

# *“For Your Information”*

(A periodic publication by Sherwood Oaks Executive Director, Annette McPeck)

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## **Message from Mark Bondi**

I had hoped to attend the SORA quarterly meeting to give you all an update, but I understand that it was postponed due to the auditorium construction. Annette suggested I provide an update in her FYI publication. Over the past few weeks, I have been getting asked “How is the search for a new Executive Director going?”

So here is the update. At my encouragement, maybe some arm twisting, Annette has agreed to postpone her retirement until early 2024. Because of that, we have some additional time for a search. However, without officially announcing the position, we already have several individuals who have already expressed an interest. In addition, I think we have a list of very well qualified internal candidates who can fill the position temporarily so that we select an Executive Director that is just right for Sherwood Oaks.

## **Keystone Award for Outstanding Nurse Caregiver of the Year**

Every Year the Pennsylvania Assisted Living Association (PALA) recognizes a Personal Care and Assisted Living community licensed practical nurse or registered nurse who demonstrates leadership, provides quality person-centered care and clinical expertise. We are so proud to announce that Bethany Martin, has been chosen to receive this award. Bethany is a registered nurse on the Personal Care Unit with 13 years of service at Sherwood Oaks. She primarily works in the Oak Grove Center; however, she assists on other units as needed. She also provides support to other UPMC Assisted Living & Personal Care homes by providing training and conducting mock surveys.

Bethany demonstrates a high level of professionalism and integrity in her performance. She is a true team player and is a strong advocate for resident rights. She receives many family and visitor compliments about her professionalism, caring nature, and thoroughness. Please join me in congratulating Bethany on this humbling award.

## **Podiatrist – Leave of Absence**

Dr. Gioffre, Podiatrist, will be taking a medical leave of absence for the next few months. His last day at Sherwood Oaks will be Wednesday, September 20. We will continue to look for temporary replacement until Dr. Gioffre returns. If you would like to schedule one last appointment, contact the Community Nursing Department at ext. 8496 for availability.

## **Parking Lot Closure**

The left side of the main parking lot will be blocked off beginning Friday evening, September 15 in preparation for the car cruise on Saturday, September 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All parking spaces on the right side (sidewalk area) from the main entrance to the flagpole are for resident use, employees must use the other designated employee parking lots.