

Crosslands Culinary Services Committee Meeting ~ Thursday, December 7, 2023

RESIDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Joan Applegate, Dena Beeghly, member in waiting, Donna Edwards, Dan Mahoney, Roger Parish, Penny Paul, Connie Schappell, Diana Stevens, Ginny Bracken and Steve Epstein, “try us” observers.

STAFF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jamie Hocking, Elizabeth Kautz, Darlene Parrett-Harris, John Platt, Tracy Sedlak, Casey Spizarny

MEETING SCHEDULE AND VENUES: The next meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 2:30 in the George Fox Room. Meetings are held every other month in the George Fox Room at 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEALS/EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER: Anniversary Dinner, German Dinner, Halloween Dinner, Indian Dinner

COMMENT CARDS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER: In October, 75 Independent Living residents made 101 comments and 4 Audland residents made 5 comments. In November, 90 independent living residents made 139 comments and 1 Audland resident made 1 comment. Because some Audland residents eat in the main dining room, they make their comments on the cards in the MDR. The comments, both about the food and staff, were overwhelmingly positive. The few negative observations were noted and were or will be addressed by staff. The special meals/events, especially the Passport Indian meal, received a loud “shout out” from many residents and requests to serve some of the dishes in the future. The December 21 Passport Dinner and pre-dinner event will feature some of the favorite foods from the Passport Dinners. Committee members will continue to encourage residents to submit comment cards about both the service and food. The continuing increase in the number of comments provided by residents is important.

JOHN PLATT’S REPORT:

- * New MDR chairs style has been chosen and fabric will be chosen soon. Chairs should be in the dining room spring 2024. Old chairs will be donated to staff, residents, the Salvation Army, and other community organizations which serve local residents.
- * Audland dining room make-over is almost complete. Window treatments still to be chosen.
- *Kendal café will open late January/early February 2024.
- *Looking far into the future: planning for and implementing major renovations for Kendal kitchen (2024 and 2025) and Crosslands kitchen (2026 and 2027).
- *Crosslands staffing: 22 resumes received for Executive Chef position; interviews for sous chef are taking place. High school students have come back, viz. are applying for jobs at KCC. There is the challenge that some lack commitment and prefer not to work the three shifts a week that are required.
- *Though Culinary would like to compost food leftovers and waste, there is the challenge of how and where to transport the leftovers/waste which is relatively small since most leftovers are incorporated into soups and other dishes.

Diana Stevens 12/10/23