



GUILD NEWS AND HEALTH SYSTEM HAPPENINGS

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The 4 Candles

Four candles burned slowly, their ambiance so soft and quiet you could hear them speak . . .



The first candle said, "I am Peace, but these days, nobody wants to keep me lit." Then Peace's flame slowly diminished and went out completely.

The second candle said, "I am Faith, but these days, I am no longer indispensable." Then Faith's flame slowly diminished and went out completely.

Sadly, the third candle spoke. "I am Love and I haven't the strength to stay lit any longer. People put me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." And, waiting no longer, Love went out completely.

Suddenly — a child entered the room and saw the three candles no long burning. He began to cry, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end."

After a time, the fourth candle spoke gently to the little boy, "Don't be afraid for I am Hope and as long as I burn we can relight the other candles."

So, with shining eyes, the child took the Candle of Hope and relit the other three candles.

Never let the Flame of Hope go out of your life. With Hope, no matter how bad things look and are — Peace, Faith and Love can shine brightly in our lives.

~ unknown

Thanks to Norma Horton for sharing this inspiration.



Message from Mr. Arndt

While I was planning my visit to Germany this year and contemplating what I would tell friends and relatives about my life in the U.S., it occurred to me how much our organization has accomplished in the past several years.

In a little over 50 years we have grown from one skilled nursing facility serving a handful of people to an entire Health System with five affiliates serving about 500 people on any given day and employing nearly 800 individuals. Our services have expanded from caring to the frail elderly, which we still do, to providing assisted living and residential apartment homes to healthy seniors and helping people of all ages with rehabilitation and in our outpatient therapy clinic. We established a foundation to raise money to enhance the lives of our residents, which helped us expand our services to the suburbs with The GreenFields Continuing Care Community. The foundation is also involved in our plans to expand our city campus in the not to distant future.

Our accomplishments are admirable, but they could only be achieved thanks to the grace of God and the assistance of special friends, like you. When you share your financial resources, your time, your talents, and your prayers with us, you are making an enormous difference in the lives of more people than you can possibly imagine.

So, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for showing that you care *Heart & Soul* for others. May God richly bless you this summer and always.

~ Jurgen Arndt, President/CEO

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Next Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009,
Lutheran Church Home - 217 East Delavan, Buffalo

12:00 pm Lunch/Hostesses: Ladies from All Saints, Hamburg

1:00 pm Devotions: The Rev. David Menz, All Saints, Hamburg

1:30 pm Program: "The Fiddlesticks" music and fun for everyone

***** Please note time change to 12:00 *****

RSVP to Florence
at 836-6803
by Mon., Sept. 14



Footnotes from Florence

Dear Friends —

A heartfelt THANK YOU note is definitely in order! Our June Salad Bar Luncheon at the beautiful Richard Seibold Chapel and Auditorium was a huge success — one hundred and twenty-three people attended! Our thanks to them for coming, making their reservations promptly, and for enthusiastically participating in our Theme Basket auction.

At this meeting we introduced the dolls that will be silently auctioned at our meetings during the next few months. Please come see them and tell your friends about this beautiful doll collection that was gifted to the Guild by Mrs. Margaret Summersgill. The collection will be on display and available for bids at our meetings in September at LCH, October at NLHRC and again in November at GreenField Manor where final bidding and awarding of the winners will be announced. Thank you for your help in publicizing this wonderful opportunity to bid on a beautifully crafted doll and raise funds for the benefit of our residents!

We also need to thank the following people for their help with our June fund raiser and luncheon — those who contributed the table and door prizes, those who donated the beautiful theme baskets (St. John's WELCA in Lancaster, Prince of Peace WELCA in Depew, Wilma Nantka of Amherst Lutheran, Marilyn Thomson who manages the GreenFields Gift Shop, and the women of Abiding Savior).

Thanks also to David McMullen for bringing greetings from Mr. Arndt and for reflecting on the many gifts the Guild has made to the NLHS Foundation during the past fifty years; The Rev. Debbie Turley for her inspirational devotion calling us to share our story of faith as our legacy to others; Gail Brown for sharing her recollections and appreciation of Eleanor Zittel, a valued volunteer, Guild member and past Guild president, who recently passed away; and Chantal White, Administrator of GreenField Court and Manor and her staff for their helpfulness, advice and patience.

