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A Consummate Professional

Collingswood is pleased to announce that Mrs. Kathy Catucci has taken on the role of Acting Administrator! Kathy has been Director of Nursing for more than eight years and looks forward to her new duties.



“I couldn’t be happier to lead such an amazing group of people at such an amazing place,” she says.

Kathy is a registered nurse with more than 30

years experience in health care. She brings to her new position a great deal of respect from her colleagues and staff.

“Kathy is the quintessential professional who possesses enormous compassion and integrity,” states long-time Weekend Administrator, Joanne Hogg.

Kathy is certified in Geriatric nursing care and after some additional training and a brief internship, she will obtain her official administrator’s license.

She and her husband live in Rockville and have three adult children.

**CONGRATULATIONS
KATHY!**

Stepping Up

Joy Mollaneda is looking forward to serving as Collingswood’s new Acting Director of Nursing.

“I know I have big shoes to fill (referring to Kathy Catucci) but I am thrilled to be leading such a superior team of professionals,” she says.

Joy has been working as Quality Assurance director at the center for more than 10 years and is highly qualified for her new position.

“If you’ve ever worked with Joy, you know what caring professional she is,” states Nurse Manager Meg Kuzminsky.



Joy received her nursing degree from University of Maryland.

She is recently married and lives in Frederick.

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Summer Time Cookouts Are Back!

The annual tradition continues. Summer barbeques begin this month on the 1st floor patio.

Join us for grilled favorites at lunchtime:

- 1 East – 1st Wednesday of the month
- 2 West – 2nd Thursday of the month
- 1 West – 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Montgomery Inn – 4th Wed. of the month.

Please let us know you are planning to attend by purchasing a ticket at the front desk. For more information, contact a member of the activities staff.



Newspapers...



Please inform the activities staff if residents order their own newspaper subscription so that it can be properly delivered.

All newspapers are delivered together and we want to make sure everyone gets their copy. There are extra copies of *The Washington Post* for our short term residents to share.

Resident Spotlight... A County Gal

“I grew up on a farm and I still feel a bit like a country girl,” says Leona Kurtz.

Like her seven siblings, Leona spent a lot of time as a youngster at her father’s general store in rural Maryland.



“He sold everything from shoes to flour, anything imaginable was in that store! We had the only gas pump for miles too.” she adds proudly.



The store was on the family’s property and when her dad needed help from the kids, he would simply ring a bell so they could come running.

Today, Leona’s pride and joy is her daughter, Eileen. “Someone up there (pointing to heaven) must really like me to give me such a wonderful child!” she beams.

Collingswood is fortunate too to have such a wonderful resident like Leona Kurtz.



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Message from the Acting Administrator...

My goal as the new acting administrator of Collingswood is to uphold the superior quality care standards that Collingswood has always provided its residents.

It has been my home away from home for more than fifteen years. The wonderful staff is like my second family.

There is always room for change for the better and I welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Kathy Catucci

?TRIVIA?

Why is June considered the traditional month for weddings? *The answer is coming up in the next edition!*



Last Month's answer to: "What does 'slumgullion' literally mean?"
Slumgullion literally means "watery stew". It comes from the Irish Gaelic meaning muddy deposit from mining. Yuck! By the way, according to my mother, last month's recipe for Slumgullion lacked a can of whole tomatoes... must have been selective amnesia.

A Summery Dessert

Summer Ginger Cake

1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup shortening (butter/Crisco)
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon rum
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Use any combination of butter and Crisco to equal 1/2 cup in total. In a large mixing bowl, cream together shortening and sugar. Beat egg until foamy and add to mixture. Beat in spices. Mix together baking soda and flour, then stir in. Add molasses and rum. Just before you are ready to bake the cake, stir in boiling water. Pour into a pan lined with buttered wax or parchment paper. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm, with vanilla ice cream or cool whip.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



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Editor's Note

Summer is a great season for fun in the sun. On the tennis court, at a barbeque or lounging poolside, it is a time when memories are made for a lifetime. It seems that as a child, the biggest worries during these months of warm sunny days, were sunburn and mosquito bites. Perhaps things don't change much.

As we enjoy our outdoor activities, let's not forget the sunscreen and insect repellent!

Best wishes for a memorable and fun summer season.

Sincerely,
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Summer Safety Tips

- * Remember that older folks often have sensitive skin. Some medications don't react well with the sun. Always use appropriate clothing and sunscreen when outdoors.
- * The higher the temperature climbs, the more fluid your body needs to stay hydrated. Water is best.
- * Keep your pets in mind. Our furry friends need to stay cool in the summer heat too. Never leave a pet outside for long periods of time without plenty of water! If possible, make sure there is available shade for them.