



# AMBERWOOD

Care Centre

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## Department Heads

Julie Logan: Administrator

Becky Pearce, RN: Clinical Director

Samantha Baney, RN: Assistant Director of Nursing

Lu Franseen, LPN: MDS Care Plan Coordinator

Thomas Motley: Medical Records/ Central Supply

Nakia Johnson: Concierge Director

Jodi Naser, LPN: Restorative Director

Alicia Pearce: Director of Admissions

Angel Rach: Social Services Director

Mary Durrenberger: Activities Director

Jennifer Buchanan: Business Office Manager

Paul Pearce: Maintenance Director

Tessa Watson: Marketing Director

Danyell York: LPN, Treatment Nurse

Steve Pahnke: Certified Dietary Manager

Dawn Jackson: Housekeeping/ Laundry Supervisor

Ruth Marriett, RN: Assistant Director of Nursing

## GREETINGS

Fall Greetings to our friends and families of Amberwood!

There is a chill in the air and the deer are running so be careful on the roads you may travel. If you are visiting soon please take a moment to see our courtyards as we have our fall cleaning finished and they look very inviting. I am pleased to announce the promotion of Dawn Jackson to the position of Housekeeping/Laundry Supervisor effective September 8<sup>th</sup>. Dawn has served as the Kitchen Supervisor/Cook for 5 years and was a Cook and Dietary Assistant prior to that. We can already see Dawn's positive influence leading this department. Now is also a great time to clean the summer wear out of closets and bring in the fall wear. We have very limited storage space so we ask for your help in keeping the resident rooms uncluttered and organized.

We are gearing up to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk coming up September 24<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA Log Cabin. If you can't make it to the walk please think of the Alzheimer's Association when planning your charitable donations. The painting is complete on New Beginnings and we are working on getting the pictures back up in the common areas. We have locking memory boxes outside the resident doors on that unit and would like assistance from families to bring in small items or pictures that capture the interest of your loved ones. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Regards, *Julie Logan*



Congratulations

Dawn!

Dawn Jackson has been with Amberwood since 2006, working as our Kitchen Supervisor. With all of her hard work and dedication, she has now been promoted to House Keeping/Laundry Supervisor. We are grateful to have you with us! Congratulations Dawn!!!



## Leonard Takes Flight

Amberwood resident Leonard (age 91), had the privilege of flying the friendly skies again with the help of Passages Hospice Dream program. After training pilots in the Air Force from 1943-1945, and then going on to serve his country as a pilot in WWII, his passion for flying was never far from his mind. Now living in Amberwood's Alzheimer Unit "New Beginnings", his hospice nurse, Kim McCaslin made it possible for him to re visit those memories along with the gracious help of Pilot Craig Bailey of Poplar Grove, IL. It could not have been a more picture perfect evening to take flight into the bright blue skies over the city of Chicago and Lake Geneva! Leonard's wife, Gloria was able to tag a long as a passenger and watch as her husbands face lit up with joy! Leonard, along with Passages Hospice, has a way of showing us all that dreams really can come true.



# alzheimer's association™



Sue from the Alzheimer's Association came to speak at Amberwood on the Baby Boomer generation and the health risks they may be facing.



**Poker is a great way to socialize with your neighbors!**





Alicia and Nakia smile as they work the booth at the Winnebago County Fair. Yee-Haw !



Some of our residents made all natural dog biscuits and helped shred newspaper for the Winnebago Animal Shelter on "Help Make a Difference Day".



Around Amberwood



Baking Class is one of the many activities that Amberwood residents enjoy participating in.



Melanie made personalized magazines filled with pictures of favorite pastimes for each New Beginnings resident.



# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

# Just for Giggles



**Name:** Thomas G.

**Hometown:** Rockford, IL.

**Family:** Only Child

**Children:** 3 kids of his own

**Occupation:** Owned his own fencing company

**Secret to Longevity:** "Luck"

**Favorite Activity at Amberwood:** Poker

**Hobbies:** following sports

**Animals:** grew up with 2 German Sheppard's

## SENIOR TEXTING CODES

ATD: At the Doctor's

BTW: Bring the Wheelchair

BYOT: Bring your own teeth

CBM: Covered by Medicare

CUATSC: See You At the Senior Center

IMHO: Is My Hearing Aid On?

OMSG: Oh My! Sorry, Gas

WTP: Where's the Prunes?

## DID YOU KNOW

Wedding Rings date back thousands of years. The ancient Romans and Egyptians both believed that a vein called the *vena amoris* ran directly from the ring finger to the heart.

## Upcoming Events

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Alzheimer's Walk

October 4<sup>th</sup>: Beloit Senior Fair

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Taco Day Fundraiser

October 15<sup>th</sup>: Breast cancer walk

## Happy Birthday

9/3- Jean H.

9/4 - Barbara B.

9/7- Annie N.

9/8- Brian E.

9/12- Patricia C.

9/21- Laura L. & Katherine G.

9/24- Danny C.

