the Swirling Comforts Through

Ireland Staff says "THIS SUD'S FOR YOU".

GRISCO COTTAGE.....

SUBMITTED BY B. J. Maven, HCTS/Grisco

"1950-60 FLING DAY".....On August 22nd, Grisco staff hosted a "1950-60 FLING SOCK HOP" for Grisco clients. Musical memories, such as "Blueberry Hill", "Charlie Brown", "Mashed Potato", just to name a few, rang throughout the cottage. Toasting hits from the 50-60 music era brought back great memories.....Clients also watched movies reflecting the 50-60's, also, videos such as "LaBamba" and "Grease" were viewed by the clients.....Clients engaged in outdoor activities. Some used the sliding boards, others used the swings. There was also a mini-flea market where small items were sold.....All in all it was a day that will be remembered for quite some time by staff and clients alike.





**RASSETT COTTAGE.....****Submitted by Karin Possumato**

Cheryl Bowser, HPC, joined our staff on August 3rd. She is taking the place of Dorothy Wilson, who just recently retired. Ms. Bowser had been an HPC on West Campus since 1982. Welcome Aboard!!

**GILES COTTAGE.....****Submitted by Karin Possumato**

We have a new HCTS! Since the end of June, Mary Anne Kuloszewski is now the HCTS in Giles Cottage. Welcome Aboard!!

**KIMBLE COTTAGE.....****Submitted by Elizabeth Hanson**

Kimble clients have been enjoying fresh "Home Grown" salads this summer.....Tomatoes, Peppers, and Cucumbers have been grown in our center court yard garden. Under the direction of Joann Reamer, STPA, clients have helped plant, water, weed, and watch everything grow. Now they are enjoying the best part..... a big fresh salad with their meals. They have also planted many beautiful flowers which add to their enjoyment while sitting in the center court, or just looking out the windows.

**MAIN COTTAGE.....****Submitted by Lillian Bell**

The clients from Main Cottage have been very busy this summer....Some of the activities were trips to the Baltimore Harbor, the Circus in Philadelphia, Stockton College, and Atlantic City. In Atlantic City they strolled the Boardwalk and had dinner at Ocean One.....The main event of the summer was the Cottage Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the Bar-B-Que Ribs, Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Watermelon, and Soda.....They also enjoyed going on weekly bus rides and the Glider-Ride around campus. Each Thursday they went to the Multi-Purpose Building to watch current movie hits and classes provided by Central Recreation. The clients from Main Cottage had a wonderful summer full of activity and excitement.





**NORTH COTTAGE.....****Submitted by Maria Gaines**

OUR TRIP TO BALTIMORE HARBOR.... June 22nd was an exciting day for the clients of North, Main and East Cottages.....All three cottages were extremely excited and very much prepared for a great time and there weren't any disappointments. It was an event that was enjoyable for all who attended. The cruise around the Harbor was geat, but the main focus on the trip was the Aquarium.... "It was fascinating to see the different types of fish and also to see that our clients were able to point when they saw the different species of fish" stated Maria Gaines, Recreation Coordinator of North Cottage. They particularly enjoyed the larger fish, which included the sharks and the seals, which were outside of the Aquarium. There were souvenirs from pennants, to model seals, as well as hats, and shirts with the inscriptions commemorating the Baltimore Harbor. We look forward to making this an annual event!!!

**NEWS FROM THE T.L.C.....****Submitted by Lynette Smith**

Wednesday, August 3rd, was the date for "A Day At The Country Fair" held in the Learning Center Gym. All SFEA staff pitched in to make it a memorable day for our students. Booths of different activities were set up around the gym for the enjoyment of all. MaryAnn Domenico and her staff got the day off to a hilarious start with their puppet show rendition of the Abbott and Costello comedy skit "Who's On First?". Shirley Ludwick played Musical Wheelchairs, a game especially appreciated by our non-ambulatory students. Diane Livingston and her staff were surrounded by balloons in their game of "Pop The Balloon". Students delighted in the loud pops made by the breaking balloons. Denise Conaway and her staff manned two booths to test the throwing skills of the students. Students "fed" the hungry frog by tossing plastic bowling pins into his mouth. In the other game, students tossed rubber balls through plastic hula hoops. Lynette Smith created clowns with a face painting booth, and painted small tattoos on those students desiring to be decorated with the likes of butterflies, hearts, and flowers.....No Country Fair would be complete without prizes and refreshments. Sue Gainfort made arrangements for refreshments to satisfy everyone's taste buds. Students were provided with soda, punch, ice cream with jimmies, snow cones, and pop corn. Prizes were obtained from the Volunteer Services Office.....Thanks to all who participated to make this a special day for clients and staff!!!!!!





