

Life^{at} Manatawny Manor

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Renovations progress toward spring completion

If you've visited

Manatawny Manor lately, you've seen first-hand the exciting renovations that are under way.

If it's been a while since you've stopped by, you might not recognize the place, and we invite you to reacquaint yourself with us!

On the first and second floors, new carpeting, ceiling lights, and hand rails have been installed in the main corridors. You'll also find fresh coats of paint and wall coverings throughout.

The physical therapy and rehabilitation area being constructed on the first floor is well under way. New acoustical ceiling tiles,

casework, and lighting are part of this brand-new setting.

The main corridor and lobby area will receive a major upgrade, presenting a new face to those entering Manatawny Manor.

New ceiling, lighting, painting, carpeting and handrails are slated for these areas.

The activity room in Assisted Living on the second floor will be rejuvenated with fresh paint, new ceiling lighting, and kitchen and storage casework

We remind all residents, guests and staff to use caution and be aware of construction workers and activity, for everyone's safety.

A portion of the new dementia care unit in Manatawny Manor's Nursing Care Center takes shape. Pictured is part of the new activity and dining area for residents with cognitive impairments such as Alzheimer's disease.



From the Executive Director

Spring is here and I am reminded that this is a wonderful season of renewal. Even here at Manatawny Manor we are starting to see the results of our renovation project with more than half of our hallways completely "renewed."

In nature, renewal works in a circle: the growing cycle, the cycle of the seasons, the moon circling the earth, and the earth circling the sun. When we enter into the part of the circle known as spring we enjoy watching everything spring to new life: new flowers blooming, trees turning green, birds and animals starting to raise young.



Deborah Dollar-Reid

Then we look forward to summer, the warm days when you don't need a sweater and the beach is calling! After several weeks of summer we'll look forward to fall with crispness in the air and brightly colored leaves. Then, some people really get excited about that first snowfall.

In Ecclesiastes 3 we are reminded, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven." Everything around us in nature and in our lives moves in a circle. So when we feel as if we're running around in circles, we probably are!

—Deborah Dollar-Reid
Executive Director

Manatawny Wish List . . .

Computers w/internet	\$1,000-\$3,000
Plant habitat	\$1,000-\$2,000
Aviaries	\$1,000-\$3,000
Aquarium	\$1,000-\$2,000
Treadmill	\$1,000
Semi-recumbent exercise cycle	\$1,200
Patio Furniture	\$1,000-\$8,000
Wheelchairs	\$1,000 each
Lounge chairs	\$1,000 each
Courtyard patio awnings	\$6,000
China closets	\$2,000-\$5,000
Dining room table flowers	\$400-800/week
VCR tapes	under \$100
Wheelchair & walker bags	under \$100
Shadow boxes	under \$500 each

If you can make a donation toward or to purchase any of these items, please use the enclosed envelope, marking it "Wish List" and the item you wish to purchase. For more information, call the village at (610) 705-3700. *Thank you!*

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Clients, families, and staff share food and fellowship

Each year clients of the Adult Day Services program at Manatawny Manor and their families share a dinner with other program participants and fam-



ilies, along with program staff. This event allows everyone associated with the program to enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. More than 80 people gathered to take part in this special event in December

Admissions staff news

What's new in Admissions? For starters, there's a new director. That's because the long-time director has moved on to a new position. And there's someone devoted exclusively to new admissions in Assisted Living.

Barbara Keller, who has served as admissions director for the last 12 years, has accepted a position with Diakon's corporate staff as director of referral development for skilled nursing care in Diakon's Region II. In this new position, she is assisting five Diakon facilities to build their resident census and referral base. Serving as a liaison between the facilities and local hospitals, she also is helping to develop marketing action plans and ensure that admissions systems are in place.

Keller is a friendly and familiar face at Manatawny Manor, and she will be missed. But since Manatawny is one of the five facilities she is serving, we will continue to see her.

Vicki Kriczky is Manatawny Manor's new admissions director. A graduate of West Chester University with a degree in public health, Kriczky has worked in marketing and admissions for long-term care facilities in the greater Philadelphia area.

She notes that she likes the people-oriented nature of her work and thinks that Manatawny Manor has many advantages to offer.

"The fact that the campus offers a continuum of care is important and beneficial for residents and

their families," she says. "People don't have to go outside the community for the care they need."

Beth Hiriak is handling admissions for Assisted Living at Manatawny Manor. She joined the staff two years ago as a community educator for the adult day services program. She spent 15 years with Visiting Nurses Association in marketing and public relations, financial services, environmental services, and health care positions.

She describes assisted living as ideal for many people. "Assisted liv-



From left to right: Barbara Keller, Vicki Kriczky, and Beth Hiriak

ing allows people to remain independent as long as they can," she says, "yet gives them the security of knowing that help is there if they need it."

The campus' admissions staff may be reached at (610) 705-3700.

Scheitlin to serve as Manatawny Manor chaplain

The Rev. George Scheitlin of Royersford is serving as Manatawny Manor's chaplain. Scheitlin, an ordained minister since 1957, has served parishes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Texas. From 1988 until his retirement in 1995, he was a bishop's assistant on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod staff. Most recently, Scheitlin served as interim pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Birdsboro.

In addition to holding weekly services and Bible study at Manatawny Manor, Scheitlin will minister to residents and families

on a personal basis as needed and visit with hospitalized residents. He says he hopes to develop a network of lay people and other local pastors to enhance his ministry.

Scheitlin and his wife, Olga, are the parents of twins, a son who resides in Colorado, and a daughter, who lives in Virginia. They have three grandchildren.

