

Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING, 2015

PFLC SPRING GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

ELISABETH LUDEMAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

114 ORCHARD DRIVE, BUILDING 64

PARK FOREST, IL. 60466

REFRESHMENTS: 1:30 P.M.

MEETING: 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA

JOHN HALEY, PFLC PRESIDENT

GREG FENTON, IL. DIV. OF DD, ACTING DIRECTOR

GLENDA CORBETT, LUDEMAN DIRECTOR

BETTY JEAN STEPHENSON

WELCOME

STATE UPDATE

LUDEMAN UPDATE

CAMP CILEA EVENT



The Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center mission is to advocate for the rights of all the residents of Elisabeth Ludeman Center. We will work with the center to provide quality of life enhancement for individuals with disabilities, and to act as a support organization for the family members and friends of the residents. We are an all-volunteer organization.

Greg Fenton, New Acting Director of Illinois DDD To Speak at April 26th General Meeting!

On Monday, March 16, 2015, Greg Fenton became the Acting Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities. He is a person who knows the value of SODCs and we are very pleased that he will be our featured speaker at the April 26th General Membership Meeting. We strongly encourage you to be there to hear Mr. Fenton talk to us about the proposed cuts to the Health & Human Services budget, the implication of those cuts for SODCs, and the continuing importance of facilities like the Ludeman Center.

Mr. Fenton, a graduate of Rutgers University where he received a Master's degree in Public Administration, has over thirty years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities, including work experiences as a Facility Director, Regional Administrator of Community Services, Director of Operations, Assistant Division Director, Regional Assistant Director, Deputy Director and Acting Division Director. We are delighted he is making time to join us.

Glenda Corbett, Ludeman Center Director - News and Updates

STATUS OF SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS

The Center currently has 7 outstanding standard level tags 149, 154, 157, 186, 253, 104, and 192. The Center currently remains in substantial compliance with ICF/DD Regulations. ICF/DD Regulations are the standards that the Ludeman Center must comply with when evaluated during surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and/or 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 July 7, 2014.

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 402 people with developmental disabilities residing at the Ludeman Center.

Our Life Safety Survey was conducted on August 12 through August 19, 2014. We were cited with 8 standard level Life Safety tags which are now corrected, so we are in compliance. Life Safety Surveys occur yearly.

The Center has no anonymous complaints so far this year.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET

Regarding Ludeman's budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (07/01/15 through 06/30/16), there will be minimal cuts in SODC Operations but strict compliance on spending is at hand. We are watching our spending closely. One great thing I must mention is the fact we are fast approaching reaching a savings of over 2.6 million dollars due to the reduction of overtime from 23% in September 2014 to 8.65% in March of 2015. Ludeman has come in under budget in OT for the past 3 months!

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

1. Ludeman has been contracted through our “Ludecorn Program” to supply plants to Brookfield Zoo. Cornerstone has partnered with Ludeman on this very awesome opportunity!
2. Parking / Road Issues: We have requested funding to fill the pot holes and repair concrete sidewalks.
3. The beautification committee has had its meeting.
4. The Short Term Admit program is progressing very well. 17 individuals have been successfully transitioned back into the community.
5. 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 June.

Website News – www.ludemanpflc.org

Amazon Smile Update – February, 2015 Donation: \$11.67. November, 2014 Donation: \$22.22.

Go to our website, and click on the Amazon Smile “Get Started” button to have a portion of your purchase donated to PFLC! It’s easy and does not add to your order total.

Visitors from Near and Far – In 2014, there were 3,855 website visits and in 2015 there are 1,117 visits to our website.

Followers – Want to be “In the Know”? We have 11 followers on our website. Sign up to receive PFLC Updates! It’s easy – go to the website, and in the lower right corner click on “Follow” and enter your e-mail address. You’ll get updates on new postings to the website.