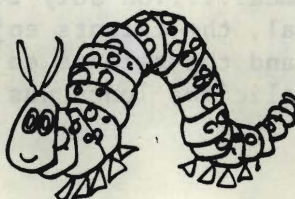
**NEWS FROM UNIT V.....****Submitted by P. K. Simpkins**

Unit Five staff and clients have survived another hot summer and look forward to fall. Pond cottage clients have beat the heat by learning the fundamentals of crabbing and having pool parties. Regan clients attended the Stockton Project and also had a good time at the State Fair and Great Adventure. Regan staff are planning a party for clients who have been in our Center over fifty years. Regan has twenty ladies who meet this criteria. Landis Cottage staff and clients tendered a farewell party for HPC, Sue Ciancarelli, and speech Therapist, Tommi Lynn Wills, on August 4th. Sue has acquired an HPC position in Grisco and Mrs. Leona Andrus is the new HPC for Landis. Linda Jackson, a former Landis client, returned for the party sporting a beautiful engagement ring..... Congratulations to Linda in her upcoming marriage.....Dietitian, LeAnne Schmude also resigned this summer to coordinate the Gloucester County WIC Program..... West Cottage is scheduled to close down by October 1st. A dinner-dance was arranged for staff and clients on September 22nd in the Auditorium. Ms. Watson, HCTS for West Cottage, worked diligently to make this a memorable occasion. Food will be provided by Gia Catering and music by Ms. Stevenson. West clients and staff are wished the best of luck as they enter into their new cottages!!!

**WEST CAMPUS RECREATION.....****Submitted by Connie Ortega**

HAVE ZOO, WILL TRAVEL.....The Cohanzick Zoo has been visiting both campuses of VDC. The Cohanzick Zoo Program goes into each cottage so that all clients can benefit. Mrs. Dee Pinkerton, who brings the zoo to VDC, is excellent. She brings four animals each time she visits. Mrs. Pinkerton takes the beautiful animals around to each client, and the clients have a chance to see the pets close up, pet them, if they wish, and even hold them.....The cottage staff has noticed that some of the clients will respond to the pets by smiling and reaching out to touch them. Others just make eye contact. These responses might seem small to some, but for others, these responses are achievement milestones.....Pet Therapy has been tried in schools, senior citizen programs, mental health facilities, and with the handicapped, and it is becoming a well-used form of therapy for young and old. I have accompanied Mrs. Pinkerton through ten of the shows held at the West Campus and I am pleased with the results. Not only are the clients enjoying Pet Therapy, but so are most of the staff, and that's a plus we can all feel good about!!!!

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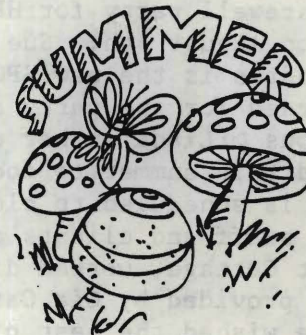




**West Campus Recreation**

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West Campus clients have enjoyed many activities this summer. This summer started with the opening of the pool. Not only did the clients enjoy a cool dip in the pool, but many cottage staff members also found the pool a cooling place. Next came Campus and Parvin Picnics for each cottage, and even though the summer was hot, the picnics were a welcome change of pace.....The summer rolled on with several Bus Rides for the clients and staff with destinations chosen by the clients. There was also a tasty side to the summer with the buildings receiving freshly made custard treats each week. Then, the summer moved on with the clients putting on their dancing feet and "Sunday Best" for the Coed Socials.....Don't stop now, because the summer had just begun. There was a day at Buena Vista Camp Ground where 400 clients and staff had a nice picnic-style lunch, went swimming in the lake, glided down the water slide, rode on the tram, and relaxed in the fresh air. The fun continued with the State Fair held in Cherry Hill, the Ice Capades held at the Tropicana Casino, a Gospel Concert held at the East Campus, and the "Olde Thyme Circus" held in Monroe Township.....When all was said and done, the West Campus clients had a hot, but enjoyable, summer!!!!

**REEVES COTTAGE.....**

Submitted by Denise Branin  
and Cathy Shawlot

The Reeves Cottage clients have been very busy during the last couple of months enjoying the many and varied activities provided....Several clients were included in a Developmental Sports Program on June 10th at West Campus. The top athletes then went on to the 1988 Summer Games at Princeton University on June 30th. Two of our ladies, Julia Scalese and Charlotte Archut, participated in the Developmental Motor Activities category which included a Bean Bag Toss and a Wheelchair Race. The highlight of the day was a dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant which everyone enjoyed.....On June 14th and June 28th, two groups went to Wheaton Village. The ladies enjoyed all of the day's activities which included morning coffee in the cafe, touring the museum and shops, watching glass products being made, a picnic lunch, a one-man handbell choir, and an ice cream treat.....The clients and employees had a July 4th Picnic. They enjoyed a catered luncheon of chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, and fresh fruit. The employees each brought a covered dish for their meal.....On July 21st, several clients attended Buena Campground Day. Upon arrival, the clients enjoyed a popcorn treat. A walk was taken around the campground, and the clients enjoyed seeing the animals, waterslide, and golf course. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone.....

