

# Berry Hill Beacon

## From the Administrator's Desk

What a February we have had. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fauntly Comer who chose us to celebrate their love by renewing their wedding vows on Mr. Comer's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday (Valentines Day)! A wonderful time was had by all and what a beautiful couple they are.

You may have also noticed a couple of other new faces in the building. Our new Director of Nursing is Patti Terry. She comes to us most recently from Wileysburg, VA. She and her husband remodeled a beautiful country home, but are looking to move to South Boston. We are delighted to have Patti on board. Stephanie Pannell is our new Social Worker. Stephanie is a graduate of Old Dominion and has done some work with our own department of social services. She is a native of South Boston and is engaged to be married in June. Please welcome them both to Berry Hill Nursing Home. We are blessed to have these two fine ladies with us.

We have also brought in a new beautician to the building. Please give a warm Berry Hill welcome to Christine Clayton. We now have two beauticians/stylists for your beauty needs. Christine will work Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30-6:00 and Dupree will operate Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00-3:00. Berry Hill is fortunate to have two beauticians to care for our residents. You may schedule appointments with either of them up in the business office.

We are very proud to announce our new "No-Manual-Lift Program." Berry Hill has purchased new lifts that are safer for our residents and safer for our staff. Two different types of lifts allow us to transfer your loved one from a sit to stand position or full lift position even from a low bed! We are very excited to bring this new level of innovation to Berry Hill Nursing Home. We hope to have them in full use in early March.

Once again, thank you for all your support. Continue to let us know how we are doing. Our goals of excellent patient care, dignity and respect remain our priority. Keep your eyes open for new resident activities and changes to our building. We hope you like what you're going to see!

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## Celebration of Love

Mr. & Mrs. Fauntly Comer celebrated Valentine's Day here at our facility with a vow renewal service. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. & Mrs. Comer pledged their love to one another, again, after 6 decades of marriage.



Channel 13 news was here filming the story and you may have caught a glimpse of the Comer's on the six o'clock news. The Comer's, who are here with us temporarily, reside in the Dan River Church area and attend Dan River Church. The couple's pastor, Doug Gibson officiated at the service. Berry Hill would like to say an extra special thank you to those who helped with the service. These include Channel 13 ABC news, the Gazette Virginian for a feature article on the Comers, Dan River Church and Pastor Gibson for helping with the ceremony, and all the staff that helped make this celebration special for the couple. We wish Fauntly and Alma many, many more years of blissful marriage.

## Green Thumbs

When entering the building on February 9<sup>th</sup>, you were sure to have smelled the scent of flowers as the South Boston Garden Club was helping our residents make flower arrangements.



Thanks to donations from many local florists, the Garden Club is able to present a program in nursing homes throughout our area. Berry Hill was privileged to have the South Boston club in our building. Our residents thoroughly enjoyed working with the flowers and the Garden Club ladies.

Our Employee of the Month for February is Marjorie Barbour, who is a 5-year housekeeping employee of Berry Hill. When not at work she enjoys sewing, cooking, and reading. She attends Dan River Bethel Church and is an usher there. Marjorie has one daughter and one son and four grandchildren whom she loves to spend time with. Marjorie does a wonderful job in housekeeping and Berry Hill would like to thank her for the extra effort she puts in here.

### **Employee of the Month**



Marjorie Barbour

### **Upcoming Events for March**

#### **National Art Month**

Berry Hill will be displaying the artwork of Halifax County children and teens throughout its building.

#### **March 26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt**

Bring your children ages 0-5 and 6-10 to Berry Hill from 2pm – 4pm for an Easter celebration. Children will be participating in an Easter egg hunt and a coloring contest.

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Children will also have the opportunity to meet and take pictures with Berry Hill's own Easter Bunny. If anyone would like to donate candy or plastic eggs for the hunt, please drop them by the office of our facility.

#### **National Volunteer Week – April 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Berry Hill will honor their volunteers with a cookout, awards, and door prizes.

#### **April 30<sup>th</sup> – The First Annual Lil' Miss Berry Hill Pageant.**

Berry Hill is hosting it's first ever children's pageant. Children ages 7-9 can compete in the pageant's four categories; introduction, talent, interview, and formal wear. Children will be judged and awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, and title of Lil' Miss Berry Hill. Entry forms and a complete list of guidelines and regulations can be picked up in the office or can be faxed to you by calling 572-8901 and asking for Jennifer Epps. Please call the facility if you have any questions or would like more information.

### **New Bibs**

Material has been donated for new bibs for our residents. The bibs have already been cut out. We need volunteers to sew these together. All you need is a sewing machine and white thread to sew the bibs. To finish the bibs, they will need to be turned and stitched around the edges. If you are willing to do this, please contact the activity department at 572-8901.