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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mother's Day Tea
- ◆ Summer Picnics
- ◆ Father's Day Fun
- ◆ Corvette Car Show

## A Night of Magic

Byron Health Center hosted 'A Night of Magic' on February 26<sup>th</sup> as members of The Fort Wayne Magic Club hit the stage for a multi-focus magical event in the Eakin Family Room. Entertainers included Jerry Armstrong, Ed Brooks, Wayne Hill, Jim Reams, Clint Spahr, Dick Stoner and James Mitchell, who also hosted and MC'd the event.

Residents and their families, guests and team members all enjoyed a unique, multi-dimensional magic show designed with the entire family in mind. Parents and grandparents had just as much fun, if not more, than their children and grandchildren. 'A Night of Magic' was free and open to the public. Nearly 100 people attended the event.

The magicians made a point to interact

with the crowd during 'A Night of Magic'. Attendees delighted in the 'up close and personal' card tricks, illusions and other fun presentations. Several members of the audience participated throughout the evening. The show kept everyone wondering and talking about it for days afterwards. "A Night of Magic was a great event for families to enjoy an evening out together," said Nichole Miller, Byron Health Center's Director of Life Enrichment. "Families were enthralled with The Fort Wayne Magic Club and their unique mix of comedy and magic."

Complimentary refreshments were also served during the performance courtesy of the Life Enrichment department.



## Advanced QAPI Accreditation Earned

Byron Health Center received Providigm's Advanced Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Accreditation as a skilled nursing facility actively performing QAPI activities. Only a small group, just over 300 centers in the United States, have earned this Advanced QAPI Accreditation.

The Advanced QAPI Accreditation, presented by independent accretor, Providigm, recognizes that we are continually assessing residents' quality of life (managing pain, maintaining dignity, respecting resident choice) and quality of care issues (managing weight loss, infections, rehabilitation following acute injury or illness, assessing whether there

are enough staff to meet resident needs, and preventing readmission to hospital).

Providigm's QAPI Accreditation Standards require that we are assessing our quality against the full federal regulation at an ongoing rate, encompassing a substantial proportion of our residents, and correcting identified issues.

We are so proud to receive this accreditation. It confirms our commitment to continually strive to improve the care that we give to your loved one, and to ensure that our quality systems are sound.

## IPFW Psych Nursing Students Visit and Tour Campus



*IPFW Professor Michelle Johnson and her Psych Nursing students visit the Byron Health Center campus. (above) IPFW Professor Beth Kaskel and her Psych Nursing students also tour our community. (right)*

Byron Health Center's resident population's unique mix of demographics and diagnosis have become a great learning opportunity for area Nursing students. Both Professor Michelle Johnson and Professor Beth Kaskel incorporate a visit, tour and clinical into their respective Psych Nursing classes at IPFW.

Both classes had the opportunity to visit us in January. Even though classroom work is helpful to the future Nurses, they often cherish the actual time being spent face-to-face with our residents even more. Ivy Tech and the University of Saint Francis also have Nursing students spend time at our community.



**Over 100 people attended the 2018 Byron's Got Talent event.**

## Byron's Got Talent

Byron Health Center highlighted the talents of residents and staff during the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Byron's Got Talent event on March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Eakin Family. Fourteen different acts performed for a crowd of over 100 people. Performances ranged from singing, dancing to even poetry.

The two-hour event was hosted by Fort Wayne's very own Jack Hammer, Executive Director of the Three Rivers Festival. As a lifelong MC, entertainer and musician, Hammer has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in Rock & Roll. Now he has shared the stage with those in Byron's Got Talent.

"I'm very proud of everyone who participated in Byron's Got Talent," said Byron Health Center Director of Life Enrichment, Nichole Miller. "We are excited to showcase the many wonderful talents of our residents and team members!"

Participating acts were assessed on performance, presentation, production and originality by several celebrity judges including WANE TV Chief

Meteorologist Nicholas Ferreri, Fort Wayne CW Station Manager Barb Richards and Francine's Friends' Marita Dwight-Smith as well as a 'super-secret' Byron Health Center staff judge: Audra Guy.

