



# NLHS Guild Gazette

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## Many Questions

We all have questions about life and our faith. Especially during challenging times. Today I wanted to share with you questions we often ask—and with a Godly response.

I asked God to take away my pain. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. Her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.



## 2021 FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CAMPAIGN

by David McMullen

As the summer fades into memory and the leaves start to fall, our 2021 *Leadership Council* fundraising campaign is now in full stride. This year's campaign will support initiatives such as the expansion of workforce development programs for the recruitment and retention of our employees, and the remodeling of GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center to ensure best possible experiences for our residents and staff.

Workforce development initiatives that will be supported by our 2021 *Leadership Council* campaign include enhanced infection control training, leadership development programs, enhanced dementia and memory care training, and dining and hospitality services programs. Workforce development programs greatly increase employee recruitment, retention, engagement, and morale, and prepare our future leaders for tomorrow's challenges. These training initiatives will result in an increased level of employee expertise and satisfaction, which will also enrich the lives of our residents and their families across The GreenFields campus.

This year's remodeling initiatives at GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center include converting existing semi-private rehabilitation rooms to private rooms, and the conversion of the veranda to a safe COVID-19 visitation area. When the building was built, the veranda was designed to be used in the summer, as an alternative to residents sitting outside in the hot sun. The veranda cannot be used year-round because it has no insulation, heat, or air conditioning. Our 2021 campaign is supporting making this area ideal for use in all four seasons by renovating the space into a comfortable "family room," which can also be utilized as a safe visitation area for as long as the pandemic makes it necessary.

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**To help combat the spread of Covid-19, meetings have been cancelled until further notice!**

**For details related to the next Guild Meeting, see Judy's Corner—Page 2**

# *J*udy's Corner

Greetings everyone,

Hope you all had a good summer, as the season winds down. I know it's been tough trying to figure out what you can and cannot do and still be safe, especially with the Delta strain of Covid-19 upon us. I pray some day soon we can gather again. There will be no September meeting. I was hopeful for October, but now as numbers climb, it is doubtful. We will keep you posted.

Your Guild Board met in August. Some of the topics included were project proposals and Christmas gifts. One proposal was to donate \$2,000 towards a program called Painting with a Twist. These are intergenerational sessions with our residents and our DayCare children painting together. I believe they can only do 8 people at a time. The other proposal is to purchase a new pre-lit Christmas tree for the lobby at GHRC, which is badly needed. Price is to be determined, but I expect about \$1,200 or more. Normally proposals over \$1,000 are brought before you as members to vote on, but with the pandemic, we hope you trust your board in acting on our vote and the approval from CEO Chris Koenig. We discussed many ideas for gifts for our residents. Outside of some Christmas candy, fleece blankets, tissues, slipper socks, and maybe even a beanie baby were some of the possibilities. Any church or guild member that may like to contribute funds to purchase the gifts may send a check payable to The NLHS Guild, 5959 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086. Please mark check as Christmas gifts.

We will again be collecting calendars and note pads. If you have some to donate you can call me @ 681-8296 and I will make arrangements for pickup or drop off. They can also be dropped off at the Corporate Office if you live in the neighborhood of The GreenFields. Just remark that they are for the Guild.

If you know of a member that has passed, please call me or Mary Dumke at 684-0202, Ext. 1802. I like to include their families in our prayers. When someone passes we normally send one last newsletter to the family in hopes that they see their loved ones name at the end of my letter. Without monthly newsletters, I have been sending cards to the families of our members.

Our next newsletter will be when we can hold a meeting at The GreenFields or for December, whichever comes first. I truly hope and pray that our Christmas Celebration, especially is a go. If so, we would like to do our usual basket raffle. So start thinking about donating one. I will keep you posted.

- Peace, Love and Faith! - *Judy*

Prayers go out to the families of our deceased members. Today we send prayers to the family of Lilo Dolinski. We pray for all our members, especially those suffering from lose, health issues, or loneliness. We also pray for Donna Eadie for her upcoming surgery.

## Residents' Birthdays

### TERRACE

Sylvia McConnell-9/14  
Helen Reinig-9/24  
Dorothy Wozniak-9/27



### COURT

Shirley Van Houten-9/5  
Raymond Myers-9/7  
Paul DuPernell-9/9  
Joseph Gizinski-9/11  
Elizabeth Shultz-9/28

### GHRC

Wilma Gloss-9/5  
Anita Pellegrino-9/7  
Giovanna Mesi-9/9  
Marilyn Stanton-9/12  
Alice Hilborn-9/13  
Mary Smolarek-9/15  
Judith Zdrojewski-9/16  
Mary Witt-9/21  
Wendy Boyle-9/22  
Elizabeth Blake-9/25  
Igor Koganov-9/25  
Janet Koeth-9/26  
Marjorie Geiser-9/28  
Mary Kaczmarek-9/29  
Moira Furlong-9/30

### A Note of Thanks

Throughout this tumultuous year, with safety protocols and lack of gatherings, the Guild remains blessed with caring churches and wonderful members.

I would like to thank you for your awesome contributions. We have received donations from Nativity Lutheran Church, St. Martin Lutheran Church, the Dash Tape Program, and our fellow members who gave additional amounts with their \$5 dues. I would also like to thank those during this year, that helped with our Mother's Day and Father's Day plants, our newsletters, and our financial reports.

Thank you again and May God Bless You!

Judy Hardie—Guild President



## WISH LISTS

### GF Court: Lisa Scaglione at 684-8400

- "Phone Pals" - to make regular phone calls to an assisted living resident
- Snack size candy bars
- Beanie Babies

### GF Terrace: Jessica Cornell at 681-6364

- Bingo Dabbers
- Giant Chalk
- Paint Brushes

### GHRC: Mary Beth Mego at 684-3000 ext..1344

- Color Books
- Colored Pencils
- Snack size candy bars
- Large print books

### **Come Tour the GreenField Manor!**

Take a tour of GreenField Manor independent living apartments during the following open houses. No appointment necessary:

**Wednesday, October 13th**  
**Wednesday, November 10th**  
**1:00—3:30 p.m.**

Please note, if you wish to tour any of our other facilities (other than the Manor) you must schedule an appointment. To schedule a tour, call 716-684-8400

To minimize the risk of COVID-19, visitors are required to wear masks and practice safe social distancing.

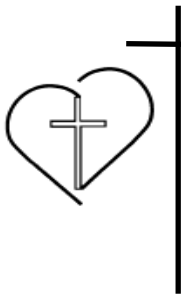
For more information and to schedule a virtual tour of GreenField Court assisted living apartments and GreenField Terrace memory care and enhanced assisted living residences, call 716-684-8400.

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Since the launch of our *Leadership Council* fundraising program, these campaigns have raised over \$7.9 million for the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation. For more information on how you can help make this year's campaign a success, please contact David McMullen, Executive Director of Development & Marketing, by calling 716-684-0202, ext. 1806 or via email at: [dmcullen@niagaralutheran.org](mailto:dmcullen@niagaralutheran.org).

**Legacies for Life** ~ Gifts made by bequest through a will, bequest or insurance policy, play a vital role in our mission of compassionate care. To learn more, contact the Foundation at (716) 684-0202.

"Each of us can be a rainbow of hope, doing what we can to extend ourselves in kindness and grace to one another"



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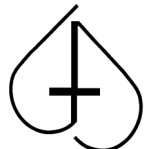
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*Happy Fall*

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The NIAGARA LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEM GUILD  
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related to the Niagara Lutheran Health System as they are able.  
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