

Ketchikan Pioneer Home

141 Bryant Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901



OCTOBER 2019
Volume 16, Issue 10

Greetings from the Administrator

I traveled to the Fairbanks Pioneer Home this month to attend meetings with the other Pioneer Home Administrators and our Central Office team members. The FPH staff and residents were wonderful hosts and we were also able to participate in the Pioneer Home Advisory Board meeting. Thanks to everyone who took the time to call in during the public comment period.

We celebrated our longest serving employee, Shin Berkey, who has worked at the KPH since October 1987. During that time she was able to care for nearly 500 KPH residents and countless family members and friends. Special thanks to our Activity Department and Loren McCue and daughter Karley for facilitating a Paint-n-Sip activity in her honor. The residents and Shin had lots of fun painting together and reminiscing about her long career. She was also honored to receive letters of congratulations from Senator Dan Sullivan and Senator Lisa Murkowski. Though it was sad to say goodbye we are happy she is moving on to new adventures and glad she will keep baking for us and filling in as an on-call employee.



I am thrilled to announce progress in recruitment this month! In September we welcomed Nurse II Annette Mcquilkin who hit the ground running on our very short nursing team. Samantha Cockrum also started as our Administrative Assistant I in the front office and we have received many compliments already on having such a bright ray of sunlight at the front desk. Thanks again to Alma Parker and Roni Thomas for covering these duties for so long. In more good news, Tandra Thompson has accepted the Social Worker position and we could not be happier to have her familiar face join the KPH team. She will not transition full time from the school district until December but we hope to have her begin to work part time soon.

Unfortunately we have had a major repair of our aging sewer system become a priority and this project will likely be extensive and expensive. I will have more information in next months newsletter. In the mean time please help us remind everyone to be extra careful with our aging pipes and be extra careful with what we flush.

Happy Fall!

Julie Sande

julie.sande@alaska.gov

Paint & Sip & SHIN's shindig!

KPH Activities hosted its first PAINT & SIP event on September 30th in honor of Shin Berkey's retirement (30+years of KPH service). Local Art teacher Loren McCue (and daughter Karley) guided us using watercolors to create a festive Fall scene while we enjoyed appetizers and beverages. Loren reminded the elders that "Everyone is an artist" and you can check out their masterpieces on the 2nd floor Great Room windows. **THANK YOU LOREN & KARLEY** for sharing your talents with us. We are looking forward to having future painting events again!





FALL FIESTA

Family Dinner

OCTOBER 17th 500pm

\$15 Per Person

*Call 228-3372 to make reservations before
October 14th*

THINK about effective communication

T: Is it **T**RUE

H: Is it **H**ELPFUL

I: Is it **I**NSPIRING

N: Is it **N**CESSARY

K: Is it **K**IND

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Clancy Price 10/4

Elinore Jacobsen 10/8

Phyllis Norum 10/18

Eileen Casey 10/23

Don Harbour 10/28

Laverne Mears 10/28



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Julia Edgars 10/5

Sue Mickelson 10/6

Lewie DeLeon 10/17

Gerlyn Cachero 10/19

connect

through the
Power of
Touch

aromatouch
HAND TECHNIQUE

October 24th 4p-5p

Ketchikan Pioneer Home

2nd Floor Great Room

For more info contact Mindy Rowser:
661-714-5762 or mindy@essentialninja.com
This is a FREE event - see you there!

www.essentialninja.com



Instructed by Mindy Hamlin Rowser
Aromatouch Instructor & Licensed Massage Therapist

MILKSHAKES, MOCKTAILS & MORE...

From Guacamole to Chocolate Milkshakes; from Waffles to Oktoberfest — our Elders enjoyed a fair share of FOOD Specialty Celebrations in September! There is a celebration for every kind of food out there! Bon Appetit!





We Love Our Fur Family & Visitors!

PRE-K IN FULL SWING!

Lately the hallways of KPH are even more vibrant, especially with the sounds of Pre-School students in the building. School was back in session on September 5th and the students have been busy participating in cooking, reading, music, and dance activities with their KPH grandmas & grandpas. This intergenerational program with Ketchikan Gateway Borough School district has been such a blessing for our elders.



SAVE THE DATE

Pre-School

Trick-or-Treat Parade

10:30am

10/31