"The staff at Manatawny Manor are very caring people and a joy to work with," Scheitlin says. "From the administration and managers to the nurses and aides, it seems everyone has the best interests of the residents at heart."

Grateful family donates special memorial gift

Elizabeth Carolla's two daughters say she couldn't have received "better care, understanding, and concern" in Manatawny Manor's SpecialCare unit than if she had been under their personal care at home.

The family expressed its gratitude by donating a special memorial gift for the unit's nursing staff. The brand-new combination copier and fax machine will, they hope, make the "housekeeping part of patient care" a little easier, so staff has more time to spend with residents.

Carolla's daughters, Donna Sciorilli of Holland, Ohio, and Karen Welling of Canton, Mich., say they faced a tough decision when it came time to seek assisted living services for their mother. But Manatawny Manor seemed a natural choice.

As a young girl, Carolla helped her family raise sheep on a nearby hill. And for most of her adult married life, she lived in a local neigh-



Members of Manatawny Manor's SpecialCare staff have found work easier for them, thanks to a donated copier/fax machine.

borhood. Manatawny Manor, they say, was like her "back yard." In a personal note to Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Sciorilli wrote:

"The two plus years that Elizabeth spent at Manatawny Manor brought great relief to us, as she could not have received better care, understanding, and concern, than if she had been under our individual home care. The assisted living wing catered to her individual needs and went far beyond our expectations as to the

patience, warmth, and constant communications with us as to her care.

Our hope in making the donation of a gift to the unit was to give the nursing staff relief in dealing

with the housekeeping part of patient care so they could concentrate more valuable time on personal interaction with patients. They work very hard and diligently in providing whatever is needed to comfort patients."

Carolla's daughters believe Manatawny Manor was like home for their mother and the staff and other residents like family. Now they hope their donation can contribute in a small way to helping others have the same experience.

Remember *Manatawny Manor* in Your Will

Please send me the free information, Conrad Teitell's "*Making Your Will*"

I have included **Manatawny Manor** in my will.

Please complete and mail coupon to: **Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Office of Advancement, One South Home Avenue, Topton, PA 19562-1399**

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Your birth date

Spouse/Loved One's birth date

Remember someone special with a memorial gift

Manatawny Manor has a tradition of serving and helping others through a variety of programs and services, which are enhanced through donations such as the one Donna and Karen made in memory of their mother. Perhaps there is someone special in your life you would like to remember with a gift to Manatawny Manor. For additional memorial or other giving opportunities, please contact the Office of Advancement at 1-888-582-2230, ext. 1219.

The following gifts were received in January and February of this year. If we inadvertently omitted anyone, please notify us and kindly accept our apology.

IN MEMORY OF..

Elizabeth Carolla

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Ms. Donna Sciorilli

Ms. Karen Welling

IN MEMORY OF..

Victoria Antonucci

GIVEN BY...

Mr. and Mrs. Morris DeFresc

IN MEMORY OF..

Marco Casavecchia

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Deptford High School Social Committee

Thank you!

Advisory council focuses on database and auxiliary

Manatawny Manor's advisory council continues to meet every other month and has been working on creating a database of people who may have an interest in or connection with the campus. The database will help with efforts to communicate the ministry message from our campus to the community, and in recruiting volunteers.

Anyone wishing to be added to the database may call Carol

Corrigan at (610) 705-3700.

The advisory council also is focusing on developing an auxiliary for the campus. Debby Reid, executive director, and Susan Kern, a major gifts and annual fund director with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, recently used the opportunity of their presentation to members of the Upper Montgomery Parish to seek people interested in this effort.

New dementia community to deliver care and compassion

A new SpecialCare community in the Manatawny Manor Nursing Care Center has been designed to serve up to 16 residents with dementia or a related cognitive impairment, such as Alzheimer's

Activities

programming

has been developed specifically for those with dementia.

disease. The area features a multi-purpose room for dining and activities and an enclosed courtyard with a gazebo and wandering path.

The director of the program provides support to residents and families, assesses potential admissions, and supervises staff. Staff members dedicated to working in the special community have additional training in how to care for those with cognitive impairments. Other staff members such as those in housekeeping and maintenance also are specially trained.

Activities programming has been developed specifically for those with dementia. Alternating active and passive activities run throughout the day, from 10 a.m.

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to 7 p.m. Most activities occur at the same time each day to establish a routine for the residents. For example, music stimulation occurs daily at 10 a.m.

“Currently, our Assisted Living SpecialCare unit offers dementia programming for residents in the early stages of the disease process. This community in the nursing care center is designed especially to meet the psychological, physical, and social needs of residents with dementia, in the middle or later stages,” explains Lora Gomboc, administrator. “In this way, we can offer quality of life every step of the way for SpecialCare residents.”

Save your register tapes for Manatawny’s Adult Day Services

Did you know that cash register tapes from Genuardi and Redner’s Supermarkets are collectors’ items? Not that they’re rare, but they are valuable if you collect them and bring them to Manatawny Manor.

One percent of your purchases at these two stores benefits our Adult Day Services program, if you save your tapes and donate them to us. At Redner’s, you need to pick up a “Save A Tape” card at the Customer Service Desk, and present the card each time you make a purchase. Be sure to designate

Manatawny Manor Adult Day Services as the charitable organization you are collecting tapes for when you complete the card. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to collect the tapes, too. To date, Adult Day Services has received more than \$200 through the program. You can deposit tapes in the marked collection box in our lobby.

Thanks to all the “collectors” who are helping us through this special program!

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