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I spent an evening in the company of some amazing people from all walks of life at the Celebration of Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley Association. The association is a organization that helps people to learn how to read, write, gain confidence, achieve citizenship, get their GED and many other wonderful ways to transform their life. NPI has a Consumer, Jonathan M. that goes to classes each week to learn how to read and write. He has done an amazing job! Jonathan wrote this story and read it at the celebration to us all. I, along with his Program Manager and roommates were so proud of him and his accomplishment. The theme of the writings was "My Perfect Day" Here is Jonathan's story written in his own words:

My Perfect Day

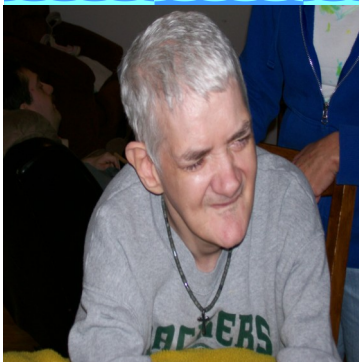
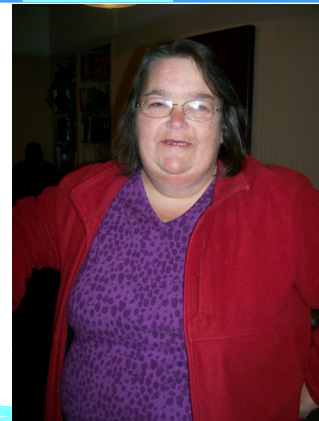
I went to the Humane Society in Chippewa Falls to walk a dog. I found a Chihuahua in a little kennel on the floor. He looked really scared, but he came to me right away when I called for him.

He was so cute and let me pet him a lot. He was small and had short black and white fur. I think his eyes were brown, his tail was short, and his ears were pointy.

I wish I had a dog. When I live on my own I will get a dog just like him. I heard from my roommate that the Chihuahua was just found a home. Jonathan M.

Jonathan M. attended classes and found he loves to write. His story was published in the Literacy Volunteers 2011 Celebrate Writing book. Jonathan worked very hard to be able to write a story and have it published. NPI is so very proud of him. Hope to read your next story, next year, Jonathan.

Featured NPI Program Manager for July & August is Lenee J. Lenee is the Program Manager for Program 15J & 15G. She has been with NPI for 4 years. Lenee manages both sides of Program 15 and does an outstanding job. She has such a huge heart for her Consumers, staff and friends. Lenee maintains a wonderful relationship with her staff and always puts her Consumers ahead of her own needs. Friendship is a special bond that Lenee believes in and is so wonderful at being a friend. She lends an ear to help anyone get through a problem. She gives strong advice only when need be. Lenee is reliable, compassionate, and just a wonderful person to be around. Thank you, Lenee, for all you give of yourself to NPI and the Consumers you love so deeply. Thank you for just being who you are, a great Manager and an awesome friend.



Say hello to our newest NPI family member, Gerald M. Gerald resides at Program 10 and goes by "Gerry". When I first met Gerry he touched my heart with his loving way and his sweet smile. Swinging, being outdoors and being with his 1 on 1 staff are just a few of the things Gerry loves to do. The Program Manager told me Gerry smiles all the time and is this wonderful touchy/feely kind of person. I just know he makes you walk away feeling happy. We, along with the staff at his program, are very blessed with having Gerry as a part of our NPI family. NPI's family brings sunshine to life in some form each and every day and for that we all are blessed.

NPI'S FEATURED PROGRAM

FEATURED PROGRAM FOR JULY—AUGUST ISSUE IS NPI PARADISE aka Program 15. Program 15 is located in Eau Claire. The staff, Amy W.; Patti Z.; Keith W.; Valeri P.; Marie L.; Rebecca Keller.; Jane P.; Stacy W.; Becca M.; Morgan B.; and Shandale M. work together as a team making Program 15 run as smoothly as possible. The staff, along with Lenee J., Program Manager, does such an amazing job. The residents that live at the program are 3 very wonderful people. Joyce H. lives on one side of the program and keeps staff on their toes. She loves to swim, take long rides, shop and go to Culver's to eat. She was just telling me yesterday how she wanted to swim in the Special Olympics try-outs. Joyce brings an array of emotions to the program. She loves to be loved. On the other side of the program are two gentlemen that can steal your heart in a good way. Rai S. is amazing with all the knowledge he shares. He has such a love for music. Rai's 600 record collection is a mixture of all types of music. The manager told me how he loves to play his violin. Wouldn't it be great if he could play it for us all one day? Eric A. is the other amazing gentleman at program 15. Eric's has a huge radiant smile when he listens to music, especially the group Alabama. He gets so into the music that he plays air guitar along with the beat. Eric also loves Elmo and trucks. Eric is such an inspiration to be around. It is so rewarding to us all to have Joyce, Rai, and Eric as a part of our NPI family. Thank you to all the great staff and Program Manager for all you do to help enrich the lives of these three amazing people.



