

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September's Potluck

September's Potluck will be provided by Maintenance, Outpatient and Prevention on September 22nd. Lunch will be provided from 12-1pm in the large group room.

### Kickball Tournament

is going to be postponed until spring due to conflicting events. We hope to see you all participate on the TLC team in the spring!

### Stroke Education

If you haven't completed the stroke training, you must complete it by August 29th!

### Next Staff Meeting

September 14th at 1:30pm

## DO YOU KNOW..

Who declared "war on drugs?"

\*Submit your answer to Jess by phone ext. 259 email or in person.

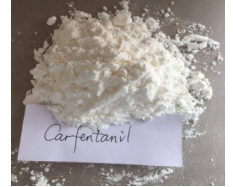
**Don't ruin a good today by thinking about a bad yesterday. Let it go.**

# Stepping It Up

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## Carfentanil



Carfentanil is the **most potent commercial opioid** in the world— 10,000 times stronger than morphine. A 10 milligram dose of the animal tranquilizer carfentanil is powerful enough to sedate, even kill, a **15,000** pound African elephant. Law enforcement is worried carfentanil will make its way into the heroin supply or be sold by itself. Heroin cut with carfentanil will offer a **harder-hitting, longer-lasting high** and allows dealers a shortcut to increase their supplies. In recent months, authorities have linked carfentanil to a spike in overdoses in several states.

Prosecutors in western Pennsylvania issued a warning to law enforcement saying more than 200 recent overdoses in the region—**20** of them fatal—may be linked to carfentanil. The drug may also be blamed for deaths in Ohio, Kentucky and Florida.

Carfentanil, in liquid form, is odorless and colorless, making it virtually **impossible** to recreational drug users to know what they are taking or how much. They may think they are getting heroin or fentanyl, but whatever they shoot or inject exponentially stronger analog. Canada federal police service claims that as little as less than a grain of salt—**20 micrograms**—of carfentanil can be fatal. A 24 year old in Canadian was charged with one count of importation of a controlled substance and one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking when carfentanil was seized on its way to him in the mail in a package marked as printer accessories June.

## Employee of the Month!

**Laura K.** – has been selected for employee of the month due to her continued communication skills with all areas of TLC. Laura has been sending around emails updating staff on how to log into training systems from the outside offices. Laura has also had great communication about the patients in the Bedford office inquiring information or receiving the vitrol shot. Laura has also taken it upon herself to make sure that the Bedford office is always looking spic and span for our patients.

**Misty G.** – has been chosen for employee of the month due her continued efforts to keep our beds filled. Misty is able to problem solve in order to get patients' needs met on admission days to ensure the best possible patient care. Misty has adjusted her schedule multiple times to guarantee that the patient is able to be admitted regardless of what time they arrive for their intake. Within the past month Misty has also adjusted her schedule on short notice to attend multiple meetings to record meeting minutes.