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Fall Festival



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Saturday, September 14, 2019

Hours: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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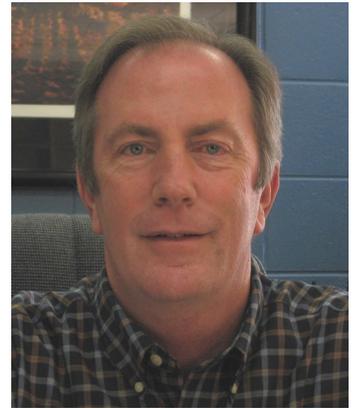
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President's Message - Bruce Fitzpatrick

Dear Friends and Families,

After a wet spring and early summer, it is nice to have had such beautiful weather in July and August. We hope this continues at least until the Festival on September 14.

The men have enjoyed many outdoor activities including walks around campus, the annual yacht trip in Chicago, attending the Bears training camp, attending the Joliet Slammers and Gary SouthShore RailCats baseball games. The men will be attending two Chicago Cubs games this Fall. The vocational mowing crew has been busy mowing yards. The Special Olympics program has been equally busy participating in Track & Field events, Soccer District Tournament, State Spring Games in Thornwood, swim meets, the State Summer Games including bocce ball, soccer, swimming, and track; the men also participated in tennis and golf. About 48 men participated in Special Olympics this Spring and Summer. We also had two men participate in the Easy Street Theater production of *Pirates*.



We are happy to welcome Patrick Luth and his family to GSM; Pat joined us in July. We are saddened to mourn the loss of Tom Davis. Tom called GSM home for nearly 32 years and we have many cherished memories of Tom.

We are pleased to introduce Debbie Saraceni as our new Director of Nursing. Debbie replaces Janis Land who chose to take a staff nurse position within the department. We also offer congratulations to Susie Butterfield - Receptionist and Theola Bowen - Cook on their recent retirements.

The men continue to develop work-related skills in the Day Program. Over the past year, 33 men have been working in the community accumulating more than 20,000 hours. Also over the past year the vocational customers, the men and the guardians continue to report a high level of satisfaction with the services they receive. Thank you to our direct care staff who are with the men 24-hours each day.

The State budget does include an increase in rates paid to community providers. This is the first rate increase to support the business expenses in more than a decade. We are appreciative of the support.

I would like to say thanks to all who help support the Brunch and Golf Outing. Once again these events were well-attended and an opportunity to visit with families and friends of the Manor. Thank you for your on-going support and we hope to see you at the Festival.

Sincerely,

Bruce

Meet Director of Nursing - Debbie Saraceni



Debbie Saraceni joined the Good Shepherd Manor management team on July 15, 2019 as the new Director of Nursing.

After years of raising standard bred horses for sulky racing, Debbie decided to change careers and went into the field of nursing. With more than 23 years of nursing experience working with ICF-DD homes, nursing homes and home care agencies, Debbie found her greatest joy in nursing was caring for the senior population. Her position before coming to GSM was as Director of Nursing at Heritage Woods of Manteno.

Debbie lives with her husband, Jerry in Grant Park, IL (just north of Momence) on ten acres. Jerry is a

truck driver with Ozinga Concrete Company. They have a married son, Matthew Chupp (Elizabeth) and they are the proud grandparents of a set of fraternal twin grandsons, Connor and Caleb, who are six years old.

Debbie's passions include being an animal lover. In addition to having previously raised horses and cows, she and Jerry are now considering raising sheep to sell. Also an avid reader, Debbie has multiple Kindles and Nooks...reading different books at the same time while keeping all of the devices charged.

It must have been guidance from above when Debbie initially came across the open position for GSM's Director of Nursing and she decided to learn more about the Manor. After researching for more information about GSM, she came across the same advertised position again... this time she immediately applied! The match was made...Debbie is absolutely thrilled to be in her position helping the men of the Manor and working with an exceptional Infirmiry staff.

In Debbie's own words, "I love animals, I love nursing, I love the Manor residents and being at Good Shepherd Manor!" Welcome, Debbie, to the GSM family!

Residential and Day Program

by Kristen Stockle, Clinical Director

Did you know that many of the men served at Good Shepherd Manor are at increased risk of developing dementia? Some individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly those men with Down Syndrome, are at increased risk for both the development of dementia as well as early onset of symptoms.

Some of the early signs of dementia include:

- Unexpected memory problems
- Getting lost or misdirected
- Problems with gait or walking
- New seizures
- Confusion in familiar situations
- Personality changes



When symptoms appear, and as they progress, there are increased challenges for family members, caregivers and the individual himself. As the men at Good Shepherd Manor age, there is an increase in the number of men diagnosed with dementia and related disorders. In order to meet the increased care needs, we have increased staffing levels in some homes. We have also added specialized equipment in many homes and in the Day Program to manage the increasing physical demands of providing care. Equipment and environmental modifications include full body lifts, sit-to-stand lifts, changing areas and hospital beds. These changes allow the staff to safely provide care to the men as their needs grow.

Another way that Good Shepherd Manor is working to ensure the highest quality care is provided to men living with dementia, and related disorders, has been to seek specialized training. Several members of the QIDP team, as well as nursing personnel, have attended a number of training and development events specifically focused on increasing competence in providing care to individuals living with dementia. In turn, clinical staff has then provided training and guidance to staff who work with impacted men.

We encourage family members to stay in touch with the QIDP and to communicate any changes observed at home. Early changes are often most readily identified by family members, who have known the individual throughout his life. When changes are observed and communicated early, we have the opportunity to review them with the physician, who can then make appropriate referrals, order testing, etc. For some men, early intervention with medication or other therapies may help to slow the progression of symptoms. Working together with family, we strive to provide quality care to men living with dementia and to meet their changing needs.

