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## Autumn Leaves

By: Aileen Fisher

**One of the nicest beds I know  
Isn't a bed of soft white snow.  
Isn't a bed of cool green grass  
After the noisy mowers pass.  
Isn't a bed of yellow hay  
Making me itch for half a day  
But autumn leaves in a pile that high,  
Deep and smelling like fall and dry.  
That's the bed where I like to lie  
And watch the flutters of Fall go by.**

## Administratively Speaking

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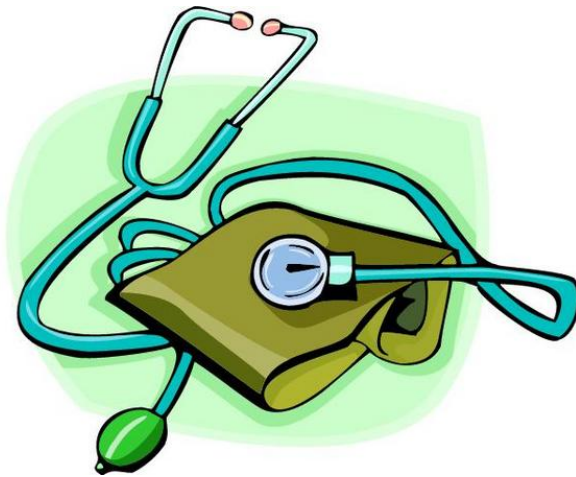
### Prairie Manor to Participate in Learning Collaborative with Stratis Health

Prairie Manor Care Center has joined the Stratis Health Improving Resident Care Collaborative, with approximately 30 other Minnesota care facilities.

Prairie Manor will participate in quality improvement activities and interventions to improve the lives of the resident who live in their care center. Organizational culture change will be at the heart of this work as well as specific emphasis and resources available on improving skin care and reducing pressure ulcers and/or reducing physical restraints. Successes and best practices from the group will be shared with the Minnesota nursing home community over the next few years.

Being a part of this group will give Prairie Manor the opportunity to focus even more intently on improving the lives of the residents and those who work in the facility. Improvements that are important to the resident care will be the focus of the collaboration. In addition, Prairie Manor will better position itself to be successful in a rapidly changing health care environment that includes value-based purchasing and a

new care center QAPI (Quality Assurance Performance Improvement) program.



“The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has made transformational quality improvement a priority across the country, and this is such exciting work that we are able to continue as the quality improvement organization with care centers in Minnesota,” said Jane Pederson, M.D., director, medical affairs, Stratis Health.

This work is supported by the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and is being led by Stratis Health, Minnesota’s Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.

Mark R. Robinson, Administrator

## From the Desk of Social Services

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I would like to tell you about a visitor that we had at our last Resident Council meeting. It was the Ombudsman. Usually when I use the word "Ombudsman", people ask me, "What is that?" He came to our meeting to tell everyone who he is and what he does.

The name of our Ombudsman is Mark Schultz. He explained that he is an employee of the State. He does not get paid by any facility. It is free for you to contact him and he protects your confidentiality.

The Ombudsman is an advocate for you, the resident. He is available to resolve issues between you and the nursing home. He represents 26 nursing homes in Steele County and surrounding counties. He likes to visit nursing homes occasionally so that the residents and staff become familiar with him.

The Ombudsman's phone number is posted on the bulletin board by the medication room. We also have his phone number available in the Social Services office. We can assist you to call him any time you want.

I talked with the Ombudsman for a while after the Resident Council meeting. He was very impressed with the number of residents that attended the Resident Council meeting. He liked how we have an activity, then go right into Resident Council, and then go to brunch. Thank you, residents, for your great participation!

Remember, if you ever need assistance contacting the Ombudsman, come and talk to us in Social Services. We will assist you to make the call, if needed, and then give you the privacy you need.

**Dawn Sheward, LSW  
Social Services**



## Activity Bites

Prairie Manor Activity Staff would be happy to assist Families with hosting parties for their loved ones special event. We ask that families notify Activity Staff of the date and time of the party. We also ask that there is family here to help serve the day of the party. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask!

On behalf of the Staff and Residents at Prairie Manor Care Center, we would like to welcome Prairie Manor Care Centers New Medical Director – Dr. Julie Olson! We would also like to take the time to wish Dr. David Strobel well with his new endeavors – he will be missed!

