

Resident and Family Picnic

This year the weather cooperated and we had a wonderful “outside” picnic for our residents and families! A large crowd (over 400 people), great food (thanks to our cooks: Julia, Kelly and Peggy), great entertainment (thanks Arly), and a wonderful staff who without this would not have been possible. We have received very positive feedback and even some ideas for next year already. Guess it is never too soon to start planning for the next one. Thanks to all for making it a big success!



New Staff

Please join us in welcoming Barbie Kempen and Ann Mahn, our two new Registered Nurses. As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, we have been in the process of adding additional nursing resources and now have filled those positions.



Ann Barbie

Barbie Kempen, who you will be seeing between 6am and 2:30pm, joined us in mid-July. Barbie has a background in hospital nursing, long term care, and more recently in Hospice nursing. By the time of this

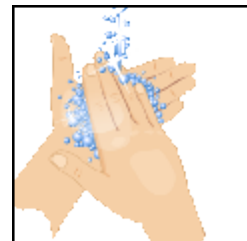
newsletter, she will already have a couple of weeks under her belt and is truly enjoying her new role.

Ann Mahn joined Valley VNA the last week of July. Ann comes from a background of both hospital nursing and years spent in long term care. Ann will be working 12:30-9pm. You can find more in-depth profiles of our two newest staff in our “Meet the Team” page (will be updated mid-Aug.).

H1N1 Flu

While it is hard to think about “flu” with the warm weather outside, the threat of the H1N1 flu is still out there. The CDC still has us at a “high” alert. What has changed is that the highest risk population at this time appears to be children and young adults. While everyone is at risk, these age groups are at the top of the list. Several summer camps across Wisconsin have been closed due to one or more of the children having the flu.

You will notice that we have hand sanitizer containers hanging on the walls by most of the entrances. Please utilize before visiting your family member and it won’t hurt to use again on the way out either! We will be going into higher risk season before too long so it’s good to get in the habit. As new information becomes available, we’ll be sure to pass it along.



Please join us in support of a good cause. Walk in the **Alzheimer’s Association’s Memory Walk 2009** on Saturday, Sept. 19th at the Fox Cities Stadium. Walk on Valley VNA’s team, organize your own team or volunteer. To learn more call Bill Mauthe (Valley VNA’s Life Enrichment Coordinator) - 920-727-5544.