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# OUR ISLAND HOME

Monthly Newsletter

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## **Annual Skills Day**

From 10/9/18 to 10/23/18 the entire staff of Our Island Home participated in an educational skills day to complete annual mandatory competencies. Every employee needed to complete 8 hours of classroom time, and each 8 hour session included topics on:

- Proper body mechanics to avoid staff back injuries facilitated by Suzanne Girardi, PT
- Building emergency, building fire and safety to assure staff knows how to respond in an event of an emergency in our building, was facilitated by our Maintenance Supervisor Ed King
- Infection control was facilitated by Director of Nursing, Heather Francis. Heather also informed staff of their roles in resident Medical Emergency Response Training (MERTs). Flu shots and TB testing was also provided to staff.
- The topics of elder abuse, code of conduct, corporate compliance and HIPPA were facilitated by our Administrator, Brett Lennerton.
- A four-hour training video "Hand in Hand" on caring for

the resident with dementia and other diagnoses related to skilled nursing care was viewed and group discussions were facilitated by Mary Patton, LPN.

We all learned for much and look forward to putting into action what we learned when caring for our residents.

## **Donations**

Many, many thanks to the following individuals who have made monetary donations: Kathy Greider, Mary Ellen Larsen, Edward and Shirley Stojak, and Richard Mack. Your contribution is greatly appreciated, and goes toward improving the quality of life for our residents!



*Wee Whalers singing songs and  
trick-or-treating at OIH on  
Halloween!*

## Upcoming Events

### Family Council:

The next meeting is Wednesday, Family Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 21st at 10:00am.

Lighting of the Trees: we will be bringing residents to this wonderful annual event. If you're on Main Street, stop by the OIH van and say hi!

Boys and Girls Club: kids from NBGC will come to visit with our residents on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

The Nutcracker: All are welcome to join us for the Nantucket Ballet School's performance of the Nutcracker on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the dining room.

### Christmas Party:

Please join us on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the OIH dining room for the annual Friends and Family Christmas Party

### Upcoming Live Musical Talent:

**Susan Berman:** November 29<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful combination of original songs and covers!

**Mollie Glazer:** Classical music on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve Tornovich:** Christmas songs on December 12<sup>th</sup>!

**All music performances begin at 4pm, in the OIH living room.**

## Resident Portraiture

*Local Nantucket photographer Barbara Clarke is offering her portraiture services free of charge to OIH residents. If you would like to schedule group or individual portraits for your friend or family residing at OIH, please contact Taylor Hilst at [thilst@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:thilst@nantucket-ma.gov) to schedule an appointment.*

## Staff Update

Please join us in welcoming Katelyn Boynton, OIH's newest RN! Katelyn comes to us from Borne Manor, and her favorite thing about nursing, particularly in elder care, is "hearing people's life stories." Katelyn is enjoying the Nantucket life so far: fishing, scalloping, and running the Sconset bluff walk. A Nantucketer already!



*In Memoriam: sadly, Our Island Home lost a member of our community when Gloria Sanders, who retired from OIH as a CNA but came out of retirement to return as a housekeeper, passed away in. One of her services was held at OIH so that residents and staff could remember her together.*

## Employee of the Month

### Mary Patton

Mary has worked at Our Island Home since 1991! Mary is one of our caring nurses, and her gentle approach is beloved by residents.

## Volunteer of the Month

### Steve Tournovich

Steve is one of our favorite volunteer musicians! He plays the hits, takes requests, and he also entertains us with his jokes between songs! Sometimes he even performs in costume, and his performances are always looked forward to and well attended.

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## Resident Monthly Quote

"The first President I voted for was Franklin Roosevelt. I'm proud to be an American."

-Elsie D