MANOR MATTERS

Our Condolences to the family of **Tom Davis**, 69, who passed away on May 17, 2019. Tom called GSM his home for the past 32 years. A Mass of remembrance was held at GSM.

Our Condolences to the family of **George Lombard**, 87, who passed away. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at St. Alexander Church in Palos Heights, IL. George was the husband of GSM Board member Betty Lombard and brother-in-law of GSM Board member, Patrick Fitzgerald. George was the brother of the late Manor resident, Tommy Lombard. The Lombards are one of the original founding families of Good Shepherd Manor. Visitation was held at Lawn Funeral Home Services. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

We recently welcomed Christy Panozzo, our new receptionist, and Pat Butler, our new Human Resources Assistant to the Manor family. But, actually, they both were already Manor family! Christy is the niece of our longtime former Business Manager, Cheryl Bramer, and Pat is the wife of Mike Butler, Director of Support Services. We are happy to have you both at the Manor!



Christy Panozzo



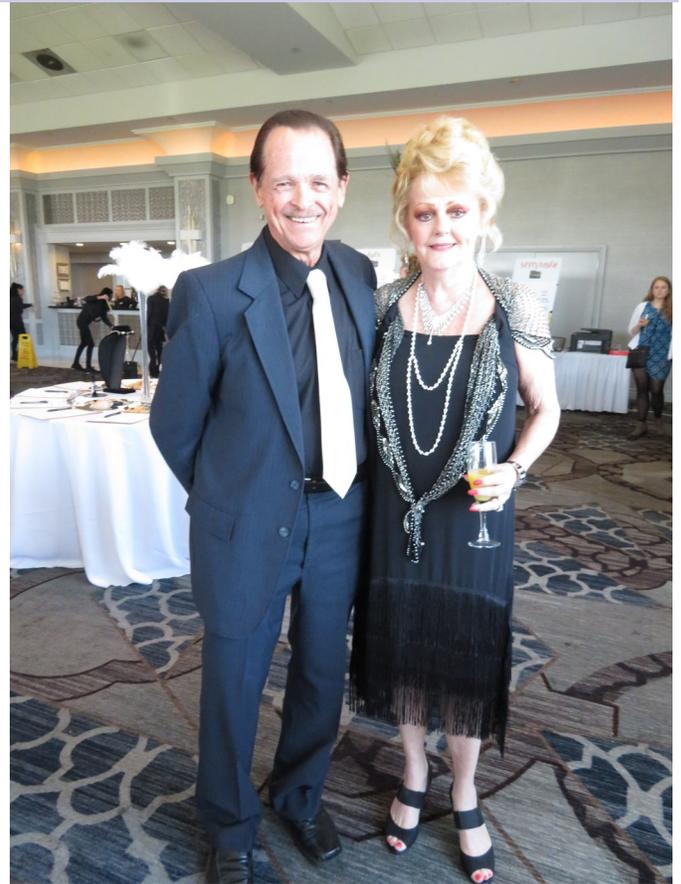
Pat Butler

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' - THE 2019 Brunch Auction



A speakeasy alley entrance welcomed the guests to the 2019 Ain't Misbehavin' Brunch Auction held at the Odyssey Venue in Tinley Park.

Getting into the theme of the event were Tom and Marge Haydock (pictured right); Jerry Taibl (below left) and the Steve and Junell Hoekstra family (below right).



2019 GOLF INVITATIONAL



As evidenced in the photo above, the weather was not cooperative for the annual golf outing held on June 24 at the Odyssey Golf Foundation in Tinley Park. Although, as evidenced on the foursome photos below, the sun did finally come out! We thank our faithful golfers and volunteers for sticking with us for the whole event!

Pictured clockwise starting top left: Registration...golfers buying raffle tickets; Volunteer Rick Byrne tossing the golf balls on hole 10 for the Bucket of Balls game; bottom right foursome Kevin Healey, Pat Kirchhofer, Steve Connolly and event co-chair David Millington; bottom left, Barry Howard, Alan Liska, Bruce Weeks and Roy Dickerson (Apologies if the golfer names are out of order!)



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July 31, 2019

Thank you for your support of the Manor through these Tributes and Memorials for your friends and loved ones. God Bless!

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CRAZY HAIR DAY!



Day Program Fun!

Pictured: top left, clockwise:
Steven W., Don S., Jay B.,
Mark M.



Pictured above are three Good Shepherd Manor Special Olympics athletes posing with local police officers and the Texas Road House mascot in Bradley, IL. Texas Roadhouse and the officers hosted a fundraising event to support Special Olympics in Illinois.

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Amy Carmack, Director of Development

Once upon a time a young man and a young woman were walking along a country road. As they neared a house on the side of the road, they saw an elderly man, well into his eighties, planting a small peach tree. They inquired of him, "Certainly you don't expect to eat peaches from that tree, do you?"

The old man turned to the young couple, rested his old body against the well-used spade and replied, "No, at my age I know I won't be around to enjoy the fruit of this tree. But all my life I have enjoyed peaches - never from a tree that I planted myself. No, I plant this for you and your generation. It is my way of saying thanks to God, and a small way of repaying the others before me who planted peach trees so that I may enjoy them."

This parable was borrowed from the back of the program booklet from the Celebration of Life of George Lombard. George's father, along with several others, founded Good Shepherd Manor in 1971. What visionaries!

In 2007 visionary Board members formed the Shepherds Endowment Society, providing a source of perpetual support for the Manor. We thank the members of the SES listed on these two pages...these members are assuring that Good Shepherd Manor will be here in the future to provide for the men we serve. The Manor has been blessed by each of them!



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