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The Story of Edith Burns

Edith Burns was a wonderful Christian who lived in San Antonio, Texas. She was the patient of a doctor by the name of Will Phillips. His favorite patient was Edith Burns.

One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her Bible in her lap earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her. Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way "Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

After being called back in the doctor's office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, "Doctor Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?"

Dr. Phillips, with a heavy heart said, "Your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you're not going to live very long."

Edith said, "Why Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I'm going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter Forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket!"

Dr. Phillips thought to himself, "What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!"

Shortly after Christmas that year Edith was admitted to the hospital. She said to Dr. Phillips, "Will, I'm very near home. Would you make sure that they put women in my room who need to know about Easter." And she soon became known as "Edith Easter."

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Message from Mr. Arndt

One of the things that is most inspirational about the friends of the Niagara Lutheran Health System is their generosity and giving spirit. A perfect example of that generosity was demonstrated on March 19 when we dedicated the Worth and Mabel Bailey Library at the Lutheran Church Home. The value of this gift to LCH residents was evidenced earlier that morning when residents were observed using the library as a quiet place to read and visit.

Christine Tayntor, a nationally known writer under the pen names Amanda Harte and Amanda Cabot donated funds for the library in memory of her parents, was able to attend the dedication, and it was a pleasure to meet her personally. She and her family are great supporters of the Lutheran Church Home and she was very impressed with our city campus and plans for the future.

Christine also presented that day's program for the Guild membership as well. It was an interesting and thought-provoking look at the life of a writer, and she also spoke about how her faith and God's love have influenced her life.

I'm also happy to tell you that work is coming along on the *Home-style Dining* renovations at GHRC. It shouldn't be too much longer until we enjoy the aromas of our residents' meals drifting through the building.

This year we will be holding our Humanitarian Award Dinner on May 14 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Dr. Herbert Hauptman of the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute will be receiving this year's Humanitarian Award. Others being honored are Gail Johnstone, retired past-president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; the Burchfield Penney Art Center;

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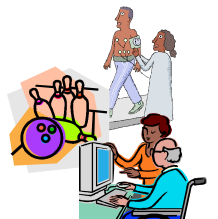
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NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009, at 11:30 am
GHRC at 5949 Broadway - Lancaster, NY

11:30 pm Lunch/Hostesses: Ladies from Prince of Peace, Depew
12:30 pm Devotions: The Rev. Rebecca Mentzer, Prince of Peace, Depew
1:30 pm PROGRAM - "GHRC ~ Skilled Nursing Care & So Much More"

Presented by: Dawn Rezak, Director of Rehabilitation Services for the Niagara Lutheran Health System and Jennifer Pellicane, GHRC Activities Director

RSVP to Florence
at 836-6803
by Mon., April 13



***F**ootnotes from Florence*

Dear Friends —

Oh, what a day! After an early board meeting we gathered at the Lutheran Church Home for the dedication of the new library. It's a gem and will be a blessing to the residents for many years to come. Christine Tayntor, who endowed the library in memory of her parents, was also present for the dedication and was the guest speaker at our luncheon. She was entertaining, interesting and inspirational—an excellent speaker. We thank her for sharing her talents and life and work experiences with us. She even brought some theme-appropriate door prizes. And, of course, Christine signed her newest novel, *Paper Roses* for us. (By the way, her pen name for this book is Amanda Cabot and she also writes as Amanda Harte.)

We are looking forward to our next meeting at GHRC on April 16. We will need your reservation for lunch by April 13 (836-6803). The program will be of interest to all of us. Dawn Rezak, Director of Rehabilitation Services, will speak about the rehab services at the health center, and Jennifer Pellicane, the Activities Director there, will demonstrate a gift to the residents that she purchased with funds from the Guild (playing with the Wii game system she purchased has become a favorite activity for residents).

