

Winter 2019

Winter Events

2/3 Super Bowl Party

HIRU Dining Room - 6:30 pm

2/5 Mardi Gras Party with The Next Level Steel Drum Band

Resident Dining Room - 2:30 pm

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Mary Peck

Kipp Pavilion - 2:15 pm

2/13 Catholic Daughters' Tea

Resident Dining Room - 2:00 pm

2/18 President's Day Live Music

Resident Dining Room - 2:30

Kipp Pavilion - 2:15 pm

2/20 SJNC's "Oscar" Awards Ceremony

Resident Dining Room - 2:30 pm

3/17 St. Patrick's Day Party

Resident Dining Room - 2:30 pm

Kipp Pavilion - 2:15 pm

4/17 Easter Bonnet Parade

Resident Dining Room - 2:30 pm



A Note From our CEO & Administrator

On Thursday, January 17th, St. Johnland formally recognized its long-serving staff with a special dinner and award ceremony at the Watermill in Smithtown, commending them for their dedication and compassion to St. Johnland's residents, and thanking them for their contributions to the St. Johnland team. Diane Butterworth and AnneMarie Lowry were each recognized for 45 years of service to St. Johnland. Congratulations were extended to Patricia Corradengo and Charlene Zimmer for 30 years of service, and Deanna Baez was honored for 25 years of commitment. Five employees received awards for 20 years of service (Gerard Defazio, Jennifer Haug, Jorge Munoz, Marion Ruggiero and Alice Williams), and eight employees were congratulated for 15 years (Jennifer Boylan, Dr. Alex Czira, Leah Davis, Marian Leippert, Dr. Maureen Orsen, Luz Perez, Gladis Sorto, and Cathie Wardell). There were an additional 26 employees who received awards for 5 or 10 years of service. Appreciation and best wishes were also extended to Barbara Barry who retired this year.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to the entire nursing and administrative staff for their commitment to our residents and commended them for their professionalism.

Mary Jean Weber



Pictured: Deanna Baez, Assistant Administrator and AnneMarie Lowry, Nursing Administrative Assistant



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High School Hero

Jared Meyer is no ordinary high school senior. Active on two varsity teams at Kings Park High School, he was injured during a basketball game in September. But he has chosen to put his time away from sports to good use. Participating in Alzheimer's walks for six years, he has



learned about the disease that affected both of his grandmothers. Last year he heard about the Music & Memory program and saw first-hand how nursing home residents react positively to musical stimulation. This led him to collect 12 used iPods and iPhones along with \$80 of iTunes gift cards for the residents of St. Johnland Nursing Center in Kings Park.

Music & Memory is a New York-based national organization that promotes the therapeutic benefits of personalized music for the elderly and for nursing home residents, especially those with dementia. St. Johnland is one of their certified organizations, and has been involved with the program since 2011.

In addition to his commitment to these programs, Jared is also involved in the National Honor Society where he volunteers for different community service projects which raise money and collect food for local charities. He has volunteered at Relay for Life walks, Special Olympics, school field cleanups and the annual Nissequogue River 5K run.

Thank you Jared!

Recreation Wish List

We often have families and friends ask how they can help in a meaningful way or how to honor a loved one on their birthday/holiday. In-kind donations are important to St.

Johnland. We have carefully itemized a wish list of the gifts that will provide residents with stimulating activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please contact Carolyn O'Brien, Director of Recreation Therapy (631 663-2465) to donate any items. Please contact Cathie Wardell, Director of Development (631) 663-2457) to discuss a monetary gift.

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- Monetary donations to pay for basic hair salon services for a small number of residents in need.
- Specialty musical instruments
- Art Supplies: large & medium canvases, good paint brushes & Crayola (only) products
- Monetary donations for musical entertainers
- Bluetooth portable speaker system & microphone
- Portable CD players
- DVDs (Concerts)
- DVD Player
- iTunes gift cards to purchase music specific to resident preferences
- iPads to hook up to TVs for internet trivia games with groups, to hold discussion groups with audio-visual back-up, to show photo slide shows, to use in 1:1 room visits

St. Johnland Art Teacher Retires

Longtime art teacher Roberta Erlagen has ended her 15-year stint at St. Johnland. An accomplished and award-winning watercolorist, she also taught for many years at the Art League of Long Island. Not only did Roberta bring a great variety of projects to the classes of devoted participants but her patience and compassion for their handicaps always shone through the many obstacles that she faced – widely different skill levels being one of the greatest. While there are some residents who have long and serious backgrounds in painting and drawing, many are first-time artists whose enthusiasm and desire to learn is their greatest asset. Roberta also brought her talents to our two adult day care programs and to our Alzheimer's residents, always finding a way to bring out the best in every student. Roberta oversaw many art shows as well as the annual Leading Age traveling exhibits.

The art classes are an important component of the strong art and music recreational therapy program at St. Johnland. The residents presented Roberta with a poem and a gift at a small reception in her honor.



Jennifer Haug, Roberta Erlagen