



Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove

THE CAMPUS FLAG



Notes from Nursing

It is a privilege for the Nursing team at the Union Grove Veterans Home to serve our Members. During our day to day work, we always place the veteran first and do our best to provide compassionate and competent care. Our mission is to work on behalf of our veterans in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our state and nation.

We are always looking for ways to improve our care and services. Currently, one of those ways is implementing a new medical record software over the last several months. The goal is always to find a more streamlined way of documenting so the staff can be out with the Members they care for instead of behind a desk. You will notice there are computer screens on the wall in the hallways and in the dining rooms. The CNAs will use these touch screens to record the care they are providing for our Members. We plan to have the program fully implemented on or about the first week in June.

Another initiative we are always working on is to assure we have adequate numbers of staff to care for our Members. We hold a new employee orientation class monthly and in May we had a very large class of new employees starting, the majority of which were CNAs. We understand change is not always easy for our Members and their families. However, once our vacancies are filled we will have consistent staff caring for our Members, which is our ultimate goal. We welcome these new staff members that will soon be joining our nursing team!

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Laurel Knudson, Director of Nursing – Laurel is responsible for the operations and management of the nursing department. This includes not only overall management of the care providers and care provided; but also medical records, inventory control and continuing education. She is responsible for managing the department budget and working with the Admissions department to review incoming referrals seeking admission. You can find Laurel's office near the Boland Hall reception area Rm 108.

Denise Gill, Assistant Director of Nursing – Denise also manages the nursing department at the supervisor level. All of the shift Supervisors report to Denise as well as the nursing schedulers. Denise works closely with the Human Resource Department to assure our nursing vacancies are filled and assures we have sufficient staff to meet our Member's needs. She assists Laurel with daily management of the nursing department. You can find Denise next to Laurel's office Rm 110.

Day Shift RN Supervisors- There are 4 day shift RN Supervisors. Their responsibility is the management of care provided to the Members as well as supervision of the direct care staff. One of them is on duty on weekends to supervise the house. The day supervisors are as follows:

- Wendy Kujawa RN Supervisor – Her primary area of responsibility is the 1st floor at Boland Hall. Wendy's office is on 1st Floor Boland Hall in the hall just outside of the 1 east unit.
- Marie Maguire RN Supervisor – Her primary area of responsibility is the 2nd floor at Boland Hall. Marie's office is on the 2nd floor in the hall just outside the 2 east unit.
- Corey Freeman RN Supervisor- His primary area of responsibility is the 3rd floor at Boland Hall. Corey's office is on the 3rd floor in the hall just outside the 3 west unit.
- Michele Sommers RN Supervisor – Her primary areas of responsibility is Gates and Fairchild Halls. Michele's office is in the reception area of Gates Hall.

PM and Night Shift RN Supervisors - There are 2 PM RN Supervisors and 2 Night RN Supervisors. In addition to weekdays one of them is here to supervise the house on weekends. Their responsibility is the management of care provided to the Members as well as supervision of the direct care staff.

- Sue Dupor RN PM Supervisor- Her primary area of responsibility is Gates Hall, Fairchild Hall and Boland Hall 1st Floor. Her office is in the reception area of Gates Hall.
- Marcy Bittis RN PM Supervisor – Her primary area of responsibility is Boland Hall 2nd and 3rd Floor. Her office is on the 3rd floor in the hall just outside 3 west.
- Loriann Carroll RN Night Supervisor- Her primary area of responsibility is Boland Hall. Her office is on the 1st floor in the hall outside 1 east.
- Tammy Eveland RN Night Supervisor – Her primary areas of responsibility are Gates and Fairchild Halls. Her office is on the 2nd floor in the hall just outside 2 east.



Volunteers Needed

Boland Hall-1st Floor	Walmart	June 9 - 9:30am	2
	Lunch Outing	June 23 - 10:15am	2
Boland Hall-2nd Floor	Walmart	June 6 - 1:30pm	2
	Breakfast Outing	June 20 - 8:30am	2
Boland Hall-3rd Floor	Walmart	June 10 - 9:30am	2+
	Out to Lunch @ Charcoal Grill	June 13 -10:30am	2
	Out to a Movie @ Showtime	June 30 - 10:00am	2
Gates Hall	Walmart	June 20 - 1:00pm	2+
	Lunch Outing	June 24 - 10:30am	2
Fairchild Hall	Walmart	June 6 -1:00pm	2
	Olive Garden	June 15 -10:30am	2
	Walmart	June 20 -1:00pm	2
	Heroes Café, Kenosha	June 24 -8:30am	2



Upcoming Events

Family Picnic - Please join us on July 16th for the annual Family Picnic. There will be games for the children, 5-piece band, donation sale, great food and best of all – family. We are looking for donations and volunteers to help fund this wonderful event; please contact Terri Presser at 262-878-6725.

Family Support - Family Support Group will be held on May 19th from 2-3:00pm in MH Library. Topic this month will be Understanding and Preventing Illness. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

Regular Volunteers Needed – Members truly enjoy their time off campus, and your assistance is essential. For example, Walmart outings many times require one to one Member assistance to help with wheelchair transport, helping Members locate an item on a shelf, or assisting them through check out. Please consider this opportunity to assist our Members.

Thank You Volunteers - All Staff and Members here at WDVA-UG would like to take a few minutes to “thank” all our volunteers.



DATES
To
Remember

- 6/3** Invitation to Summer-Drum Circle -- Outside
- 6/17** Fathers Day Tailgate Paty – 11:30 – MPR
- 12/10** Annual Christmas Party