

## **Crosslands Culinary Services Committee Meeting ~ Thursday, April 6, 2023**

Resident Committee Members: Joan Applegate, Emilie Barber, Dan Mahoney, Roger Parish, Connie Schappell, Diana Stevens, Jean Worley ~ Donna Edwards, “try us”; Penny Paul, “try us”

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

Special Meals/Events in February/March: Valentine’s Day reception and dinner, Chinese Passport dinner, and St. Patrick’s Day Passport dinner received rave reviews.

Meeting Schedule and Venues: The next meeting will be Thursday, June 1, at 2:30 p.m. It will be held in the George Fox Room. Meetings will continue to be held every other month in the George Fox Room, except for August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting which will be on Zoom.

Comment Card Reports for February and March: 64 different residents, including 3 from Audland, made 117 comments in February. In March, 61 residents, including 3 from Audland, made 86 comments. Comments were generally positive. Darlene continues to respond to suggestions residents make on their comment cards, for example, soft dinner rolls are served more frequently now. Committee members are encouraged to suggest to residents they fill out comment cards, electronically or on paper, and to show appreciation to the Culinary Services staff with “thank yous” and smiles.

John Platt’s Report: Staffing remains a challenge. Once college students finish the current semester, some of them will resume their wait staff positions for the summer which will help staffing challenges. Sign-on bonuses for cooks and recruitment bonuses for current staff who recruit staff continue.

As staffing permits, there may be an extension of take-out hours.

Due to California rains, there may be supply issues with strawberries and lettuces. John will communicate with residents if/when these issues affect KCC.

Four vegetarian options have been added to the alternative menu. As part of Earth Day recognition, John is working with residents to collect plant-based recipes.

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Diana Stevens 4/21/23