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Wisdom from our Centenarians

In July we celebrated the 100th birthday of our Resident, Ethel Ruehl. We actually have several Residents who have already reached that 100th milestone!

Our oldest Resident, Marie White, is 103. Marie married in 1937, and was a nurse until her husband was drafted into WWII at the age of 37. Her stepson was also in the service and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. Marie is proud of these men who served their country.

Another centenarian Resident is Rosella "Pink" Graser, who turned 103 in March. When she was a young girl, friends nicknamed Rosella "Pink" and it stuck. Everyone still calls her that today. She tells of how her husband's family was from New Richmond, OH. She recalls her mother-in-law talking of going by boat into Cincinnati to buy things; it was an all-day trip. Pink and her husband lived near the river. She said they lost everything in the 1937 flood and they themselves were rescued by boat from the second floor porch window. Those were certainly hard times.

Resident Bill Osterman was 101 when he came to us here at St. Paul's. He was a bit upset that he didn't make it to

arrive at 100, as his father moved here when he was 100 and that was Bill's goal. Bill grew up in Norwood, OH, and at age 16 began working as a messenger at the National Bank of Norwood. He continued working there as a teller and bookkeeper. He went to night school at the American Institute of Banking for 4 years. In 1942 Bill was drafted and he feels fortunate to have been in the Air Force. His wife gave birth to "baby Bill" and they soon joined him, until eventually being discharged back in Dayton, OH. Bill is a huge Cincinnati Reds fan, never misses a game, and knows the players by name and their stats. His favorite movie must be Sound of Music, as he watches it every day. Bill has three sons, and one is able to come see him every day!

Our newest centenarian, Ethel Ruehl is an accomplished pianist. While vision impaired now, she can still tickle the ivories and serenade a crowd. Ethel is an independent Resident with a sense of humor and is well informed of all that happens on her floor and in the home. She listens to books on audio, is very religious, and enjoys art and the history of art.

Rosella "Pink" Graser turned 103 in March. Bill Osterman will be 103 in September. Marie White will be 104 in August.

From Left to Right: Bill Osterman, Ethel Ruehl with Mandy Thomas, Activities Director, Marie White, and Rosella "Pink" Graser with employee Kathy Hurd.

Save The Date

HAPPENINGS

Italian Fest

Saturday, Sept. 21

Christmas Boutique

Friday, Nov. 8 and
Saturday, Nov. 9

New Fundraiser

Kroger Card



Little Sisters of the Poor

Blessing the new wheel chair van

Excitement loomed as Residents and staff gathered to witness the blessing of our new handicap van on June 26. This van was made possible through the funds raised in our Winter Raffle earlier this year and by several additional donors. With so many worthy charities, we appreciate all of our benefactors for their kindness in remembering the needs of our Residents.

The Sisters opened the ceremony with a

song of praise, followed by the blessing by our chaplain, Father Joe Rigali, O.F.M. This van is a great investment for our home! The van will be used for many outings such as appointments, special events, or just to take Residents on a ride to see some beautiful scenery!

Gratefully, we extend our thanks and prayers to all who contributed for this specific need.



Ted Wartman demonstrates the convenience and ease of the handicap van that will give greater mobility to our infirm Residents. Funds from a foundation, several large donations, and proceeds from our raffle made this dream a reality.

Fashion Show & Luncheon

The auditorium was filled with Residents, family and friends for the “Forever Young” Luncheon and Fashion show, Saturday, June 22. The event began with a blessing by Archbishop Pilarczyk. The luncheon included various salads, sandwiches and fruit, and of course there were several dessert choices. As they ate, guests were serenaded by our entertainer, Matt Snow. Matt charmed the crowd with the smooth sounds of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr., and brought smiles to many faces and got the toes a tapping. He even did a little soft shoe for us! Following Matt’s performance, the models

took to the runway donned in colorful attire from gowns, to slack outfits, sportswear and international attire. The models beamed as they showed off their outfits for the crowd. Several young men from a local high school, Miami Valley Christian Academy, accompanied our ladies down the runway. Fun was had by all.

The fashion show began years ago when Betty Burris, our former housekeeping supervisor, and Eugene Oliverio, one of our most faithful volunteers, had a vision of a fashion show using clothes from our resale shop Chez Eugene. Betty has since passed on but her legacy lives on.



Our entertainer, Matt Snow, took a moment during his performance to pose with a guest at our “Forever Young” fashion show.

Mission Statement Redefined

The purpose and culture of any organization is communicated by means of a mission statement. The Little Sisters are defined by the framework of the vision and example of St. Jeanne Jugan.

To offer clarity, the following new mission statement has been adopted.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by St. Jeanne Jugan. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, we serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world.

Continuing the work of St. Jeanne Jugan, our MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

This new statement promises to help us translate the spirit of Saint Jeanne Jugan into all the work and activities of our home, and to communicate it more clearly to all who collaborate with us.

