

October—
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IMPERIAL MANOR NEWS LETTER

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Only three months left until Christmas and the New Year! That is always a busy time for us! Again we plan to have a Holiday Meal between Thanksgiving and Christmas for all residents, their families and friends, and employees and their families. The holidays are such a busy time for everyone, and last year's event was such a success that we decided to repeat. Invitations will be sent out closer to the date and we look forward to seeing all of you.

The Methodist church donated an organ to the facility chapel. It will replace one donated several years ago that wasn't up to par. The "guys" from John Deere moved the "new" one in and took the "old" one out. Thanks guys! Chris Schilke took the "old" one to her house. We were glad it went to a good home.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with Bingo, read, visit one to one, or bake cakes and host the monthly birthday parties. The residents enjoy seeing a different face and do appreciate your efforts. Please contact Peggy Murillo if you or your "group" would like to assist.

Residents come to the Manor from the hospital many times assuming they qualify for Medicare A. The three day hospital stay is the first hurdle to qualify for Med A, but there is much fine print defining when Medicare will actually pay for skilled nursing care. You must need a skilled service (a service only a licensed professional is allowed to do), and then Medicare only pays as long as you require that service. It may be a week or it may be a month. The full payment is only for twenty days. After that you can receive up to eighty days that require a co-pay from the resident.

The Imperial Manor Parkview Heights Life Enhancement Fund has grown to \$2200. The committee is planning several raffles for the holiday season. Be watching to see all the chances you will have to get a great Christmas present by just purchasing a raffle ticket! Christmas is a good time to make that 2009 donation that can be used as a tax deduction. Harvest time presents the opportunity to donate one load of grain or one calf to the fund.

The future of our home depends more and more on the community at large. You all have heard the healthcare debates both at the federal and state levels. Medicare and Medicaid will both see cuts in the coming year. Our Medicaid population continues to grow as costs for care increase. The regulations must be followed, but no funding is provided. Private pay can no longer make up the gap in reimbursement. It becomes necessary for the community at large to support the facility by donations that can be used for improvements. We would all like to think we won't ever need the care provided at the facility. However if we ever do, how much better to be home than in the next town over where our family has less opportunity to visit and we are strangers.

Happy
Birthday



RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

KAREN WOOD	OCTOBER	20th
HENRIETTA HINK	NOVEMBER	30th
MARY DREILING	DECEMBER	1st
DUANE GLADUE	DECEMBER	9th
THEONE DRAPER	DECEMBER	16th
DEAN HAARBERG	DECEMBER	25th
LOWELL CLARK	DECEMBER	28th
DON CRUMRINE	DECEMBER	31st