

# Volunteer Matters



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Brother Duewayne Tullos conducted the Memorial Service to a standing room only crowd in our Chapel.

By Jean Nesbit

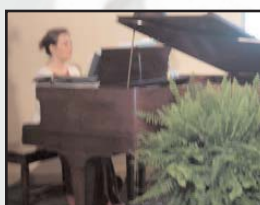
Our Ridgeland branch annual Memorial Service was held on Sunday, June 25 with an attendance of approximately 130 people. "Thank you" to all Hospice Ministries staff who helped prepare for and helped make possible such a special day for our families.



We appreciate the Hospice Ministries staff who participated in the program. They included: Duewayne Tullos, Lead Chaplain; Isabel Cordua, Director of Support Services;

## Hospice Ministries' Annual Memorial Service

Robin Walker, from our housekeeping department; and Teresa Morris, a member of our referral team. As always a number of Hospice Ministries volunteers contributed. Music was provided by volunteers from St. Matthew's UMC by pianist Angela



Angela Thomas

Thomas and Director of Music, Tim Rigby. As a special treat, Steve Cook played his bagpipes for the occasion. A reception was held in the Day Room immediately

following the service. Guests enjoyed taking home bookmarks as mementos of that special day honoring their loved ones who had died.



Steve Cook

*When death enters our lives, it changes us forever. It is a process; always unfinished, never complete. We remember as long as we love.*

## Catholic Heart Workcamp comes to Ridgeland June 19 - 22

**Catholic Heart Workcamp** is a youth ministry workcamp of over 300 students from all over the country. They come to help communities in 34 cities across the nation. Six of these hard working teens volunteered to help ready our gardens before the Memorial Service on June 25.



(L to R) **Mickey Nickrent**, (Mahomet, IL- Adult Leader); **Alexis Rubalcara**, (Houston, TX); **Mike Marshall**, (Madison, WI); **Britt Nygaard**, (Plymouth, WI); **Alyssa McCroom**, (Schoolcraft, MI); and **Kylene Krieger**, (Lake Mary, FL)

These young people pay over \$280 just to have the opportunity to work for those in need.

They plucked & snipped dead flowers, and pulled weeds all week, not to mention cleaning the chandeliers and windows in the Chapel. "I have never seen such hard working teens," stated Master Gardener, June Stevens. "They have really helped in the gardens this week." The teens were wonderful, so polite and entertaining. This is the first year we have participated in this program but already we are looking forward to next year.



Mike, glowing like a real angel helps June in the garden.





## In-Service for Volunteers Flower Arranging



Master Gardener and Flower Show Judge **Frances Morse**, treated us to an enlightening workshop on flower arranging on May 27th at the Ridgeland Center.

Frances explained the different ways one could showcase a large variety

of flowers for different events. Some of the flowers and greenery can come from your own yard. Using local greenery with flowers, containers and oasis donated

from **Petal & Pails in Ridgeland**, the team of volunteer students created some delightful designs which graced our dining room and halls for a week.



Left: Volunteer Iva Shelton and Sandy Crook are busy working on their beautiful arrangements.



Attendees at the In-service were (L to R): Teresa Watts, Doris Moore, Lucie Phillips, Anna Ziemianski, Sandy Crook, Iva Shelton, Linda Young, Dixie Myrick, Alice Rice, Jeannette Prescott, Darlene Schroeder, and speaker, Francis Morse stand behind the beautiful arrangements they have created at the in-service.



Left: Linda Young is putting the finishing touches on her arrangement.

Right: Volunteer Teresa Watts displays her lovely arrangement using only two colors.



Francis has graciously agreed to return this fall to conduct another flower arrangement class working with flowers from your garden. Space will be limited; contact me early if you are interested .

### ***A Special Thank You...***

-To **Petal & Pails, in Ridgeland** for the beautiful flowers, containers and oasis for our flower arranging in-service.

-To **Kroger I -55 North** for donating flowers each week and to the ladies from Christ United Methodist Church for making flower arrangements for patients in our Inpatient facility.

-To **Bill & Peggy Horne** for donating a new bird feeder for the courtyard.

-To **St. Matthew's United Methodist Church** for the adorable flower pots created by the Bible study class.

-To **Terri Spurr** for donating a wonderful collection of books to volunteer services.

-To **Jeannette & Bob Prescott, Alice Rice & Dixie Myrick** for helping with the Volunteer Training Books.

-To the **Volunteers** who participated in the *Volunteer Panel* for the training class.

-To **Jane Cutrer** for making such beautiful and warm afghans for our patients.

-To **Colleen Freeman, Gerry Grey-Lewis and Richard Brogan** for helping with the training Class.

-To **Helen Anthony & June Stevens** for donating a new umbrella for the front courtyard.

### ***A Special Request***

There are many times we are confronted with physical needs for our patients that go beyond their medical needs, such as food. Because of this we are opening a Food Pantry for our home patients.