While you're at GHRC be sure to plan on visiting and supporting the Gift Shop. Marilyn Thomson, the volunteer manager of the shop always has new seasonal items and excellent gift selections. Remember, too, that all the profits from the Gift Shop are used to enhance the lives of residents of ALL the facilities.

Thank you very much for bringing in your Dash tapes. Hopefully, by June, we will have met our goal of \$25,000 in receipts.

One last thought — when Christine signed my copy of *Paper Roses* she noted the Bible verse Joshua 1:19, which I'd like to share with you.

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Peace ~ Florence

REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In addition to interesting and fun programs, receiving this newsletter is another benefit of membership. Please prayerfully consider your membership and encourage others to join.

You can mail your \$5.00 dues, to:
NLHS Guild ~ 64 Hager Street ~ Buffalo, NY 14208.
You can also bring it to a Guild meeting or turn it into the Guild representative at your church.

Thank you for your continued support!

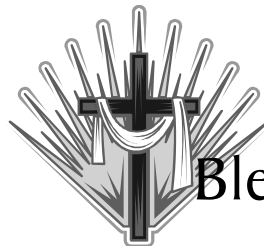


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and Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower. I hope you'll consider joining us. It's always a pleasure to recognize people for showing how much they care about others. For more information about the dinner, call Steve Hannon at the Foundation office (886-4377).

By the time you read this, Easter will be just around the corner, and I want to wish you a joyous and blessed Easter.

~ Jurgen Arndt, President/CEO



Wishing you
a
Blessed Easter



Coming Soon

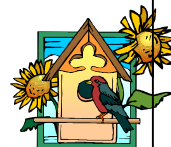


The NLHS Guild's
Spring Fling
Craft/Plant & Bake Sale

Thursday, May 21, 2009
NLHRC Lobby

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Baked Goods,
Plants & Crafts**
Auntie Em's Collectibles of
"gently used" items



It's time to start collecting items and rooting plants for the sale!

Bring your donations to 64 Hager Street at any time and mark them for the Spring Fling Sale.

*Questions? Call
Florence Doran at 836-6803*



The Erie County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds.



2009 Schedule of Weekly Worship Services with Holy Communion

We invite everyone to join us for worship

NLHRC ~ Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In the Strodel Chapel/Auditorium

- 4/5 Rev. Edward Fehskens, *Faith, Elma*
- 4/9 MAUNDY THURS Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
- 4/10 GOOD FRI Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
- 4/12 EASTER Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
- 4/19 Rev. Raymond Fitch, *First Lutheran, Blasdell*
- 4/26 MEMORIAL SERVICE Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*

LCH ~ Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In the Chapel

- 4/5 Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Tonawanda*
- 4/9 MAUNDY THURS Rev. Eric Olsen, *Holy Trinity, Buf*
- 4/10 GOOD FRI Rev. Rev. Eric Olsen, *Holy Trinity, Buf*
- 4/12 EASTER Pending
- 4/19 Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Tonawanda*
- 4/26 MEMORIAL SERVICE Rev. Janet Griffiths, *Grace, NT*

GF MANOR/COURT ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. In the Richard Seibold Chapel/Auditorium

- 4/4 Rev. Deborah Turley, *Lord of Life, Depew*
- 4/11 EASTER Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
- 4/18 Rev. David Young, *Pr. Emeritus, Holy Trinity, Ton.*
- 4/25 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*

GHRC ~ Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. In the Melba Y. Seibold Chapel/Auditorium

- 4/4 Rev. Deborah Turley, *Lord of Life, Depew*
- 4/9 MAUNDY THURS Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
- 4/10 GOOD FRI Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
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Wednesday Lenten Services are led by The Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*, at **GHRC (11:00 am)** and **NLHRC (2:30 pm)**



Chaplain Services: If you see a need for emotional and/or spiritual support for a resident, family, or yourself, please contact our Chaplain, The Rev. Allen Griep, at 886-4377 or 692-6380.

Roman Catholic Masses ~ Holy Communion

- NLHRC: Fridays at 11:00 a.m.
- LCH: Every other Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
Rosary and Holy Communion
- GHRC: Mondays at 2:30 p.m.
- GCM: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.



