



ST. LAWRENCE LODGE

Long term care since 1970

May 2014

Resident and Family Newsletter

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Our Vision

St. Lawrence Lodge will be a leader in providing progressive long term care.

Our Values

Respect

Quality Service

Resident-Centered Care

Compassion

Our Mission

St. Lawrence Lodge provides quality, resident-centered, long term care in partnership with families and personal care givers and in collaboration with community resources.

Our Philosophy

We believe the atmosphere of our Home lies with those who reside and work with us. The Home celebrates resident life as it is being lived today in an environment that enables an optimal level of independence, choice, and individuality.

Ontario Provincial Budget Disappoints LTC Sector

St. Lawrence Lodge is a member of the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS). OANHSS released the following remarks following the Ontario Provincial Budget announcement on May 1st, 2014:

Despite consistent and collective calls by seniors, families and providers, the 2014 Provincial Budget appears to ignore the urgent need to improve care and safety for Ontario's long term care residents.

"We really expected to see targeted investments to support long term care homes in caring for residents with aggressive behaviours and mental health issues," said Donna Rubin, CEO of the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS). "Keeping people safe is by far the greatest challenge homes are facing in caring for their residents. We hoped to see acknowledgment of this critical issue in the Budget."

"While we understand that there will be an adjustment to funding, the increase needs to be significant enough to actually raise the level of care and not simply maintain current levels," added Rubin. "Otherwise we will be no further ahead in our ability to meet the needs of residents and to keep everyone in our homes safe."

In this Budget, the government also continued its commitment to enhancing community-based care with \$15 million per year in new funding to help meet the five-day home care service target and a recommitment to increasing home and community care services by an average of five percent per year.

"We have many member organizations across the province that deliver important and valued community services such as meals on wheels, day programs and supportive housing. We applaud these investments to support seniors to stay in their homes for as long as possible," said Rubin. "We need to remember, however, that this means people are coming into our long term care homes at a later stage and with increasing complex health needs and behaviours. We need more resources to properly care for these residents."

OANHSS is the provincial association representing not-for-profit providers of long term care, services and housing for seniors. Members include municipal and charitable long term care homes, non-profit nursing homes, seniors' housing projects and community service agencies. Member organizations operate over 27,000 long term care beds and over 8,000 seniors' housing units across the province.

Calendar of Events - May 2014

Fri., May 2 nd	3 rd Floor Birthday Club	Cedar - 10:00 a.m.
Fri., May 2 nd	Music with Jacquie	Elm - 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 2 nd	Hudson Majaury	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Tues., May 6 th	1 st Floor Church Tea	Pine - 2:00 p.m.
Tues., May 6 th	Memories of Yesterday	Town Square - 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 7 th	Music with Wayne	Maple - 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 7 th	Birthday Musical - Fiddler's Plus	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Thurs., May 8 th	1 st Floor Birthday Club	Elm - 10:00 a.m.
Fri., May 9 th	Music with Jacquie	Birch - 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 9 th	Mother's Day Tea	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Sat., May 10 th	Tom Wilson Trio	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Mon., May 12 th	Son's & Daughter's Support Group	Chapel - 6:30 p.m.
Tues., May 13 th	Spousal Support Group	Chapel - 10:30 a.m.
Tues., May 13 th	Beth - Flute	Spruce - 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 13 th	2 nd Floor Art Therapy Class	Birch - 2:00 p.m.
Tues., May 13 th	The Troubadours	Town Square - 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 14 th	Bernie & Verna	Birch - 10:30 a.m.
Wed., May 14 th	Music with Vangie	Pine - 10:30 a.m.
Wed., May 14 th	Parabus Shopping - Wal Mart	See Dawn - 1:00 p.m.
Wed., May 14 th	D.J. Duke	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Fri., May 16 th	Music with Jacquie	Cedar - 10:30 a.m.
Sat., May 17 th	Kathy & Friends	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Tues., May 20 th	Beth - Flute	Elm - 11:00 a.m.
Tues., May 20 th	3 rd Floor Art Therapy Class	Cedar - 2:00 p.m.
Tues., May 20 th	Harmonica Sing-A-Longs	Town Square - 6:45 p.m.
Wed., May 21 st	Music with Wayne	Elm - 10:00 a.m.
Wed., May 21 st	Music with Vangie	Spruce - 10:30 a.m.
Wed., May 21 st	Brockville Museum	Chapel - 1:45 p.m.
Fri., May 23 rd	Elvis	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Sat., May 24 th	Bob & Bonnie	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Tues., May 27 th	Tom Wilson	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Wed., May 28 th	Music with Vangie	Cedar - 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 30 th	Music with Jacquie	Pine - 10:30 a.m.
Sat., May 31 st	Pub - Matt Hayes	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.

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We are pleased to announce that the Outdoor
Balconies and Courtyards are now open for the
season! Please enjoy the great outdoors as
weather permits!

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Family Council Update

The following volunteers are members of the St. Lawrence Lodge Family Council:

Margo Stone

Jessie Rowntree

Estelle Street

Rita Kittle

Faye Crowell

Maureen Bradley

Debbie Simpson

As part of their role as Family Councilors, they are available to assist family members with questions they may have about life at the Lodge. Please feel free to approach any of these individuals should you require assistance and guidance.

Art Therapy In Action



Art therapy classes continue to be a popular activity at the Lodge. Here the instructor Dianne Sheridan provides guidance and suggestions to some enthusiastic art students.



Resident Trust Account Update

For: All Residents
Re: Resident Trust Funds
From: Business Office

With a Resident Service Agreement, residents may establish a personal Trust Account. Using that Trust Account, a resident may purchase goods and services from the Home (i.e. telephone or hairdressing), or may use their resident trust fund for small withdrawals (\$50 or less) for spending money.

All Resident Trust Fund monies are separate and distinct from Home.

The Home would like to request your assistance to ensure we are following best practice. Consequently, we request your cooperation when replenishing a Resident Trust Fund Account by doing so with a separate cheque, debit transaction, or EFT withdrawal.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Have a great month!



Tom Harrington
Administrator