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in attending any of
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ment outings, contact
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serve your spot! Call
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Inglemoor Informer

"Excellence in Service"

Caring, Competence, Commitment, Constancy

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November, 2018: Mark Your Calendars

1—Music Therapy with Jessica
10:15am (also the 8th, 15th and
29th)

2—Vitas: Honoring Our Vets
10:30am & Kris Phipany Performs
2:15pm; Apple Cider Social 3:15

7—Rose City Songsters Perform
2:00pm

8—Dollar Store 11-4pm

9—Vets Presentation 2:00pm; Lou Sabini Performs
2:15pm; Cookies/Milk Social 3:15pm

11—John Baragone Performs 2:15pm

12—Jewish Service 3:00pm (also 26th)

16—Mt. Pleasant Elementary Students Perform
Thanksgiving Play 10:00am & Randi Rae Performs
2:15pm; Pie/Coffee Social 3:15pm

19—Resident Council 10:30am

**22—Thanksgiving Day Meal 12:00pm; Candy Per-
forms 2:15pm**

23—American Idol II 2:00; Cake/Coffee Social 3:00

25—Teddy O'Connell Performs 2:15

30—Carlos Performs 2:15; Birthday Celebration 3:15



**Hair Salon open every
Tuesday and every oth-
er Wednesday.**

**Catholic Services every
Monday at 2:00pm**

**Jewish Service 3:00pm
on two Mondays a
month.**

**Lutheran Service first
Tuesday of month at
1:30pm**

**Survey results are at the
Reception Desk.**



The Picture to the left is of the Mt. Pleasant Elementary Thanksgiving play from last year. They will be performing again on 11/16.

We will have our traditional Thanksgiving Day Meal on 11/22 at noon. Guests are welcome. Please sign up at the front desk by 11/18. The cost for guests is \$25 and is limited to 2 per resident.

Karen Gentile—Nurse of the Year!

On October 23, 2018, in a standing room only conference room at the Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, our very own Director of Nursing, Karen Gentile was awarded Nurse of the Year by the Healthcare Association of New Jersey. Surrounded by members of her family, staff and co-workers, Karen accepted the award, entertaining the audience with a speech full of humility and grace. She offered her perspective of nursing in a long term care facility, dispelling the stigmatism that the nursing professionals in these types of communities are less accomplished or skilled as those nurses found working at a hospital.

The following is taken from the Healthcare Association of New Jersey's write-up on Karen and gives a glimpse into some of the reasons why she was chosen for this esteemed award.

For the past 15 years, Karen Gentile has served as Inglemoor Rehab and Care Center's Director of Nursing and Assistant Administrator. She epitomizes the center's mission, providing "Excellence in service, caring, competence, commitment and constancy." Her previous ICU and ER experience provided her with strong clinical skills and she puts those skills to work as a hands-on leader. She leads several quality assurance performance improvement initiatives, took the lead in implementing the center's new baseline care plan, led the way in adapting to the new Rules of Participation, and was hands-on during the implementation of the electronic medical record. Karen was also instrumental in leading Inglemoor to the AHCA Bronze and Silver Awards and is now working toward the Gold Award.

Karen considers every resident a member of her family. She puts their priorities first and has an open door for everyone. She often goes beyond the scope of nursing care for families by, among other things, helping to deci-

pher pharmacy bills or arranging for resident support services. Whether it's ensuring that a family or resident fully understands the care being provided and the reasons for that care or sitting down with a staff member having a problem and helping them work through it, Karen is a kind and considerate communicator.

The development of her staff is one of Karen's strongest suits. She believes in continuing education and when she sees a staff member who exhibits a gift or special talent, she is instrumental in helping them grow and develop. She sets the bar high for her nurses and encourages them by leading by her own example.

For her initiative, integrity, excellence in her work, and her ability to build an extraordinary clinical team at Inglemoor, HCANJ is pleased to honor Karen Gentile as this year's Nurse of the Year.



A Look Back at the Fun we had in October!



The Lancers Cheerleading Squad came in for a rousing cheer and to help with Bingo.



Girl Scout Troop 21110 came in for a Fall Craft.



The Livingtones performed for us!

On Halloween everyone got into the fun! Elizabeth Callahan, our Wound Nurse, was our hysterical T-Rex!

We had the Peanut Shell group from the YMCA here in costume. The parade led by the Dino.

M&Ms, Bat Girl, Velma and Scooby, the T-Rex and Jurassic Park Ranger, a Pirate and the Cheshire Cat are a few shown here.



Resident Spotlight: Louise Vitiello

Louise Vitiello, nee Centanni (which means 100 years in Italian), was born in Newark January 24, 1931. Her father was a steel worker and her mother was a housekeeper for St. Lucy's Rectory. Her grandfather took care of the church and lived in the Rectory, and her mother was actually born there. She had one older sister who she said was very sweet, while Louise was the nasty one! Louise was good in school, sang in the choir from first grade through eighth grade, and loved arithmetic. After high school she went to work full time as a long distance operator.

Louise met her husband Phillip when they were just kids. He was a member of St. Lucy's Church and was in the fife and drum choir. They started dating when she was 16.

Even though they were dating she remembers he would spend every Tuesday night going to the movies with his friend, and she didn't like that one bit! They went to different high schools, and she remembers explaining to her mother why she needed two prom dresses. Mom finally acquiesced and she had a different dress for each prom. She loved to dance and they would attend the Catholic Youth Organization and jitterbug. She was a good dancer. Phil wasn't as good as her, but he tried. Phil asked for her hand in marriage at 20 and she said yes and they were married a year later.

Phil was drafted in WWII and went to North Carolina, California and then Hawaii. He sent her a kimono for Christmas and she wore it for Halloween. She was adopted into her husband's family and he had five sisters. The young couple wrote

each other daily.

When he returned from the war they had some trouble getting pregnant, but eventually were blessed with a baby girl, Lorraine. Her husband got a job in a factory. Louise's mother helped with the baby and she returned to work at the switchboard. Baby number two came along, Alan. Baby number three was Nancy. It was after baby number three that Louise quit her job as an operator.

And then Surprise... eight years later, Louise got pregnant with twins and Vita and Valarie were born!

In her words, the twins were BAD, but they had a lot of fun, and of course the older kids would help out. The babies would climb into each other's cribs. One of them

stuck a bean up her nose when eating pasta fagioli. They would turn on the gas and set fires in the kitchen. One of the them over dosed on vitamins. They were regulars at the ER. When the twins were four they bought a house in East Hanover.

Fast forward, all the kids are married and she has ten grand children and one great-grandchild. Phil passed away from cancer at 68. She was living with her daughter, but her daughter needed heart surgery and couldn't take care of her anymore, so Louise came to Inglemoor. (Her daughter is fine.)

She has been here a relatively short time but has made several friends and has become close to her roommate Leila.

Louise has a sweet warmth, isn't nasty at all, and has a great sense of humor, welcome to the Inglemoor Family!

