



# *Passages Family Connections*

A Newsletter  
for the Family and Friends  
of Passages Residents

July 2010

Dear Friends,

July has arrived and with it comes the celebration of our nation's birth. We have several events planned to commemorate this important date in our nation's history. Friday afternoon, July 2, we will gather in the Terrace Room for a special visit by "Uncle Sam" who will be educating us on the history of Uncle Sam. After our history lesson we will be enjoying fun, fellowship and ice cream. On July 4 the residents of Wesleyan Woods will be "parading" through Willow Brook with floats, bikes, dogs, flags, kids, and lots of fun. Our residents will be lining the streets to cheer them on and celebrate America's birthday. Following the parade we will gather in the Centrum activity room for a patriotic sing-along.

Summer also has arrived, and what summer is complete without a summer vacation? This summer our residents are taking their own version of a road trip across America. Each week we will "travel" to a new destination, seeking new adventures through programs, trivia, memorabilia, stories, décor and memories. Stops on our "trip" include the Poconos, Washington DC, the Jersey Shore, Williamsburg, Disney World, the Brickyard 400 race in Indianapolis, a ghost town in the Dakotas, Knotts Berry Farm, Chicago, and Rosie's Diner in Rockford, Michigan. If you have any items or memories you'd like to share from these travel spots, let us know. Maybe you'd like to join us each Friday afternoon -- if so, pack your travel bags and get ready for the fun.

Here is a peek at additional fun we have planned for July:

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| July 1  | Stewarts root beer trip for a cold refreshing root beer float  |
| July 2  | Patriotic pageant & social with an appearance by Willow Brook's own Uncle Sam  |
| July 4  | Wesleyan Woods Parade and patriotic sing-along   |
| July 7  | Side by Side Singers   |
| July 12 | Donna Able piano music that will have your toes tapping  |
| July 13 | White Castle trip, then a stop at the park<br>When we get back Jack the dog will entertain us with his unique tricks |
| July 19 | Golden Note singers  |

July 20            Trip to Velvet Ice Cream

July 22            We'll be baking "Barb's" brownies -- and sampling them of course.

July 24            the Senior Center "Elastic Bands" will be entertaining us

July 27            Princess Tea Party

***Dates to mark on your calendar:***

Our next **Family Night** is planned for **Wednesday, July 14, at 6:00 pm** in the Passages activity room. One of our goals for Family Night is to make memory albums for our residents. We thought it might be fun to invite families in to join us to be part of this activity.

Our next **Family Blessings** meeting is planned for **Monday, July 26, at 1:00 pm** in the conference room. Whether you are a new member to our Willow Brook family or have been a long standing one, please know you are welcome to join us. It is a way to help both you and your loved one cope with the challenges of this stage of life.

As always, you are welcome to join us for any activity, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me! You can always reach me at: [lraber@willow-brook.org](mailto:lraber@willow-brook.org) or call me at 740-369-0048 (ext 1151).

Blessings,

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