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Mid-County Seniors Donate Mats



The mats spread out on the table in the photo above are made from plastic shopping bags. Volunteers at Mid-County Senior Center spent more than 800 hours creating the colorful mats, which are being distributed to homeless people at Emmanuel Dining Room, to provide insulation from the moisture and cold of ground. Pictured in the photo are members of the MOC Guild receiving the mats, along with Shawna Wainright (standing) who coordinated the project at the senior center.

Hundreds of Coats Collected

The annual winter coat drive led by Pete and Connie McCarthy has been very successful. "Our coat drives this year have been very fruitful, with the extraordinary help of Jimmy Horty, Matt Bowe, and the 'Millennials of the Ministry Committee,'" Connie said.

The coats have been collected at lawyers' offices and other sites throughout the city. At the end of 2016, the drive had resulted in more than 800 donated coats, with many more pickups scheduled. They are being distributed to the homeless and poor through the Distribution Center.

Pete and Connie are members of the boards of Sacred Heart Village and the Ministry of Caring, respectively. They expect to collect more than 1,000 coats by the end of this drive.



News and Notes

- House of Joseph II program director **Sr. Christa Rowe, OSC**, and Mardi Gras co-chair Jennifer Callahan were recently interviewed by Catholic Forum radio. In a program that aired Jan. 8, they discussed their work at HOJ II and the upcoming Mardi Gras fundraising event on March 25. Listen to the podcast at: <http://catholicforumradio.libsyn.com>.

- Over the holidays, the **Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club** generously donated hundreds of homemade latkes for Emmanuel Dining Room.



- The Ministry of Caring received a generous donation of \$5,000 from **Ralph G. Degli Obizzi and Sons Inc.**, a mechanical contractor that has operated in Delaware since 1969.



- **Mark Poletunow**, former Deputy Director and CFO, passed along holiday greetings to the Ministry of Caring. He has moved to Media, PA, with his wife Margalita and twin girls, Sagesse and Anaise. He is the president of Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA, and can be reached at mpoletunow@malvernretreat.com.

- The City of Wilmington is rolling out **digital residential parking permits**, which will utilize license plate recognition technology, eliminating the need for permit stickers. Residents can find more information and apply for these permits at wilmingtonde.gov/residentialparking.
- Copies of employee W-2 **tax forms** will be available online by Jan. 24 at www.paycor.com, as pay stubs are. Hard copies will also be distributed. Please contact Dan Habbart at 516-1065 with any questions.
- **General staff meetings** will be held every other month in 2017, in January, March, May, July, September and November, plus the Christmas breakfast in December.



Millenials Escape from Hogwarts

Several members of the Guild’s Millennials Committee went to Exodus Escape Rooms in North Wilmington on Sunday, Jan. 8, for a team-building exercise. They successfully “escaped” from the Hogwarts Room with 2 minutes and 10 seconds to spare. The Millennials are gearing up for their Annual Crab Fest to be held in September, as well as a guest bartender event. More details on those fundraisers to come.

Pictured above, from left, are Matt Bowe, Alyse Alvini, Dave Young, Clara Mattucci, Ryan Simeone, Ana Bowe, Andrew Trzonkowski and Guild president Jimmy Horty.

Upcoming Birthdays

1/13 -Agata Opechowska
 1/14 -Priscilla Boles
 1/19 -Mia Millner
 1/19 -Christina Sanchez
 1/24 -Willie Newson
 1/24 -Sr. Kathleen O’Donnell
 1/27 -Tawana Dickson



1/27 -Br. Ronald Giannone
 1/27 -Kay Moore
 1/29 -Glen Boone
 1/29 -Marcella Boyer-Fisher
 2/5 -Marymar Hopkins

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 in hospice care; Fr. John LoSasso, OFM Cap., continues to face health challenges; Gene McLaughlin, a former program director, is ill; Deacon Ed Lynch has been experiencing serious health issues; John Loy, a benefactor, is in poor health; Zanetta Morrow, sister of HOJ2 director Sr. Christa Rowe, who is awaiting results of a biopsy; **Jim McManus**, husband of HOJ II administrative assistant Rosemary McManus, is in the hospital.

Please also pray for those who have died: **Debbie Dalecki**, mother of former employee Joe Dalecki; **Barbara Stewart**, mother of HOJ II CNA Shawn Prince.

Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord

Barbara Stewart, Jan. 1



Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 16 — **Martin Luther King Day holiday**
- Sunday, January 22, 5:30pm — **International Night: Polish**, Francis X. Norton Center
- Wednesday, January 25, 8am — **General staff meeting**, Francis X. Norton Center
- Sunday, February 19, 4pm: **Sinatra show**, Sacred Heart Oratory
- Saturday, February 25, 6-10pm: **Mardi Gras**, New Castle County Irish Society
- Sunday, February 26, 5:30pm — **International Night: Spanish**, Francis X. Norton Center
- Wednesday, March 22, 8am — **General staff meeting**, Francis X. Norton Center

Staff News

- Takoma White is resigning as staff person at Hope House I effective January 17
- Karrah Davis has stepped down as teacher’s assistant at CCC.
- Marcella Boyer-Fisher, currently a weekend staff person at HH II, will be transferring to the full-time staff person position at HH I.
- Sarah Viscount, currently a pool staff person, will be transferring to the weekend staff person position at HH II. She will continue to serve as the resident manager of BH I & II in addition to her new position.
- Linda Frazier has joined CCC as a part-time temporary teacher’s assistant.
- Emerald Benson has joined CCC as a part-time temporary intern.
- LaToya Allen will be joining Il Bambino as a temporary teacher as of January 17.
- Danielle Francois will be joining GACC as a temporary teacher as of January 17.
- Marcus Marsh will be joining HJ II as a C.N.A. as of January 23.
- Shannon Ayres, our mental health counselor, will be reducing to a part-time schedule as of February 6 while she pursues doctoral studies.

Staff Vacancies

- Teacher’s assistant at CCC; part-time (open & close shifts) at CCC.
- Part-time Curriculum coordinator for all 3 childcare centers.
- HOJ II: C.N.A.s and part-time weekday cook.