Joyce H. at Endless Adventures Valentine Dance. Isn't she a beautiful woman?



Rai S. at Endless Adventures Award Banquet. His wonderful smile says it all!



Eric A. at Endless Adventures Award Banquet. He looks so handsome and happy. Love the hat!

The heart and soul of NPI is the amazing Consumers feature in each issue. They are an inspiration that goes with us wherever we may go. Our NPI family has a way of making each day shine a little brighter and teaches us all that there isn't anything we can not accomplish. NPI staff from office to programs and NPI's consumers is one big family that is blessed and blesses everyone.



June 17, 2011 is the next exciting adventure Endless Adventures is taking us on. A trip to COMO ZOO is planned. I, for one, can't wait to get there and see all the beautiful animals! You will be reading about it all in NPI's Sept.—Aug. Newsletter.



WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
ENDLESS ADVENTURES



ENDLESS ADVENTURES 1st YEAR ANNIVERSARY

What an amazing night! Endless Adventures had its 1st annual anniversary awards ceremony. It was priceless! The ladies were so beautiful and the men were very handsome. The food delicious and the everywhere you looked a smile touched your heart. The evening started off with Chuck F. saying a prayer before we ate. You could not help but feel uplifted at that very moment. Dena B. and Angela H. talked about how Endless Adventures had grown into such an awarding project. You could see how proud they were to be a part of such a wonderful adventure. It was then time to give out the awards! Everyone waited to hear their name called with so much excitement. It was amazing to watch each Consumer celebrate his/her award in their own way. The night was theirs, the moment was our blessing, and we all left knowing that this Endless Adventures made each Consumer, each staff, and each volunteer proud to be a part of an amazing night. Thank you Endless Adventures for being a part of NPI and for letting us all know we are appreciated for just being us helping each other along life's way.



The cake was so pretty. Thank you so much Carolyn C. for such a fabulous job and creating an Endless Adventures masterpiece.



Once everyone was settled Chuck F. started us off with a prayer of thankfulness.



A special part of the evening was when Jay G. & Penny E. was presented with an appreciation award. An award that was very deserving.



Dena B. and Angela H. gave out all the awards and did such an amazing job. A part of their heart was in each award.



Carlton F. accepted his award with such grace. He was very proud to have been given the honor.



Rai S. was so happy when he received his award. His beautiful, exciting smile said it all.



Susie G. was so beautiful. She was very deserving of her award.



Sam H. stopped a moment to take in his great award and was so thankful for it.

I wish I could have put in all the wonderful pictures that were taken but there is just not enough room. It's so nice to take a moment and just let someone know how that they have a special trait that touches everyone's heart. Looking forward to the 2nd Annual Endless Adventures event!



JUST ONE

One song can spark a moment,
 One flower can wake the dream,
 One tree can start a forest,
 One bird can herald spring.
 One smile begins a friendship,
 One handclasp lifts a soul,
 One star can guide a ship at sea,
 One word can frame the goal.
 One vote can change a nation,
 One sunbeam lights a room,
 One candle wipes out darkness,
 One laugh will conquer gloom.
 One step must start each journey,
 One word must start each prayer,
 One hope will raise out spirits,
 One touch can show you care.
 One voice can speak with wisdom,
 One heart can know what's true,
 One life can make a difference,
 You see, it's up to you!

**SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY TO
 MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR A
 CONSUMER AND CO-WORKER!!**



THE LIFE SAVER

Did a NPI team member do something nice for you? Maybe made your day of work easier? Made you smile when there seemed to be nothing to smile about? The Life Saver Column is where we can share the moments a team member "just made you day".

