

Family & Friends

A Newsletter for the Friends of Stella Maris

June/July 2002

'Caring Is Our Specialty' Celebrated at Stella Maris



Above: Chief Operating Officer Becky Galloway shares a moment with resident Catherine Spina, while at right, Jacque Stepcich of Programs & Activities shares a smile with Agnes Strothers.



Stella Maris recently joined colleagues around the United States in celebration of National Nursing Home Week. With a theme of "Caring is Our Specialty", this special week gives nursing homes a chance to acknowledge their staff for the care that they provide.

At Stella Maris, our compassionate staff members dedicate each day to caring for the residents and making Stella Maris a comfortable and friendly place. Through excellent service, caregivers cultivate a standard of care that inspires and positively impacts those around them.

To mark the occasion, the Programs and Activities Department provided some special events throughout the facility. Under the guidance of Andrea

Gage, Director of Programs & Activities, and her hardworking staff, our residents and employees enjoyed a variety of events, including sweets socials, ice cream parties, treasure hunts, pizza parties, olympics, root beer socials, and tea parties, complete with cakes and other goodies. Other highlights included special musical performances on accordian and piano, a duet singing show tunes, and a visit from a clown.

Our sincere thanks to all of the residents, staff, families, visitors, and volunteers who helped to make the week a true celebration!



Mary Alice Spadaro of Programs & Activities makes sure Alice Janicki doesn't miss the party!

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Thank You! We would like to thank the following organizations for their support of Stella Maris' nurses during last month's National Nurse's Week celebrations: ARJO Supplies; Best Ambulance; Eli Lilly and Company; Family Respiratory & Medical Supply Co.; The Harley Davidson Store; Ms. Linda Henderson; Michael's Café; NeighborCare; The Paper Shop; 3M Company; WFRE Radio; and Whitney Florist.

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Stella Maris Volunteers Honored for Gifts of Time



Past Volunteers of the Year Mary Reeves and Wilma Harris join this year's Volunteer of the Year Ruby Gillette.

The volunteers of Stella Maris recently gathered to celebrate another year of giving to our residents. At a dinner led by Volunteer Coordinator Cass Bittner, over 200 volunteers were honored for the 36,670

hours they donated in the spirit of Mercy. The evening served as a formal way to thank these special people for their many contributions, large and small, that so enrich the lives of our residents.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual Volunteer of the Year award, given this year to Mrs. Ruby Gillette of St. Elizabeth Hall. Ruby, who works diligently in the Gift Shop twice a week, has donated over 19,600 volunteer hours to Stella Maris, and is a former Red Cross volunteer.

"Stella Maris needed people for the Gift Shop when it opened, and I just

answered the call," said Ruby. "I saw an ad in the St. Joseph's bulletin and knew this would be good for me."

Ruby also credits Wilma Harris (1999-2000 Volunteer of the Year) for getting her started in volunteering by recruiting her for the Red Cross.

Thank you, volunteers, for everything you have done, and will do, for Stella Maris!



Irene and Tom Wandishin share a joyous moment at the Volunteer Dinner.

*Please note:
The Chesapeake
Regional Billing
Office of
NeighborCare
Pharmacy has a
new 800 number
for billing
inquiries.*

*If you have any
billing questions,
please call:
1-800-695-0118.*

Be a Stella Maris Volunteer!

Volunteers are always welcome and play a critical role in our work here at Stella Maris. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available that can provide a worthwhile experience for both you and our residents. Currently, we have openings for:

Clerks: *Good Buy Shop* – Fridays 11am-3pm; *St. Elizabeth Hall Gift Shop* – Sundays 11:30am-2:30pm, any evening; *Grafton Street - Mercy Ridge* – Saturdays 10am-2pm; any evening

Escorts for Sunday Mass 9:45–11:45am

Feeders: all meals, all days

Student volunteers are always welcome! To be eligible, students must be 11 years of age or above, and complete an application, signed by a parent/guardian. A student orientation will be held on Monday, June 24, 2002 from 2-4pm in the Family Center. Orientation is required and counts as hours served. Call Cass Bittner, Volunteer Coordinator, at 410-252-4500, ext. 254, for an application and to register for orientation.

