Hoffman SummerWood Community

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SIGHTS & SOUNDS

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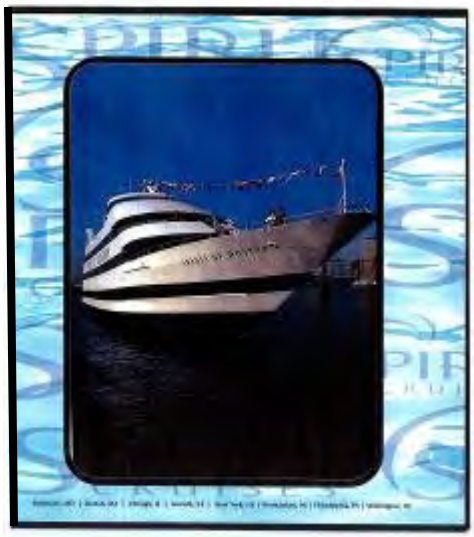
SummerWood members enjoy the Spirit of Boston Cruise



Pictured l. to r. Shirley Brody, Selma Gordon, Betty Jacobs, Terry Marcus, Gertrude Zemmel and Jean Sanofsky

Pictured top r. "Spirt of Boston" cruise ship

On a picture perfect summer day, SummerWood members, along with members of the West Hartford Senior Center, departed for the Spirit of Boston Lunch Cruise. Our members, adorned in their light weight cruise attire, eagerly boarded the luxury coach bus in anticipation of a wonderful afternoon. The two hour cruise is widely considered one of the most entertaining experiences in Boston and features live entertainment, a narrated tour of Boston's breath-taking skyline and a scrumptious lunch buffet. SummerWood's activity department is consistently seeking new ideas to enhance the enjoyment of our members and the "Spirit of Boston" lunch cruise definitely fit the bill!

Save the date for SummerWood's Ten Year Anniversary & National Assisted Living Week Celebration!

On Sunday, September 11th from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, SummerWood will be celebrating its Ten Year Anniversary and National Assisted Living Week! Invitations have been mailed. Don't miss out on the fun, please RSVP to Deborah Breedlove-Watts at 860-523-3808.

Share Your News!

Hoffman SummerWood Community is pleased to publish *SummerWood Sights and Sounds*, our very own newsletter, on a monthly basis. We invite members and staff to *share their news* by dropping a note to the front desk.

SummerWood Waitstaff Complete Comprehensive Training!

In a continuing effort to assure SummerWood's members enjoy their dining experience and to ensure that the waitstaff are being properly trained on a continuous basis, SummerWood developed the *Server Training* program. It is essential that our servers maintain an energetic, friendly and caring attitude at all times so that our members feel special. Our waitstaff is the first point of contact in our dining room and they set the atmosphere for the evening.

Objectives of the program included training the waitstaff to adopt a true understanding of their responsibilities; practicing accurate table settings, and understanding team dynamics and concepts. The intense training consisted of a detailed presentation and included a hands on demonstration of SummerWood service techniques. Every member of our waitstaff team was excited to learn new skills that will help to guarantee our members a fine dining experience. After attending the *Server Training* program, each waitstaff received a certificate reflecting hours of training and successful completion!

Pictured l. to r. back row: Valarie Ortega, LaToya Guy, Alexander Eloi, Molech Jarrett, Gianna Flowers, Renee Lopez-Wright, and Ancel DaSilva.

Picture l. to r. front row: Shantell Sinclair, Shantrese Hamilton, and Natasha Fernandez.

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- Minna Panzer's grandson, David Mihal, graduated from Glastonbury High School in June 2011 and will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall, majoring in Computer Studies. David has won multiple scholarships from Northeast Utilities, Cox Communications and Dunkin Donuts. This summer David saved up for his college expenses by working as a web developer at Web Savvy Marketers in Manchester, CT.
- Silvia Pasternak's granddaughter, Hillary Pasternak, is engaged to be married. Hillary and her fiancée, Joseph Sarrasin, will be married on March 11, 2012 in Simsbury, CT.

Reminder

By Irene Rosenberg

The sky grows dark
and the wind begins.
The rain comes down in torrents.
The lightening strikes
and splits the tree
which falls down
in the forest.
We look in wonder
at what we see,
Mother Nature saying
"Remember me".

Volunteer Spotlight

Larry Stahl refers to himself as a professional volunteer. Since his retirement from Pratt and Whitney, Larry has been keeping himself busy at SummerWood by taking great care of the plants located throughout. The Center and the outside flowers placed in the north side patio, all are thriving under Larry's meticulous care. Larry also holds a horticulturist class to teach members how to care for their plants. Larry became interested in horticulture after retiring and discovered he had a "green thumb". In addition to volunteering at SummerWood, Larry also volunteers his time at the Hebrew Home and Hospital as well as various local companies. Thank you Larry for your help with keeping SummerWood beautiful.