Nut Sale – We received on our website a request to purchase 2 cases of nuts. The buyer covered the shipping expense. Thanks to that PFLC friend for another website success!

PFLC Board of Directors - Officers

President	John Haley
Vice President	Fred Flynn
Treasurer	Gayle Cooley
Recording Secretary	Angie Kaskey
Corresponding Secretary/Web Master	Sarah Ross

NEW - Look for our PFLC Suggestion Box at the April 26th PFLC Spring General Meeting.

Here are some ideas to get the creative juices going:

What topics and speakers would you like to invite to our General Meetings?

How can I get involved in PFLC? Do you have family and friends that would like to join PFLC?

Do you have fundraiser suggestions? Do you have activity ideas for the residents? Is your Legal

Guardianship up to date for your family/friend member? Do you have website suggestions?

Do you have newsletter suggestions? Are you interested in becoming a PFLC board member?

PFLC FUNDRAISING EVENTS

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Do you, or a friend, or a family member work for an organization that supports a Matching Gift Program? Include the Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center as your Matching Gift! Typically, Matching Gift Programs will match your donation – think of it....double the donation to PFLC!

Contact us by sending us an Email at Ludeman.PFLC@gmail.com. We’ll be happy to give you the details.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY NUT SALE WRAP-UP

The Annual Holiday Nut Sale is easily Parents and Friends biggest fundraising effort of the year. This year we made \$5,049. This is the 1st time since 2011 (when we made over \$7,000) that we have cracked the \$5,000 mark. The great thing about our fundraiser is that all the money raised will be used to enhance the quality of life for all the Ludeman residents and to advocate on their behalf.

A huge thank you to those of you who put your time and energy into making this year's drive a success. Next year we would like to make it an even bigger success. We encourage everyone to see if they can add their name to the list next year!

Our Top Sellers:

Haley Family – 45 cases

Paul Keipert – 26 cases

Ed Theriault – 24 cases

Neil Sullivan – 14 cases

Shirley Walters Tolliver – 12 cases

Jean Roush – 10 cases

Our Volunteers Who Sold Five or More Cases:

Janelle McFadden – 8 cases

Joyce Bowles – 6 cases

Mary Beth Olsen – 5 cases

Mark Svenningsen – 5 cases

Bob & Gayle Cooley – 5 cases

Thanks so much to everyone for your hard work and dedication.

Fred Flynn & John Haley

Nut Sale Drive Co-Chairs

2014 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE – 11 Volunteers Representing PFLC!

The annual Tootsie Roll Drive is sponsored and managed by the Knights of Columbus. PFLC Members, Family, and Friends volunteer to collect monetary donations and distribute tootsie rolls for the benefit of the Developmentally Disabled Community. Based on the number of PFLC volunteers, the local Knights of Columbus Council donates a percentage of the collection back to PFLC.

DONATIONS

Donations are still needed to fund the various activities PFLC sponsors for the enjoyment of the residents. We also continue to need your financial help for the Protect Our Residents legal fees. Your donations are put to good use. We are here for our residents. We are their voices. A little help from many goes a long way!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

The Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center is a 501c (3) Non-Profit Organization

All donations are tax deductible. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. We accept money, time and talent.

YOUR MONEY AT WORK – PFLC EXPENDITURES – 2014

PFLC continues to use your donations for the benefit of residents.

Spring DJ Dance	\$600.00
Summer Gala	\$1,611.03
Fall Fun Fest	\$1,989.54
Fall DJ Dance	\$600.00
Holiday Gala – Silver Lakes Country Club (Deposit)	\$500.00
Winter Activity Materials for each House	\$2,150.00
Protect Our Residents Legal Fund	\$18,000.00
MAMRE Special Religious Education Donation	\$300.00
VOR Organization Dues, Registration	\$550.00

IMPORTANT CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2015

You have an open invitation to come and enjoy the following events that are sponsored by PFLC. Volunteers are welcome – no one is ever turned away! Come join us and get Happy. Bring family and friends. You may leave tired, but you will be happy!