I want to be sure to thank Chef Mike Bielli and his staff for the delicious chicken and pasta salads and excellent service. Thanks, too, to our speaker, Esther Kirdani, "The Doll Keeper", for her interesting presentation, "A Century of Dolls."

Also, thanks to the dedicated volunteers at the GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center's gift shop who made it possible for the gift shop to present the Guild with a check for \$2,500, which will be used specifically for residents. Last, but certainly not least, a warm THANK YOU to my wonderful husband, Ron, for his unbelievable support.

Have a great summer! *Peace ~ Florence*



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.



2009 Guild Meeting Schedule

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| July / Aug. | No Meetings |
| Sep. 17 | LCH - at 12:00 Program "The Fiddlesticks"
<i>Doll Collection Silent Auction</i> |
| Oct. 15 | NLHRC - Fall Fun Fair &
Making Christmas Cards for residents
<i>Doll Collection Silent Auction</i> |
| Nov. 19 | GF MANOR - LAST CHANCE to bid
<i>Final Day—Doll Collection Silent Auction</i> |
| Dec. 10 | Christmas Celebration & Fund Raiser
at Zion Lutheran in Clarence |

Summer Volunteers Needed

to help residents at GHRC & NLHRC get to and from outdoor activities and worship services —

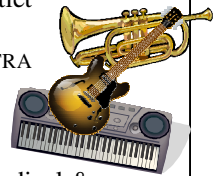


from pushing wheelchairs to operating the elevators. Some groups and individuals come once a month or more often and others come when their pastor leads worship. For more information, call Vivian Cosentino at 886-4377. (*Worship schedules are on page 3*)

The GreenFields Summer Concert Series

GreenField Gazebo at 5949 Broadway—Lancaster

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| July 8 | TERRY BUCHWALD ~ A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS
Sponsored by Carpet Factory Outlet |
| July 22 | CARNIVAL KIDS STEEL ORCHESTRA
from Lancaster High School |
| Aug. 5 | EASY STREET BIG BAND
Sponsored by Lockport Home Medical &
Transit Hill Pharmacy |
| Aug. 19 | CRAIG WILKINS & THE WESTERN NEW YORKERS
Co-Sponsored by Respiratory Services
of WNY, Inc., and Zito Movers |



If you know of anyone considering assisted living or someone who needs assistance with medications, meals, and/or personal care - please consider LUTHERAN CHURCH HOME. You can also stop by for a tour any time. We invite you to see for yourself the many wonderful changes we've made in the past several years. Call Heather at 882-1231 to learn more.



In the hands of God

On June 16, long time volunteer and Guild member, Eleanor Zittel passed away. Eleanor was 96 years old and is fondly remembered by Guild members, staff, and friends of the Niagara Lutheran Health System for her many years of service. Eleanor was one of the Guild's "founding fathers," and we were blessed that she was able to share her memories and participate in our 50th anniversary events last year!

2009 Schedule of Weekly Worship Services with Holy Communion

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

7/5 Rev. David Ellis, *Amherst, Williamsville*
 7/12 Rev. Ronald Habedank, *Trinity, W. Seneca*
 7/19 Rev. David Menz, *All Saints, Hamburg*
 7/26 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John, Depew*
 8/2 Pending
 8/9 Rev. David Menz, *All Saints, Hamburg*
 8/16 Rev. Timothy Madsen, *St. Paul's, Williamsville*
 8/23 Rev. Eric Olsen, *Holy Trinity, Buffalo*
 8/30 Rev. Eric Olsen, *Holy Trinity, Buffalo*

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

7/5 Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Tonawanda*
 7/12 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 7/19 Rev. Janet Griffiths, *Grace, NT*
 7/26 Rev. Chris Wicher, *St. Luke, Cheektowaga*
 8/2 Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Tonawanda*
 8/9 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 8/16 Rev. Janet Griffiths, *Grace, NT*
 8/23 Rev. Devie Ellis, *St. Martin, NT*
 8/30 Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Tonawanda*



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

and

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

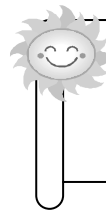
7/4 Rev. Allen Griep, *Chaplain, NLHS*
 (*GCM service at 4:00 p.m., GHRC at 2:30 p.m.*)
 7/11 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 7/18 Rev. Nancy Milleville, *Ascension/Crossroads, Amh..*
 7/25 Rev. Hans Irmer, *Good Shepherd, Tonawanda*
 8/1 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John, Depew*
 8/8 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 8/15 Rev. Michael Blackwell, *St. John, Depew*
 8/22 Rev. Dr. John Scarafia, *St. John's, Lancaster*
 8/29 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John, Depew*

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.

