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Falling leaves and Changing Weather

What a busy end to the summer it was at Bon Homie. We had major changes going on with the center, a retirement celebration for one of our most distinguished employees and Adult Day Care Week activities highlighted the end of the season.

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Ruby

The Annual Talent show during Adult Day Care Week was a huge success but believe it or not, that was not the hottest ticket in town; the raffle tickets were the hot item! Read about Bon Homie's first ever basket raffle which had all proceeds going towards activities for our clients. Also, were there once was just grass is now a better place to park.

DIAMONDS, GOLD and MONEY:

Please remember that Bon Homie is not responsible for lost or missing items that may have been brought into the center by clients. We ask that all valuables, both in monetary and sentimental value, be left at home. If you have any questions or comments concerning this issue, please feel free to contact the center at any time. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

The Parking Lot is almost complete:

After several months of planning with the township and engineers followed by several weeks of clearing ground and putting in temporary access across the front of the property and finally laying stone and blacktop on what once was just a space of grass and trees, Bon Homie has 12 new places to park. And we are thrilled at how our new parking lot looks.

The extra spaces allows staff to fill in the new parking section which then opens up the closer spots for our caregivers and guests. Although the new spaces are open to park, we still are waiting for some final touches to be delivered and installed including two large street lights as well as a handrail for the new walkway and stair case which connects the new lot to the center.

There were also modifications done to the existing spaces as well. Not only were the blacktop and curbs extended in several areas, but a new Handicap Parking space was also installed to allow the smaller vans with wheelchair ramps another option when dropping off or picking up a client. We hope that all of improvements will allow picking up and dropping off to be easier and safer at the center.

We'd like to thank all of our caregivers and transportation companies for their understanding over the last several weeks as we completed this major project. We know that things moved a little slower than usual moving in and out of the center and we appreciate everybody taking the extra time to keep everybody safe. We'd also like to thank Gene Buckwalter, his crews as well as all of his subcontractors for doing a fantastic job with the project. Gene was able to not only deliver a great finished project but also accommodated all the needs of the center along the way. Please feel free to contact Bon Homie if you would like to get in touch with Gene for any site work you may need in the future, as we highly recommend him.

What's next? We will let you know as soon as we do. The parking lot should be completed by the end of October and we hope to continue improvements to our facility in 2014. We will keep you posted.

Good bye Ruby; we'll miss you.

Last month we announced that after 16 years of being a part of the Bon Homie family, Ruby would be retiring. Plans were then put into action to give Ruby a true Bon Homie send-off party as she began a new chapter in her life. As the days began to wind down to Ruby's final day at the center, clients and staff members began to say their good-byes and preparations for a retirement party were under way.

Clients made farewell signs for Ruby that were then photographed and became part of a video presentation that paid tribute to the 16 years of work that Ruby had given to Bon Homie. It was a retrospect of friends and staff member s over the years, but also all of the clients that Ruby had given incredible care to along the way. Stories were told, friends were remembered and gifts were given.

Once again, Bon Homie would like to thank Ruby for all of her hard work, dedication and for being a part of the center's success during her time here. Nobody set a better example by simply working as hard as she could while caring and respecting every person that she came into contact with. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

ADULT DAY CARE WEEK 2013

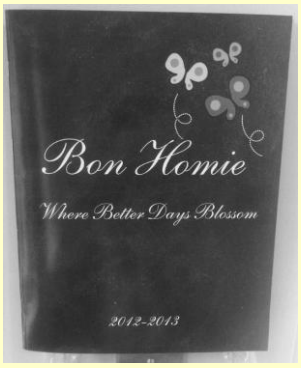
In Review…

Bon Homie had a full week planned for clients and caregivers with special activities and events to celebrate Adult Day Care Week including a special breakfast, a Tea-Party and Bingo and more. Here are some of the highlights:

THE TALENT SHOW

This is a special event for our clients as it is their time to shine in the spotlight, sometimes with a little help from their friends. Acting as talent coordinator and host for the event, our very own J.J. kept the show moving and also assisted many of our stars. We had musical acts, inspired readings and even the Bon Homie Choir took the stage. Thanks for the great turn out and nice job everybody; our center has *TALENT!!*

The Year Book 2012-2013 is Released



Having been one of the largest, client driven, on-going projects that the staff has ever taken on, the release of our first annual Year Book was a huge success. The "Year Book Committee" began working on ideas and layout back in 2012. Gathering pictures from the history of the center, all of the clients in both our programs and staff was a massive task. The book highlights all the club and group activities, our clients that attend the center and even a "Guess Who?" section with clients' baby pictures. It's also a year-in-review covering our prom, 20th year celebration of the center and all the different parties and events including Camp Week, Halloween and all our entertainment. The clients had a great time watching the book come together and it brought the center together as well; being a part of something is very special to them just as it was for many of us with our classes back in school.

Year Books are now available for purchase and we do have copies on hand at the center. The cost is $15.00 per book with all proceeds going towards activities for the clients at Bon Homie. We have order forms in the office which can be returned with your payment to the center. If you have any questions feel free to call Ann in the office.

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The Bake Off **was as competitive…and delicious as ever!**
The Bake Off is a fun time for the clients, staff and caregivers, but the oven mitts come on when the competition heats up The judging was tough because of all the wonderful deserts and treats that were submitted. But, in the end 3 entries grabbed our judges (the clients) taste buds the hardest:

IN 3rd PLACE – Robin's "No-Crust Peach Pie"
IN 2nd PLACE – Trudy's "Key-Lime Cheese Cake"

…and the winner of the 2013 Bon Homie Annual Bake-Off is…
…going to be revealed in next months' newsletter….
I'm just kidding…

IN 1st PLACE – Willie's Chocolate Cake!!!!

Thanks to everybody who submitted an entry. It's actually all of us that wind up winning because we get to enjoy your talents in the kitchen.

The Inside Scoop **with Rob Gorman.**
Hello everybody. I have a few things I wanted to share with everybody this month about how I've been doing and some new things in my life. First off, I want to let you all know that I'm doing just fine after my week long stay at the hospital. I was feeling sick at Bon Homie a few weeks back and wound up in the hospital that night for a while. But the nurses there were great and took very good care of me and I'm back to my old self once again.

If you check out the picture of me here at the talent show singing "I Love New York" you'll notice my new braces that I have for my hands. These new braces have made a huge difference for me as they make my fingers, hands and arms feel so much better. I wear them to help increase the dexterity in my hands and fingers and I've been doing really well with them and already notice a huge improvement, plus it feels really good when I have them on.

Lastly, I just wanted to let everybody know that I got new shoes. You may not think that's very exciting, but there is nothing like getting a new pair of shoes that feels ***this*** good. They are like a slipper moccasin that will be great for winter because they are really warm inside.

Puzzles are serious stuff here at the center; good job Carol I. That one was big and purple!!