

MESSENGER

The Board of Directors of
Good Shepherd Manor
cordially invite you to attend their

38th Annual Brunch Auction

Shall We Dance?

AN AFTERNOON OF

*Diamonds, Champagne
& Dancing*

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012

The Westin at Yorktown Center
Lombard, Illinois

Doors Open at 11:30 am
First Half Hour Complimentary
Mimosas or Orange Juice
Brunch at 1:00 p.m. • Cash Bar
Silent and Live Auction

NEW THIS YEAR!

With the purchase of a glass of champagne at our
Champagne & Diamond Table,
guests will have a chance to win
a 1/2 carat round brilliant diamond valued at \$2,500!
Courtesy of Volkmann's Diamonds of Kankakee, IL

Will you choose the glass with the real diamond?

President's Message - Bruce Fitzpatrick



Dear Families and Friends,

The good fortunes at Good Shepherd Manor are bountiful and endless. We were blessed this past holiday season with concerts by outside groups, parties hosted by service organizations and our own staff, Christmas dinner donated by an area restaurant (who chooses to remain anonymous), the holiday program presented by the men, and gifts donated by the Wagoner family and United Commercial Travelers Insurance for the men who do not go home for Christmas.

The weather has been very cooperative for the various construction projects at the Manor. The new group home, the Brother Alphonsus Michael Brown House, is completed and we are waiting for one more survey by the Department of Human Services before the men can move into the home. The eight men moving into the home from the current Blagrove House are excited to move. They have selected the room colors and décor for their bedrooms. We have also completed the project extending city water to all of our buildings; the landscaping will be restored now that spring has arrived. We are still exploring repairs to the main drive and having discussions with the Department of Public Health regarding our Shelter Care program.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to everyone who has donated to the naming of the Brother Alphonsus Michael Brown house thus far, and to the Blagrove-Biesemier families who have generously donated to all of our programs. Once the new home is occupied, the current Blagrove House will be demolished to make way for a much-needed parking lot. The group home currently called CILA #11 will be named the Blagrove-Biesemier House once the move has been completed.

The Illinois State budget proposed by the Governor is a mix of good news and bad news. The budget allocates increased funds for community providers to accommodate more individuals moving from institutions and state-operated facilities to community providers. However, the budget does not increase the individual rate of reimbursement and does not include a cost of living increase for providers. The State is also planning to increase the delay in payments to community providers like Good Shepherd Manor. The current delay is about four months. I expect there will be many changes before a budget is passed.

We mourn the loss of residents Paul Gray, Frank Brdlik, and Mark O'Connell. We appreciate the opportunity to get to know and work with these fine men and we pray for their families. Their memory will continue with a plaque for each in the Chapel.

We are happy to welcome new client Matt Grill to the Good Shepherd family. Matt and his family have been friends of the Manor for many years and we are glad that he is finally able to join us. We are also proud to announce that our Basketball Team recently won second place in the State Tournament. Congratulations Raiders!!! (See the Manor Scrapbook on page 6)

Once again, we are extremely appreciative of our friends and benefactors. Without your support we would not be able to provide the services which are so meaningful to the men. Thank you.

Brother Alphonsus Michael Brown House Naming Campaign

Forty years of service
and counting...



...Join us to
thank & honor
Brother Alphonsus



Three months into the campaign we have received more than \$55,000 toward our goal of \$250,000!

We have been very excited to have 20 families join the campaign at one of the Circles of Giving levels! Thank you!

31 additional families have also supported the campaign through their donations! We thank you also!

To be included on the Donor Wall in the new group home, gifts must be received by August 1st.

To give to the Campaign contact:
Amy Carmack (815) 472-3700 Ext. 332
Payment plans are available.

From Judy O'Loughlin, parent of client Dan O'Loughlin: "As a fellow chocoholic I think Brother Alphonsus deserves to have his likeness cast in milk chocolate for all that he does for the GSM family. In addition to all of his work with the residents, he is always ready to offer support to their families as we discovered during a difficult year. Chocolate melts, but the house will go on to take care of the residents as he does so well."

Seminar: Planning for Children and Adults with Special Needs for Today and Tomorrow! Sponsor: The Arc of Illinois

Presented by

Brian Rubin, J.D. and Sherri Schneider, QSP

Thursday, May 24, 2012 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Good Shepherd Manor - Assembly Hall

This seminar is free for Good Shepherd Manor Families and Staff. Pre-registration is required.

Call Felicia at 815.472.3700 Ext. 226 to register. Registration fees for other participants are:

Parent/Family Member - \$30/Professional - \$45 (3 CEU's)

Other (non-GSM) participants should call the Arc at 815.464.1832 to register.

Topics include: Government Benefits - The who, what, where, when, why and how of Government Benefits...Special Needs Estate Planning and Planning for When the Bus Stops Coming - PUNS, Special Needs Trusts, gifting by grandparents and extended family members, the impact of divorce and child support on govt. payments, navigating the maze of Adult Services, the state of the State and related topics.

