

## **Crosslands Culinary Services Committee Meeting ~ Thursday, February 2, 2023**

Resident Committee Members: Joan Applegate, Emilie Barber, Marge Moretzsohn, retiring member, Roger Parish, Courtney Peterson, Connie Schappell, Diana Stevens, Jean Worley, new member ~ Dan Mahoney, “try us”

Staff Committee Members: Jamie Hocking, Elizabeth Kautz, Darlene Parrett-Harris, John Platt, Tracy Sedlak, Casey Spizarny

Special Meals/Events in December/January: The New Year’s Eve reception and dinner were a **huge** success, as was the Lunar New Year dinner. .

Meeting Schedule and Venues: The next meeting will be Thursday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m. It is tentatively scheduled to take place in the dining room alcove. Meetings will continue to be held every other month, and as possible, in a room in the Center.

Comment Card Reports for December and January: 66 different residents, including 1 from Audland, made 130 comments in December. In January, 61 residents made 89 comments. Comments were generally positive. There were several upbeat comments about wait staff members. Darlene responds to suggestions residents make on their comment cards, for example having nuts on the side and not in salads.

John Platt’s Report: Staffing remains a challenge. There were no cook candidates at the January 23 KCC Job Fair. John will attend two upcoming job fairs and has started taking resumes for the Crosslands executive chef position. There are systems of sign-on bonuses for cooks and recruitment bonuses for current staff who recruit staff.

The Bob Donecker gift, reported on in December, is being used for the passport dinners. Darlene and Tracy’s creativity and organization are the main reasons the passport events to date have been so successful. They are currently planning for the February 14 Valentine’s Day festivities.

The Crosslands café will be featured in the spring edition of the Environments for Aging magazine. At the February 15 Dialogue, John will report on Culinary’s action plan for responding to Holleran Survey suggestions regarding food temperature and request for a greater variety of meals. As the number of staff increases, Culinary will be able to respond to the request for a greater variety of meals by opening the sauté station.

Once again, Culinary received a deficiency free rating from the State Department of Health. In 2023, the Crosslands dining room chairs, Audland dining room carpet, and Crosslands dish machine will be replaced.

Diana Stevens 2/4/23