

COLUMBUS RESIDENCE NEWSLETTER

September 2014

"Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but
by the seeds you plant"

-Robert Louis Stevenson

B.C. Seniors Advocate to Visit Columbus Residence

Join the conversation: Wednesday September 24th

Columbus Residence is pleased to host an evening community event with the office of B.C.'s new Seniors Advocate on:

Wednesday, September 24th @ 6:30 p.m.
In the Main Lounge

In March 2014 the Government of British Columbia announced the appointment of Canada's first Seniors Advocate. As the voice of seniors in B.C., this office has a broad mandate to monitor and review system-wide issues affecting the well-being of seniors and raise awareness about the resources available to them and also make recommendations to government and those who deliver seniors' services.

Seniors' Advocate, Isobel Mackenzie or Deputy Seniors' Advocate, Mark Blandford will be attending this meeting. This will be an opportunity for all of us to learn more about the role of the B.C.'s Seniors Advocate and to provide direct feedback to the Office of the Seniors' Advocate.

Family and friends are welcome to join us at this community event. Refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP by September 22nd** if you plan to attend. (RSVP at our Front Office or call Ext 100)

Columbus Cooks Again!

New Cookbook Now Available for Pre-sale

We are now offering our new fundraising cookbook for pre-sale. This cookbook contains 185 delicious recipes from staff and friends of Columbus Residence.

The cookbook is expected to arrive from the publisher soon and we have ordered only a limited number of copies so encourage you to pre-order now to reserve your cookbook(s). Makes a great Christmas gift!

"Columbus Cooks Again!" price: \$12.00. We also have a limited supply of our original "Columbus Cooks" cookbook still available and are offering a combo package of the 2 cookbooks for \$20.00 (while quantities last). Cookbook orders may be placed at the Front Office (Ext 100) or email Corinne Hogan at:

cwhogan@columbusresidence.ca

Our Anniversary:

**Celebrating 24 Years of Caring for Our
Residents & Our Grand Opening of the
New "Spelliscy Solarium"**

October 29th

We will be celebrating our **24th Anniversary** and grand opening of our new **Spelliscy Solarium** on **Wednesday October 29th**.

This celebration and prayer service starts at **2:00 p.m.** in our Main Lounge. A special tea will follow the service. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events:

Western Day Giddyup and get your hat & boots and join the fun on **Thursday, September 11th** as we celebrate our annual **Western Day**. Lots of fun western themed activities are planned for the day including our famous **Pie Eating Contest** at **1:00 p.m.** And you won't want to miss our **Western Party** in the Dining Room at **2:45 p.m.**

Oktoberfest "Gans, zboa, drei, Gsuffa!"

Join us in the Dining Room and raise a glass at our **Oktoberfest** on **Thursday, October 23rd** at **2:45 p.m.** Musical entertainment will be provided by **Lorraine Smith**.



Courtesy Request for Our Big Events

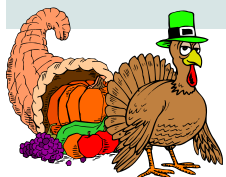
We host several big events throughout the year that require a significant amount of interdepartmental planning. These events include our Summer Social & BBQ, our annual Anniversary and "Light Up for Christ" celebrations and our Christmas Family Night.

Family and friends can greatly assist us to ensure these events run smoothly by:

1. *Calling to RSVP for events when requested (see individual event posters for details). Please include the # of people who will be attending in your RSVP*
2. *Letting us know in advance if you will be late arriving so that we can reserve seating for you and minimize disruptions to others once the event is underway*
3. *Letting us know if your plans change and you will not be able to attend or if the number attending will increase or decrease*

Our timelines (and budgets) for these events are very tight therefore it is very important that these events start and stop on time to ensure we have adequate staff available and our residents care needs continue to be met. It is also critical that we know how many guests to plan for in order to accurately make our seating and food service arrangements.

We thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing you at our future celebrations.



Thanksgiving Dinner Monday October 13th

A special **Thanksgiving Dinner** will be served on, **Monday October 13th**. The menu for this dinner is: **Roast Turkey with gravy & cranberry sauce, Savory Sage Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, and Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream.**

Guest meal tickets are \$15.00 each and include choice of red or white wine. Advance reservations are highly recommended as guest seating space is limited.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving." — W.T. Purkiser

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Family Resource Handbook



We are pleased to now be able to offer families/residents a new comprehensive handbook about living at Columbus Residence.

This handbook is a resource to help answer any questions that may arise after admission and to act as a guide if you are unsure who to speak with regarding a specific issue.

The handbook is available on our website (*on About Us & FAQ pages of website*). A hard copy is also available for your reference on the Family Council table in our Main Lounge.

Family Council News

We encourage family and friends to become involved in our Family Council. It requires only a small amount of your volunteer time to make a big difference. Columbus Residence's Family Council meets monthly. If you would like to learn more about our Family Council, please contact **Pam Hamilton** in our Recreation Department: 604.321.4405 (Ext 124).

Next Meetings: September 29th, October 27th and November 24th @ 4:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars: Our Family Council will once again be holding their fundraising **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** on **Saturday, November 29th**. We would appreciate donations of handcrafted items, home preserves and baked goods. **Your help will be both welcomed and appreciated!**



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