SHEPHERDS ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

Please join us in thanking these members of the Shepherds Endowment Society! Can we add your name to the list of individuals who have chosen to support the Manor in perpetuity?

Contact Brother Alphonsus at (815) 472-3700 ext. 302 or the Development Office at ext. 332

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A very simple method of leaving a legacy is by making a gift of a bank or investment account, or Certificate of Deposit. This type of gift is made with a POD ..."payable on death" designation form from your financial institution.

No attorney needed!

Shepherds Endowment Society Member Spotlight

Members of the Shepherds Endowment Society represent a broad cross-section of people from around the country with a wide variety of “connections” to the Manor. We would like to introduce them to you in the *Member Spotlight* section of the Messenger.



Dennis & Carol Morse and Families

Joined SES: April 14, 2011

Carol Morse, like six other members of the Society, is neither a family member to any of our residents, nor a Board of Directors member. She is simply one of the many wonderful friends of the Manor. Carol became acquainted with Good Shepherd Manor more than 20 years ago, and over the years a strong mutual appreciation developed between Carol and the Manor.

Carol’s story began in the late 1980’s when she first volunteered to help with the men in the Day Program. The Day Program is the work and study training period within their weekday schedule, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. In early 1991 Carol accepted a full-time staff position as an instructor in one of the sheltered workshop rooms. In her workshop role, Carol was especially adept at designing templates and jigs to help the men succeed in light assembly employment and in collating jobs.

Subsequently she accepted an additional role as the director of the Good Shepherd Manor Signers, an entertainment group that performs sign-language to music at community events. In directing the Signers, Carol recalled teaching the men the song “Pretty Woman” and then being concerned that the Brothers might object to such a non-traditional genre. To her relief, no objection was raised and the men really enjoyed performing cutting-edge material. Carol, along with some of her coworkers, regularly went out of their way to plan and orchestrate holiday parties and celebrations for the men. One of Carol’s very good friends was her workshop co-worker, Br. Raymond. Following his death, she and her husband Dennis made a generous contribution at one of our annual Brunch Auction events, and ‘named’ a street on our campus in his honor: Br. Raymond’s Way.

Carol cared for the men of the Manor as a staff member for more than 18 years until her retirement in 2009. She has continued now to care for the men and the mission of Good Shepherd Manor by enrolling herself and her family in the Shepherd’s Endowment Society. Her family includes her two sons Darin and Chris, their wives, and four grandchildren. Tragically, her husband Dennis died nine years ago, struck by a car in front of their house on his 57th birthday. They had been married 37 years. Carol’s membership in the Society not only perpetuates her great care for the men, but likewise lets the SES honor and memorialize her, Dennis and their children in perpetuity.

Manor Scrapbook



Pictured Clockwise: Top Left: #20 - Allen Conley; The Raiders basketball team on the court; 2012 Resident Council - Standing L-R Fred Ouellette, Don Flaska, Kevin Conley; Seated L-R John Pfeifer, Nate Coffman, Peter Oman, Rex Hartman; Bottom Right: Webber House is decorated for Valentine's Day; Above: Coach Lisa Timm (standing) with the bench, right: Tom Larson, left: Joe Beck



Manor Matters

Our Condolences to the family of resident **Mark O'Connell**, who passed away on March 18, 2012. Mark was born on January 20, 1954 and came to live at the Manor on October 4, 1986. Mark was cremated. A Memorial service will be held in the future. Mark was preceded in death by his parents.

Our Condolences to the family of resident **Frank Brdlik** who passed away on March 14, 2012. Frank was born on August 27, 1955 and came to live at the Manor on May 1, 2009. Services were held at Oehler Funeral Home, Des Plaines, IL.

Our Condolences to the family of **Diane Cousin**, 48, who passed away on November 29, 2011. Diane was the wife of **Marc Cousin**, the contractor who recently completed the new Brother Alphonsus Michael Brown House on the Manor campus. Diane was the daughter of **Barb and Bob Curry**, a former member of the Board of Good Shepherd Manor.

Our Condolences to the family of **Catherine Holmes, 95, of Oak Park** who passed away on January 15, 2012. Catherine was the cousin of Helen McAllister and former resident Bill Dwyer, both deceased.

Our THANKS to Linda at the Momence Post Office for "catching" this envelope from the dead letter box. Noting that it contained a check to the Manor and no return address, Linda contacted us directly. GSM no longer has the postage permit listed on this envelope and hasn't distributed these envelopes for years. If you have any of these in your possession, you must use a postage stamp to mail it.



St. Anne Knights of Columbus Council #5081 presented a check for \$2,703.02 from their 2011 Tootsie Roll fundraiser drive. Pictured L to R: Bruce Fitzpatrick, President of GSM; Brother Alphonsus; Grand Knight Glenn Pommier and financial secretary, Tom Dandurand. Thank you!

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