

**A few special Activity Department programs this month:**

- Join us for entertainment with Tony Pedulla at 2:30 p.m. on December 5.
- At 4:30 p.m. on December 9 we will be serenaded with Christmas carols by the kids from Kenmore Presbyterian Church.
- Don't miss the Girl Scouts and their annual Talent Show on December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- We'll celebrate our Monthly Birthday Party and John Little will get us in the Christmas spirit with holiday music on December 15 at 2:30 p.m.
- Come enjoy a special performance by professional opera singer John Tiranno as he sings in the lobby on December 26 at 2:00 p.m. A tenor, Mr. Tiranno has performed with the New York Opera Society, the Light Opera of New York, and many other companies.

Check the Activities Calendar in the Sparkler for a complete list of activities, or see the calendar online at Schofield's website [www.schofieldcare.org](http://www.schofieldcare.org)—click on the Family and Friends link.

**Questions, Suggestions or Concerns?**

Contact the Administrator at 716-874-1566, ext. 311.

# Family Focus

## Holiday Happenings at Schofield

Deck the halls and joy to all! Residents and their visitors are invited to participate in the following special activities and events at Schofield this month:

### Holiday Door Decorating Contest

Use your creative side and decorate either your family member's door, or another door in the facility, for the holidays. Decorate the door by December 9. The winners will be announced on December 14. The Activity staff and residents will judge doors based on creativity, colors, group effort and overall holiday theme. Consider "adopting" a door in a conspicuous area! Sign up at the Activity office or call ext. 333 to let them know which door you will decorate.



### Resident Christmas Party

Our Annual Resident Christmas Party is set for Thursday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m. Lyle Stang will entertain.

### Ring in the New Year

Start the countdown to 2012 with a New Year's Party with Nandor on Wednesday, December 28 at 2:00 p.m. We'll also enjoy a New Year's Bingo Blast at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, December 30.

### Basket Auction Benefits Activities Program

Our Activities department is holding their Annual Holiday Basket Auction from December 5 through December 16. Buy your tickets and help support Activities department programs for our residents. Winners will be announced on December 16 at 1:00 p.m.

### Rules for Holiday Giving

Schofield's employees and volunteers are prohibited by health department regulations from accepting personal gifts, tips or any other type of compensation for their services.

If you wish to recognize employees or volunteers in some way, you may provide something for the entire department/unit, e.g. candy or food.

Please also consider making a donation in honor of our employees or volunteers to the Schofield Foundation. Donations are acknowledged to the person you are honoring as well as in our "Scope" newsletter. Donation envelopes are available at our Reception desk and a donation form is on our website.



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### Massage Makes a Great Gift

If you're looking for a gift idea for one of our residents, consider a gift certificate for massage therapy. Massage therapy for a resident can be arranged by calling the Administration Department at 874-1566, extension 306, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Massages are provided by Craig Gonzales, our Rehab Supervisor, who is a licensed massage therapist. Massage therapy sessions for residents are sold in 20-minute sessions for \$20.00 per session.

### Celebrating Volunteers

Schofield will celebrate the holidays with a special party for our volunteers on Tuesday, December 20 from 4 to 6 in the Garden Café. We'll thank our volunteers for all they have done for Schofield throughout 2011.

## Important Holiday & Seasonal Reminders

- Have you used the e-card feature on Schofield's website? If you want to send an email card to a resident at Schofield, simply go to [www.schofieldcare.org](http://www.schofieldcare.org), click on the "Friends and Family" link, and follow the directions!
- You can help assure that the gift you give is not misplaced by having all items labeled in advance or as soon as possible after the gift is opened. You may request that our Laundry department pre-label gifts for you by dropping items off at the Reception desk with a note requesting that the item be returned **to you**, not to the resident. If you'd like to do this, please get your items in as soon as possible in December. If you aren't able to do this, please give clothing items to the receptionist for labeling right after they are opened.
- Also, please label other items (razors, etc.) to make sure that they are returned to the proper owner if they are misplaced. Please leave any appliances with the receptionist with a note as to whom they belong.
- Please be sure to let the Nursing department staff know ahead of time if you are planning on taking your loved one home for the holidays, whether it's for the day



or overnight. By notifying staff well in advance, we'll be able to have the resident, and any medications they may need, ready ahead of time. Advance notice

will help us to coordinate personal care routines around the resident's departure and expected return time. Please let the nursing staff on duty know when you leave the unit and when you return with the resident.

- Using the Wellness Center for a party? Please help us out by leaving the room as neat as you found it. Also, while we welcome you borrowing or taking wellness materials for your information, please be careful to leave the library in order.
- Feeling sick? If you have symptoms of a cold, or the flu, please help us prevent the spread of infection by staying home until you are well again. Our residents and staff thank you for your cooperation with this request!
- Thank you to everyone for your generosity in donating to the Kenmore Rotary Club's Operation Santa Claus. The Gift of Warmth Drive continues through December 31. New hats, gloves and scarves are being accepted until then.

## Benefit Changes & Medicare Part D

When you receive notice of changes in your insurance information, increases in benefit amounts, and/or new 2012 Insurance Cards, please provide copies to either Lisa Brenon or Kim DeValentino in our Social

Services department.

Also, if you receive any notice about Medicare Part D, or have questions about Medicare Part D changes, please contact Lisa or Kim.