

Comforting News...

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Webster Comfort Care Home

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Executive Director Update



Another busy spring is almost over! We had a great turnout for the Masonic Spaghetti dinner May 5th. Thank you to Jo & Dan Zimmerman and Kathy and Dave Whitlock for helping set-up early on Friday, and everyone that helped serve the dinner that evening. We were able to add \$1,112 to our income due to many generous patrons.

The annual Fashion Show was the following day. A new venue, expanded lunch menu, unique silent auction items, a new boutique, and a fantastic testimonial video of one of our residents Pat, made the event very successful. We raised \$25,000! Thank you to all who attended this great event.

Volunteer training has been conducted three consecutive Tuesday evenings in May. We have 16 new volunteers who have been shadowing and been added to our schedule.

Our expert gardener, Bob Nash, scheduled the plant sale on May 20th. Thank you, Bob, for your work germinating

plants in our garden and donating others from your garden to make the sale a huge success. Proceeds from the sale totaled about \$1,500!

During the month of May, Mary and I, with the support of 2 board members (Jo Zimmerman and Dick Schaff), waded through over 85 resumes for the volunteer coordinator's position. We are excited to welcome Sharon Scott as our new volunteer coordinator.

WCCH is a very special place because of all of you who volunteer your time and talents to these and many other events and activities. Thank you!

New Volunteer Coordinator



We are pleased to announce the hiring of a new volunteer coordinator. She is Sharon Scott, and she will begin work on Tuesday, May 30. She is a long-time Webster resident and has deep ties to our community.

She has a Counseling Psychology degree from

Shippensburg University. Sharon has experience with serving as PTSA Chairperson and volunteer service leader at Webster Christian School.

She was also a Youth Group Ministry leader at United Methodist Church and has volunteered at the Flower City Work Camp, Rochester General Hospital, and Hospice of Lehigh Valley.

Sharon is married to husband, Jeffrey, and together they have 4 children ranging in age from 16 to 23.

When you have a chance, stop in to say hello to Sharon. We are lucky to add her to the WCCH family!



Artistic Katie



How many people do you know who really love going to junk yards? If you know our volunteer, Katie Friedler (she substitutes for people not able to fill their regular slot), then you can answer "I know one

person!” In the past Katie scoured junk yards to find interesting metals which she turned into beautiful sculptures.

After graduating from Wayne Central Katie attended Pennsylvania School of Art and Design. She vividly remembers her art class traveling to Paris where she and her classmates “just ran from one art gallery to the next.”

Her work life before retirement reflected her artistic gifts. Early on she crafted machine embroidery at S and G Monogramming at Piano Works Mall. More recently she worked in the floral department at Hegedorns designing flower arrangements. Now, when she is at the Home, she turns large arrangements donated to the Home from memorial services into lovely smaller bouquets perfect for residents’ rooms and the dining room table.

Do you recall the saying, “Bloom where you are planted?” Katie is exhibit A!

Unique Twosome



Of all the pairs who have been featured in this newsletter over the past 7 years, Shelby and Tim Kibler represent a unique duo – that of father and daughter. Tim volunteers because “I wanted to have first-hand experience with comfort care, and how the Home runs.”

He is currently the president of Charlotte House Comfort Care (see following article). During the work week Tim is a systems analyst at Frontier Communications.

Daughter Shelby joined her dad as a WCCH volunteer after he told her about his experience. “I had worked in palliative care in college (SUNY Potsdam) and loved what I did, so I saw working with my dad as a real opportunity.” During her work week Shelby is a mental health counselor for East House at the Paul Wolk Common’s treatment apartments.

Both father and daughter have found volunteering at the Home rewarding. Shelby states, “I get a great deal of fulfillment when I help other people keep their dignity while in the dying process.” Tim adds, “I find this so very rewarding being able to help people and their families with their final journey. I’m honored to be able to help in some small way.”

Charlotte House



The idea for Charlotte House came to Tim Kibler when he was walking out of a board meeting of the Wyoming Foundation. Some of the board members mentioned that Charlotte Smallwood-Cook, prominent attorney and first female district attorney in NY

State, had passed away. She had needed to go to a comfort care home out of Wyoming County. She was sad that she couldn’t pass away in the county of her home. And so it began....

An exploratory committee was formed to see if there was enough community interest to formally start creating the house. There was! The committee has decided to renovate the convent at the Holy Family Parish in North Java. It is a beautiful building with much character nestled on the parish campus, a perfect home for people embarking on their final journey.

Currently, the committee is raising funds for the renovation of the facility. They are hoping to open their doors next summer. For more information about the House please see www.charlottehouse.org.

Kudos to Xerox



A hard-working group from Xerox came to WCCH recently and really did a bang-up job of making the Home look like it belonged on the Home & Garden channel. The Webster Town Highway Dept. donated the mulch and wood chips and delivered it to us. Peter Nystrom led the group and donated the use of his tractor to move the mulch. What a great job they did!!