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Borg Pioneer

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Administrator's Corner

Successful Fund Drive

We are so lucky to live in a community at large that is committed to the support of our facility not only in the means of donations but also of time and talent.

I also want to give a big shout out to our Board of Directors, their commitment and support is beyond words.

We had a very successful Fall Fund drive with over \$12,000 given, funds will be diverted toward the loan payments for the generator. In addition to this we given a donation from Choice Financial employees and the Mountain Community that will be put towards the purchase of a recumbent exercise bike which will give an opportunity for residents to improve or maintain physical strength and well-being. This has been on my wish list for some time and it is now ordered and should be here in a few weeks.

Recently found and ordered an electronic device that connects to the TV that will enhance the

Bingo game particularly for those who are hard of hearing. The software will call out the numbers as well as give a large display on the TV screen. I have a few residents that are pretty excited.

I want to personally give thanks to Denise Staples and Kathy Thorlakson for their years of service to Borg and on their retirements. I also want to welcome our new employees and thank all that have worked extra hours, our jobs although rewarding can be very challenging.

Future editions of the Borg Pioneer will be published every four months in February, June, and October.

Hopefully we will see Spring soon- the winter is getting way to long.

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Department News

Kathy & Denise Retire

The Scoop

Holiday meals included a Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings and Christmas ham dinner with special sides. We thank the dietary staff and all the others that brought scrumptious holiday treats. A special thanks to the Vikur ladies that provided a wonderful lunch of traditional Icelandic treats, sandwiches, and sweets for our Christmas party Dec 23rd. For residents that like to do kitchen work, there are opportunities for baking and cooking in activities; and for clearing and washing tables as volunteer work. Thank you to Maria and Darrin for all the volunteer hours you give to Borg.

Good Housekeeping

Denise Staples retired after 29 years at Borg. We wish Denise good health and happiness in her retirement.

We welcome Laura Thompson to the housekeeping crew. Housekeepers keep Borg looking great while ensuring infection control measures are at the forefront of their work.

Activity Roundup

Kathy Thorlakson retired from Borg December 31st, 2018. Best wishes to Kathy on her retirement. The new Activity Director, Jenny Jerome, began her position February 11th, 2019. Jenny has experience in long term care as she previously worked at Osnabrock Community Living Center and Borg Home as a nurse aide and Med Tech. We wish Jenny and Mellisa Haliday all the best as they provide resident activities. Thank you to the nursing staff for providing activities during the interim.



Nuts & Bolts (and a spatula?)

Well, if the maintenance man isn't installing light fixtures, replacing heaters, painting, plumbing, starting cars, maintaining the elevator, working on the boiler/water heater/dishwasher/call lights, decking the halls with garland, fixing strings of lights, putting away supplies, hanging curtains, ect.....then you may find him shoveling snow as there is no shortage of snow to shovel; or perhaps you may find him making a noon meal because the cooks could not make it to work.

Thanks Ralph!



THE PULSE

THANK YOU STAFF

Winter certainly presents challenges to the normal work flow in the nursing department. Appointments and outings are rescheduled; and the work schedule is unattainable. It is only through the willingness & dedication of our staff that we are able to cover shifts during the winter.

Thank you to our staff for working extra shifts when we were short, for covering shifts during storms, for working short staffed, for coming before the storm to make sure you were here, and for staying overnight. Thank you to those who drove you to work, got your car started, opened your roads, and pulled you out of the ditch. Your commitment to Borg is recognized and sincerely appreciated. Thank you to our college girls, Lauren Bjornson and Abby Zidon, for helping out over the holidays.



Welcome to our new staff Lacey Christinson, Madison Dearing, & Tisa Luplow. Last fall, Dr Thompson made rounds and gave influenza vaccines at Borg. All residents had yearly physicals, and eye exams were given to those that consented. Clinicare lab completed lab work ordered by area physicians. Dr Hill, Northeast Human Service Center Psychiatrist is making quarterly rounds at Borg. It is wonderful to have these services available in our home.

Happy Birthday!