Drink, Steal, Swear & Lie

I met an old cowboy in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who has a motto he lives by every day. He said, "Listen carefully and live by these four rules: Drink, Steal, Swear, and Lie.

DRINK from the *everlasting cup* every day.

STEAL a moment to help someone who is in worse shape than you are.

SWEAR that you will be a better person today than yesterday.

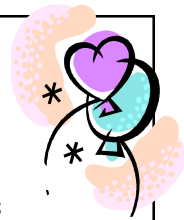
LIE down at night thanking god that you live in America and have freedom.

~ Unknown

GUILD BIRTHDAY REMINDER

It has been our tradition to collect a special donation in celebration of the Guild's birthday which is used specifically to enhance the lives of residents. If you are not able to give dollars, please remember the homes and our residents in your prayers. You can make your check payable to:

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Food for Thought:

*I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be,
but thank God I am better than I used to be*

The head nurse on Edith's floor was Phyllis Cross. Phyllis made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a "religious nut." She had been a nurse in an army hospital and had seen and heard it all. She was hard, old, and did everything by the book.

One morning Phyllis Cross had to give Edith a shot. When she walked into her room, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, "Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and I have been praying for you."

Phyllis Cross said, "Well, you can quit praying for me, it won't work. I'm not interested."

Edith said, "Well, I will pray and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family."

Phyllis Cross said, "Then you will never die because that will never happen," and curtly walked out of the room.

Every day Phyllis Cross would walk into the room and Edith would say, "God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I'm praying for you."

One day Phyllis Cross said she was literally drawn to Edith's room like a magnet would draw metal. She sat down on the bed and Edith said, "I'm so glad you have come, because God told me that today is your special day."

Phyllis Cross said, "Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, 'Do you believe in Easter?' but you have never asked me."

Edith said, "Phyllis, I wanted to many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked. . ."

Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Then Edith said, "Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and that He wants to live in your heart?"

Phyllis Cross said, "I want to believe that with all of my heart, and I want Jesus in my life."

Right then, Phyllis Cross prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. Two days later, Phyllis Cross came in and Edith said, "Do you know what day it is?"

Phyllis Cross said, "Why Edith, it's Good Friday."

Edith said, "Oh, no, for you every day is Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!"

Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis Cross came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies to give to Edith and wish her a Happy Easter.

When she walked into Edith's room, Edith was in bed with her big black Bible on her lap. Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face.

When Phyllis Cross went to pick up Edith's hand, she could feel no pulse. Edith was dead. Her left hand was on John 14 where it says, "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for

you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, which reads, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Phyllis Cross took one look at Edith's dead body, and lifted her face toward heaven. With tears streaming down her cheeks, she said, "Happy Easter, Edith - Happy Easter!"

Phyllis Cross left Edith's room and walked over to a table where two student nurses were sitting. She said, "My name is Phyllis Cross. Do you believe in Easter?"

~ Pillar Of Truth Ministries



For Your Calendar

2009

Guild Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30 am (except for our Christmas Luncheon, always the 2nd Thursday in Dec.)

April 16	GHRC - Dir. of Rehab, Dawn Rezak & Dir. of Activities, Jennifer Pellicane
May 21	NLHRC - Spring Fun Fair — it's time to start your plants and craft items & gather items to donate.
June 18	GF MANOR - Summer Luncheon & Fund Raiser. Program by Esther Kirdani: "Childhood Friends ~ A Century of Dolls"
July & Aug.	No Meetings
Sep. 17	LCH
Oct. 15	NLHRC - Fall Fun Fair
Nov. 19	GF MANOR
Dec. 10	Christmas Celebration & Fund Raiser at Zion Lutheran in Clarence



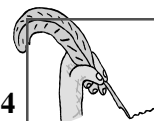
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VOLUNTEERS

Special Requests for Volunteers:

