



MSC HAPPENINGS

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MSC DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



MSC Director, Ms. Gayle Harper, has announced her retirement date which will be August 29th, 2014. Gayle has been at the helm of MSC for 35 years. I could talk about all of the statistics of people served and staff members and board members and on and on..., but I had rather tell you about Gayle and what I see has motivated her to serve as director of MSC for 35 years. At MSC, we use person-centered tools to bring purpose and meaning to the lives of the individuals we serve. Those tools are based on what is important to an individual. When



looking at Gayle's career, it is clear that serving others is important to her. From ensuring that an individual has the medical supplies he/she needs to advocating to David Ralston (Speaker of the House) for funding or Charles Fetner (Region 1) for services for an individual in crisis to ensuring that MSC has sufficient and effective staff to meet the needs of those served, a servant mindset shines through. When a moment shines through in an individual's life as purpose and meaning is found, a tear can always be seen in Gayle's eye. When growth is identified in a staff person's skills, Gayle lights up with enthusiasm. When an individual/family/staff is experiencing a crisis, a look of concern is always present with a mindset to develop a plan of action to provide support. Not only does Gayle demonstrate a servant mindset in the lives of people, she demonstrates exemplars' integrity in maintaining the facility, acquiring needed supplies and vehicles, ensuring that MSC meets all policy regulations from a variety of oversight entities, and ensuring a balanced budget with excellent benefits for employees. I believe the quality I admire the most about Gayle is her "open door." It does not matter if you are a client, staff, family member, or whomever; her door is always open with a listening and attentive ear. Not only does she listen, she empathizes...this is where I see her servant heart shine through the most and how I know that serving others is important to her and what brings purpose and meaning to her life. Thank you Gayle Harper for 35 years of servant leadership to MSC!



A retirement celebration is being planned for a tentative date of August 21st at 1:00. Definite plans will be announced at a later day. Robin Davenport, Program Supervisor, MSC



SPOTLIGHT ON.....

MINERAL SPRINGS CENTER COUNCIL COMMITTEE



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mineral Springs Center Client Council Committee meets once a month with the Client Council suggesting any changes or activities for MSC. The Committee consists of Debbie Rodgers, Tamala Cooke, Cristina, Linda St., Eric, Steve, Sharon, Candi/Kari. One of the biggest celebrations during a month is the birthday treat day which celebrates MSC individuals born during the month. During the month of April the April birthdays were celebrated with cake, punch, and entertainment by Wolf creek Bluegrass. Everyone enjoyed the music and dancing and especially Kathleen (June) who turned 79 years young. The May Birthday celebration was the Cinco de Mayo celebration, where all played games and ate Mexican food and wore colorful ponchos and sombreros. The June birthday celebration was celebrated with cupcakes that were made by some of our individuals and a movie. Thank You MSC Client Council Committee for all that you do.

- ◆ July 4, closed
- ◆ July 7, closed
- ◆ July 10, Cookout at Horse-shoe Bend Park
- ◆ July 14 & 15 CARF Survey
- ◆ August 29 Gayle Harper Retires
- ◆ September 1 Closed



We are on Face Book.....LIKE MINERAL SPRINGS CENTER ON FACEBOOK..... This is a great way to keep up with MSC activities and announcements.

Thank You



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ELLIJAY LIONS CLUB
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 82

The Traveling Vietnam Wall was on display at the Ellijay Lions Club Fairgrounds from May 21—26. MSC staff and individuals visited The Traveling Vietnam Wall on May 22, 2014. All spoke of what a sobering but awesome experience to view this Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

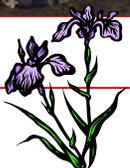


KIWANIS CLUB OF UNION COUNTY INVITED MSC FOR A FUN DAY OF RIDES AND HOT-DOGS!



Thank You

CELEBRATING CINCO DE MAYO



Just Fun

Wish List

Our individuals can always use some help from generous people in our community who wish to donate items. Some of the items needed are: Cash donations, adult sweat pants size large & extra large, disinfectant wipes, adult wipes, scrapbooking supplies, craft foam, craft foam stickers, board games, large piece puzzles, wooden knob puzzles, pre-school and school age books, information books, dry erase board with markers, Leap Pad, IPAD, Kindle Fire, Blue Ray player, and all kinds of Bingo prizes. Mineral Springs Center is a private, non-profit corporation under section 501 (C) (3). Donations are accepted and tax deductible donation letters given upon request.



Mineral Springs Center has a variety of animal friends who come to visit.....from birds and squirrels to even BUNNY RABBITS!



Rock Creek Fish Hatchery Trip

May 14, 2014

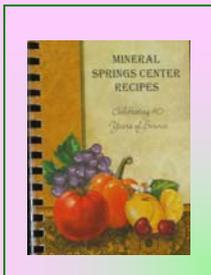


Thanks For Inviting MSC

Then followed that beautiful season... Summer... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood.



CARF surveyors are coming July 14 and 15. What is CARF Accreditation? ...It means MSC has passed an in-depth review and meets CARF guidelines for service and quality focused on delivering the most favorable results for individuals we serve. CARF accreditation is a seal of approval announcing to Individuals served by MSC that MSC provides services focused on the individual needs.



Recipe taken from the Mineral Springs Center Recipes Book Celebrating 40 Years of Service. The Recipe Books are \$10 a piece. Call or email if interested in a Recipe Book.

Chocolate Brownie Pie

- 2 T. Butter
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 3/4 c. light corn syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3/4 c. broken pecans
- 1 unbaked 9" pastry shell



Melt butter & chocolate over low heat. Cool slightly in bowl. Add eggs, sugar, & corn syrup. Beat until blended. Add vanilla & pecans. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 375° for 40 minutes.

Submitted by Gayle Harper



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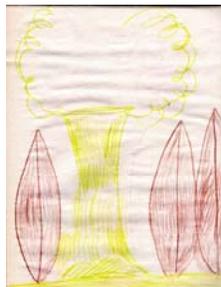
MSC
Newsletter Volunteers
Robbie James
June Kari
Candi
Joy & Lynn

In Memory.....

Love leaves a Memory no one can steal



Mineral Springs Center is sad to say goodbye to Ms. Barbara Eloise Meeker. Barbara passed away on April 17th at Heritage Healthcare in Blue Ridge, Ga. Barbara had attended MSC for 37 years. Barbara was a gifted artist and loved to draw. Her famous quote was "That's good, ain't it?" Yes, Barbara, that's good. Barbara's family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mineral Springs Center, P.O. Box 28, Blue Ridge, GA 30513.



Some of Barbara's Art work.

