

Spring 2017

APRIL

12th - Easter Bonnet Parade

12th - Mad Hatter Tea Party & Egg Coloring

16th - Easter Celebration with Next Level Steel Drum Band

April 23rd - 29th
National Volunteer Week

MAY

1st - Blood Drive

May 14th - 20th
National Nursing Home Week

18th - Resident/Staff/
Family Fashion Show

JUNE

1st - Marilyn Monroe Day

5th - 10th Annual
Golf Outing
Huntington Country Club

14th - Volunteer Luncheon

22nd - Senior Prom

28th - Adult Education
Graduation

Contact us:

St. Johnland Nursing Center
395 Sunken Meadow Road
Kings Park, NY 11754
631-269-5800
www.stjohnland.org



A Note From our CEO & Administrator

Happy Spring! We look forward to celebrating many upcoming events with our residents and their families – Easter and Passover, Mother’s and Father’s Day, and especially the enthusiasm of the residents in the Adult Education courses that will culminate in the graduation ceremony in June. This enriching program was started last year by our Recreation Director, Carolyn O’Brien, and has developed a real following.

The theme of Nursing Home Week in May is “The Spirit of America” and focuses on acts of kindness, generosity and compassion. Please watch for more details and plan to join your loved one for some or all of the related activities that will be taking place.

We are excited to bring new resources for dementia patients to St. Johnland. The NYS Department of Health’s EDGE web-based user-friendly program helps all staff (nurses, aides, housekeepers), volunteers and families to identify interventions that address care and communication challenges that arise in dementia care. EDGE looks at a person with dementia as a whole person with multiple needs and many personal resources, not as a one-dimensional confused person, and is based on the premise that “problem behavior” is often caused by unmet needs. Providing the highest quality of life for our residents is always our highest priority.

St. Johnland has applied to the Department of Health to establish an enriched assisted living program on our campus. Assisted living will address the pressing need for intermediate care and is another service in our continuum of care that follows the trend of earlier discharge of patients from hospitals and rehabilitation centers. Please watch for news about this and our new licensed homecare services.

Mary Jean Weber

10th Annual Golf Classic

St. Johnland’s 10th Annual Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 5th on the challenging course at Huntington Country Club and will honor Stuart K. Cameron and the Emergency Service Section of the Suffolk County Police Department. The day begins with brunch and access to the driving range, followed by a shot-gun start at 11 am, and lunch on the course. Afterwards there will be a cocktail buffet reception with auctions, awards and prizes.



Please join us for an exciting day of golf and support our ongoing fundraising efforts! For registration and sponsorship information or to donate raffle prizes, please call Cathie Wardell at 631-663-2457.

National Volunteer Week April 23rd - 29th

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent and support to causes they care about in their community. St. Johnland will be hosting a luncheon on June 14th in honor of our volunteers to highlight and show appreciation for the difference they make every day for our residents.

St. Johnland has an active volunteer program with people of all ages performing many valuable tasks with residents, leading special programs and sharing a range of creative talents and life experiences. For more information on being a volunteer at St. Johnland, call Carolyn O'Brien, Director of Recreation, at 631-663-2465 (cobrien@stjohnland.org). We are most grateful for the time, energy and dedication provided by our volunteers!



Blood Drive At St. Johnland

St. Johnland Nursing Center will hold a blood drive on Monday, May 1st from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the St. Johnland Chapel. Close to 2,000 donations are needed each day in the NY metro area for patients who need a transfusion. Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 75, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Donations take less than 45 minutes.



Please be a blood donor! If you have questions, please call Cheryl Connelly at 631-663-2461.

Upcoming Resident Activities

Senior Prom

St. Johnland residents will be participating in their "Senior Prom" on Thursday, June 22nd. The residents will be listening to some of their favorite music, and selecting a prom King and Queen as well.



Curtain Calls

In the coming months, residents at St. Johnland's are going to have the opportunity to participate in a "Midwest" musical that will incorporate songs from "Annie Get Your Gun", "Oklahoma" and "State Fair". There will be try-outs, rehearsals, and then a grand performance! The St. Johnland Choir will be part of the performance.

Resident Adult Education Graduation

June 28, 2:30 p.m.

This will be the second Adult Education Graduation here at St. Johnland. Residents voted on topics they wanted to learn about and the Recreation Therapy staff put together a simple outline for each course taught. Courses this year include History of Film, Music, Israel & U.S.A.



National Nursing Home Week May 14th - 20th

National Nursing Home Week is a nationwide celebration that recognizes residents and patients in long term and post-acute care settings, and the dedicated staff members who care for them. This year's theme, "The Spirit of America!", underscores the bonds between staff, volunteers, residents and their loved ones that capture the American spirit. We gratefully acknowledge all who contribute to the unique spirit and community that is St. Johnland!

Mother's Day - May 14th Father's Day - June 18th

This year, family and friends can once again order a special potted plant with your personal greeting to be delivered to your loved one the Friday before Mother's Day and Father's Day. The cost is \$25. Order forms will be sent to you soon. If you wish to send a plant, please contact Joanne Nielsen at 631-663-2734 or jnielsen@stjohnland.org.