

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

In addition to welcoming this warm weather, I welcome our new department heads: Pete (Housekeeping), Ashlynn (Rehab Director), and Julian (Maintenance). Our Columbus Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center family has been enhanced by their knowledge and dedication.

Many residents have come to stay with us both short and long term these past few months. We are blessed by sharing their lives with them for whatever amount of time.

I am pleased to announce yet another renovation project in the very near future, - A NEW ACTIVITY ROOM in the basement. This room will be equipped with a flat screen TV, Playstation 3, card tables, etc. Also, remodeling the resident bathrooms and nursing stations will begin shortly.

Your patience and cooperation is appreciated. I look forward to this coming year like no other one before.

Martin Lee
Administrator



February Quote

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."
 Walter Winchell, 1879-1982

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

By: Mildred Stokes

James and Eva met and fell in love one quiet summer evening six years ago. James told me that when he saw Eva sitting on the patio, he was struck by her beauty and knew he had to meet her. While I was doing this interview, it was evident that they were in love. On any given day, James and Eva can be found holding hands walking down the hall on their way to an ADAPT group or to an activity group. They both enjoy talking to each other for hours and hours on end. When they are not in activity groups, Eva says they enjoy watching old western movies or listening to classical music. Eva also enjoys playing bingo with James sitting next to her cheering her on. Their favorite song that they listen to every day is "Long Live my Heart". The couple have date night often which consists their favorite food from either Lucky Dogs or See Thru Kitchen.

Eva brings James to Catholic service on Sundays, even when he tries to get out of going. James and Eva have had a successful relationship for seven strong years. The question was asked "what keeps this relationship going strong?" The couple stated both "enjoying hot chocolate and looking into each others eyes for hours on end is the key to any good relationship" Wow, I am going to go out and buy a box of Swiss Miss if that's all it takes! But truly, James and Eva are connected thru unconditional love. One day the couple hopes to be married and live as husband and wife in a house with a white picket fence. Kudos to James and Eva for demonstrating a solid relationship based on what is in their hearts.



Your Columbus Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Resident Council Officers

Ronald Thomas - President
Rickey Smith - Vice President
Mary Thornhill - Secretary

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Michael John Closz

By Phyllis Thomas

Michael John Closz is the author of *The Secret Love or Lotteries*. Born August 23rd 1946, Mr. Closz grew up on the south side of Chicago in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. At the age of 8, he sold newspapers for \$.50 per week. He attended Saint Augustine Elementary School and Neil F. Simeon High School. During his high school years he was active working in a mechanic shop, printer shops, and a carpenter - all the things his dad wanted him to be involved in. None of these things, however, struck attention like writing. To add insult to injury, this wonderful writer was told by one of his teachers to give up writing and find something else.

Soon after graduation, he worked in the Merchandise Mart at Vissoski Rug Store, which he really enjoyed. He remained there until he got drafted by the US Army. He considered himself lucky because he was not sent to Vietnam, instead, he was station in Wildfleck-en, Germany, which he says was a "wild and adventurous time".

After his 2 years in the service Mr. Closz never had a problem with gainful employment. He worked for People's Gas for 12 years. After 12 long years he left off his job because he had a million dollar idea for an Elvis Presley dress-up doll. Then he became ill and shortly after that he took up residency at Albany Care in Evanston, where his passion for writing returned. Today, Michael Closz continues writing stories about war, religion, politics and love.

Favorite Food - Hungarian Goulash

Favorite Singer - Elvis Presley

Favorite Color -Blue

Favorite Dessert -Strawberry Jell-O with vanilla ice cream

Michael John Closz is definitely someone you should know. I strongly suggestion that you get a copy of A Secret Love or Lotteries at www.1stbooks.com



Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Meet Our Staff

Martin Lee
Administrator

Della Richardson
Assistant Administrator

Lavern Baker
Director of Nursing

Denise Treadwell
Admissions Director

Monica Jones
Social Services Director

Ashlynn Roper
Rehab Director

Phyllis Thomas
Activity Director

Patrice Vinson
MDS Coordinator

Monica Stewart
Food Service Supervisor

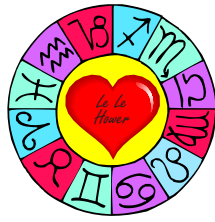
Julian Clubotariu
Maintenance

Pete Sokolowski
Housekeeping Supervisor

Tondra Williams
Administrative Assistant

The Love Scopes

By: Le Le Hower



Pisces: Feb 19 - March 20

An exciting year awaits you in love and money. Be optimistic. It's going to be good, good, good!

