

# Yo Wazzup

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## Lesutis to Receive Volunteer Award

Maureen Lesutis, a longtime benefactor and Guild member, will be honored for her work with the Ministry of Caring at a reception November 15, hosted by the Brandywine Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.



Maureen and Paul Lesutis  
at the MOC's 35th anniversary

"She is the most caring, loving woman it has ever been my privilege to meet. And that's the truth," said Elaine Vignola, a fellow Guild member who met Maureen 22 years ago through the Ministry.

"I am honored and very appreciative to be receiving this recognition from AFP," Lesutis said. "Through my many years of volunteering for the Ministry of Caring and working on its fundraising events, I have had the privilege of meeting many of the staff members and many, many other volunteers. It is heartwarming for me to see how their dedication to our Wilmington community has and, I know, will continue in the future to assist so many here."

For more information about the awards reception, visit [www.afpbrandywine.afpnet.org](http://www.afpbrandywine.afpnet.org) or call 302-778-1595.

## MOC Counselor Reaches Out at EDR

On Thursday, Oct. 13, MOC mental health and addiction counselor Shannon Ayres visited Emmanuel Dining Room to offer her services to the guests there.



Shannon Ayres

"The Mental Health Association of Delaware is hoping to obtain 250 mental health screenings throughout the state during the month of October. The Ministry will contribute about 40 to that total," Ayres said.

"I handed out my cards to quite a few interested folks and have received a few phone calls already wanting to set up appointments for counseling. Many people, especially from EDR, did not know they were eligible for free counseling through the Ministry of Caring. I believe we completed close to 20 depression screens and had 5 counselors throughout the day rotating through the different locations."

## News and Notes

- The Ministry of Caring now offers **Bread Cards** for three occasions. These cards are a meaningful alternative to standard greeting cards, and the free-will offerings that come with them help support Ministry programs for the poor. Contact Sue Harris at 302-652-5523 or [sharris@ministryofcaring.org](mailto:sharris@ministryofcaring.org) for information.

### **Holiday Season Cards (new)**—

During the special time of the year when we focus our thoughts on peace on earth and good will toward all of God's children, send your friends and loved ones greetings with a Ministry of Caring holiday season card.



**Memorial Cards** — Remember someone who has touched your life and is no longer with us.

**Special Occasion Cards**—Are you looking for a unique way to acknowledge a birthday, graduation, wedding, anniversary or other event in the life of a loved one or friend?

- A request from **Il Bambino**: "We had a woman stop by who is ... in need of a new stroller for her 7-month-old son. If anyone knows of someone who will be donating a stroller could you please consider contacting Mrs. Linda White or Ms. Lauren Avera at 594-9449."
- **House of Joseph II** is once again holding its Easy As Pie fundraiser in partnership with Delaware HIV Consortium. A variety of pies are available for \$20 each. For more information, contact Sr. Christa at HOJ2.



- The Ministry of Caring is selling **wood nativity sets** for \$30 each. Proceeds support MOC programs. Contact Sr. Gretchen at 302-652-5523 to purchase one.

- Sacred Heart Oratory is planning an **Advent Mission** December 4 to 6.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9 am: Mass

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5-6, Noon: Mass and Conference

**Have news to share?**

Send MOC photos, notes and story ideas to [pkennedy@ministryofcaring.org](mailto:pkennedy@ministryofcaring.org).

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## In Your Prayers

Please pray for the health of these members of the Ministry of Caring community: Sr. Stephanie Wilson, OSU, former MOC employee and former Superior of the Ursuline Sisters in Wilmington, is seriously ill; Jim McManus, husband of HOJII administrative assistant Rosemary McManus, is recovering after recent hospitalization; Fr. John LoSasso, OFM Cap, continues to face health challenges; Gene McLaughlin, a former program director, is ill; **Sr. Bernadette Breen, OSC**, who was recently hospitalized; **Jane Menchhofer**, mother of EDR associate director Dorine Menchhofer;

Please also pray for those who have died: **Genevieve Lynch**, mother of MOC deputy director Matt Lynch.

## Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord

Clarence VanRaymond Johnson Sr., Jan. 7  
 • Denis Edward LaSota, Jan. 10 • James P. Brennan, Jan. 30 • Lois McGinnis, Feb. 2 • Theresa M. Merlini, Feb. 3 • Lillian G. Reilly, March 6 • Viola Caserta, March 9 • Janiya Battle, March 18 • Diane Lima, April 1 • Sr. Evelyn Hartnett, OSF, April 6 • Josephine A. Dal Bello, April 6 • Virginia Longobardi, April 7 • Terri Casey, April 18 • Thomas Marconi • Joseph Prucino, April 18 • Marie Angeloni, April 28 • Fleecie Dahl, April 28 • Anthony Teoli, May 9 • Joseph Yacucci Sr., May 17 • Mary Etta Faulk, May 21 • Donald Tarker, May 25 • Donald Figurelli, June 6 • William H. Goode, June 11 • Matt Lynch, June 26 • Fulvio Delfino, July 4; Maria Gonzalez, Aug. 9; Eugene A. Petrella, Aug. 28; Christine M Best, September; Edward Calio, Sept. 12; Renate Klein, Sept. 14; Bangalore T. Lakshman, Sept. 16; Etta Mae Monardo, Sept. 21; Philip Faix, Sept. 22; Beverly Sanford, Sept. 30; John Smith, Oct. 5; **Genevieve Lynch**, Oct. 13; **Bernadette Kwoka**, Oct. 16.



## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, October 26: **General staff meeting**, FXN
- Tuesday, November 1: **Memorial Mass for Genevieve Lynch**, noon at Sacred Heart Oratory.
- Friday, November 11: **Eleganza**, Wilmington Country Club.
- Sunday, December 4: **Voices of Caring**, University & Whist Club
- December 4-6: **Advent Mission** with Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ, Sacred Heart Oratory
- Sunday, February 5, 2017: **Frank Sinatra Show starring Sean Reilly**, Sacred Heart Oratory, 4pm. Tickets available through Sr. Mary Daniel

## Upcoming Birthdays

10/21-Sharon Henry	10/27-Sue Harris
10/23-Jeffrey Wallace	10/29-Rob Radcliff
10/24-Barbara Corrozi	11/1 -Linda Richardson
10/26-Pete Kennedy	11/1 -Jaren Locket
10/26-Sr. Bernadette Breen	11/5 -Anthea Piscarik
10/26-Stan Kida	11/6 -Darryl Wheeler

## Memorial for Bangalore Lakshman

The BTL Foundation will host a memorial event for its founder, Bangalore T. Lakshman, who died in September. Mr. Lakshman was a generous supporter of the Ministry of Caring's programs for the poor. He made personal donations, including a house on North Jackson Street, attended fundraising events like Eleganza, and his BTL Foundation provided a beautiful New Year's Day meal each year, with servers, for hungry guests at Emmanuel Dining Room.



The memorial event will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:30am, at University And Whist Club of Wilmington, 805 North Broom Street. For more information and to RSVP, contact the BTL Foundation at 302-635-0286.

## Staff News

- Marymar Hopkins has joined CCC as a teacher's assistant.
- Charlesetta Collazo has joined GACC as a teacher's assistant, working 1 day per week. She has been a classroom assistant at GACC through National Able Network (formerly Wilmington Senior Center) for several years and will continue in this capacity 4 days per week.
- Bernicea Jackson has joined our AmeriCorps program as an Employment Navigator at JPC.

## Staff Vacancies

- Hope House I - FT Staff Persons
- Hope House II & House of Joseph I – Family Resource Coordinators (Case Managers)
- Finance – Grant/Payroll Accountant
- FT Teacher's Assistant @ Il Bambino
- PT Curriculum Coordinator; plus substitutes for all 3 child care centers
- House of Joseph II – PT Cook & CNA
- AmeriCorps Program – Assistant Job Counselor/RRH Assistant @JPC & RRH; Financial Literacy Navigator