If you would like to donate to this pantry, or have a Sunday School class who might like to help, please give us a call. Items should have a long shelf life and soft foods (i.e. mash potato mix, puddings, jello, etc.) are preferred, but canned goods are also needed. If you have any questions give Jeri a call. 601-898-1053, ext



# Volunteer Training Notes

## Ridgeland

Jeri Flinn

We are **very grateful** and excited with our new volunteers who joined us for the June 10th & 11th training class at the Ridgeland Center.

**Mable Adams, Polly Stokes Barnes, Wayne Couch, Melissa Bofill, Hampton Shive, LeAnn Nealey, Tiana Lockett, Joyce Terry, & Alicia Williams** attended a full day and a half of intense training to become a hospice volunteer.

Rev. Richard Brogan, Coordinator of the **Faith in Action** program, gave a talk on Spirituality and the **Five Wishes Program**.



Rev. Richard Brogan



Nurse Gerry Grey-Lewis

### Passages

Coordinator and Home nurse Gerry Grey-Lewis gave a touching talk on the physical care of our patients and how the volunteer can make a difference.

I would like to thank the volunteers who participated in our *"volunteer mentor discussion panel"*. This panel allows new trainees the opportunity to ask questions about experiences that other volunteers have had in the field. Thank You **Elizabeth Bonds, Hobson McGehee, Don Guillory, Bill Kopp and James Chapman**.

**TB tests and health assessments** are being given at the Ridgeland Center **free** on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call to make an appointment. **All volunteers must be up-to-date on their TB test before they can visit or sit with a patient. This includes In-patient volunteers.**

**Name tags: If you need a name tag but haven't had your picture taken recently please give Jeri a call.**

### Ridgeland -

Next Volunteer Training class for the Jackson-Ridgeland-Metro area will be held in mid September. Check our web site at [www.hospiceministries.org](http://www.hospiceministries.org) for more information. Or call: 601-898-1053, ext. 258 or 1-800-273-7724

### In-service and Volunteer training information:

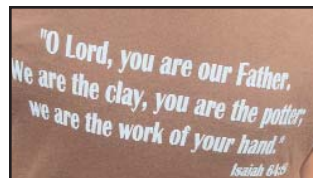
Check our website ([www.hospiceministries.org](http://www.hospiceministries.org)) and click on Volunteer Services for In-service training and other information about Volunteer services for the upcoming months.



### St Matthew's United Methodist Church donates flower pots.

Their t-shirts said it all, **"O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter, we are the work of your hand."**

Children from St Matthew's United Methodist Church decorated pots and planted flowers in them to give to the patients in the In-patient facility. **Thank you volunteer, Dixie Myrick**, for delivering the flower pots to the patients.



Director of Support Services Isabel Cordua, sat with the students to admire the wonderful plants they made as they posed for a picture.



Front (L to R): Isabel Cordua, Kaylee Foster, Mary Evelyn Carroll, Kelly Perkins, Selby Enterkin, Rachel Sign, Maggie Woodall. Back (L to R): Ryan Waters, Tyler Smith, Nicole Healy, Sadie Pierce, Aly Tharp,

Taylor Smith, Lauren Young, Kylee Trawick, Taylor Howard, Molly Holloway, Weston Davis, Chad Croley, Cassidy Brown, and Nicholas Wooten



# “Chillin to the Chill” and dancing the night away...



Lisa Ratzlaff

The beginning of laid back summer days was ushered in on Friday, May 19 by guests as they danced to the music



Guest danced the night away.



of The Chill at the pre-tournament party at Annandale Golf Club.

Left: Lisa Ratzlaff and husband Larry take a few moments to dance.



Dick Largil twirls his wife Kay around the floor a time or two.



Featured was the ice carved martini bar by Pearl River Resorts which was sponsored by KLLM.

Guest Penny Jackson, Teresa Martin and Connie Williams waited patiently for the “cool” bar to open.

Flowers were furnished by the Central Allied Floral Association.

### Golf Tournament Sponsors:

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**Other Contributors:** James Shaw/Geiger · Martini Bar/Pearl River Resorts · Hospice Ministries Cafeteria Staff Click-Fil-A · WLBT · WMSI

**Music Presented by : The Chill**



The tone of the evening was one of laid back fun as attendees participated in a silent auction and waited patiently for the winning bids.

Guest Elthea and Bart Harrison examine the silent auction items before making their bid.

Everyone delighted in the food and beverages provided by Julep Restaurant, Southern Beverage, On The Border and Coca-Cola Bottling.



Right: Dr. Lamar & Jean Nesbit, Bereavement Coordinator, take a moment to taste the delectable food provided by Julep Restaurant.



Out on the balcony a group of friends enjoyed the night air.

Left to right back row: Leland Speed, Lauren Fancher, Stephen Brandon, Anne Lincoln, David & Regina Pyron. Front row: Carrie Speed and Chris Lincoln.



Belinda Patterson, Executive Director of Hospice Ministries, chats with Dr. & Mrs. Archie Howard between songs.



Referral Liaison for Hospice Ministries Anne Lincoln (center) chats with Erin & Matt Campbell during the band break.



