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Senior Friendship Centers Rely on Volunteers

Friendship Forward proudly shares some of our rich history as an organization. Since 1973 our "people helping people" philosophy has relieved isolation and loneliness, promoted independence, and prevented premature institutionalization for tens of thousands of older adults in our communities. Almost four decades later, we find ourselves at the epicenter of a global longevity revolution which will touch each and every one of us. Our mission is more important than ever.

Many of the readers of this newsletter are our prized volunteers who make our organization so dynamically unique. Our medical and dental services, for those on limited income, are staffed by retired volunteer physicians, dentists and nurses. In our Friendship-at-Home program volunteers are friendly visitors who break down isolation and loneliness for those frail and home bound. Our Caregiver Resource Centers involve volunteers and existing community resources to help others on the difficult care giving journey. And, our acclaimed Friendship Centers engage hundreds of volunteers who support just a few paid staff in special models of efficiency that have become our trademark.

Recognizing the growing limitations of governmental support, and the ever increasing needs, we continue to develop important new programs and extend our community outreach through our Longevity Center, drawing upon the amazing talents and time-generosity of community volunteers. Our founders simply called it "people helping people." It is a concept that has withstood the test of time.

Warmest regards,

Bob Carter
President and CEO

A Decision to Volunteer

*Story reprinted from **Friendship Forward**, a monthly publication of the Senior Friendship Centers, Sarasota, Florida.*

When the decision is made to volunteer your time, seldom is the intention to commit a lifetime to any one organization. In fact, few organizations can boast they have a volunteer for more than 30 years – a dedicated person who has “punched the clock” five days a week. At **Senior Friendship Centers**, Molleen Pust is that volunteer. In fact, **Brother William Geenen** calls Molleen his “first volunteer.”

Molleen retired from personnel management with the federal government in 1973 and moved to Sarasota from Washington, D.C. During her working years, she led a vagabond life, moving wherever the government sent her and has been stationed in such places as Germany and Okinawa. However, she always found time to volunteer to work with children.

When Mollen first became a volunteer SFC had just begun operating out of a rundown bungalow in downtown Sarasota. Today there are facilities in six counties – Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, Manatee and Collier. None of the humble beginnings or physical inconveniences swayed Molleen from the true course – to provide people with a place of dignity, friendship and care. She never lost focus or the determination to achieve the goal that involved long hours, high energy, plenty of time and personal sacrifice.

Molleen remains quietly in the background and continues to go about her volunteer work strengthening and expanding the programs at SFC. She brags about the loyal staff who take pride in their jobs and credits Brother Geenen with giving many seniors a reason to live.

“Age is a state of mind,” says Molleen as she talks about today’s centers--where you will see a full range of again well--from baby boomers in computer classes to the 103 year old man who brings his girlfriend to dance every week.

Her day to day problem solving abilities have enabled a struggling non-profit to start with an idea, grow strong and become a vital contributor to the quality of life in Sarasota and surrounding communities.

Province Workshop Inspires Reflection

Rev. Eugene Hemrick began his three-day workshop with Mass where he reflected on the wonderful times he shared with the Brothers of Holy Cross during his three years of study at Notre Dame during the late 1960's. His five sessions covered: a sense of purpose and what we are about, kindness, resentment, humor and understanding. The Thursday evening session was devoted to four brothers, **Roy Smith, Raymond Papenfuss, Chris Torrijas and James Spooner** who shared their journey of being called to join the community to the present time. All of the sessions concluded with questions from the brothers.



Pictures of the workshop are available on the website at:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/GatheringJun2010/GatheringJun2010.htm>

Brothers
Roy Smith
Raymond Papenfuss
Chris Torrijas
And
James Spooner



Holy Cross Village Flocked



On the morning of Tuesday, June 15 many were startled as they entered Holy Cross Village to see 75 blue flamingos near State Road 933. Why were they there? Who put them there? Opinions ranged from, “We just wanted to welcome all the brothers coming to the workshop by Fr. Eugene Hemrick this week” to

“It just might be a marketing tool the Village is using to try to sell the apartments in Riverside Place.” The real truth is that the flamingos were there to draw attention to the upcoming **Roofsit** by the DJ’s of U93 on the roof at Martin’s on SR 23 and Ironwood from June 21-

25 to raise funds to Prevent Child Abuse in St. Joseph County. A card on one of the flamingos told how you could “Flock” a friend’s yard for a donation of \$46.00. The donation would get you a flock of 14 flamingos. Over the past 13 years the **Roofsit** has raised \$1.7 million for the organization. By the morning of June 17 the flock of flamingos had moved on to their next location.

