

GES Bulletin 9 February 2023

Much to Celebrate!

2023 has started off with much to celebrate. A value we return time and time again at GES is 'Home': recognizing the deep value of creating a sense of 'home' for residents and families. Accompanying this sense of home is the often-expressed sentiment that Greenwoods feels like family. With our wonderful community, that is sometimes family in the literal sense as well. There has been much to celebrate within the Greenwoods family this year!



A beautiful Welcome Ivy card made by the residents.

Congratulation to Christina Anderson and Colin Stacey on the birth of their daughter Ivy Jinny Stacey. Christina grew up on Salt Spring and has works as a care aide at Greenwoods since 2017. Ivy is named after her great-grandmother Jinny Rush who is a resident at Greenwoods. Many congratulations to Jinny and Bob Rush! Ivy is a fifth-generation islander!

Congratulations to Mark and Anne who celebrated their marriage last month! Anne and Mark have enjoyed a growing friendship and love over the years as Mark lives at Greenwoods as does Anne's mother.

And welcome back to the Greenwoods family to Karen Powers! Karen also joined Greenwoods in 2017 as a care aide. GES was very please to provide education funding to support Karen as she pursued the LPN program. Karen is back on the team doing orientation into the new role and will soon be writing her exams to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.



Office of the Seniors Advocate Survey – Experience of Life in Long Term Care

The Office of the Seniors Advocate (OSA) is currently conducting a survey with every resident in BC to gather feedback about their experience of life in LTC. We're hoping to welcome the surveyors to Greenwoods next week but do not yet have a date confirmed. Erica will send an email out when the details are confirmed to keep everyone posted.

Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting

Please join us at our next Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 21 February at 1.00pm. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss plans for the autumn and answer any questions or queries that Residents, Family and Friends may have.

Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 21 February, 1.00pm

To register, please click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdumtqj8sHNFn4hhmMkOHZ78Z3p9Mle9P>



Karen, Christina, and Ivy

Residents and Family Council Planning Session

At the zoom meeting on the 21st February, we will be discussing the relaunch of a resident and family council. There will also be a dedicated planning session to discuss the details of the council as there are several elements to consider, such as to have separate or joint councils for Braehaven and Greenwoods, timing, format, role of chair etc.

Erica Innes will be providing administrative support to the council. Please let Erica know if you would like to participate in the planning session by emailing Erica at: erica.innes@greenwoodseldercare.org.

Erica will then work with those residents and family members who are interested to find the best date and time for the planning meeting. Eventually we hope to hold the meetings in person with a zoom option; however, for the time being the planning meeting will continue via zoom.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for future bulletins, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest regards
Aletha