

June/July
2019

Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home

From our Administrator



Josh Shaver

The heat is here!

We are getting all the summer has to offer in sunshine, make sure to use the shade, wear a hat and drink a lot of water

It's been a notable month with a lot of events happening:

Colony days festival and parade

Beach lake picnic with the Anchorage Pioneer Home

Father's day BBQ

Change

Sometimes change comes upon us fast. One of the first hires I made when I started as administrator was Karen Atherton as Nurse Manager. She was an amazing co-worker, truly cared about all of the elders and staff, and left a mark of friendship and service that will always be remembered at this home. This month she retired with 10 years of service with the State. I'm already missing her.



Another nurse that I knew for even longer was Janelle Hankins, who I have known from the beginning of my career with the State (since 2006), first at the Anchorage Pioneer home and now at AVPH. She has been an amazing nurse, an outstanding leader, a joy to be around, and her baked cookies in the morning and pumpkin filled casseroles will be missed.

Janelle, Josh, and Karen at their retirement potluck

Employees like this are not never truly replaced, but we bring in new team members that bring their own skills and presence to the home. Those of us who remain are responsible to continue the culture of a clean and caring home.

Around the Home:

The Flooring replacement moves forward administratively as it is out for bid.

Sidewalk and curb repairs are scheduled to start soon

The Palmer Lions will be here again on the 4th of July to provide their amazing deep fried halibut and desserts. Don't miss it. We are very grateful to all the lions but particularly Bert Verrall who heads it up (and cooks the halibut)



Have a great summer everyone.

Around The Home



Several of our residents who are veterans were in the Colony Days Parade



Dave Brown and Jim Brokaw leaving for the "Last Frontier Honor Flight". Both had a wonderful trip!



Residents at the Memorial Day Service



There were many talented residents and guests that entertained us at the Talent Show.



Weekly bowling, Yoga and Tai Chi give everyone an opportunity to get a little exercise and have fun too!



Music is so important to so many people. Residents enjoyed an impromptu "Jam Session" with Mitch from Activities one evening and music outside on a sunny afternoon.



Nice days to enjoy each others company.

Food and Fun

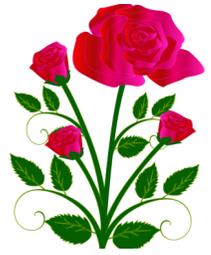


Everyone had a wonderful time at the April Festive Meal! The food was excellent and the music was so fun it got people out dancing. In May there was a lovely Mothers Day Brunch and a Social Tea. Resident's enjoyed a Fathers Day BBQ in June. Happy Hour is always a fun time too.

On July 4th the Lions will be providing a meal of deep fried halibut and all the fixings and on July 17th we will have a festive meal which families are invited to attend.



Residents enjoyed a tasty lunch and a Spring Fashion Show at the Moose Lodge. Two of our activities staff were even models for the show.



June Birthdays

Residents

Frank O'Brien

Norris Finch

Dave Brown

Don Jones

Elaine Mitchell

John Antilla

July Birthdays

Residents

James Clark

Wayne Merrill

Bill Shannon

Maryan Selle

Darrell Murray

Robert Bassett

Alfred "Al" Roig

Jay Senter

Walter Anderson

Joseph (Fred) Maestas

Dominic Bernardo



There will be a Halibut Meal hosted by the Lions Club on the 4th of July and a Festive Meal on July 17th.

There will also be many fun activities happening so be sure to check the Activities Calendar.