Violent Storm Fails to Stop Blessed Brother Andre Talk

Brother George Klawitter, English professor at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, gave his lecture on Blessed Brother Andre Bessette on Friday, June 18, despite a violent thunder storm battering the Driscoll Auditorium of Holy Cross College. The storm prevented many from attending the lecture. Klawitter evaluated Blessed Brother Andre against the founders of the Congregation of Holy Cross (Dujarie, Mottais and Moreau) in respect to the spirit and traditions of the Community. The final third of Brother George's lecture was on how Blessed Andre might have dealt with some of the social justice issues facing the Church today. A reception following the lecture was held in the Holy Cross College Atrium.



Pictures of Brother George's lecture may be found at:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/AndreKlawitter/AndreKlawitter.htm>

Should you desire a copy of Brother George's lecture on Blessed Brother Andre please send him an e-mail and request an electronic copy of his talk at: georgek@stedwards.edu Brother George is on vacation and will return to Texas July 7.

Reitz Memorial Seeks Executive Director

Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana, is seeking a qualified person for the position of Executive Director through a continuing extended search. The search extends to any interested Holy Cross priest, sister, or brother.

Reitz Memorial is a diocesan Catholic co-educational high school, founded in 1925, formerly staffed by the Midwest Brothers of Holy Cross and the Sisters of Providence. Information about this position and application may be found on the school's website www.reitzmemorial.org.

Jubilee 2010 Held Under Blue Sky

After surviving the June 18 “Storm of the Year,” the jubilee celebration on Saturday, June 19, for 15 brothers from the Midwest Province and three from the South-West Province went off without a hitch. Guests praised the liturgy, homily, music, food and overall coordination of the celebration. Midwest Brothers **Thomas Moser and Donald Kuchenmeister** were unable to attend.

You may enlarge the group photograph to print your own copy. Those who celebrated a jubilee may request a CD copy of all the pictures taken by contacting **Br. Charles McBride** at:

cmcbride@brothersofholycross.com.

Some jubilee pictures will be posted on the home website later this week under *Current Events* at: www.brothersofholycross.com



Link for original size:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Jubilee19Jun2010/Jubilee19Jun2010.jpg>

Holy Cross 29th History Conference Revisited

The 29th annual Conference on the History of the Congregations of Holy Cross was held at Holy Cross College June 3-6. It attracted 59 participants from around the United States and Canada, with another 20 local observers. There were 10 presentations and afternoon tours.

The theme for this year's Conference was "Little Known Religious in Holy Cross." The papers that were presented touched on: the early presidents of Saint Mary's College, the artistic talents of Sister Eva Ledoux, the poetry of Father Christopher O'Toole, the educational leadership of Sister Hildegardis, CSC and the atmosphere prior to the 1932 General Chapter.

Three papers were presented by Midwest Brothers. **Br. James Newberry** spoke of the accomplishments of the talented architect, Br Charles Borromeo Harding, famous for his design of Sacred Heart Basilica and other buildings. **Br. Bernard Donahoe** read the paper that Br George Klawitter wrote (who couldn't make two consecutive trips to Notre Dame) on one of the early pioneers sent to Algeria, Br Hilarion Fenton. **Br. Lawrence Stewart** presented a paper on Br Alan McNeill's life of humility and service.

Br. Alan McNeill had only two obediences during in his religious life, (both of which he didn't particularly enjoy) but he faithfully served. He was a prefect of Notre Dame students at Brownson Hall for 15 years and 19 years as a canvasser for the Ave Maria magazine and in the Ave Maria Press mailing room for eight years.

