

Comforting News...

...told with care

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Spring Fling Fashion Show A Huge Success!



Now in its 6th year, the WCCH spring fashion show has clearly become the place to be on a particular Saturday in May. This year's event was held on May 19th at Penfield Country Club with over 200 guests enjoying delectable food and fabulous fashions.

The event's success is the result of a cadre of people, headed by Chris Kotary, who spent countless hours carrying out the "leg work" which makes the occasion such a smooth-running operation.

Can you imagine one person taking, over the phone, 200 luncheon reservations, and then creating a seating plan so friends and acquaintances could sit together? Mary Ann Kotary can, and did!

Can you imagine volunteering to knock on the doors of individuals, small businesses, and large corporations, and asking them to become a sponsor of the silent auction? Committee members did just that. Their hard work resulted in 66 separate contributions!

Can you imagine how it feels to be a model dressed in clothes by Stein mart? Eleven women can. Each of them wore three outfits. The consensus was "It's really fun to get all 'gussied' up."

Thank you, thank you, thank you Christopher Kotary, Shirley Humphrey,

Lori Buckley, Bonnie Epner, Joann Fisher, Jeanne Filipowski, Laura Hasely, Marge Martellotta, Elaine McGrady, Karen Phelps, Carla Watkins, & Jo Zimmerman for creating such a marvelous event. Your hard work made thousands of dollars for WCCH!



Pictured at top: Chris Kotary & Shirley Humphrey
Bottom photo: Marge Martellotta & Jo Zimmerman

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?



When nurse Sandy Thayer was a youngster, she and her family lived in Wilburton, PA, a coal mining town of about 300 residents. When the coal mines

closed in 1965, Sandy's dad moved the family to Rochester where there were more employment opportunities. "At first I hated moving with a passion. I was 15 years old and wanted to stay right where I was," recalls Sandy. With time she grew to accept the change. She graduated from Webster High School in 1958 and entered Genesee Hospital's School of Nursing where she earned her LPN. During this same time period Sandy's brother began bringing his friend Bruce home for dinner.

Initially, Sandy wasn't too thrilled with an extra person at the dinner table. It meant more work for her. But that all changed when she and Bruce began to fall in love. Not too long ago Sandy and Bruce celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have two grown sons and 3 grandchildren.

After sons Jeff and Jim were grown up and out on their own, Sandy set a new goal for herself. She would go to college to become a full-fledged RN. Sandy recalls, "At the time I was 43 years old. It had been a long time since I had been in a classroom, and I was a bit nervous." Nervous or not, Sandy entered MCC's nursing program. Three years later she graduated with her RN degree.

Sandy has worked as a per diem nurse at the Home since it opened in 2003. Her medical knowledge combined with her calm and nurturing presence has helped 240 residents in their final journey. Additionally she has been a wonderful mentor to the volunteers with whom she works. Sandy states, "It's my privilege to be part of each journey, and I'm thankful that I can be helpful during such a difficult time." And we at the Home are equally grateful that she is there with us.

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Kudos for Clerical Kay



Continuing our series on WCCH board members (previous issues have highlighted board chairman, Gene Clifford and board vice chairman Bob Anderson) our next stop is at the desk of board secretary Kay Coleman. A graduate of RIT, Kay's current place of business is on the lower level of the Home where she is immersed in all things clerical. She writes the minutes of the board meetings. She, along with Brenda Arnold, writes letters of thanks to people who have made donations to the Home. She is a list creator (from the database and other places) for fund-raisers, part-time sleuth (hunting down addresses, family connections, etc.) and sets up data backups for the 4 home computers. On average, she works at the Home about 8-12 hours per week. She also helps with fund-raisers whenever possible.

It was in 2002 when Kay spied an ad in the Webster Herald which told about the need for volunteers for a new comfort care home soon to be built. She signed on and has been a part of the WCCH family ever since. In addition to her Home responsibilities, Kay is also the treasurer of the Women's Club of Webster.

She and her husband, James (who often is seen at the Home fixing computers), live in Webster and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this November. They have two sons, two daughters, and 5 grandchildren, all girls. In her free time Kay enjoys reading, cooking, gardening, working out, classical music and golf. She works out three times a week with a yoga/fitness instructor. With the onset of golf season, she is currently fighting her way back to a decent golf score, a yearly project!

What keeps this valued volunteer with such a lovely smile coming back to the Home for 10 years? Kay says, "I believe in the Home and what it does to make the end of life so much better for our residents and their families." Thanks, Kay, for all you do to keep our Home in good order. We wish you a hole-in-one real soon!

Clean As A Whistle!



If any one of us took a survey of 100 people and asked what their favorite work was, it isn't too far a reach to imagine that housecleaning would NOT be at the top of the list. How many of us have ever heard "Oh I just LOVE to clean my house...just can't wait to get started!" Lucky, so lucky, for us Sue Ford is one of those rare gems who, after she cleans her own home is still willing to come to us, and clean our Home.

Sue grew up in Chili and graduated from Gates-Chili High School. She attended Erie County Technical Institute for Dental Hygiene. Once she retired from working as a dental hygienist she, tongue in cheek, smiles and says "Well, I needed to keep cleaning something!"

Sue has been married to her husband Larry for 46 years. They have one daughter, Kelly, who has completed her master's degree in Museum Studies, and currently works for the National Parks Service.

When Sue is not cleaning up a storm, she enjoys swimming, kayaking, and weight lifting. When asked what drew her to the Home, she recalls "My parents needed significant help when they each had strokes within four

months of each other. They were given wonderful care by Independent Living for Seniors. Then, I saw WCCH being built. And as the say, "the rest is history."

Sue has volunteered at the home since it opened in 2003. That is 9 years of weekly giving without thought of pay. She makes the Home the clean, welcoming place it is. Bless her, big time!

Goodness Abounds

Lily Buckley (Maisy's daughter), Victoria Gottorff and Audrey Fountain decided to do something wonderful on Wacky Day at Klem South School. They collected jar mix items for Joann's Jars.



The Webster Thomas JV & Varsity Girls' Basketball Teams organized a free throw contest, signed up sponsors, and earned \$500 for WCCH.

Twenty-seven people from Xerox and Paychex spent their Day of Caring moving 4 truck loads of leaf and wood mulch into all the gardens at the Home.

Two McQuaid seniors (with the help of Kathy DiPaolo and Bill Galbraith), moved 22 tons of rock to create a wall to minimize erosion along the driveway.

The St. Paul Prayer Shawl Group donated a good number of beautifully hand made shawls to give to our residents and families.

Rosalee Rosser, our night aide, has seamlessly taken over for our retired Mr. Cake Man. She has been creating a multitude of delicious cakes, cookies, and muffins for all of us to enjoy.

We are truly a blessed community!!