- † The GHRC gift shop is looking to expand it's pool of substitute volunteers. For more information call Marilyn Thomson at 684-3000
- † The office of Health Information Management at GHRC needs volunteers to help with copying, filing and faxing. Contact: Irene Lee at 684-3000
- † The Outpatient Therapy department at GHRC needs volunteers to help with copying and filing. Contact Roseanne Johnson at 684-3000, ext. 320
- † Volunteers are needed at NLHRC to help with Saturday afternoon activities! Call Hellen at 886-4377
- † A Volunteer Art Instructor would be greatly appreciated at Greenfield Manor/Court. Call Lisa at 684-8400



Newsletter Help

Can you spare a few hours each month to help run off the newsletter? We'll show you how. To learn more, call Florence Doran at 836-6803.

NLHRC's Wish List

Contact: Hellen Culverhouse at 886-4377

- † POLAROID FILM OR CAMERA (we have one)
- † BABY DOLLS & ACCESSORIES (cribs, strollers, clothes, etc.)
- † PLANTS, PLANT CLIPPINGS, SOIL
- † STUFFED ANIMALS (GENTLY USED)
- † CD/DVD CASES
- † DVDS OF OLD CLASSICS (60s/70s) Movies or TV Shows

GHRC's Wish List

Contact: Jennifer Pellicane at 684-3000

- † BIRD SEED & BIRD FEEDERS
- † DECKS OF CARDS (LARGE PRINT IF POSSIBLE)
- † GENTLY USED STUFFED ANIMALS
- † HOLIDAY WINDOW CLINGS
- † BINGO PRIZES

GFCourt's Wish List

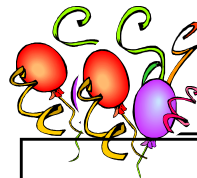
Contact: Lisa Scaglione at 684-8400

- † A VOLUNTEER ART INSTRUCTOR
- † BINGO PRIZES (including jewelry and knick knacks)
- † LAUNDERED PANTYHOSE to use as stuffing for blankets

LCH's Wish List

Contact: Joan Griffin at 882-1231

- † BINGO PRIZES
- † LAUNDERED PANTYHOSE
- † Help with our RSVP program on Thursdays, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.



Residents' Birthdays

GHRC

4/3 Marion Knowles	4/30 Natalie Kozlowski
4/4 Janis Vrana	4/30 Samuel Kelso
4/4 Ruth Meyer	
4/7 Stephen Perrello	
4/9 Emily Rutkowski	
4/10 Jane Martzolf	
4/17 George Lewis	
4/18 Norman Fertig	
4/19 Elaine Glasser	
4/20 Bernice Ott	
4/21 Harvey Wolko	
4/22 Doris Fondiller	
4/25 Florence Sherwood	

NLHRC

4/1 James Gruber
4/3 Mary Phillips
4/5 Katherine McGrath
4/13 Orrin Wolff
4/17 Giavanna Catena
4/20 Estelle Robinson
4/25 Janos John Tilli
4/28 Mae Gillam
4/29 Mary Anne Prill
4/29 Vernia Mann

GFCourt

4/6 Evelyn Carlson
4/8 Marian Hoff
4/9 Dorothy Blaich
4/21 Betty Whistler
4/24 Melba Seibold
4/25 Elizabeth Brown
4/27 Lucille Robbins

(LCH)

4/3 Isabelle Camp
4/6 Ovetta Shakespeare
4/13 Dorothy Jones
4/17 Mary Jane Miller
4/29 Allen Doyle

Membership Chairman

Reminder: Gail Brown is our new Membership Chairman. Please direct any correspondence to: Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild 64 Hager Street - Buffalo, NY 14208

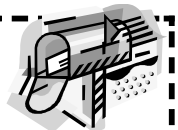


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All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join the NLHS Guild.

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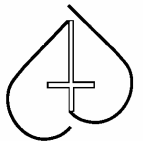
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