

CHARTER HOUSE

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C H A T T E R

Coordinator's Corner

by Stephanie T.

Construction at Charter House is nearing the end. Our new entrance is now open, the new elevator is working smoothly, and the old elevator has been taken out. They have cut a window from the Clerical area out onto the street, it will be great to have light coming onto the unit!! The bonus is that Jeff, one of the maintenance staff, has been here at Charter House painting walls, patching holes, fixing leaks, and a lot more. Soon, our Clubhouse will be Beautiful!!! Hopefully many of you will be able to come to our annual Family and Friends Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25th. We will be showing off all the changes then.

Raina C. is our Member of the Month for November and I just have to say, she is outstanding. She is not just doing 2 tasks a day like most of the other Charter House members, she is doing 5 or 6 or MORE tasks a day!!! She is committed to the Vineyard Grill and to making sure that everyone gets a good lunch and that all the work for the Vineyard Grill gets done.

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Albert is our TE of the month. He is working as a shredder and does a great job. He is reliable and dependable. He is mature and professional, is able to focus on his job and does great work. He regularly exceeds the expected standards.

Because of people like Albert and Raina Charter House can shine. They care about their Clubhouse, they know that what they do makes a difference. They are not the only members of Charter House who exhibit these qualities. There are many other persons here who regularly do things that are above and beyond the basic expectation and Charter House is a better place because of them. Thank you to Raina and Albert and those others of you who go above and beyond!!

Committees

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is looking toward food to raise funds. Charter House will soon be starting Tasty Tuesdays, where members will routinely bring in home-made goodies to sell at Charter House. Keep your eyes open for announcements in the Morning Meetings.

P & E

Planning & Evaluation has recently surveyed Charter House members about topics such as menu items from the Vineyard Grill and member's view of Charter House.

SOCIAL

Social Committee has planned some fun activities for December. As the holidays come upon us, there are some changes in the regular weekly committee schedules and in their place, Social Committee has planned fun, fun, fun!

Activities

November

November 4th

-ELECTION DAY!

November 18th-19th

-Frankenmuth Conference

November 22nd

-Zoo Days

December

December 4th

-Put up **tree** at Charter House

December 22nd

-Game Party with snacks

December 23rd

-Christmas Movie with snacks

December 29th

- Lansing Mall 1-3pm

December 30th

-Ice Cream Social

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Charter House Member Survey

By Nicole W.

Clubhouse Poll

1. Do you like your clubhouse?

YES 9 NO 1

2. Do you have friends at CH?

YES 9 NO 1

3. Do you like the way you sign up for tasks?

YES 11 NO 0

4. Do you wish we had 3 units like in the past?

YES 4 NO 7

5. Do you participate in afternoon committees?

YES 7 NO 3

6. Favorite things at CH?
Bingo, Trips, Working

7. What would you like to see at CH that we, the members, could create?

Trips, Parties, Teamwork

It's Good To Be Back

By Carrie Moffett

It was the turn of the century 1999 when I was at Charter House the first time. I worked for Charter House in the Clerical Unit. I answered phones, copied documents, and worked on the computer making banners and signs. I helped in the kitchen every once in a while, which now I'm willing to get more acquainted with helping others. Back, eight years ago, the building was a lot different in the front. There's even a new stairway. I like it here.

T.E. OF THE MONTH

ALBERT R



Albert has been shredding paper in Charter House's TE Program for two years. One of his favorite things about working is the ability to make money to pay for cable tv service. Albert shows up on time, does a good job at shredding, and he has a good consistent output. Albert said he has missed only one day of work and he called in to let Charter House know he would not be in to shred. Albert comes ready to work on time everyday, works his entire shift, clocks in and clocks out appropriately and it is because of this that Albert is being recognized as November's TE of the Month. Congratulations Albert!

What other members are saying about Albert.

John K. - *Albert is a member who shows up here for tasks and he helps out people when they need it.*

Serralee - *Albert does his tasks and he is good at his TE job.*

Malcolm G. - *Albert comes everyday and he's a good worker*

Nicole W. - *Albert is a good worker and a friendly, easy going, person.*

Billy W. - *Albert works well with people.*

Carol Mac. - *Albert is really interested in the success of Charter House.*

Bobby W. - *Albert does a good job.*

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

RAINA C.



Raina has been a Charter House member for 20 years! Raina says that the thing she looks forward to the most at Charter House are the Big Summer Trips. If Raina was to pick the best day a Charter House she would have to say that it is without a doubt, Thanksgiving. Raina says that she thinks she was voted member of the month because she comes in every day and works in the Vineyard Grill. That stated, it should also be known that Raina does 3 - 6 tasks a day while working in the Vineyard Grill! Congratulations Raina!

What other members are saying about Raina.

John K. - *Raina is a reliable member and she helps other people.*

Serralee - *Raina deserves it; she is here every day and she does more tasks than she has to.*

Malcolm G. - *Raina is very articulate.*

Nicole W. - *Raina is a dedicated Vineyard Grill worker and she follows through with her Charter House Spirit and tasks.*

Billy W. - *Raina is polite and a good, cooperative person to work with.*

Carol Mac. - *Raina really puts forth her best effort.*

Bobby W. - *Raina does good work.*

Christine G. - *Raina follows the code of conduct, is always appropriately dressed, and always does extra tasks.*