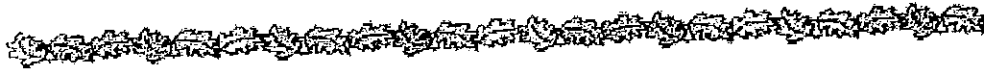


Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center

A not for profit organization to promote the welfare of the mentally retarded

P.O. Box 754
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NEWSLETTER October 2014



PFLC GENERAL MEETING
Gym Building 64
Sunday, October 26, 2014

1:00 Refreshments and sale of nuts for our fundraiser
2:00 Meeting begins

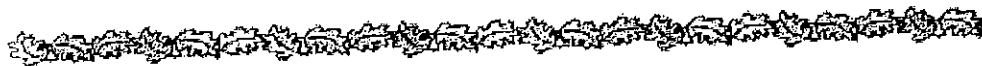
Guest Speaker

Al Riley is a Democratic member of the Illinois House of Representatives, representing the 38th District since January 2007. A member of four House committees, Mr. Riley chairs the House Committee on Mass Transit. By profession Mr. Riley is an urban planner and statistician by profession, having published and conducted research in the fields of education, economic analysis, medical research and health planning.

Glenda Corbett, Ludeman Director, will answer questions and fill us in on any new developments at Ludeman.

In addition, **Sarah Ross** will inform us of the Amazon Smile Program and information on our new PFLC website.

John Haley will give us an update on the federal lawsuit.



We hope to see you at the General Meeting on October 26. The information will be helpful for all parents and guardians and give you an opportunity to pick up the nuts to support our fundraising effort.

2014 ANNUAL PFLC NUT SALE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

OFFICIALLY BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING

Each year the PFLC Nut Sale is our single biggest fundraiser. The profit from last year's Nut Sale was just under \$5,000. We look forward to your help in making this year's drive an even more successful one. The nuts, candy, and pretzels are great for holiday gatherings and make wonderful gifts for friends & family. Going to a holiday party? They make great host and hostess gifts

Make a list of whom you might want to give one to. Better yet, if in the past you took a few boxes, take the challenge of taking a case this year (or two!) and sell them to friends, colleagues, or at a holiday church bazaar. It gives you the opportunity to let people know about the needs of our loved ones and the fine efforts of PFLC on their behalf.

The 2014 drive will begin the day of our General Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 26th. Please attend the meeting and pick up your nuts, candy & pretzels. The prices per box are as follows:

Cashews	\$13.00
Deluxe Mixed Nuts	\$12.00
Chocolate Covered Mixed Nuts	\$12.00
Frosted Pretzels	\$ 6.00
Holiday Sampler*	\$ 9.00

** Holiday Sampler is a divided box consisting of frosted pretzels, chocolate covered almonds, Peppermint bark, & Georgia Nuts version of M&M's*

All products can be purchased individually or as cases (12 boxes to a case). Most importantly, all funds raised will be used to enhance the quality of life for all people living at Ludeman. Please bring your checkbooks and participate.

Tootsie Roll Drive

PFLC holds the Nut Sale Drive and Tootsie Roll Drive as our two yearly fund raising efforts. They together account for the majority of our annual budget. The Tootsie Roll Drive took place on Friday, September 19th and Saturday, September 20th this year. On average each volunteer raises about \$150. You can help out next year by volunteering, too. Just contact Tootsie Roll Drive Chairperson, Alexis Pride or Fred Flynn.

Elisabeth Ludeman Center
Glenda M. Corbett, Center Director
October 2014

STATUS OF SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS

The Ludeman Center had its annual survey from 7/7/14 – 7/17/14 we were cited with 14 standard level tags. No Immediate Jeopardies or Conditions of Participation which are considered serious deficiencies were issued. The Center is currently in substantial compliance with ICF/DD Regulations. ICF/DD Regulations are the standards that the Ludeman Center must comply with as evaluated during surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and/of Federal Surveyors from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Ludeman Center last underwent an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Annual Certification Survey with Federal Partnership on September 20, 2013.

The success of Public Health Surveys ensures that the Ludeman Center remains certified as an Intermediate Care Facility/Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) residential provider in the Federal Medicaid program. Doing so means that Ludeman Center will continue to bring back to the State of Illinois approximately one-half of Ludeman's operating budget. Maintaining certification is an extremely important measurement of the level of quality care and services we currently provide to the 417 people with developmental disabilities residing at the Ludeman Center.

Our Life Safety Survey was conducted on August 12 thru August 19, 2014. We were cited with 8 standard level Life Safety tags, 7 less than last year. These tags will not cause the Center any certification issues. All tags are in the process of being corrected. Life Safety Surveys occur yearly.

The Center has had 4 anonymous complaints within the last 4 weeks. All 4 complaints were unfounded. We had one incident investigation which resulted in tag W149 (documentation of behaviors)

FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

Old Business-Ludeman's budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (07/01/13 through 06/30/14) is once again, scarce but there are no major program cuts for human services in the Governor's budget. A new AFSCME contract which includes 61.5 million in raises for AFSCME workers was passed. I will give an update on the new budget within the next few months.