**Kristin Smith, TRS**

## Prairie Manor Auxiliary

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August 29, 2011

Co-president, Sandra Novak, opened the August meeting of the Auxiliary. Members and residents joined in singing "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" followed by the volunteer's prayer. Evelyn Johnson from Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church gave a meaningful delivery of several psalms for devotions. Roll call was taken with each attending church as follows: First Baptist-One, St. Columbanus-two, Trinity Lutheran-None, Red Oak Grove-Five, First Lutheran-eight, St. Mary's-One. Secretary, Martha Walters read the minutes which were approved as read. Treasurer, Elaine Trotman, said there was no activity in the account and the balance remained \$1,035.59.

Mark Robinson, Administrator, was not available to report.

Kristen Smith, Activity Director, reported that following Dr. Strobel's leaving the Austin Clinic, Dr. Julie Olson would be assuming his rounds of patient visits on Mondays. It has been a busy month here at Prairie Manor. A large group of residents were taken to the Flower Show and luncheon at the Servicemen's Club on August 4th. Several residents spent a beautiful day at the Steele County Fair on August 17th. An outing is planned to "Jerry's Other Place" in Austin and to the Hubble House in Mantorville. Thank you to those who attended the presentation by George Carmody at the High School. The new Pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church will be Johnathan Davis and he will have services here on the first Wednesday in September. Hopefully the new Pastor at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Lindsay Stolon, will also be having services here.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the suggestion to have a "Pie Social" as a fundraiser this fall. Pies can be purchased thru Prairie Manor in assorted flavors. Each parish would be asked to contribute \$30.00 for the cost of the pies. A free will offering will be asked of those attending. The date of October 2nd was tentatively set and Ardell Swenson and Martha Walters volunteered to be on the committee.



New Business: At the Family Council it was mentioned that the Auxiliary might be able to pick up the cost of afternoon treats. Kristen was asked to type out directions for volunteers serving on Sunday afternoon. Reminder to Church representatives that three pounds of coffee are to be brought to Prairie Manor for the month that they serve.

Following the closing hymn, a motion to adjourn was made by Ardell Swenson and seconded by Carol Holmes. The next meeting will be on September 26th, 2011.

### Welcome New Guests

Ronald Snyder..... 07/19/11  
 Norman "Luther" Hansen 07/19/11  
 Margaret Williamson ..... 08/24/11  
 Thresia Heimerman ..... 08/26/11  
 Lucille Kjarum ..... 09/07/11  
 Charles Ressler ..... 09/09/11  
 Dorothy Deike ..... 09/12/11

### Discharges

Gladys Njos.....07/06/11  
 Norman "Luther" Hanson.08/13/11  
 Inger Pearson ..... 08/29/11  
 Thresia Heimerman .....08/30/11  
 Margaret Williamson .....09/02/11



### Sympathy to the Families of

Florence Freed ..... 07/14/11  
 Ronald Snyder ..... 08/06/11  
 Mildred Mahnke ..... 08/13/11  
 Lola Lysne ..... 08/17/11  
 Lawerence Meisinger..... 09/06/11  
 Nathan Bray ..... 09/08/11

### October Birthdays

Lorraine Jensen ..... 10/01  
 Harold "Bud" Hansen ... 10/06  
 Irene Wakefield ..... 10/09  
 Ardis Newman..... 10/14  
 Dorothy Deike ..... 10/30



### November Birthdays

Betty Ege ..... 11/09  
 Ysabel Cervantes..... 11/19

### Mark Your Calendar



Flu shots will be given to the Residents in October

**October 7** – Homecoming Events

**October 12** - Casino Outing

**October 15** – Blue Lodas Dancers

**October 18** – Lutefisk Dinner

**October 31** – Halloween Activities



**Memorial Fund**

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Gene & De Lores Distad  
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**In Memory of Mildred Mahnke**

Doris Lea  
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God takes care of Heaven's garden  
Where he has many angel flowers  
He waters each one fondly  
With his very own special powers  
Loving each one tenderly  
Loving each one just right  
The angel flowers watch over us  
God's garden must be  
A beautiful sight.