

Cheryl Keene Award

In memory of Cheryl Keene, The Seasons will now grant one exceptional employee a quarterly award. The employee should embody all of Cheryl's exemplary qualities that include, but are not limited to, kindness, dedication, respectful nature, caring attitude and an unyielding desire to go above and beyond the job description. It is not every day, and not even every month that an employee shows traits as admirable as Cheryl's. Thus, the employee who receives the award should exemplify all of these attributes.

Fran's Quick Stop

Fran's Quick Stop debuted at the top of the stairs on the second floor corridor. Geared towards residents, the store features items they may run out of including toothpaste, toothbrushes, batteries, shoelaces, soaps, and detergents. The biggest selling items tend to be the cards for all occasions, which are priced at only one dollar. Fran also has a variety of goodies, including candies, chocolates, peanuts and snacks. Recently, she was even able to sell out of beautiful handcrafted jewelry for the holidays at a nominal price. There's something for everyone, so come on up! Fran's Quick Stop is open every weekday from 1:30-2:30, and lately they have been successful in having volunteers run the store during the same hour on the weekend.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

The Seasons is collecting "Cell Phones for Soldiers." Please stop by the front desk if you have any old but still fully functioning cell phones. The charging cord and batteries are not required. So far we have accumulated close to 25 cell phones for the troops and the number keeps growing!

Launch of Our New Website

The Seasons launched its newly renovated website this fall! It includes a variety of exciting features and a fresh new layout. Some of what you'll find entails an updated photo album for both The Seasons and Grandview Gardens, online applications for living, employment and volunteer opportunities, updated testimonials from current and former residents and family members, current and upcoming events calendar and much more! Be sure to stop by and take a look at www.theseasons.org.



Hummel Donation

We recently received a large donation of Hummels and curio cabinet, located on the first floor near apartment 108. Please take the time to stop by and see this lovely display. Also, please note that we are accepting Hummel donations from anyone interested in adding to our growing collection!



The Seasons Times

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Nine Year Anniversary Party

The Seasons celebrated their nine-year anniversary this month. The event was commemorated at the annual tree lighting on December 1, 2011. Nearly one hundred and fifty guests attended between residents, staff and family members. Guests enjoyed a complimentary family style dinner that included garlic bread and a mixed green salad to start. The main course was a choice between Chicken Puttanesca and Shrimp Scampi, served over linguini with broccoli. Dinner was followed by dessert and drinks that included homemade pumpkin pie, cherry cobbler, eggnog and spiked punch. Additionally, our talented resident choir sang a variety of Christmas Carols, and kindly encouraged guests and staff to join in chorus. And finally, Chris Woulfe and Nancy Musso thanked residents and staff for their dedication to the Seasons during the "Years of Service Ceremony," in which they recognized those who have been here for five years

or more: Margaret Thielsch Council president; Eleanor Reppucci, resident welcome coordinator; Irene Machado, religious activities coordinator; Jane Lambert, resident volunteer aiding in obtaining library books for other residents; and last but not least, Fran Sigillito, who created and maintains "Fran's Quick Stop," The Seasons' gift shop and convenience store. The evening proved to be merry and bright, kicking off another wonderful year here at The Seasons.



Meet Joe Cooke

Joe is the newest addition to our staff here at The Seasons. Originally from Dublin, Ireland, and presently residing in Taunton, Massachusetts, Joe has traveled far and wide before joining us as the new Director of Dining Services. In a recent interview, Joe disclosed a bit about his expansive and interesting history. After moving to the states in 1987, Joe found himself with nothing but a suitcase and a couple hundred bucks to his name. He directed the airport cab driver to take him to a pub in the most renowned Irish area of Boston hoping to land himself a job and a place to live. Following the success of that evening, Joe has since owned three restaurants, traveled to twenty-eight countries, and married his lovely wife Christa, thus adopting his stepdaughter Kelly as well. In his spare time, you can find Joe globetrotting, practicing his golf swing, or counseling recovering substance abuse victims. We're glad to have him and hope you will be too. Stop by Dining Services and say "hello" next time you're in the area!



Fall Yard Sale

The Fall Yard Sale was a great success this year! We were able to raise over 1,500 dollars in sales to benefit our residents. Shoppers enjoyed a menu of lobster salad sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of baked breads including banana nut, cranberry and pumpkin. Several volunteers graciously aided in the organization of the event, and we would like to extend an additional "thank you" for their services. We hope to see you at our next one!

Pumpkin Spectacular

The Seasons celebrated a very festive Halloween at their annual Pumpkin Spectacular. Staff competed to carve the best pumpkin and Katie Diaz of Dining Services won 1st place for her portrait of E.T.; Caitlin Musso was the runner up for her spooky owl. Guests touring the lighted pumpkin path enjoyed a variety of seasonal treats including cupcakes and cookies shaped like ghosts, spider webs, pumpkins, and witches.



Turkey Drive

Our annual Turkey Drive was hugely successful this year. Vin Reilly was able to collect 1,424 dollars, thus providing over seventy families with a turkey and an apple pie on Thanksgiving. We would like to extend additional gratitude to everyone who donated this year; you made The Seasons especially thankful for your generosity.



Giving Thanks Party

On November 18th, 2011 residents and family members joined us for a Giving Thanks Party hosted by Morrison. Visiting chefs from various Morrison Senior Living accounts collaborated with our chefs Dave, Dylan, James and Seth to produce a well-varied selection of exquisite desserts.

Christmas Brunch

On December 18th, 2011 residents and loved ones were invited to a Christmas Brunch hosted in the Dining Room. To start, guests were offered mimosas and bloody marys in addition to a variety of pastries, muffins and assorted fruits. The menu also included a choice of blueberry or strawberry topped pancakes, western and cheese omelets, or scrambled eggs with maple smoked bacon, sausage and home fries. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by to grant everyone a Merry Christmas and take any last minute orders on their wish lists. The winners of our Christmas Raffle were also revealed and handpicked by Mrs. Claus herself. The event proved to be a wonderful tribute to the Holiday Season. The raffle prizes included a Kindle Fire won by Pat Soscia, a Liquor Basket won by Donna Malafronte, a wine basket won by Barbara Creati, a Movie Basket won by Kim Wolf, a Zune Media Player won by Sydney Pichette, and Touchstone Crystal Jewelry Set won by Anna Carnevale.



Mitten Tree

Our annual Mitten Tree Collection for The House of Hope was tremendously successful this year! We were able to help three families in need receive gifts ranging from cleaning products, to clothes, to a digital blood pressure cuff, and even to a bike for a 14-year-old girl! Alongside, these gifts and many others each family received a gift card of one hundred dollars to Walmart. We were lucky enough to give each family all of their requested items, and a few more with the gift card through the generosity of all those who donated. Remember, no gift is too small and your help is greatly appreciated; we look forward to your collaboration in this effort next year!



Coat Drive

As you may or may not know, The Seasons has been conducting an on going coat drive this winter. If you have any lightly worn coats, jackets, mittens or scarves that you'd like to donate please stop by the front desk! There is a large box located in front of the sign in book and we'd love to fill it.

Resident Gifts

The Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Thielsch, for her efforts in collecting the annual staff appreciation gifts, as well as each and every resident and resident family member who contributed to this.. We sincerely appreciate it, and had a lovely time at the event held in the dining room. It was a fantastic opportunity to socialize with the residents and enjoy one another's company.