Mary House, Life Enrichment Specialist at Byron Health Center campus, received special recognition as the Most Entertaining Solo Act with her performance of *Believe*. Byron Health Center Life Enrichment Specialist Mellissa Greenwood, and her daughter Julia Schible, received special recognition as the Most Entertaining Group Act for their performance of *Me Too*.

Another group consisting of Wayne Wroe and Beverly Kondas, residents of Byron Health Center, received special recognition as the Most Original Act with their performance of *It's Now Or Never*. Miller's Place resident Janel Welch received special recognition as the Audience Choice Act by performing *I Feel The Earth Move*. Miller's Place is the Assisted Living Community on Byron Health Center's campus.



## National Oreo Cookie Day Celebrated

Byron Health Center’s Life Enrichment team members celebrated National Oreo Cookie Day with residents on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Many games, contests and activities were planned around the sandwich cookie, which is made up of two chocolate disks containing a sweet cream filling and is loved by millions.

Since its introduction, the Oreo cookie has become the best-selling cookie in the United States. The National Biscuit Company (today known as Nabisco) first developed and produced the “Oreo Biscuit” in 1912 at its Chelsea factory in New York City. Today, the block on

which the factory was located is known as “Oreo Way”.

The name “Oreo” was first trademarked on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1912. The first Oreo cookies in the United States sold for 25 cents a pound in clear glass topped novelty cans. In 1912, the Oreo Biscuit was renamed to “Oreo Sandwich”. In 1948, the Oreo Sandwich was renamed to “Oreo Creme Sandwich”. William A. Turnier developed the modern-day Oreo design in 1952 to include the Nabisco logo. Nabisco’s principal food scientist, Sam Procello, developed the modern Oreo cookie filling.



*Residents and team members celebrated National Oreo Cookie day on March 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## Saint Patrick’s Day Fun Enjoyed by All



The luck ‘o the Irish and the wearing of the green by Byron Health Center residents and team members helped celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day during an afternoon of fun and games. There were drinks of green along with mint flavored refreshments which also helped to prove that everyone is a little bit Irish on Saint Patrick’s Day.



## Residents Relax and Enjoy a Spa Day

Byron Health Center Life Enrichment team members pampered several residents during a spa day in the Eakin Family Room on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Residents enjoyed manicures, pedicures, facial treatments and other spa day experiences while being serenaded with soothing guitar playing by a fellow resident. A very relaxing time was had by all.



## Mardi Gras Fun and Frolic on Fat Tuesday

Byron Health Center residents and staff enjoyed an afternoon of revelry on Fat Tuesday during a Mardi Gras party hosted by Life Enrichment.

Customary paczkis and other refreshments were enjoyed along with traditional zydeco music that was performed by Jay and Patrice. Games were played and the event ended with a ceremonial parade throughout the building.

Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday, culminates in celebration before the ritual fasting of Lent.





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## Lane Guy Becomes Mind Renewal Assistant

Please help welcome Lane Guy to our Mind Re-mapping department. Having been a team member for over three years, Lane has held several positions throughout the organization. He has a great passion for our residents and is willing to serve in any capacity that is needed.

Lane has completed several certifications in the Feuerstein Method enabling him to engage in mind re-mapping sessions with our residents.

Lane joins Elaine Haag in the department. His wife, Audra, is also our Controller in the Business Office.

In his free time, he enjoys activities with his family and cooking. He even shared 1<sup>st</sup> place in this year's Chili Cook-Off.



## “So Long” Said to Long-Time Team Members

Dietary Aide Helen Hertzog and Resident Scheduling Coordinator Vonda Johnson retired at the end of 2017 with an afternoon party which was attended by residents, staff and special guests.

A cake thanking the two for their many years of service to Byron Health Center was enjoyed by all.

Both received special gifts commemorating their dedication. Helen received a personalized apron while Vonda received an inscribed glass vase.



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