November Birthdays: Grace Gunderson, Mildred Becker, Heidi Boyer, Jennie Jerome
December Birthdays: Lee Mihulka, Mark Denault, Joyce Tongen, Jeff Sanders, Kathy Salisbury, Candy Meredith, Jane Hannesson
January Birthdays: Linda Beauchene
February Birthdays: Patsy Kemnitz, Cecil Johnson, Pat Nordstrom, Bonita Crawford, Tristan Beck, Mellisa Halliday



Activity Highlights December, January, February

Borg Valentine Royalty: Queen Gudrun Anderson and King Jesse Copeland

Christmas season at Borg brings our five senses to life as we *see the sights* of twinkling lights, the lowly manger of the nativity, beautiful Christmas décor, and cheery faces of our friends & family; *listen to the sounds* of laughter, Christmas greetings and of course Christmas music; *smell the aroma* of freshly baked cookies, smoked meats, and pine needles; *taste* our traditional ethnic foods & sweet treats; and *feel the touch* of velvet ribbons, friendly handshakes, and embraces from loved ones. We thank all who made our Christmas season so joyful at Borg. December 23rd we had the traditional Christmas celebration at Borg, a delightful gathering of family and friends. Thank you to Vikur ladies for the delicious lunch you prepared and served, to Pastor Jessica for the Christmas message, to Beth Kemp and Marly Holmquest for the beautiful music, to Santa Claus for stopping by, and to all those that shared that special evening with us.

To celebrate Valentines Day, we had a week of Valentine activities including

Valentine Jingo, making Valentine cards with the resident's picture and mailing out to loved ones, Valentine singing, baking and decorating cupcakes for the party, and playing Valentine Family Feud. We ended the week with a Valentine party of games, theme snacks, and crowning of our Valentine Royalty: Queen Gudrun Anderson and King Jesse Copeland. Other ongoing activities included programs, singing, rhythm band, Yoga, adult coloring, baking, Black Jack, games, movies, crafts, church, Bible study, outings, manicures, beauty shop/ barber shop, shopping, Bingo, and Happy Hour. The cold weather and storms made it difficult to go on some outings, so we did some other special activities like making pizza and build your own ice cream Sunday.

The activity room was painted Dovetail and Temperate Taupe. The Board of Directors purchased a 75" smart tv to be used for streaming current movies, music, and digital games. It was wonderful for the residents to have that large screen when playing games and watching movies. There are more ideas and updates planned for the activity room so stay tuned.



Keeping Up with Changing Technology Trends

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THEN & NOW In the Parking Lot >>>



Tim Moore, Tristin Beck, and Ralph Byron have the daunting task of snow removal during this bitter cold winter. We appreciate all your hard work.



Then & Now...



Expressing our gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts received between Oct 15, 2018 and Feb 26, 2019.

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Gallery>>>



final thoughts...

GENEROSITY is COMPASSION in action, and it is LOVE in action...

December 7, 2018 John Hillis treated all the Borg residents to a fish dinner from the Cavalier Masonic Temple Annual Fish Fry. John not only paid for all the meals, he also delivered and served the meals. Thank you John for your generous donation and for your continued support of Borg Home and the residents that live here. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the fish dinner.



Borg Auxiliary... Revitalizes 3rd Floor Room

We have a room on 3rd floor that serves as a family room; and also a beauty shop when the sliding door is opened. This room was long overdue for a facelift as recognized by the auxiliary. The Borg Auxiliary offered to take this room on as a project and the rest is history. We have a beautiful new space on 3rd floor. A special thanks to Carol Beard and Patty Becker for many hours of volunteer painting. The walls were painted Dolphin Gray and Gray Flannel to enhance the color of the

beauty shop cabinets. Black, white, and blue décor were used to accent the wall colors. A large mirror, multi-head floor lamp, ebony end tables, large decorative clock, "Water Edge II" canvas print, Botanical print curtains, and some modern farm décor add a warm welcome to the room. We are in the final stage of the project which is purchasing new chairs. Please check out the room when you are at Borg. Thank you Borg Auxiliary for all you do to enhance resident life at Borg.



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