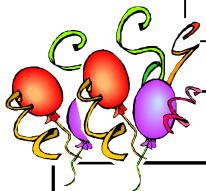


Special Needs: LCH is very low on Bingo prizes and looking for soaps, Kleenex, hand creams, small knick knacks. NLHRC & GHRC need volunteers to help transport to worship on Sat. or Sunday afternoons.



Welcome Back Pastor Griep

Thanks to answered prayers and a speedy recovery, NLHS Chaplain, Pr. Griep, is back to work after knee replacement surgery.



Residents' Birthdays

NLHRC

7/1 Alex Blair
 7/5 Doris Johnson
 7/7 James Henderson
 7/8 Martha McCullough
 7/12 Annie Bach
 7/13 Odessa Clark
 7/14 Lorraine Vieregg
 7/17 Clara Kiec
 7/21 Fransara Clabeau
 7/23 Clara Davis
 7/25 Mary Pellerino
 7/26 Virginia Benzow
 7/28 John Geerin
 7/29 Randolph Benson
 7/29 Jessie Boone
 7/30 Barbara Greatrix

8/1 Mary Machinski
 8/4 Charlotte Wells
 8/4 Kathleen Cassidy
 8/5 Ella Mae Watt
 8/8 Dr. Frank Evans
 8/8 Lealor Halton
 8/15 Andrew Little
 8/17 Gladys Holmes
 8/20 Dorothy Schlenker
 8/20 Agan Depalma
 8/25 Mary Johnson
 8/26 Amthole Wayne
 8/31 Lee Batchelor
 8/31 Mary Castiglione

GHRC

7/1 Beatrice Hruby
 7/5 Ruth Mallon
 7/15 Margaret Berner
 7/19 Virginia Fleckenstein

7/20 Helen Stejbach
 7/22 Joseph Li Puma
 7/22 Ella Heer
 7/25 Cecil Berry
 7/28 Cledith McKinstry
 8/1 Geraldine Peters
 8/10 Regina Grzelewski
 8/13 Marie Bolles
 8/15 Norma Longmate
 8/16 Antionette Golebiewski
 8/19 Russell Schmied
 8/20 Clarice Bartz
 8/22 Jeanette Lensen

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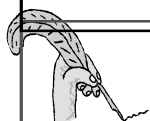
7/1 Dorothy Murphy
 7/10 Mary Van Kerkhoven
 7/12 Edmond Dede

7/18 Anneliese Brokopp
 7/26 Helen Woelfle
 8/4 Helen Dearneyer
 8/14 Elizabeth Prieto
 8/17 Dorothy Szablewski
 8/18 Mary Morris
 8/20 Ola Sessum
 8/22 Joanna Fintzel
 8/28 Justine Weathington

GFCourt

7/2 Esther Kellogg
 7/7 Pearl Willett
 7/8 Clarence Kippmann
 7/10 Jane Kinkead

8/26 Stephen Buzalski



Legacies for Life ~ Gifts made by bequest through a will, bequest or insurance policy, play a vital role in our mission of compassionate care. To learn more, contact the Foundation at 886-4377

MISSION of the

Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild :

The NIAGARA LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEM GUILD serves the constituents of Niagara Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center, The Lutheran Church Home of Buffalo, GreenField Health and Rehabilitation Center, GreenField Manor, GreenField Court and any other social ministries related to the Niagara Lutheran Health System. Guild members promote the interests and programs of the Health System's affiliates as they are able. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join the NLHS Guild.

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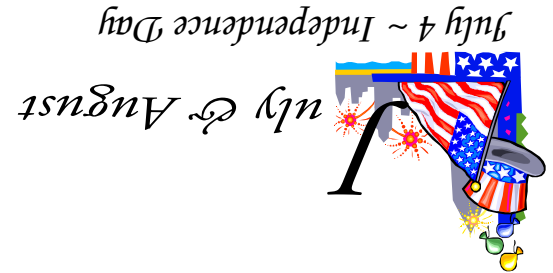


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