Here's how it works:

If a team member goes beyond the call of duty and helps you with something or just does something special for you call the office or jot it down and bring it in so we can share the good deed in the upcoming Newsletter. It does not matter how big or small, let us know. We want to share the positive things that happen to our staff. We want to let everyone know how much you appreciated their help, their contribution to making your day shine. I am sure we are going to get so many notes and calls that we will only be able to draw 5 to post in the Newsletter. It does not mean your call or note will not be published. Another 5 will be drawn and posted in each new Newsletter.

Example: Today Becca M. helped me with filing that I simply did not have time to do. I appreciated that and would like to share her kindness and thoughtfulness with everyone. You must be very specific as to what the good deed was and how it was appreciated by you.

Now for the extra good part! Everyone loves lifesavers candy so when you call in or bring in a note to let us know this good deed you will receive a roll of lifesavers to remind you just how one small bit of thoughtfulness from a staff team member can change a moment.

I will be waiting for you call or bring in the great news of appreciation. Let's share the good moments that we do for each other. Let's say "you are appreciated".

YOU ARE A LIFESAVER!!!



WACKY, BUT TRUE!

1. Your body is "recycling" (destroying and producing new) 15 million red blood cells...PER SECOND!
2. In Iceland, it's an insult to tip!
3. The electric chair was invented by a dentist!
4. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds!
5. It takes an average of 70 pieces of wood to create a single violin!



Congratulations!

NPI WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE NPI RESIDENTS AND TEAM.



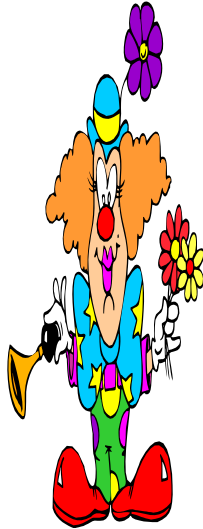
NPI STAFF BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 7/9 Rachel D.
- 7/11 Victoria K.
- 7/12 Joni F.
- 7/15 Jennifer R.
- 7/17 Larry C.
- 7/21 Kevin O.
- 7/27 Maranda D.

AUGUST

- 8/2 Kay N.
- 8/11 Meagan J.
- 8/12 Dena B.
- 8/15 Linda L.
- 8/20 Terri B.
- 8/24 Hiedi M.
- 8/28 Jyl H.
- 8/31 Michael H.
- 8/31 Kim B.
- 8/31 Lori B.



NPI STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

- 7/17 Jyl H. 2 years
- 7/26 Maranda D. 5 years

AUGUST

- 8/1 Ron G. 10 years
- 8/18 Denise B. 2 years
- 8/31 Letaya M. 1 year

FORTY IS THE OLD AGE OF YOUTH, FIFTY IS THE YOUTH OF OLD AGE !



CONSUMER BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 7/2 Davie C.
- 7/4 John B.
- 7/5 Michael W.
- 7/9 Gary K.

AUGUST

- 8/4 Susanne G.
- 8/22 Chuck F.
- 8/27 Judy H.

Happy Birthday to each of you and may your day be full of fun and happiness.

WELCOME TO NPI

Welcome to our NPI team. We hope your journey with NPI is a very gratifying one filled with many blessings.

1. Kersten T. Kersten is originally from Cadott, WI. She loves to work with people and being able to learn along with them everyday. Kersten loves spending time with her boyfriend, Cody and with family. She loves to scrapbook, hunt, and being outdoors. Kersten stated that her little brother almost looks like her twin but they are 5 years apart. Welcome to our NPI team, Kersten.
2. Brianna L. Brianna is originally from Mondovi, WI. She loves to interact, help, and share interests with people. Brianna is in school to become an RN and knows her experience with NPI will be helpful. Her hobbies are barrel racing, four wheeling, fishing, all water sports and hanging with family/friends. Welcome to our NPI team, Brianna.

Happy Birthday

WISHES TO ALL OUR NPI STAFF. WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY OF CELEBRATION !!!



A birthday is just another chapter in your book of life !

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

1. 7/4 FREEDOM FEST—MENOMONIE
2. 7/13-17 NORTHERN WI STATE FAIR—CHIPPEWA FALLS
3. 7/14-17 ROCK FEST—CADOTT
4. 7/21-23—COUNTRY JAM—EAU CLAIRE
5. 8/27-28 FESTIVAL IN THE PINE—EAU CLAIRE

FOURTH OF JULY

BE SAFE !

