

Comforting News...

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Webster Comfort Care Home

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Board Updates



At the August 7th WCCH Annual Meeting board president, Gene Clifford, handed over the “president’s gavel” to board member and volunteer Randy Powers. That act signifies 3 years as a board member and 2 years of leadership by Gene. A plaque presented to Gene by Randy, on behalf of the board, recognized Gene’s outstanding leadership. “His knowledge (he is an attorney), his attention to detail, his patience while listening to a wide variety of views, and his organizational skills have resulted in the board making significant progress achieving financial and operational goals for the Home.” Job well done!



At the same meeting Chris Kotary was recognized for his nine years on the board. A plaque outlining Chris’s significant contributions was presented to him by Gene Clifford. It noted his work as a pro

bono attorney when the Home was first envisioned. The plaque recognized how instrumental he was in lining up the support of contractors, unions, local merchants, and other community volunteers. Finally, the plaque stated how he had worked tirelessly as a fund raiser for the Home. Most notable among his many fund raising activities have been the Wine Tasting Gala in the fall and the Fashion Show in the spring. Even though he no longer is a board member, Chris has every intention of keeping his “fingers in the WCCH pot.” And that is good news for the day!

Suzanne Crough, a former per diem nurse at the Home, and board member has resigned. A family illness has required her to spend more time with her mother. The board will miss her input and will keep her in their thoughts as she goes through this difficult time.

Volunteer Michele Multitasks



One of the fascinating aspects of interviewing people who are connected with WCCH is to discover what they do when aren’t at the Home. Michele Bello is a volunteer resident care giver who works each Monday evening from 7 to 11

PM. Of her time at the Home Michele says, “I enjoy helping to bring lives to a successful, peaceful end, and removing the burden of physical care choices from families.”

But, resident care on Monday is only one slot in her busy week. Tuesday evenings you will find her at the University of Rochester playing violin in their Symphony Orchestra. Wednesday and Thursday mornings she plays with the New Horizons Orchestra (part of the Eastman Community Music School), where she is the concert master. She also attends the NHO advisory board meetings where she currently organizes publicity for upcoming concerts. Additionally, she takes a violin lesson each week. And, finally, and not surprisingly, she connects with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra by being a part of their volunteer services. She is the dispatcher for the Give-A-Lift program for seniors who require transportation to RPO concerts.

In her spare time she enjoys knitting and relaxing with a good book. At the moment Michele is completing a mystery knit-a-long. It is a project where she knows the object she is knitting (it is a shawl) and what type of yarn to buy and how much. BUT, she does not know how it is going to look when it is completed.

Michele lives in Webster with her husband, Ken, an excellent photographer. With so many talents between them we are grateful that they have chosen Webster as their retirement (but they are thankfully not retiring) community.



Holiday Shopping Gala

Every homeowner knows that keeping a house in good repair and looking attractive takes three things; time, energy, and money. The WCCH is no exception. The Home, now 10 years old, is in constant need of upkeep.

A new source of income for the Home began when Kathy DiPaolo's neighbor, Linda Hansford, offered to help weed the Home's gardens. That led to Linda attending a Building and Grounds meeting of which Kathy was the chair. The subject of fund raising for the Committee was on the agenda.

Linda, formerly a teacher's assistant at DeWitt Road School, and a current employee of People's Pottery, listened. The next week she approached Carla and Jim Froehler, the owner's of People's Pottery located in Pittsford next to Pittsford Plaza. They are very generous people and love giving back to the community. Would they be willing to have a fund raiser for WCCH? Happily they said yes. Each year People's Pottery has 15 to 20 fund raisers for a variety of charities. This year they will do one for us.

On Thursday, December 6th from 6-8 PM People's Pottery will host the fundraiser at their store located at Spring House Commons, 3025 Monroe Ave. where everyone can browse and shop. Refreshments will be served. The timing is perfect for finding a lovely array of gifts for holiday giving. At the store you will find pottery, glassware, beautiful jewelry from Pandora, and a new line of jewelry called TiSento Milano; earrings, necklaces, bracelets with a European influence, and unique clocks and cufflinks. There are also many other lines of jewelry to appeal to all ages and budgets.



(l. to r.: Linda Hansford shows a beautiful bowl to Sue Cohn)

Mark your calendars! On December 6th plan to holiday shop at People's Pottery. Ladies, you will love shopping for your daughters, granddaughters, and the men in your life. Gentlemen, you will make your ladies' holiday by purchasing such beautiful items. And the crème de la crème – WCCH gets 20% of every purchase. Life is good, indeed!

How You Can Help Today and in the Future



The simplest way to give today is by donating a financial gift to support our day to day operations. ***You can send a check or donate online.***

And, in the future, the best way to ensure our organization will continue to provide our terminally ill residents a safe and comfortable place to live in their final months and days of life is ***by naming the Webster Comfort Care Home in your will and/or estate plan.***

But, most important – a gift to the Webster Comfort Care Home enables you to leave a lasting legacy! If you already have a current estate plan, executing a codicil is simple. All you need to do is consult with your attorney.

To make a bequest, the following language will help your attorney: **"I give, devise and bequeath to the Webster Comfort Care Home, 700 Holt Road, Webster, NY 14580 the sum of \$_____ (or designate the percentage of the estate or otherwise describe the gift)."**

A charitable contribution may also provide tax benefits for you and your family. We recommend you discuss your giving options with your financial advisor or attorney.

We would be honored to meet with you and discuss ways you can help us continue with our mission. For more information and/or a tour of our facility, please call Alan Jones, Executive Director at 585 872-5290.

Frontier Lends a Big Helping Hand

Each year Frontier Communications has a Customer Appreciation Week in August when they donate their employees' time to help their customers with any projects in need. This year they chose Webster Comfort Care Home. Under Kathy DiPaolo's able direction the employees worked for 6 hours. The Home had trees which were damaged, hanging over the street and parking lot, and one tree hanging over the Home. As a result of their work the grounds now look absolutely beautiful, and the yard should be in good shape for some time to come. The Frontier group brought both a great team effort to our Home and also lots of equipment. After a day of hard work they hauled away all of the debris which the Webster Highway Department graciously allowed to be dumped at their site.

The following employees volunteered their time: Lisa Brent, Bryan Conklin, James Lynch, Jennifer Michaud, Donald Moscaret, Nancy Phillips, David Rouse, and Eric Stappenbeck.

8th Annual Wine Tasting

When: Friday, Oct. 26, 2012

Where: Webster Golf Club

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Cost: \$40 per person

