Annual Thanksgiving Dinner—Feast of Food and Fun

Methodist Home Held it’s Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 17th. The excitement was in the air early in the morning. The tables were draped in crimson tablecloths with colorful mums on each table. A magnificent ice sculpture graced the room. The dining room was soon abuzz with residents and families. Reverend Windom said a prayer before our meal and mentioned that we keep the victims of Hurricane Sandy in our thoughts.

We feasted on the traditional Thanksgiving fare of turkey, sweet potatoes, stuffing and assorted pies. Live music was enjoyed by everyone including a lovely song sung by a Broadway singer Stacey Sullivan. The room was mesmerized by the extraordinary a capella performance. This yearly tradition is a treasured experience for our residents and their families to share a special time together as a “family”.

Special thanks to Frank Riti for his hard work in organizing this special event every year.

Happy 102nd Birthday to Jeanne

We would like to extend a very Happy Birthday to our Jeanne Van Ness who will be 102 on December 9th. She attributes her longevity to 4 things: (information she volunteers readily): dried apricots, green tea, bananas and dark chocolate. One of Jeanne’s key words of wisdom to living as long as she has is “I mind my own business”.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS *****************

Christ Church—Holiday visit 12/1
Tree Lighting Ceremon—Holiday Music 12/04
Tea Social 12/06
Birthday Party 12/19
Resident Holiday Party 12/24
New Years Eve Party 12/31
We lost one of Methodist Home’s cherished employees and friend, Prosper Laurent. He had an infectious smile, and ever stretched out helpful hand and a kind, positive word for everyone each and every day.

A tree was planted in front of the facility in his honor and his memory to serve to remind us of his kindness and his loving heart.

We miss him and we were all blessed to have worked with such a wonderful man.

He will always remain in our hearts.

The Cross and the Menorah by Millie Weisbart

On 11/11 I had a visit from the Reverend Beth Nolan from Tasmania, Australia. Beth, a religious education graduate student I befriended when I worked at Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan. She was the first student to graduate with a PHD Doctorate. We often had bagels together. Fast Forward to 2012, I became a resident here at Methodist Home— Beth came to visit me and brought our favorite bagels: cinnamon raisin and pumpernickel. Since I am in a wheelchair I could observe her beautiful gold cross and I was wearing a silver menorah. We have a beautiful mother-daughter relationship—two faiths sharing one special friendship for many years. Sally Wagner our auxiliary president was her mentor—what a small world.

Coat Drive at Methodist

The staff of Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation are conducting a coat drive to benefit the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Please donate a warm coat from December 1st to December 31st. Please contact Marion Clutchker at 718-732-7112. The staff will donate the coats to help those who have lost everything in the storm. The coats can be for both adults and children. We appreciate you kindness and generosity.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!!!!
Thank You to the Ladies of the Methodist Home Auxiliary—written by Millie Weisbart

During the months of July and August, ice cream was served every Wednesday; a gift from the Auxiliary. During the heat spell in the northeast, the ladies provided the residents with the ice cream treat. I myself confess to a sundae of vanilla and chocolate ice cream with a dollop of whipped cream and dripping with hot fudge. What more can you ask for when the thermostat reaches over 95 degrees!!

I was an auxiliary member in Manhattan’s Temple Emanuel and I doubly appreciate when there is a knock on my door, Fridays at 12 and the auxiliary ladies appearing with the sugar free gum – both former employees of Methodist Home giving back.

Methodist Home Renovation Complete

... We are very proud to announce that the construction phase of the Methodist Home renovation is now complete.

We have been enjoying all the new amenities and are grateful to everyone for their patience and cooperation during this period.

We are especially grateful for the new generators in light of the arrival of “Sandy”. We were 100% equipped and ready to be fully operational in the event we would have lost power.

We were able to accommodate patients from NYU and Joint Disease during the storm because of the efficiency of our new generators.

We will continue to enhance our home for all to enjoy!

Autumn in New York Gala held on October 10th

Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation held it’s annual Gala on 10/10/12 at Glen Island Harbour Club. The honorees were Laura Warner, a former Methodist Home board member, Mary Beth and Richard Ketchum, who are active volunteers from Christ Church and the Westchester Bank.

The Master of Ceremonies was Lynda Baquero from Channel 4 News. The Gala was a great success which serves to honor those who support our mission as well as raise additional support to continue to enhance the lives of those we serve.

Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation.
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Back in the summer, Millie Weisbart called me to say there was a magnificent bird in our garden. She said it was perching from the roof down to the pond and I had to go and get a picture. Luckily I did, and we are able to share it with everyone here in our newsletter. This is our second majestic bird to visit (maybe it’s the fish in the pond) but we like to think we attract exotic creatures because of the beauty of our wonderful garden. Thank you to everyone who have helped to make our garden here at Methodist a most cherished sanctuary for our residents. We will continue to beautify and enhance our gardens and grounds for all to enjoy. Thank you!!!