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New Look for Lobby



Be sure to check out our new lobby furniture. The stylish and comfortable seating says “welcome to our center”.

Father’s Day Thoughts

Collingswood Post readers responded to the request for thoughts about Father’s Day. Here is what they had to say:

“Becoming a father is the easy part, being a good father is the challenge!”



“My dad was the most generous person in the world. He gave from his heart, his wisdom and his wallet.”

“I love seeing my husband hug our daughters. They melt in his strong arms. He is the best father ever!”

”It is so cool to just hang out with my dad on Sunday afternoons. We don’t have to say much. We just enjoy each other’s company.”

Let Us know You

In order to ensure the safety of residents and staff, visitors are required to wear a name badge when in the building. “Visitor” badges can be found in a basket in the lobby at the white sign-in podium.

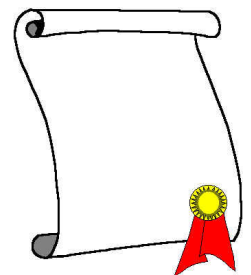


Vendors and affiliates who enter the facility should be wearing a name/ID badge from their company and/or a uniform that states what company they represent. Collingswood staff members are required to wear their name tags at all times when on duty.

If someone is without identification in the building, they should be directed to the lobby front desk for assistance. Please see Mrs Kathy Catucci with any questions.

Helping Young Students

Collingswood’s staff has served as mentors to many aspiring health care professionals over the years. The tradition continued over the past several months when registered dietitian student, Lauren Trocchi, trained with Joyce Geer in the Dietary Services Department Lauren just passed her certification exam.



Congratulations Lauren and Joyce!

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A Fond Farewell Best Wishes to Kurt Herman



He knows every resident and has for more than two years. Kurt has to get to know each resident because his job is to prepare their three meals every day!

Kurt is leaving Collingswood to pursue his life-long dream of restaurant ownership. ***Kurt's Pit Stop BBQ*** will open later this

month in Frederick County, depending upon the permitting process. The carry out restaurant will feature homemade barbeque fare with some seafood specialties such as Shrimp Po' Boys. He says food service is in his blood.

"Food service people are born, not made," he says emphatically.

While he is sad to be leaving his Collingswood family, he is excited about this new opportunity.

"I have had the privilege of serving these wonderful seniors and I have been able to mentor the kitchen staff and bring higher standards to the department," he says.

Residents say they will miss him dearly.

Food committee member Willimina Lawrence comments, "He is so pleasant and eager to please, which when it comes to food, that isn't easy to do."

"He is willing to try new things, even some of our recipes have been featured," says resident Kathy Keane.

Kurt has managed to make a huge impact on the staff, too! Dietary department member Keyon Sandiford says, "He has taught us so much. Because of his talents, we will be just fine when he goes."

Admissions Director Debbie Gallagher is happy to have Kurt's new restaurant near her home.

"It is exciting to have a new, quality restaurant so close to my family. We are looking forward to trying it," she says.

"Kurt's shoes will be tough to fill, but he has built a solid foundation in our kitchen and we will be able to go forward successfully because of his hard work," states Administrator Kathy Catucci.

For more information about Kurt's new restaurant, visit his website: www.kurtspitstopbbq.com. All the best Kurt!!





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Message from the Administrator



Summer Greetings! It is the exciting time of year when we look forward to vacations and rest. As a reminder to all resident family members and representatives, be sure to give us your contact information when you're out of town. We promise to only call if

absolutely necessary!

Collingswood staff should have already requested time off. Anyone who has not, please contact Lisa Nicholson or your manager.

Have a fun and safe summer!

Kathy Catucci, RN, LNHA

June Activities...

June 8 - 10:45 - Special presentation: Connie Cheren, founder & President of *Partners for Care*- a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the people of Kenya. For more information: www.partnersforcare.org.

June 9 - 1:30 – Traditional Summer Picnic **June 13 - 2:30** - Music with Tom Stringer

June 14 - Flag Day- “Bob & Rob” entertain

June 19 - Father’s Day party!

June 21-2:30 - Music with Linda Leach (2E)

June 24- 2pm– Kathleen Kenny’s music (2E)

TBA: In observance of National Strawberry Month, we will be making strawberry trifles. Watch for details about our super fun Sock Hop!



Seasonally Fresh Recipe

Caprese Shrimp

- 2 c. **fresh** spinach
- 4 large **fresh** basil leaves
- 1 ½ c. **fresh** tomatoes peeled, seeded
- 1 lb. large shrimp
- 8 oz. penne pasta
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 2 T. olive oil plus extra for drizzling
- ½ c. fresh parmesan cheese
- ½ c. crumbled feta cheese
- ½ c. shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ c. dry white wine
- ½ c. chicken broth
- 1 t. red pepper flakes



Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel, seed and puree fresh tomatoes and retain juices. Set aside. Cook pasta as directed. Use cooking spray to coat a large glass baking dish. Coarsely chop spinach and basil together. Drain pasta and place it in the baking dish and toss in spinach/basil and parmesan cheese then drizzle with olive oil. In a medium sauté pan, heat olive oil and garlic and add shrimp cooking only slightly. Add tomatoes, wine, chicken broth, pepper flakes and heat just until bubbly. Pour mixture over pasta, sprinkle the feta and mozzarella and back for 10 – 15 minutes or until bubbly. Buon Appetito!





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Editor's Note

June is such a lively month with so many milestones - weddings, graduations, memorable vacations and reunions. Please let me know about your exciting plans. I will publish your fun stories in the Collingswood Post. It would be impossible to repeat the amazing Croatia trip my family enjoyed last summer, but we are planning a tranquil week in Rehoboth in August.

Wishing you and your family a fun and relaxing summer!

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June Observances

*National Tennis Month

*Turkey Lovers' Month

*Father's Day (June 19)

*National Adopt a Cat Month

*D-day (June 6)

*Soap Opera Day (June 23)

*National Safe Driving Month