ENJOY FIREWORKS !

IF BOATING, WEAR THAT LIFE JACKET !



HEALTH BENEFITS BEAN BY BEAN

By Prevention Magazine

BLACK BEAN: Rich in anthocyanins, the same heart disease and cancer fighting antioxidants that are found in grapes and cranberries.

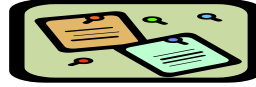
KIDNEY BEAN: The thiamin (vitamin B1) in this bean protects memory and brain function; a deficiency has been linked to Alzheimer's disease.

NAVY BEAN: Potassium regulates blood pressure and normal heart contractions.

PINTO BEAN: Fiber helps stabilize blood sugar, lowering the risk of type 2 diabetes.

CHICKPEA BEAN: A recent study found that a chickpea-fortified diet slashed "bad" LDL cholesterol levels by almost 5%.

ALWAYS laugh when you can. It is
cheaper than medicine.



N-O-T-E-S

1. Next featured program is Program 3 & 8.

2. FARMERS' MARKETS:

A. Country Lane Farmers' Market—Every Thurs .2pm—8pm. 3 miles north of Barron 1642 16th Street. 715/475-9682 for info.

B. Gordy's County Market Lake Wissota—Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2pm—6pm. 715/726-2505 for info.

C. Menomonie Farmers' Market—From May thru Oct. Every Wed. 1pm—6pm and Sat. 8am—3pm. 715/265-4271 for info.

D. Eau Claire Downtown Farmers' Market—June 6—Oct. 31. Wed. & Sat. 7:30am—1pm and Thurs. noon—5pm. 715/834-5697 for info.

3. Pure Water Days Duck Splash Festival/Raffle! Saturday, August 13 @ Bernard Willi Pool & Marshall Field in Chippewa Falls. Parade starts @ 1 pm.

4. Don't forget to read about upcoming events for Endless Adventures on their page.

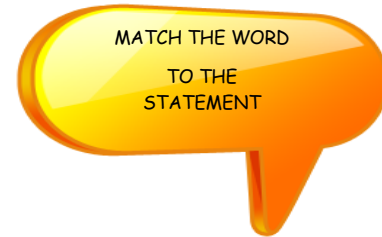
JUST A THOUGHT....by dottie Have you ever thought about running away for a day? I have. I have decided that it is OK to run away from the world from time to time. I don't mean run away for good or an extended amount of time, just a day. Sometimes you need to find a moment for yourself. The everyday of "normal" life does not always see it that way. I believe that if you can just shut everything out of your mind for one day you will be better for it. Your mind gets cluttered with all the problems, tasks, and everyday living that each day brings. You don't have time to just take a deep breathe and relax. You should find time to pamper yourself, indulge in your "just me" moment, and just let the world pass you by. What could it hurt? Leave contact information just in case the world can't stop for you and then hide. If you can't physically get away then find a room that you can hide away in, stock it with all the things that would help you relax then lock the door. First put a sign up saying, "DO NOT DISTURB!!". Open that book and read. Take that long deserved bubble bath. Do your hair and nails. Sing in the shower. You can do this. If you have to, find a volunteer to take the kids for the day, cook the meals needed ahead of time to keep everyone happy, and leave a note just letting them know you will be back in the world at such and such time. OH, and TURN OFF THAT CELL PHONE! The world can wait. You know, just taking a day for ourselves does a lot of good for our own mental well being. I love to hide away with a good book I just can't put down or write a story that I want to leave behind for my girls to read. I love the quietness of nothing. It gives me the chance to renew my whole being. I think doing this for yourself just might make those around you happier, too. Just saying.... So, what do you think, ready to run away for a day? Just a thought...what do you think?

NPI'S NEWSLETTER CONTEST

ROUND 3! WORD CHOICE

MUST BE IN THE NPI OFFICE BY: MONDAY
JULY 5 , 2011

DRAWING HELD: MONDAY JULY 11, , 2011



Details are as follows:

1. Only 1 entry per NPI current staff ONLY!
2. All answers must be correct.
3. Contest must be in office before or on the deadline due date.
(any entry after the deadline due date will NOT be entered)
4. Be sure to have your name and Program # on entry.
5. Once entry is submitted to office it will be checked for the correct answers. (This is not a test, therefore, no training will be credited)
6. Once entry is checked for correct answers it will be submitted into the drawing for the grand prize. 1 name will be drawn from all correct entries.
7. On the date of the drawing the winner will be called and informed or the exciting news.
8. A new contest will be inside each new NPI Newsletter.