Aries: March 21 - Apr 19

Avoid falling in love now, your time is coming this summer. Look for a partnership that can help you explore new avenues.

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Don't sit back and wait for someone to say "I love you". You do it!

Gemini: May 21 - June 21

Discuss your plans with your beau for Valentine's Day now so you don't forget and have a St. Valentine's Day massacre!

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

Love me or not. Jupiter will help you straighten out this love mess. Don't make any unnecessary promises.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

A relationship with a close friend will become more. All you have to do is plant a seed and help it grow!

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

Avoid a battle with your love, you can not win. Self-improvement should be your goal, not emotional negativity.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

Make that phone call and say I am sorry "no holds barred!" - love needs love. Don't sit back and wait - get to work!

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 21

You have a little crush on your boss or someone older. Let them know. I see love in your future.

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

A past partner will want to reunite but just say no! New love is coming your way and a romantic evening will boost confidence!

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

Don't be surprised when love is coming your way. Pay attention to your spiritual side. He is good!

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

You will find love at a group meeting. Yes, it will catch you off guard. Don't let personal issues hold you back.

Famous African-Americans Who Am I?

Directions: Match the clues on the left with the name on the right.

1. Singer, songwriter, and pianist who was the first African American to host a national television show.



Nat King Cole

2. She refused to give up her bus seat prompting a citywide bus boycott.



Rosa Parks

3. Ex-slave who founded the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.



Maya Angelou



Booker T. Washington

4. Inventor whose high quality industrial inventions were the basis for the expression "The real McCoy".



Elijah McCoy

5. She recited the poem "On the pulse of Morning" at the inauguration of president Clinton in 1993.

(answers on back page)



February Special Events

Super Bowl Sunday Celebration

February 5th, 5:00pm

Afternoon with Juda Wine & Cheese Social

February 10th, 2:00pm

Cupid's Love Social

February 14, 2:00pm

Black History Celebration

February 17th, 2:00pm

February Birthday Celebration

February 29th, 2:00pm

You are cordially invited to attend any of these event. I bet your bottom dollar you are going to have a great time.

Poet's Corner

I LOVE YA'SO

By Michael John Closz

You got me where you want me,
Just like I knew ya' would;
I don't know how ya' did it,
But ya'did it my darlin' dear

I hide my love my darlin',
So you will never know;
How much I love ya',
And I need ya' my darlin' dear.

So I will never know,
How I do love ya' so;
No, you will never know
How much I do love ya' so.

I promised myself
That I'd never show;
How I loved ya', 'til someone asked ya' out,
I fought him when he did

I finally showed how I loved ya' so,
I told ya' how I loved ya';
Ya' said ya' knew it all the time,
And I just needed a little push.



All About Love

By: Jerome Koen

God showers us with his love
The stars shine from above

Love makes the world go round so they say
What makes it sweeter day by day

In spring a man's fancy turns to thoughts of
love

The birds that signify love is the dove

Love has to be given from the heart
God gives it a place to start

Love & Basketball

By Kendall Morgan



Love and basketball are two things most men have problems dealing without. As human beings we all need someone or something to love, especially men. And it just so happens that basketball is a many men's true love. It feels good when you know you are loved and even better to feel the love that you possess for others. Jesus said it plain and simple "Love ye one another". If the world was obedient to this commandment, I know the world would be a better place. There would be more helping each other and less going against one another. I am not talking about that boyfriend and girlfriend love, but that deep down divine God's love. Just like a real mother to her children let us demonstrate love to others. What comes from the heart will go to the heart. After a long lockout basketball fans hopes came true. There will be a NBA season six months of negotiating came to an end on Christmas. A lot of males are relieved about not having to watch reality show with their significant others. Now they can watch some high flying, crossover, fast paced NBA action. Basketball does a lot for most people - it entertains, provides jobs and keeps men off the streets. A woman was asked about what she loved about basketball and she stated "It will keep my husband in the house". I thank goodness for basketball.

So there you have it, love is something we all need and basketball is something many can not do without. Put them together and it's a winning combination.



Sending special thoughts and warmest wishes for every thing in life that brings you real happiness. Happy birthday to all February, March and April born.



Answers to "Who Am I?": 1. Nat King Cole; 2. Rosa Parks; 3. Booker T. Washington; 4. Elijah McCoy; 5. Maya Angelou