Congratulations Mickey

“Very Talented” can describe Resident Mickey Gantt. Every year Mickey enters her art work in the annual LeadingAge Ohio Art and Writing Show — and every year she wins. In fact, 18 of her 21 years at St. Paul’s Home, Mickey has been entering and winning, including at the state level. This year was no exception, as Mickey won 1st Prize in Computer Art with her “Floral Fantasy”, 1st Prize in Prose Fiction with her “Attic Retreat Left on the Shelf” and Honorable Mention in Woodworking. She is an amazing artist and we couldn’t be more proud. There were over 800 entries statewide in 12 categories: Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Woodworking, 3D, Needlework, Woven, Wearable, Art 1 & 2, Computer Art, and Quilting. Mickey believes that everyone can do this, even if you cannot

draw a straight line. Mickey says “JoAnn Zurlinden is one of our faithful entrants and has won prizes with her beautifully executed embroidery and her very special poetry. I’m proud to be a fellow entrant with her and we both hope others can join us, for we feel it reflects well on our home. We are happy to be representing the Archbishop Liebold, Little Sisters home.”

LeadingAge is an association of 6,000 not-for-profit organizations dedicated to making America a better place to grow old. LeadingAge advances policies, conduct research, and promotes practices that support, enable and empower people to live fully as they age. Their promise: Inspire. Serve. Advocate.



Mickey Gantt (left) and Jo Ann Zurlinden happily display the many ribbons they have won at the LeadingAge Ohio Art & Writing Show. Mickey is explaining to Sr. Margaret the process of creating computer artwork. She is holding a piece of art that won the grand prize at the state competition.

Study with Father Joe Rigali

Father Joe Rigali had been living at St. Leonard Center, Dayton, Ohio, where he was happily enjoying his retirement. Then on July 1, 2012, he re-entered active ministry to become our chaplain. His activities as chaplain include celebrating Mass and the Sacraments, ministering to the sick, assisting the dying and just sharing life with the Residents.

As we began the “Year of Faith” this past fall, Father Joe was inspired by the Residents’ great desire to learn more about their Catholic faith. He initiated a class called “Exploring the

Catholic Faith with Fr. Joe.” Over the course of ten weeks, students gathered to learn the basic teachings as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

A new series entitled “Exploring the Bible” has begun, with readings from the Old Testament, the Letters of St. Paul and one of the Gospels, followed by an open and lively discussion. This process helps the Residents understand the scripture readings, share insights, and to be better prepared to celebrate Sunday Mass. The focus is on how Scripture can help us in our daily lives.



Father Rigali teaches “Exploring the Bible”

Honoring our Veterans on Flag Day

Every year on Flag Day St. Paul’s home has a flag raising ceremony. On June 14th the Residents gathered on the patio and were all dressed in their best patriotic attire to watch the festivities. Our veterans came with their service hats, jackets, and one even came in full uniform!

The service began with a flute and trumpet playing the traditional songs of America the

Beautiful, To the Colors, The Star Spangled Banner, and God Bless America. The Residents sang along as the flag was raised. Our Resident Veterans raised the flag in tandem. To close the ceremony, a prayer was offered for our country, leaders, veterans, and those currently serving our country, thanking God for our freedom and abundant blessings on Flag Day and every day.



Our Resident veterans raised the flag in honor of Flag Day.

A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



At the end of August we celebrate the feast of St. Jeanne Jugan, our foundress. Jeanne Jugan was a true follower of Jesus. She knew what it meant to live the Beatitudes and was willing to allow God to work through her. Her life of humble service reflects the Gospel message and challenges us to let go of the material things that might take our focus from the Lord.

In this issue we highlight our centenarians. These four Residents bless us with their talents and stories. We are honored to have them in our home and we celebrate with them the incredible milestone of 100+ years. Birthdays bring smiles. It is so rewarding for us, Little Sisters, to see the smiles of the elderly in our care.

We are always aware that it is through our benefactors, friends, and volunteers that we are able to accomplish our mission and carry on the work of St. Jeanne Jugan. We assure you of a daily remembrance in our grateful prayers.

God bless you!

Sr. Francis Gabriel, L.S.P.

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Mother Superior

NEW PROGRAM - Kroger Community Rewards®

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Upcoming Events

LSP Italian Fest at St. Paul's Home

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Hold the date for our annual Italian Fest on Saturday, September 21st. Reservations will be required for the event. More details can be found on our website soon. You can make reservations on our website, or by contacting Brenda Privett, Development Coordinator, at (513) 281-8001 ext. 200 or via email at devcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Christmas Boutique

Friday, November 8, 2013

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Make plans to shop at our Annual Christmas Boutique. You'll find crafts made by our Residents and donations from area crafters. You won't want to miss this! Get your Christmas shopping started early!