



Wheat State Manor, Inc.

February 2010

Administrator Named

It is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. Mike Smith to the position of Administrator at Wheat State Manor. Mike joined the staff on January 18th of this year. Mike and his wife, Nancy, live in Wichita. They have four grown children and two grandchildren.

Mike comes with experience in both the profit and not-for-profit sector; in large and in small urban and rural settings. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. In 1974, he received his license as a skilled nursing home administrator. Since 1980, his focus has been with skilled nursing homes. In 1989, Mike presided over the closing of the old Catholic Care Center and the opening of the new facility. In his earlier career, he worked for United Cerebral Palsy developing housing and support programs for disabled adults and serving as the Director of Housing at The Timbers in 1978.

Mike states that he feels privileged to be able to be here in this community and to continue the great work that began more than 30 years ago by the nine owner churches. We invite you to stop by the office the next time you are in the facility and welcome Mike to the community. He plans to continue supporting the Whitewater Chamber of Commerce and schedule visits to each of the owner churches in the near future.

Cookbooks for Sale

We have several of the Wheat State Manor Cookbooks available for sale. The books were published the last part of 2009. They include some favorite recipes from friends and former residents. Please contact the office to purchase a copy of the cookbook. They also make nice gifts.

Care for the Caregiver

One of the most difficult issues facing adult children today is providing care for a parent or family member. At Wheat State Manor, we understand how difficult this task can be.

Wheat State Manor offers both Adult Day Care and Respite Care services. Both of these services offer the opportunity for temporary relief from daily care giving responsibilities as well as the opportunity for the participant to be involved in activities and socialize with others.

Currently, scholarship funding is available for these types of services through the Department on Aging. If you would like more information regarding the scholarship program, please contact the Department on Aging at (316) 775-0500 or 1-800-279-3655. If you need additional information on Adult Day Care or Respite Care services, please contact Dena Mitchell or Ria Saunders at Wheat State Manor (316) 799-2181.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Wheat State includes one member and one alternate member from each of the nine owner churches. They meet monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Manor. Two new members joined the Board in January. They are John H. Claassen representing Grace Hill Mennonite Church and Mr. Lonnie Long from the Potwin Christian Church. Mr. Lynn Voth was appointed as alternate member for Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

Serving as 2010 Officers for the Board are: Mr. Ted Regier, President; Mr. Craig Waltman, Vice President; Mr. Alvin Claassen, Treasurer; and Mr. Ted Graham, Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 25. This meeting is open to the public.

February Activities

Resident activities this month include a Valentine's Party with goodies of a chocolate fountain, frosted cookies, candy, cheese balls and crackers. Presidents' Day was pie day with staff bringing pies and residents tasting their favorite. On George Washington's birthday, we brought in cherry pies and desserts. Several residents attended the luncheon on February 23rd at the American Legion Building for the monthly Senior Citizens meeting. Besides food, the favorite activity of most residents is the Friday Bingo Time or Bowling on Monday.