THE GRAND PRIZE FOR
THE WINNING ENTRY IS

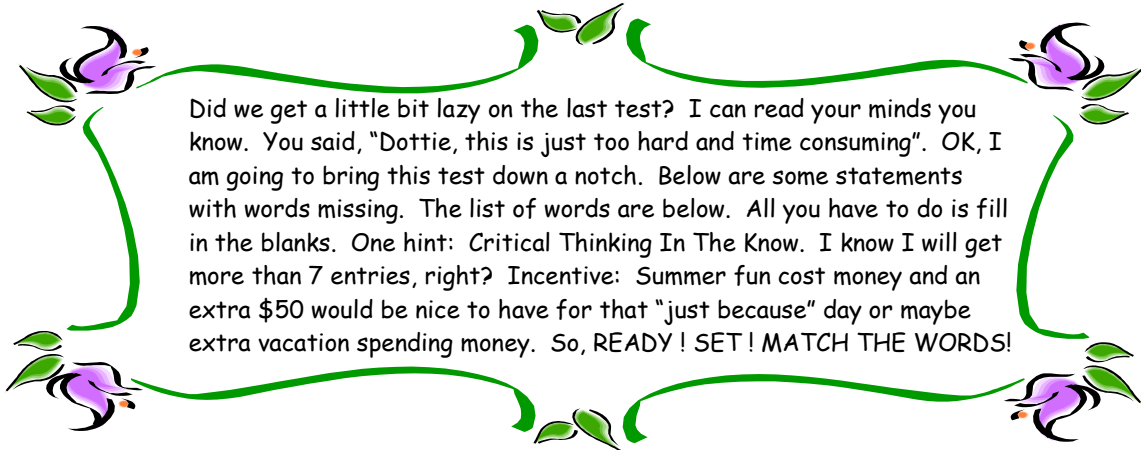
\$50

CONGRATULATIONS !!! TERRI B. is the winner of our May-June Newsletter. Way to go, Terri ! I was so happy to be able to call you with the good news. Terri is an excellent staff team member at Program 14. Her southern way of "getting to the point" is so refreshing. So, Terri, enjoy the win!!!!



Thanks to you all for entering the contest. Just remember to get your entry in by the due date and have the correct answers. Good luck to you all! You just might get a phone call saying, "you WON"!!!





Did we get a little bit lazy on the last test? I can read your minds you know. You said, "Dottie, this is just too hard and time consuming". OK, I am going to bring this test down a notch. Below are some statements with words missing. The list of words are below. All you have to do is fill in the blanks. One hint: Critical Thinking In The Know. I know I will get more than 7 entries, right? Incentive: Summer fun cost money and an extra \$50 would be nice to have for that "just because" day or maybe extra vacation spending money. So, READY! SET! MATCH THE WORDS!

FILL IN THE BLANKS

THINKING	POTENTIAL	BELIEVING	FLEXIBLE	OBSERVANT
OPINIONS	WISHFUL	EMOTIONS	COLLECT	OBJECTIVE
MANIPULATED	REASONING	PROVEN	RECOGNIZE	VALUABLE

1. _____ that there is usually more than one way of looking at things.
2. People who are critical thinkers are _____ employees.
3. To think critically, the first step is to _____ information.
4. Critical thinkers have _____ minds and are willing to take risk.
5. People who think critically tend to be _____.
6. Listen carefully when people talk and try your best to understand the _____ behind their words.
7. When you hear new information, try to think about whether it can be _____.
8. If people don't practice critical thinking, they could end up being _____.
9. Do you know people who seem to speak without _____ first?
10. Look for ways to prove information rather than just _____ it to be true.
11. Facts are pieces of information that are _____ and can be proven.
12. _____ are beliefs or judgments and are nearly impossible to prove.
13. During our lives, we use less than one percent of our brain's _____.
14. Often, _____ thinking keeps people from facing reality.
15. Some people tend to rely on their _____ when they think about things.



GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL !!!

