

## Employee Recognition



**Olivia Smith** works full time in our Jacaranda Trace Bistro. Not only is she lovely to look at but she is talented as well. Born in Washington State and homeschooled all her life, she is now working on her singing craft locally. She recently became one of the finalists in the 2011 Sun Fiesta Idol Competition held here in Venice, Florida. She began singing with her mom in church and now sings independently and with Secondeve Entertainment. She enjoys singing tunes from Etta James, Barbara Streisand, Taylor Swift and Adele. Olivia plans on taking classes next year in the field of design. In the meantime, however, she says she enjoys getting to know the residents she serves here at Jacaranda.

**Olga Strelkov**, a member of our Sales team, was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship from Jacaranda Trace. She is attending the State College of Florida and will obtain her AA degree this spring. Olga plans to use the scholarship toward her BA degree in Health Services Administration

**David Peer**, or "Chef David" as he is called, has been working at Jacaranda Trace for five years and was recently promoted to Executive Chef. David has been cooking for over 10 years and his love of preparing food earned him the top job at Jacaranda. David is originally from Nebraska and came to Florida nine years ago. He is married to Janet Peer, CNA who works in Assisted Living and they have one son. David says, "I can make everything from tropical to spicy to just plain home cooking." Family brought him to Venice and food is going to keep him here!

### "Plein Air" Artists Come to Jacaranda!

A wine and cheese reception for the Plein Air Artists will be held Tuesday, January 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the JT Gallery. The exhibit called "Time Captured Anew En Plein Air" will continue through April 12th.

The Plein Air artist's mission is to tie in the rich history of our area into their work. Come and view the depic-

tions of historical landmarks, parks and people. All the paintings which will be on display at Jacaranda were painted on location "en Plein Air". This is a French term for "open air on location". Mary Erickson, one of the artists who work will be on display, has work displayed throughout the U.S. and Europe. Her largest project to date is creating artwork for the Water Street Hotel in Apalachicola, Florida. **For more information, call Susan Cairo at 941-408-2054.**



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# Jacaranda Trace

Community Newsletter



Winter 2011

## Welcome Venice Regional Medical Center & Gulf Coast Medical Group!

Jacaranda Trace welcomes the opportunity to work with Venice Regional Medical Center (VRMC) and Gulf Coast Medical Group to expand the services provided to our residents. VRMC and Gulf Coast Medical Group will work cooperatively to meet the Jacaranda Trace Mission to provide our residents with a wellness environment with services that provide prevention and education.

The following services will be implemented within the independent and assisted living communities beginning in 2012:

### Venice Regional Medical Center Services

- Onsite Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- Onsite Home Health Services
- New resident welcome gift pack and invitation to tour hospital system
- New resident welcome meeting
- Personal invitation to all residents to join the VRMC volunteer family
- Monthly Health Education programs and screenings
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Weekly balance class provided by VRMC Physical Therapy
- VIP Outpatient scheduling
- Case Management consultation services

### Gulf Coast Medical Group Services

- Physician home visits
- Phlebotomy Services
- Diabetic education sessions available in new Walk-In/Urgent Care Building

- Massage Therapy/Chair Massage: fee for service
- Comprehensive Weight Loss Services
- Assistance provided to coordinate referrals for outside testing, therapy and home health
- Participate in Monthly health education programs and screenings
- Coordination of medical specialists affiliated with Venice Regional Medical Center: i.e., Podiatry, Psychiatry, Psychology and Primary Care



## Best of Venice!

Jacaranda Trace has been selected for the 2011 Best of Venice Award in the Residential Care Facilities category by the US Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small businesses through service to their customers and community.

**Congratulations Jacaranda Trace Marketing Team!**

## Welcome Dr. Shariff and Cindy Day of Venice Regional Medical Center



Dr. Sohail Shariff, M.D. practices family medicine. He holds a license in Florida and Georgia. He attended Ross University, School of Medicine, M.D. West Indies. His undergraduate education was completed at Rutgers University, where he has a B.S. in Biological Sciences. His residency was completed at Warren Hospital/Coventry Family Practice, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Dr. Shariff's office is located at 8421 Pointe Loop Drive and he will see patients also here at Jacaranda Trace.

## Cindy Day, Nurse Practitioner

Cindy is a Family Nurse Practitioner. She graduated from Marshall University in West Virginia.

Her experience includes ten years working in the ER, ten years working in the ICU, staffing management, home health, primary care and home assessment experience.

Cindy Day, Nurse Practitioner and Pauline Byers, LPN are now operating on site. Please stop by and see them during the hours listed below or for an appointment:

**Call 941-244-9580**

### Nurse

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Nurse Practitioner

Monday through Friday  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Dr. Shariff

By Appointment



## Jacaranda Welcomes New V.P. of Operations

Greetings Everyone. My name is Gail Chase and it is my great pleasure and honor to be a member of your team. I have already met many of you personally but realize there are still members of the family I have yet to meet. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the coming year.

My employment with Steve Roskamp and Greg Patterson goes back many years. My relationship with Greg and Steve goes back 15 years when we were all a part of Freedom Group, a management company founded by Bob Roskamp.

I was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and moved to Arizona in 1982. I lived in Arizona for 29 years before my move to Florida. I am an RN and a skilled nursing administrator. I have concentrated my professional career in Gerontology and held positions from charge nurse, Director of Nurses, Skilled Administrator, Executive Director to Vice President. I have enjoyed every position I have had the opportunity to serve and have learned a tremendous amount from my co-workers and our residents.

I have a son and a daughter. My son is a Captain in the Air Force serving in the biomedical division as an aerospace physiologist. He is currently stationed in San Antonio, Texas. My daughter is an RN and has spent most of her career in the emergency department. She recently moved to the Home Health Division of a New Hampshire hospital. I am also the proud "Bubby" to a 10-year old granddaughter.

I enjoy all outdoor sports and love to run and bicycle. I am also a certified Scuba diver and am hoping to spend lots of time underwater during my time away from work!

Thank you all for your warm welcome. I hope 2012 is a happy and healthy year for everyone, and I look forward to working with all of you.

## JT Cruisers on Oasis Of the Seas...



Above: Bea Warner and Margaret Richards look very elegant as they cruised on the Oasis. Top Right to Bottom Left: Virginia and Spencer Stone & Joan Brame "putting on the ritz for dinner!" Bottom Right: The long and short of it, Gretchen Beckhelm and her niece Bonnie Wikstrom.

