



spring 2011

# Generations

newsletter for residents, families, and friends of Rae-Ann Geneva

## Max & Luther Join the Rae-Ann Family

Most employers would send you back home for the day if you arrived at work with two 20-week-old puppies in tow. But Tammy Lewis, receptionist at Rae-Ann Geneva, would probably be sent home if she *didn't* bring black lab "brothers" Max and Luther with her each day.

"We'd been talking for some time about wanting a 'house dog' at our facility, knowing how much happiness and healing animals can bring," said Tammy. "Now we have two!"

Max and Luther have made such an impact on the lives of the residents and staff that it's hard to imagine the place without them. Whether fetching a ball or escorting residents to various areas of the facility, Max and Luther's brand of therapy is amazingly effective. "Visits with Max and Luther have become a regular part of our weekly activities," shared Pat Faflik, Activities Director. "Just petting them brings smiles to the faces of our residents."



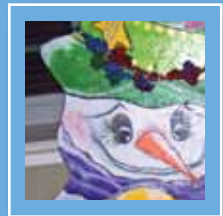
The Lewis family adopted Max and Luther from the Animal Protective League in

December and they've accompanied Tammy to work every day since. "We make quite an entrance," laughs Tammy, since she also brings her daughters Makenzie, age 5, and Gracie, age 2, to the facility each day. The children attend Kids Only II, the state-licensed childcare and preschool housed in its own area within the Rae-Ann Geneva facility.

After a few short months, Max and Luther have become an integral part not only of the Lewis family, but the Rae-Ann Geneva family as well.



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## January

### Rae-Ann Geneva Welcomes New Activities Director



We are pleased to welcome Patricia Faflik as Activities Director. Hailing from nearby Madison, Pat joined us full time on January 24. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education and worked for the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities for nine years, helping with recreation and activities. She then spent five years working part-time as a Job Coach

with Buckeye Industries, gaining hands-on interaction with persons of all ages.

"I love being involved with the residents here and look forward to doing more and more as I work on my STNA certification," said Pat.

Working full time is keeping her busy, but never too busy to take her dog Windsor for a walk. And there's no shortage of chores to be done on the 17 acres where she lives with her husband, Daniel, and grown sons Jason and Patrick.

## February

### 2011 Winterfest Snowman Contest

Not even the blustery winds of February could keep the Snowmen of Winterfest away this year! As part of Geneva's annual winter festival, participants designed and decorated wooden snowmen cut out by students from Geneva High School's Industrial Arts Class. Rae-Ann Geneva's own Bill Ferguson and Bill Bailey did a great job securing the wooden snowmen at their posts around town, keeping them steady in the windy weather.

Beth Cheney, Admissions/Marketing Coordinator for Rae-Ann Geneva, organizes the snowman contest. "This was a wonderful year, with a wide variety of creative designs," she commented. Winners in three categories were chosen from among the 29 participating community groups.

Geneva's annual Winterfest celebration is a volunteer-driven event that brings out hundreds of people to enjoy everything from the Great Outdoors Parade and concerts by local musicians to snowmobile rides, horse-drawn carriage rides, model train exhibits, and the famous chili cook-off.



### Valentine's Party with friends at The Lantern of Madison

Valentine's Day was made sweeter for six Rae-Ann Geneva residents invited to join friends at The Lantern of Madison Assisted Living for a festive luncheon.

Residents traveled the three miles to Madison in style, courtesy of The Lantern's handicapped-accessible van. They were treated to lunch and entertainment by a Pennsylvania ventriloquist who delighted all in attendance.



## March

### St. Patrick's Day Party



What better way to herald in St. Patrick's Day than with a trumpeting six-piece brass band? On March 17, Rae-Ann Geneva residents welcomed Ashtabula's Richard SESCO Band

for an evening of music, fun, and "wearing of the green." Family, friends, staff, and residents gathered in the large dining room to partake of green (non-alcoholic) beer, punch, cookies, and snacks to celebrate the Irish in all of us!

# Employee AWARDS



## *The Virginia Sprinkle Award*

This award for nursing excellence was established in 1988 in honor of a long-time Rae-Ann nurse who infused dignity, kindness, and hope into her care of residents.

### **2010 Winner: Mary White R.N., Rae-Ann Geneva**

Mary is a dedicated and competent nurse who makes it her mission to keep residents comfortable. She is an excellent leader who always maintains a sense of calm even when the going gets tough. She rarely takes a break, always putting the needs of residents first. As an afternoon charge nurse, Mary embodies the Rae-Ann philosophy and upholds Virginia Sprinkle's legacy.



## *The Raymona Cottom Award*

This award was established in 2005 in memory of a beloved 21-year employee who embodied the "universal worker" philosophy of going above and beyond the call of duty.

### **2010 Winner: Kathy Potter Housekeeping Supervisor, Rae-Ann Geneva**

Kathy is a team player in every sense of the word. She is always willing to lend a hand to help with whatever is asked of her, whether it's clearing the dining room, answering phones, or accompanying residents on outings. She has really come into her own as Housekeeping Supervisor, quietly going about her work without asking for praise or recognition. Thank you, Kathy!

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## **Rae-Ann Employees of the Year**

Each year, Rae-Ann recognizes and honors employees who best exemplify our commitment to excellence. Congratulations to the 2010 winners!



### **Tammy Lewis**

*Receptionist, Rae-Ann Geneva*

Tammy is the bright, smiling face you see when you walk in the front door. She is always willing to stop what she is doing to help someone else. Her pleasant voice, on the phone or in person, cheers residents and coworkers on the dreariest of days.



**Elizabeth Eison**  
*STNA,  
Rae-Ann Westlake*



**Sam Harris**  
*Grounds Keeper,  
Rae-Ann Suburban*



**Josiea Shaker**  
*LPN,  
Rae-Ann Center*

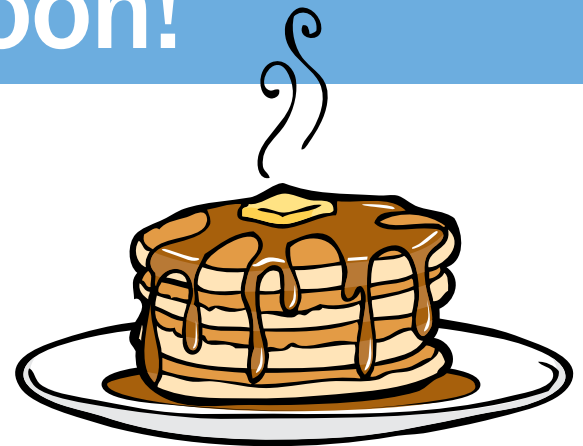


**Reyna Weese**  
*Resident Assistant,  
The Belvedere of Westlake*

# Coming Soon!

## Spring Health Fair

Six years after its debut, the Spring Health Fair presented by Rae-Ann Geneva is better than ever! With over 30 local businesses participating, this year's event is set for April 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Geneva Community Center. Attendees will find free health screenings, services, and practical information and advice on many health-related topics, all provided by local vendors. Join us!



## Pancake Breakfast

Join Rae-Ann Geneva residents, family and staff on April 21 between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. for a free pancake breakfast! It's our way of saying "thank you" to Geneva and the surrounding communities for their support. Rae-Ann staff will prepare hot, fresh pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee, so come and enjoy.

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