

# Comforting News...

...told with care

Webster Comfort Care Home

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## Executive Director Earns Well-Deserved Retirement



On February 1, 2013, Alan Jones, the Executive Director of WCCH, will retire. For more than 7 of its 10 years Alan successfully shepherded the staff at 700 Holt Road. Among Alan's considerable accomplishments is that he has set in motion efficient and appropriate practices for planning and supporting the Home. He is quick to recognize that the Home has been successful because of its terrific staff and many dedicated volunteers. He takes pride in the fact that the Home, in 2013, is a respected part of the Webster community.

Through all of the Home's early growth, Alan Jones was a constant, hard-working presence, and our whole community thanks him!

## New Year, New Roles

One of the important aspects of life at WCCH is that talented people regularly step up to serve our Home and community. When Gene Clifford, past board chairman, and Bob Anderson, past vice chairman, completed their terms this past summer (although Bob remains on the board), two current board members rose to the challenge of filling their roles.



The new board chair, Randy Powers, has been a WCCH volunteer in hands-on patient care for 7 years. He learned about the Home while driving by on Holt Rd. and seeing a sign on our property asking for volunteers. His wife died of cancer in 2004, and Randy felt a call to support others in their end of life journey.

The new vice chair, Barbara Darbey, learned about the Home from Alan Jones, our executive director. Barb knew Alan from his time working for Monroe County. Barbara was the Executive director of Pre-Trial Services Corporation of the Monroe county Bar Association before retiring. Alan recognized her considerable talents in the not-for-profit sector and convinced her she should be a part of the Board.

We are very grateful for these two people who are using their time and talent to aid families who are experiencing some of life's most tender and difficult moments.

## Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Webster Comfort Care Home began accepting residents on February 3, 2003. The Home is planning ways to honor its work and to thank its supporters.

WCCH will sponsor a [Day of Remembrance](#) on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013 at 2 PM at the Webster United Methodist Church to honor residents who have been with us at any time in the past 10 years. Family members of those residents are invited to attend as well as our volunteers, staff, and members of the Board of Directors. The focus of that day will be a solemn celebration of the lives that WCCH has touched on their journey. A reception will follow the ceremony at the church.

On Sunday, June 9 from 1 PM to 4 PM at WCCH, a [Community Open House](#) will be held to thank our community for their generous support over the 10 years. A tent will be set up in the yard with picnic food and live music. Tours of the home will be given. Individuals and businesses will be recognized that have been so generous with their time, labor, and financial support. The entire community is welcome to attend.

## Masked Man Unmasked



Probably each of us have a few stereotypes that are embedded in our brains. One of these may be the stereotype of a biker guy. He is tough. Rugged. Not much interested in the more sensitive issues of our time.

Enter Bill Galbraith. He fits some of the stereotypical biker guy images. He rides a shiny black Yamaha motorcycle. He wears a black leather jacket and black helmet. He enjoys tooling about the Webster neighborhoods.

But he equally enjoys parking his bike at 700 Holt Road and going inside as a volunteer to be with both residents and their families. Bill goes into a resident's room and is there just to be with them. His presence gives families a sense of peace and a feeling that someone really cares.

In retirement from Hegedorns as an accountant, Bill is one active individual! In addition to his 4-hour patient care each week at WCCH, he volunteers at the Webster Community Chest where he is a board member. He reports, "It is rewarding each week to help families who are going through a tough time."

And if all of the above is not enough, each week Bill teaches a Christian education class at St. Paul's Church in Webster.

It goes to show you that your first impression of a person may not really tell you the whole story. Bill is a grand example of an amazing volunteer who also happens to ride a motorcycle!



## **Deke Delivers With Dignity**

### **Fourth in a Series About Board Members**

When one's full name is Wilbur Francis Gerard Bernard Beh, and that person is always known as Deke, it begs for an explanation! Deke Beh, the current WCCH Treasurer and board member, says "I don't have any idea how I got the nickname Deke. All I remember is that I have had that name since I was a child. I was one of 11 children, and each of us had a nickname."



His work experience is at least as varied as his many names. He joined the US Army, went to flight school, and arrived in Korea as a pilot on July 27, 1953, the day the war ended. He worked for General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC). He was elected a trustee of the Village of Webster in 1969 and reelected in 1973. He was elected a Monroe County Legislator in 1975. He was elected mayor of the Village of Webster in 1993. In the intervening years he was president and CEO of the First National Bank of Rochester and a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (1990).

Other than his Korean War experience, the only time Deke spent any significant time away from his home town was during his college years. After graduating from Holy Trinity School and Webster High School he attended Villanova University in 1946 in Philadelphia before joining the Augustinian Religious Order in 1947. In 1949 he left the seminary and returned home to work with his brother Sam. In 1950 he and his parents purchased Etter's Variety Store on Ridge Road. Those two early business enterprises began a long and distinguished career in business and banking and public service.

Deke and his first wife Ann Wahle were married in 1955. They raised four children; Lisa, Bill, Lynn, and Tim. Ann died in 1997 after a long illness. In 2001 he married Barbara Heintzelman. Together they have 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

When people ask Deke what he does at WCCH he replies, "I pay the bills online." He comments, "I enjoy knowing that the Home provides both care and comfort to folks in the last days of their life." After more than four decades of serving the Webster community one could understand if Deke wanted to "really" retire. But thankfully

for us that is not the case. His steadfast service and outer directedness ennoble not only him and his family but all of us as well.

## **A Giving Community**



During the holiday season people are incredibly generous to the Home. Among the many gifts given to WCCH in December just a sampling is listed below.

- The Webster Wellness Committee composed of members from the Parks & Recreation Dept., the Highway Dept., the Waste Treatment Dept., the Assessing Dept., Town Hall, the Webster Police, and the Webster Library contributed a van filled with much-needed household supplies.
- In addition, the Webster Police Dept. donated a 32 inch flat screen TV for one of the resident's rooms.
- The Webster Extreme U16 Girls' and the Rochester Extreme U16 Revenge Girls' Softball Teams donated bags filled with paper supplies, laundry & dish detergent, and an angel ornament for the Home's Christmas tree.
- For the third year in a row, the Page family of Webster provided a beautiful Christmas tree for the Home.
- People's Pottery, in Pittsford, donated 20% of their earnings from sales on December 6<sup>th</sup> to the Home. As a result, more than \$600 was given to WCCH.
- And a hearty thanks to Hank's & Taylor Rental for their beautiful Festival of Lights & Chili Contest which garners \$\$ for the Home each year.

Thank you, friends!!