

June

2015



## From our Administrator

### Greetings from the Administrator

Memorial Day was a very special event here at the home, the federal holiday, which originated as Decoration Day in 1868 is designed to remember those who have died serving in the United States Military. Being a veteran's home, there are many among us who have experienced this loss. We had multiple special guests to honor our veterans and their time spent here is appreciated. Thank you to all of our guests and their consistent friendship to the Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home:



Joshua Shaver

Governor Bill Walker  
First Lady Donna Walker  
U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Alaska Senator Bill Stoltze  
Alaska Representative Shelly Hughes  
Alaska Representative Cathy Tilton  
Borough Assembly member Jim Sykes  
Pioneer Home Advisory Board member, Former DHSS Commissioner, Bert Hall

### Activities

- **June 4 @ 10:00**  
Trip to Alaska State Troopers Museum and Lunch in Anchorage.
- **June 9 @ 11:00am**  
Beach Lake Picnic with Anchorage Pioneer Home
- **June 11 & 12 @ 10-3**  
Rummage Sale
- **June 13 @ 11:00**  
Colony Days Parade
- **June 12-14**  
Palmer Colony Days celebrating 80 years of Colonists with a parade, vendors, live music, classic cars and games across the street from our facility.
- **June 17 @ 5:00**  
Father's Day themed Festive Meal with entertainment by Steve Willis and his band.
- **June 21**  
Father's Day



Governor Bill Walker and Joshua Shaver



First Lady Donna Walker with resident Roy Hooper



First Lady Donna Walker with resident Ron Verke

## *New Employees*



**Julie Showalter**  
**RN**



**Brandy Romer**  
**CNA**



**Brittney Pambrun**  
**CNA**



**Laurel Eliason**  
**CNA**

## *United Way Day of Caring*



United Way of Mat-Su and MEA employees participated in the Day of Caring. While here they cleaned the Pavilion, cleaned up the Sunny Loop Courtyard, did some weeding, sweeping and other cleaning around the building. The pavilion is now ready to use this summer. We are very thankful for their help.

## *Around The Home*



Environmental Services went all out sporting red noses for “Red Nose Day” which is a day to raise funds for under-privileged kids.



Social Worker A’lise Bruns sharing her dog, Wookie with resident David Brown. Wookie is a favorite among our residents.



Susie Carlson our dedicated hair-dresser with the beautiful silk flower hair clips she makes for our female residents and Mary Gannon with one in her hair. Susie always goes above and beyond and adds that extra touch of love and care to all of our residents.



Resident Roy Hooper having fun with James Benard, NANA Food Services Manager at the weekly Ice Cream Social.



# Activities



**Hafi Harem Belly Dancers entertaining our residents.**



**Residents enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Moose Lodge.**



**Amazing Grace Academy Students visiting and working on crafts with our residents.**



**Residents Ed Willis and Norman Bean enjoyed a sunny day getting the raised gardens ready for planting.**



**Willow Elementary Band entertained our residents with their music and singing.**



**Residents and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and entertainment by "Ann & Kelly" at May's Mother's Day themed Festive Meal.**



## June Birthdays

### Residents

*6/02 Frank O'Brien*

*6/02 Robert Parkerson*

*6/04 June Allen*

*6/09 Bill Peterson*

*6/15 Kai Anderson*

*6/17 Jack Straayer*

*6/22 Paul Rhein*

### Employees

*6/03 Renee Rankin*

*6/03 Jocelyn Van Vliet*

*6/05 Debbie Croft*

*6/08 Teresa Nix*

*6/14 Mary Gibson*

*6/20 Julie Showalter*

*6/25 James Belt*

*6/27 Rufus Brown*

*6/29 Norma Cook*

*6/29 Janelle Hankins-Tooke*