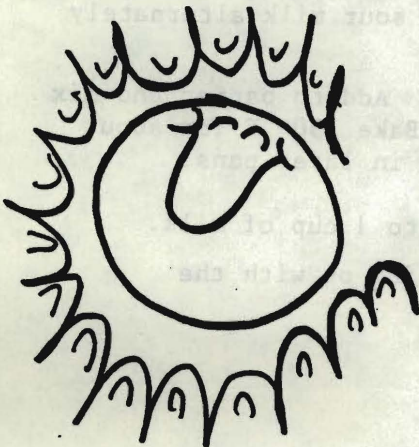
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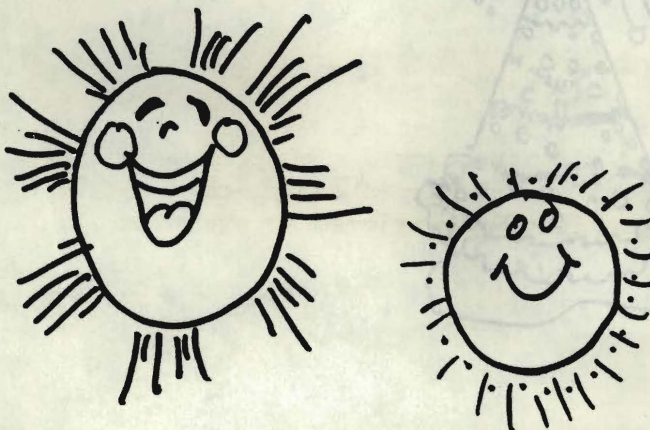
Two bus rides were provided for our ladies - one in July and one in August. The clients really enjoyed their rides to Brigantine, especially the trip on the new bus. A special thanks to the Parents and Friends Association from Reeves..... Several clients went on an outing to Stockton State College. The clients were greeted by staff and clients from West Campus. After a barbeque lunch, everyone went to Atlantic City. They enjoyed a walk on the boardwalk, purchasing gifts, and an ice cream treat.....The Cohanzick Discovery Program from the Bridgeton Zoo came to Reeves on August 18th. Our ladies enjoyed seeing and touching all of the animals - an owl, ferret, chinchilla, and king snake. This program was a big success and would certainly be welcome again!.....On August 21st, a small group went to Atlantic City. Although the day started out with a lot of rain, everyone had a good time. The first stop was Bally's Casino where the ladies tried their hands at the slot machines. Gifts were then purchased at a shop on the boardwalk. A good lunch was held in the Casino's Deli. On the trip home, the ladies enjoyed an ice cream treat. In the evening of the same day a group was taken to hear "The Camden Inspirational Choir" and "Abiding Love" in the Thorn Auditorium. Clients and employees enjoyed the program.....In addition to all of these activities, monthly birthday parties were also celebrated!!!

NEWS FROM CHIMES TERRACE GROUP HOME.....

Submitted by Bonnie Weary Pierce

Two clients and staff member Dawn Durand celebrated our Country's Birthday, as well as their own on July 2, 1988. Due to the intense summer heat they had an "indoor" barbeque of ribs, salads, and all the trimmings. Singing and gifts were the order of the day. No one minded the heat while they shared a delicious two layer chocolate cake made by Jo Dandrea. It was so delicious, we asked her to share her recipe with all of us. (See page 22 for recipe)..... Everyone here at Chimes Terrace Group Home wishes to congratulate Freda Bhatti for being chosen as Outstanding Employee of the Month for July. Her example has given us all something to strive for!!!!

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**"OLD FASHION DARK CHOCOLATE CAKE"**

Recipe From

Jo Dandrea

Chimes Terrace Group Home

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| 1 cup shortening                      | 1/4 t. salt           |
| 2 cups sugar                          | 3 t. baking soda      |
| 4 eggs                                | 3/4 cup cocoa         |
| 1 cup sour milk                       | 2/3 cup boiling water |
| 2 1/2 cups flour (less 1 T. each cup) | 1 t. vanilla          |

Blend shortening, sugar, and eggs very thoroughly. Add sour milk alternately with the combined flour, salt, and baking soda.

Stir cocoa into boiling water and stir until dissolved. Add to batter and mix well. Stir in vanilla. Pour into prepared tube pan. Bake 350° F for about one hour and ten minutes in tube pan or 35 - 40 minutes in layer pans.

NOTE: Sour milk is made with 1 T. white vinegar added to 1 cup of milk.

The cooled cake may be frosted with your favorite frosting or with the Marshmallow Frosting (recipe below).

**"MARSHMALLOW FROSTING"**

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| 1 cup sugar      | } |
| dash salt        |   |
| 1/3 cup water    |   |
| 1 T. white syrup |   |

Mix together and boil -  
Simmer for 7 minutes

Meanwhile, beat two egg whites until fluffy, but not dry, add the syrup mixture slowly while beating until fluffy. Add 1 t. vanilla.





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