

ROSARY HILL HOME



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Rosary Hill Friends,

Christianity is good at emphasizing the importance of giving, after all, giving lies at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When sending his disciples on their first mission, he said, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians said, "God loves a cheerful giver."

There is no doubt that selfless giving is integral to our Christian faith. But, at the same time, so is selfless receiving. There is no contradiction, in terms of such a statement. Because it takes selflessness to be a gracious receiver. Why, one may ask? Because in receiving, we are admitting our need, our insufficiency. We are acknowledging our dependence. We are declaring ourselves vulnerable. Someone said that to receive gratefully from others is to enhance other's sense of their worth.

Rosary Hill exists, functions and fulfills its ministry of care, because it receives much from God and from people of great worth. You are those wonderfully generous givers from whom Rosary Hill Home keeps receiving, for many years an enormous spiritual and material support, the nature and size of which teaches us, Dominican Sisters, the virtue of gratitude, and humble admission of our inadequacy and need. Through supporting us in so many ways, you give us an opportunity to be cheerful receivers, deeply aware of our dependence on God and people of good and generous heart.

Yes, like the first disciples of Jesus, we are reminded of receiving without cost; so we are to give without cost the very best service to those entrusted to our humble ministry of care.

We wish to assure you in these simple words that on the receiving side of your goodness, are truly cheerful and resounding with gratitude hearts, of all Sisters and lay inhabitants of Rosary Hill Home.

In this spirit of humble realization of how greatly we are blessed, we extend to every one of you our most heartfelt Thank You, and invite you to our Annual Rosary Hill Home Benefit Banquet to be held this year on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Orland Chateau, 14500 LaGrange Road in Orland Park, IL from 4:00 to 9:00 PM.

Every year, the organizers of this event do an excellent job with preparing and turning it into the most enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants. We, Dominican Sisters, are looking forward to seeing and celebrating, you as the most gracious givers, who turned us into the most cheerful and humble receivers.

We just entered the Holy Season of Lent. Let me take this wonderful opportunity to wish you every grace and favor of this grace-filled time, and the profound joy, which the approaching Easter brings into the hearts of Christ's faithful disciples.

Sr. Natalie, OP

There is still time to get your tickets for our 22nd Annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner, which will be held on Sunday March 26, 2017. The evening will include a family-style dinner, raffles, split the pot and many wonderful door prizes. This year's entertainment will be a five piece band, The Music Company. For more information please call us at 708-458-3040. Tickets are available through March 26th or can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you there!

Resident's Events.....

POLISH DAY

The Activity Department started the New Year with a wonderful idea, to celebrate a different country every month. On January 19th we celebrated Polish Day. We learned about their culture and traditions, food and famous people, especially St. John Paul II. There was live entertainment, Polish polka music played by two Polish gentlemen, John Borowik and Jan Osuchowski. Sophie also had on display two Polish dolls, adorned in beautiful traditional Polish costumes. Served was traditional Polish food, kiszka, kielbasa and Polish beer, which was very tasty. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping in this special event! Submitted by: Mary Wunder (Resident & President of Rosary Hill Home, Resident Council)

MEXICAN DAY

February 21st we celebrated Mexican Day at Rosary Hill Home. A special thank you to Eva, a family member of one of our residents, for the maracas, Mexican flags, beautiful Mexican costumes and sombreros. The activity department served guacamole with chips and Taquitos (Carne de Res). Colorful cupcakes were served for dessert. The activity room was adorned with green, white and red and Mexican music played while Sophie and Carol danced. This party was the best thing for everyone and thank you to all the volunteers for helping us as always when needed! Submitted by: Mary Wunder with Florence Litz (Residents of Rosary Hill Home)

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, February 15, Rosary Hill hosted a very special lunch for couples. This event reflected the unselfish spirit of excellence and dedication of the staff and volunteers. The ambience was reminiscent of a family dinner with the tables adorned with fresh roses and candles. The activity department and volunteer, Diane both deserve special praise for the setting up, serving and cleaning. Sister Tobia prepared a delicious meal of fried chicken breasts, meatballs, pasta, double baked potatoes and salad. There was also fine wine and champagne. Everyone loved the delicious desert topped with cherries. The fives couples, including my wife and I enjoyed a great meal and had a wonderful time! Submitted by John Ryan (husband of resident, Barbara Ryan)

From the desk of our Chaplain

The Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus the Priest

The Blessed Virgin Mary had an intimate role to play as the Mother of Jesus the Priest. God preserved Mary from the moment of her conception from Original and all sin. When she conceived Jesus in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, she began to share intimately in the priestly life of Jesus. The Virgin Mary was very close to Jesus from the time of his conception in her womb, until his cruel death on the cross. Our Blessed Mother wants us to pray for good priests, so they might daily renew Christ's death on the cross, in an unbloody manner. Holy Mother of Jesus the Priest, pray for us.

Father Raymond Jasinski

Dates to Remember...

Please join us for **Family Mass** the **second Sunday of every month @ 9:30 a.m.** (refreshments follow). Remember, you can join us any Sunday for Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Rosary Hill Home Chapel which is offered the **third Saturday** of every month from 8:00am to 6:30pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017, our 22nd ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER DINNER!

Free Seminar on Alzheimers & Dementia, Sunday, June 11, 2017, immediately following family Mass. Rosary Hill Home will be hosting an informational Seminar on Alzheimers and Dementia, given by our Activity Consultant, Ms. Teri Schulte, CTRS.

Words of Wisdom

Divine creativity flows through us now. We use the power of imagination to visualize, conceptualize, and create. Every day we have an opportunity to create something new. We may use our imagination to design or write, to compose or invent, to give birth to divine ideas. We are spiritual artists, using imagination to create our world. Our thoughts, words, and actions are the means by which we manifest. Together they yield rich experiences and opportunities. In silent meditation, we listen for the still small voice within. As we create from God-inspired thoughts, experiences of love, joy, and peace emerge. Our life is a creative expression of God at work in us.

"I made the earth, and created humankind upon it: it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their lost." (Isaiah 45:12)

Resident's Golden Humor ☺

Activity Director, Sophie introduced resident, Helen L, who is 93 years old, to a new resident and said, "Look at her, she is 99 years old!" Helen responded "Don't tell me that God is not forgetful." ☺

Holy Humor

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know... Our Father... who does art in heaven..." ☺

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to our new residents:

- Annette Jaworski 12-17-2016
- Jean Wesolowski 01-07-2017
- Helen Gwizdala 01-27-2017
- Eugenia Jacobowski 02-18-2017

IN OUR PRAYERS

Let us remember also all that are **sick and infirm among us that they may experience Christ's healing power and be restored to health both spiritually and physically.**

OUR SYMPATHY

"If we have died in Christ, we believe we shall also live in Him."
Romans 6:8

- +Helen Bochenczak 01-16-17**
- +Marguerite Altenbach 01-23-17**
- +Lillian Mikolajczak 01-29-17**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



We extend our warmest congratulations and Best Wishes with love and prayers to the following residents of Rosary Hill on the occasion of their respective birthdays.

- January: Dorothy Zelazo 86
Mary Perez 96
Dorothy Augustine 86
Eileen Tallet 91
- February: Joanne Sherman 86
Bernice Novak 83
- March: Gertrude Greske 91
Veronica Peterson 95
Patricia Corcoran 94
Mary Pat O'Connor 74
Anne Worobiew 93
Mary Logsdon 94

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