# Hospice Ministries' Golf Tournament 2006



Tuesday, May 23, found 144 golfers on the greens of Annandale as they stroked and putted their way through the beautiful 18 hole course.

Development Coordinator Lisa Ratzlaff, going over last minute team changes.



2006 Cingular Wireless Golf Tournament to benefit Hospice Ministries

Each player was presented with a "chillin' and grillin'" stainless steel five piece grill set and had their skills tested as they vied for two hole in one prizes including a Buick LaCrosse provided by Paul Moak Pontiac and two Honda Turbo Aqua Trax watercrafts with a Shorelander trailer provided by North Jackson Honda.



Kevin Adams, Dave Clark, & Greg McNeely accepting their 'Chillin & Grillin' grill set.



Jennifer Drews, Mary Tarquinio, from the McClean Fletcher Center with Dan Broughton & Jean Nesbit

A Sky Caddie, GPS Hole Funder provided by Sky Golf was up for grabs for closest to the hole. Breakfast was provided by Crystal Fuqua, lunch featured sandwiches from Chick-Fil-A, and at the end of the day Mexican dishes were provided by On The Border.

Right: During the break between rounds the golfers take a break waiting for the next tee off at 1:00 p.m.



Left: Volunteer Bertha Gordon, Ashley Parker from Annandale & Anne Lincoln from Hospice Ministries pose for a picture during the tournament.



Right: Exie Pratt and Geri Smith patrol the holes handing out cool drinks for the players.

Right: Advisory Board Members; Lem Smith, Rick Courtney, Lisa Ratzlaff and Dick Largil await the horn to start the next round.



Left: Harry Gilliland & Bill Harris from Vicksburg, Dan Broughton, one of our Board members and John Lindigrim from Vicksburg, before the game.

Taking top honors was the Merchants & Farmers Bank team made up of Steve Upchurch, David Coleman, Randy Clunan, and Matt Jensen. Second place was the North Jackson Honda Yamaha



From the Winning Team: Steve Upchurch, David Coleman, Randy Clunan; not pictured was Matt Jensen.

team comprised of Leland Speed, Ron Henderson, John Raines, and Collier Simpson. Third place hailed from Health Care Medical and included John Wright, Carnes Kelly, John Roddy and Travis Naccarato. Baptist Health Systems, Inc. claimed fourth with team members Dan Ishee, Shane Humphries, Wayne Walters and Dwayne Townsend.



Travis Naccarato and Carnes Kelly from Health Care Medical.

Closest to the hole was taken by Travis Naccarato while longest drive went to Randy Clunan.



## Fun Friday's in June at Ridgeland



HMMMM...Fishy Friday...,How about "Salsa or Fiesta Friday?"

Every Friday in June at Hospice Ministries' Ridgeland office, we had a fun theme for the day. It lightened spirits of our staff and visitors alike.

Social Worker Patty Jones enjoys the cool Margarita's (*non-alcoholic*) that Facilities Manager Bob Schroeder, seen in the back ground made for everyone during lunch.



Crystal Fuqua and Colleen Freeman display the "Fiesta Spirit" for lunch. Crystal's staff also made Taco salads so everyone could join in the fun.



Competition was stiff for **Funny Feet Day**. Many wild feet were entered into the draw, but Bob Schroeder won with his **Homer Simpson** slippers.



Left: Colleen crowns Bob as the **King of the Funny Feet** for the "Funny Feet" day.

**Flower Power Day** had everyone remembering "Flower Power" of the sixties.

The Fun Fridays of the month left everyone in high spirits with hope to continue laughing throughout the summer.



Barbara Nail, Bob Schroeder, Margie DeVos on flower power day.

## Donations for the Ridgeland Offices



IN MEMORY OF  
Jo Ann Rodgers Auble  
January 15, 1933 - May 29, 2007

In a special memorial service given by her sisters, Mrs. Jo Ann Auble was honored with the donation of this beautiful

couch to Hospice Ministries. Her four sisters, **Faye Milner, Mary Nell Poole, Sue Chisolm and Janie Williams** enchanted us by singing hymns to their late sister during the service, just as they had done while she was a patient here. The halls were filled with beautiful music. Thank You Ladies!

**Joretta Meyer** from Jackson wanted to donate an item to Hospice Ministries for the kindness shown to her husband during his stay here four years ago. She saw these two wrought iron benches and thought they would be lovely in the court yards. She bought them and had them delivered to Hospice Ministries earlier this June.



Mrs. Joretta Meyer with her benches.

Thank you Mrs. Meyer for your kindness.

## Broadmoor Baptist Church members donate a hand rail for home patient

Social Worker Lauren McGuffee from the Ridgeland office, noticed that a home patient was in desperate need of a hand rail for his front steps to reduce the risk of falls. With the help of Broadmoor Baptist Church,



Lauren McGuffee



volunteers Faye & Jack Stevens along with their friends, built a brand new hand rail for the patient and his family. We would like to thank the Stevens and Broadmoor Baptist Church for volunteering to help with this need.