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Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

This newsletter is being sent to responsible parties listed as the primary contact for the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. The newsletter is distributed to residents of the Baldwin Care Center. Birch Haven Assisted Living is also sending newsletters to responsible parties. The Apartment Manager distributes copies to the Birchwood Apartment tenants. Responsible parties can direct other family members and friends to the Baldwin Care Center website at www.baldwincarecenter.com to read current and previous newsletters. If there is a topic you would like discussed in the newsletter, please contact me via email at elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com or by phone at 715-684-3231, Ext. 103.



Unfortunately, this week the Baldwin Care Center had an employee test positive for COVID-19. The employee works in the Dietary department. The employee had not been in the building working for a week prior to testing positive. The guideline is that quarantine needs to be put into place if the employee has worked within the last 48 hours. So the Baldwin Care Center did not have to quarantine residents. We had just lifted quarantine for the Whispering Pines side of the building on Friday, February 26th. So we can continue to have residents attend activities and meals respecting masking and social distancing

practices as per the guidance. The one very unfortunate part was that we had the beautician scheduled to come back to begin beauty and barber services. This will now have to be delayed again because we will need to complete outbreak testing for the next two weeks for residents and staff. Both Birch Haven Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments have not had any resident or staff cases for some time. The Beautician has been coming to both of those locations.

On Thursday, March 4th Walgreens Pharmacy made their third and final stop at the Baldwin Care Center. Second Moderna vaccine doses were primarily given to employees who had not had the opportunity to receive their second vaccines yet. We are working on a plan to partner with Adoray Home Health and Hospice to be able to vaccinate new residents here. Several nurses who work for Adoray have been designated as vaccinators. Adoray is providing vaccines to their clients and their caregivers, in addition to providing some community clinics. We are grateful that we would be able to have this service provided to our residents by Adoray. Adoray is receiving the Pfizer vaccines. Both the Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living will be having their third vaccine clinic towards the end of the month. During the Wisconsin Department of Health Services webinar this week, vaccines were discussed. They indicated that 149 facilities across the state have received both of their vaccines.



With the vaccination process in full swing across the state there have been questions that have arisen from residents and family members about how this affects visitation. Wisconsin DHS said that they are receiving questions, particularly from family members. The indication that facilities received from DHS was that there is no new guidance related to visitation. DHS indicated that they are being told that the Centers for Diseases Control (CDC) is working on new guidance based on the research that has been conducted thus far. They are



uncertain as to when this new guidance will be released. So they guidance from CDC and Wisconsin DHS that I have discussed previously is currently still in place. The Baldwin Care Center has recently expanded compassionate care visits a bit. We are arranging some compassionate care visits for residents with spouses. Obviously their contact has been very limited over the past year and we recognize how important this contact is. Baldwin Care Center is also continuing visiting booth visits for all residents. I am continuing to arrange those visits with residents and family members. This week I was finally able to see my brother at the nursing facility that he lives in. I have not seen him since last September. It was wonderful to be able to see him and see that he is doing great. Vestibule visits continue in Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living. Please contact the managers in those settings to set up a visit.

Regular testing for COVID-19 continues with rapid antigen testing for staff in the Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living. Tenants and residents do not need to be tested unless they are symptomatic. Because of the COVID-19 positive employee, the Baldwin Care Center will need to do outbreak testing for the next two weeks to make certain no other staff or residents are positive. Otherwise, residents and staff are tested if they are symptomatic with a rapid antigen test.



A big thank you to Doris Hansen's family for the marshmallow treats and frosted brownies. They were enjoyed by all of the Baldwin Care Center staff. Doris Birkett's daughter Wendy Trendera brought bagels and cookies for the staff of Birch Haven Assisted Living. Thank you. They were delicious.

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*

March Birthdays



8th Nancy VanSomeren



15th Pat Bullock