April 12 th	Spring Disc Jockey Dance
April 26th	PFLC Spring General Meeting – Building 64 Ludeman Center, 114 Orchard Dr., Park Forest, IL Refreshments 1:30 p.m. Meeting 2:00 p.m. Ludeman Gym – Building 64, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
May 30 th	Summer Gala Ludeman Grounds – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
June 12 – 14	Special Olympics Summer Games Illinois State University, Bloomington-Normal, IL.
July 25 – Aug 2	Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles, CA.
September 19 th	Fall Fun Fest Ludeman Grounds – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
November 8 th	Fall Disc Jockey Dance Ludeman Gym – Building 64, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
December	Holiday Gala at Silver Lakes Country Club
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October 25th	PFLC Spring General Meeting – Building 64 Ludeman Center, 114 Orchard Dr., Park Forest, IL Refreshments 1:30 p.m. Meeting 2:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

Clothing Bank

The Ludeman Center accepts donations of clean, good quality adult-size clothes, shoes, hats mittens, arts and crafts, music, movies, and Wii system games. The Clothing Bank is open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Ludeman Center, Building 2. A thank you acknowledgement letter is given to all donors. Contact the Ludeman Center at 708-283-3000 to donate these items for the residents. You may be sitting on a gold mine of goods you no longer use that can benefit the residents. Put a smile on a resident's face today – donate now.

Café 64

Café 64 is a training site for residents to learn life skills in preparation for working in the community. It is a food service operation staffed and managed by Ludeman Center employees. Visit Café 64 and enjoy a drink and snack!

Ludeman Garden Center

Spring has sprung, and the Garden Program is in bloom. It is managed by Cornerstone Services on the Ludeman grounds. The Program teaches gardening skills for residents in preparation for working in the community. What are they up to now? The Ludeman Garden Program grows plants for sale to the public, and is working on expanding their customer base to retail outlets.

Special Needs Trust

Spain, Spain & Varnet P.C. is located at 33 N. Dearborn, Suite 2220, Chicago, IL 60602. The firm will present a seminar, 'How to Administer a Special Needs Trust' on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Visit their website, www.ssvlegal.com for more information.

Ludeman Center Information

It is important that you know the following information to contact the right Ludeman Center resource. First, know what Unit and House Number your family member/friend resides in. There is a full complement of staff to help you at the Unit level. Should any issues arise, they should be your first point of contact.

Unit 1, Houses 4 – 22

Unit Director	708-283-3300
Assistant Unit Director	708-283-3303
Executive Secretary	708-283-3301
Physician	708-283-3308
Nursing Office	708-283-3315
Social Worker	708-283-3144
Residential Supervisors	708-283-3304
Investigations	708-283-3310

Unit 2, Houses 23 - 39

Unit Director	708-283-3348
Assistant Unit Director	708-283-3343
Executive Secretary	708-283-3064
Physician	708-283-3349
Nursing Office	708-283-3342/3352
Social Worker	708-283-3291/3292
Residential Supervisors	708-283-3344
Investigations	708-283-3357

Unit 3, Houses 40-57

Unit Director	708-283-3380
Assistant Unit Director	708-283-3383
Executive Secretary	708-283-3381
Physician	708-283-3392
Nursing Office	708-283-3387/3083
Social Worker	708-283-3395
Residential Supervisors	708-283-3384/3290
Investigations	708-283-3390

General

Switchboard	708-283-3000
Director's Office & Staff	708-283-3001, 3004, 3006, 3007
Health Center	708-283-3150, 3153, 3168, 3175
Dental Office	708-283-3100, 3103, 3104
Psychological Services	Contact Switchboard
Trust Fund	708-283-3039
Developmental Training	708-283-3124, 3101
Activity Therapist	708-283-3107
Café 64	708-283-3195

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