Crab Feast & Auction: Get Your Tickets Today!

Get your mallets ready! The Stella Maris Crab Feast & Auction will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2002, from 1-6pm at the Timonium Fairgrounds. The whole family will enjoy this afternoon filled with great food and fun, and all to benefit the terminally ill patients and their families who cannot afford hospice care.

The event features great food and entertainment, including: all-you-can-eat steamed crabs; pit beef and full buffet; all-you-can-drink beer and soda; games; music; football; great auction items including sports memorabilia and tickets; and much more!



MasterCard and Visa are accepted. Gather your friends and family together and buy a table for 10! Purchase your tickets today...last year's event sold out early and you don't want to miss out!

For all you football fans, you won't miss a bit of the day's action! We have two 60-inch televisions on-hand to broadcast the games.

For tickets, return the attached form to:

Stella Maris
c/o Public Relations Dept.
2300 Dulaney Valley Rd.
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410-252-4500, ext. 268

Tickets are just \$40!

I have enclosed a check for \$_____ for tickets to the Crab Feast & Auction

I would like to purchase _____ tickets on my MasterCard or Visa (circle one)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____

I cannot attend, but would like to offer my support of \$_____

Please send me _____ money raffle tickets at \$50 each. Only 500 tickets will be sold!

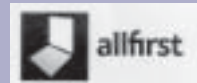
First prize: \$5,000 Second prize: \$2,000 Third prize: \$1,000

Please send me _____ Dining Around Maryland* raffle tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5

*Guaranteed 25 gift certificates for Maryland restaurants. \$800 value!



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Auxiliary Shrimp Feast Break

The Stella Maris Auxiliary Shrimp Feast broke its previous record of proceeds by 50% this year, raising \$15,000 on April 14 to benefit the residents of Stella Maris. At the Auxiliary's final board meeting in May, Shrimp Feast Committee Chairman Gene Sweetland announced the proceeds and that over 350 people attended the event. The Auxiliary thanks the following businesses and individuals who supported this cause as sponsors, auction donors and volunteers:

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Hank Thiel and Carole Connelly, Director of the Stella Maris Hospice Care Program, enjoyed the festivities.

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Sweet Annie's
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Ruth Swope
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Walters Art Museum
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Mr. Joseph Zeiler



***Tom Mullen,
President and
CEO of Mercy
Health Services,
joins Sisters
Louis Mary
Battle, Elizabeth
Ann Corcoran and
Karen McNally at
the Shrimp Feast.***

Calendar of Events

June

- 14 Sweet Treats Raffle Day in the
McAuley Connection – 10am-2pm
16 Father's Day
21 First Day of Summer

July

- 4 Fourth of July
12 Sweet Treats Raffle Day in the
McAuley Connection – 10am-2pm
26-26 Auxiliary's Christmas in July Sale
in the Family Center – 11am-3pm

Dementia Support Group: Wednesday, June 19 & Wednesday, July 17 at 2pm
For more information, call Phyllis Baird at 410/252-4500 ext. 323

Auxiliary Elects New Officers



At their May 4 general meeting, Stella Maris Auxiliary President Eileen Kelmartin congratulated outgoing Recording Secretary Elizabeth Rather for five years of service to the Auxiliary. At that meeting, the Auxiliary voted in their new slate of officers for 2002-2004:

Eileen Kelmartin – President
Peg Dawson – Past President
Gene Sweetland – 1st Vice President
Marianna Peyton – 2nd Vice President
Ruth Swope – Secretary
Fran Prenger – Treasurer
Rae Burdette – Assistant Treasurer

**Auxiliary President
Eileen Kelmartin
congratulates
Elizabeth Rather for
five years of service.**

About Family & Friends

This newsletter is designed to keep our residents' loved ones informed about what is happening at Stella Maris. For more information, contact Kelly Sheridan at 410-252-4500, ext. 570.

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