New Business-We have been blessed again with additional staffing. We were approved to post for an additional 39 full-time technicians. Every effort continues to be made to fill critical staff vacancies as they occur. However, the process of filling staff vacancies remains very time consuming and is often filled with delays being we have to wait on signatures from several different levels. Even with a plethora of obstacles we remain optimistic. Ludeman's overtime is currently at 20%. We are working hard to reach our goal of 8%. New systems are in place to monitor OT usage for the next 30 days.

Ludeman Center staff continues to do their best to provide the high quality of care and services you expect of us. Resources are stretched more than ever and many staff continues to perform

additional/extra duties and functions. As staff and other resources change, everyone at Ludeman remains well aware of the very important responsibility we all have to meet the needs of everyone who lives at the Center. Our focus will never divert from our obligation to provide high quality care and services within a safe and secure environment. Client protection is our most important responsibility. We intend to continue to meet these obligations.

OTHER INFORMATION

Ludeman held the Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our New Kitchen. The Event was attended by Secretary Saddler, Asst. Secretary Smyser-DeLeon and Park Forest Mayor Ostenburg. Ludeman's Dietary Services will officially end operations at the Oak Forest Hospital October 1, 2014. We look forward to serving your loved ones on campus.

Parking / Road Issues: New parking lots have been constructed Centerwide and in addition, pot holes filled. Center grounds are looking better than they have in years thanks to our dedicated staff.

The Short Term Admit program is progressing very well. 15 individuals have been successfully transitioned back into the community.

We are currently preparing to launch the "Ludeman Community Clinic" which will offer specialty clinics to individuals being served in the community. We are looking at a Grand Opening sometime in October.

The garden staff has begun picking the awesome vegetables from the "Ludeman Garden". We plan to open a "market" which will be open to the community. We plan to sell fresh flowers, house plants and produce.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to communicate with my office.

Glenda M. Corbett, Center Director, (708) 283-3001.

Ludeman PFLC Website News

You have the opportunity to donate to our organization when you shop on Amazon.com.
Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchase to the Parents and Friends Of Ludeman Center!

Visit our website, Ludeman PFLC Home Page and Donate Now Page.
Click on the "Get Started" button in the Shop At Amazon Smile box.

Or, enter the link below in your web browser and it will take you directly to Amazon.com
Amazon Smile PFLC Donation

On our website Home page, be sure to click on the **+Follow** Button in the lower right corner and enter your e-mail address to get notified of our website updates.

***** NEWS FLASH *****

Important Update on the Save Our Residents Federal Lawsuit

Click on the link below:

<http://ludemanpflc.org/lawsuit-update/>

PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LUDEMAN CENTER
NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTIONS
FOR 2014/2015

PFLC election will be held on October 26, 2014, at the General Membership Meeting at Ludeman, in the Gym.

PFLC OFFICERS: (ONE YEAR TERM)

John Haley
Fred Flynn
Sarah Ross
Angie Kaskey
Gayle Cooley

PFLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TWO YEAR TERM)

Evelena Clark
Janet McFadden
Ann M. Patellaro
Lou Ann Patellaro
Mary Lou Sullivan
Shirley Walters Toliver
Denise Whalen

ONE MORE YEAR - ELECTED LAST YEAR:

Lorraine Burton
Bob Cooley
Laura Griffin
Pamela Hill
Paul and Carol Keipert
Alexis Pride
Neil Sullivan
Sheila Threlkeld
Uyles E. Myles
Kimberly Whalen

YOUR MONEY AT WORK!

Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center organization is continuing to donate for the benefit of residents for their quality of care. Below are some donations for our loved ones and for their protection:

- * 12/17/13, Tuesday Center wide Holiday Dinner/Dance Off-Grounds at Silverlake Country Club \$1,355.50
- * 12/18/13 Wednesday Center wide Holiday D/J Music On-Grounds for disabled residents \$350.00
- * 9/14/13 Center-wide Fall D/J Dance \$625.00
- * 2014 Legal Expense To Protect the Residents \$15,500.00
- * 4/13/14 Center wide Spring D/J Dance \$625.00
- * MAMRE Special Religious Ed. Donation \$300.00
- * VOR (Voice of the Retarded) June, 2014, Conference Dues, Registration & Conference Sponsor, Initiative Nationwide VOR Trip to Washington, DC & Visits to Legislators \$1,588.00
- * 6/7/14 Center wide "Summer Gala" \$1,611.00
- * 9/13/14 Center wide "Fall FunFest" Estimate \$1,200.00
- * 11/9/14 Center wide Fall D/J Dance \$625.00
- * Wednesday 12/17/14, Residents' Center wide Holiday Off-Grounds Dinner/Dance at Silverlake \$1,355.00
- * Thursday, 12/18/14, Center wide Holiday D/J Music On-Grounds for disabled residents. \$350.00

The PFLC organization has participated in the caring and the improvements for all the residents at Ludeman.

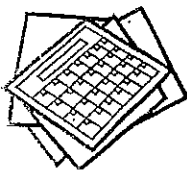


REMEMBER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
(CLOCKS BACK)

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<i>October 30</i>	<i>Halloween</i>
<i>November 2</i>	<i>Change your clocks</i>
<i>November 4</i>	<i>Election Day</i>
<i>November 11</i>	<i>Veterans Day</i>
<i>November 27</i>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Christmas</i>
<i>January 1</i>	<i>New Year 2015</i>