Two interesting stories were discovered in doing research for the paper on Br Alan. He has for a long time, since the 1940's, been thought to be the founder of the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts. The idea was based on an index card attached to an old photo of Br. Alan and a group of students which was labeled "Brother Alan, the founder of the Bengal Bouts at Notre Dame in 1920." This has been a source of misinformation and confusion for years.

The photo actually was from a story of Br. Alan's in an issue of *The Bengalese* in 1922. In an enlargement of the photo there is a poster advertising a "Burlesque Boxing Exhibition to benefit the Bengal Missions, on March 14." A sum of \$286.00 was raised from the event. Even though it was allegedly to benefit the Bengal Missions, the 1922 *Bengalese* article states, "*Brother Alan and the student*

Committee on Arrangements decided the proceeds were sent to a new seminary in Detroit, Michigan.” So the money raised never went to the Bengal Missions!

In actuality the first Bengal Bouts started in 1930 and became an annual event in 1932. At that time, Br. Alan was far from Notre Dame, he was canvassing for the Ave Maria on the East coast!

The other surprise finding in studying Br. Alan’s life occurred when he was made the new rector of Carroll Hall in August, 1926. But he was canvassing for the Ave Maria later that same year. A letter that he wrote to the provincial in August 1929, asked, “Where should I go for the annual retreat? Please do not send me to Notre Dame, I am so ashamed and can’t forgive myself for my awful offense!” What had happened?

More research found that after five weeks on the job as rector of Carroll Hall, on October 6, 1926, Alan ran away from Notre Dame He wrote, “The students were driving me nutty!” He went to Gethsemane to try to join the Trappists. He communicated with his provincial and was urged to return to Notre Dame. He returned back after 13 days, and was assigned to do maintenance work at St. Edward’s University, before taking up a new obedience as a canvasser for the Ave Maria.... a job he held for the next 27 years.

It was announced that next year’s Holy Cross History Conference will be June 2-5, 2011, at Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, Ohio. Ursuline College is located near Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio. Classes will still be in session at Gilmour at the time of the conference.

The theme for next year’s Conference is “Emulating/Honoring Holy Cross Religious for their Ministry or Spirituality.” If anyone is interested in joining the Association, participating in the 30th Annual Conference, or willing to present a paper, please contact Br. Lawrence Stewart at archives@brothersofholycross.com I have been designated to succeed Father Jim Connelly as the new Holy Cross History Conference president. More information about the history conference will be forthcoming.

Br. Lawrence Stewart

Severe Thunderstorm Hits South Bend

At 6:45 pm on Friday, June 18, a severe thunderstorm packing 80 mph winds ravaged the South Bend area. Severe damage occurred on the grounds of Columba Hall and the Holy Cross Community Cemetery at Notre Dame. Over 80,000 families were without electricity in the South Bend and Southern Michigan area. For some power would not be restored until today. For pictures of the damage at Columba Hall and Holy Cross Community Cemetery click on this [link](#).



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Dujarie House Renovation Begins



Two weeks ago renovation began on the original “west” wing of Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The timetable for completing the project is 60 days and could be somewhat sooner. The wing is being modified to accommodate seven patients; three of the four rooms in the wing will have two beds and one room with a single bed. Two new bathrooms and rooms are being constructed on the north side of the hall. The changes will make the rooms larger and allow for two-patient

rooms which will be less costly per person.



Request by Brother Edward Dailey

“**Brother Edward Dailey** has been asked to coordinate requests for tickets to attend the actual canonization ceremony of André Bessette on October 17 and for the weekly papal audience on Wednesday, October 20th. This applies only to those brothers not utilizing an organized tour group. If you are traveling with a group such as Spiritours, tickets are included with the tour package, and you are already included in the count. Tickets are not required for the prayer vigil on Saturday, October 16th or the Mass of Thanksgiving on Monday, October 18th. If you are making your own arrangements including accommodations and would like Brother Edward Dailey to secure tickets for you, please contact him at edaileycsc@yahoo.com by July 1st.”



Brothers Celebrate Jubilees

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/BrothersNewsletters/Jubilee2010.pdf>

Midwest-Midweek Summer Schedule

Midwest-Midweek will publish every two weeks during the summer months. The next issue will be on Wednesday, July 7 followed by 21, and August 4. We will begin publishing each Wednesday beginning with August 18.

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