

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## A Steinway School Gilmour Academy



Brother Daniel Kane has moved to St. Joseph Place, Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame. Before he left Gilmour Academy Dan was recorded performing a Chopin selection at the new Steinway in Tudor Lounge. You may enjoy listening to his playing by clicking on the YouTube link below.

link: <https://vimeo.com/282771652>

The selection Dan plays here (actually playing for real, of course) is *Chopin: Valse, Op. 54, No. 2 in C-Sharp Minor*. Be aware that his performance ends just over four minutes in, and there are some minutes of "blank" recording afterward.

This piano, a Steinway "Spirio," is actually a "player" piano, even though you wouldn't know this by its appearance.

"You pick up your I-pad, open the software, pick a piece (from any of several categories) and it 'runs' the piano as if a 'live' player were at the keyboard."

Because of the generosity of **Matthew Figgie, class of '84** at Gilmour (and the Figgie Foundation) Gilmour is becoming a "Steinway school."

We have five Steinway pianos so far, and, over the next couple of years, are due to receive five more.

## Friendship Centers Celebrate 45 Years

The Herald Tribune in Florida has published pictures celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friendship Centers' founding. If you follow the link below to the article, be sure to view the pictures that cross the screen at the top of the article.

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180831/friends-of-friendship-centers-celebrate-45-years>



**Email from Br. Lawrence Skitzki, csc – Front page article from the *Herald Tribune***

**By Barbara Peters Smith  
Staff Writer**

Most of the folks eating birthday cake last Friday at the Sarasota Friendship Center were miles away from here. Forty-five years ago, in 1973, Anne Feltner is pretty sure she was working for the Bendix Corp. in Southfield, Michigan. Warren Williamson was an instructor at the Federal Aviation Administration institute in Oklahoma City. Vera Clarke, who came to Sarasota seven years ago to live near her son, said she was in Wyoming at the time. This makes them typical of so many elders who find themselves in Southwest Florida after years and careers spent elsewhere, and wind up building a new community through people they meet at the Senior Friendship Center. But Mike Kanozsay, a Hungarian-born dance instructor who came to Sarasota on a Trailways bus in 1957, maintained that he's been a regular at the center from the very beginning — when he would bring students over from his Palm

Avenue studio. “One day, we found out there was music here, and we’d dance,” he said. He still visits in the afternoons, he said Friday, “to hit on the women.”

When Brother William Geenan and Molleen Pust opened up Sarasota’s first gathering place for seniors in 1973, they might not have envisioned six locations in five counties, or a medical clinic that logged some 17,000 visits last year. The centers also coordinate everything for elders from free meals to home health care, offer adult day care for clients with dementia, and provide a full array of classes — from Tai Chi to conversational French to how to use an iPad.

But Friendship Centers CEO Erin McLeod told the celebrants at Friday’s birthday party for the organization, they did anticipate that the need would grow. As proof, she held up a photo of the downtown bungalow where it all started, with a modest sign out front that read “Senior Friendship Centers.” “Brother Geenan knew there would be more,” McLeod said. And it all started, she noted, “with a card table and a black lab and a station wagon.”

Bob Carter, who began working with Geenan and Pust in 1987 and served as CEO until retiring in 2015, told the origin story of Geenan visiting from Indiana in the 1970s, and launching the first center with \$79 in ready funds. “He ran into a couple of people down here,” Carter said. “They had lost their spouses; they were lonely, and engaged him in long conversations.” The opening 45 years ago was far from grand, he added.

But the spirit of it was similar to the informal socializing you see at the centers today — and the demand for a place like this one was evident from the start. “They asked people to come for coffee and doughnuts,” Carter said. “I think they had to go out for doughnuts three times, because they had been expecting a handful and more than a hundred showed up.”

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Below is the Friendship Centers’ link to its website. The video on its home page contains a complete story in pictures of what the Centers are all about. Drop down to the *Welcome to the Friendship Centers* video section:

<https://friendshipcenters.org/>

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Here**

## Notre Dame College Prep Notre Dame College Prep shows out for Prep Rally Friday!



Fox 32 out of Chicago checks out Notre Dame College Prep. Click the link below to view the video:

<http://www.fox32chicago.com/mornings/358014990-video>

### Milestones



**Retirement: Rick Landsberg with family and Friends**



**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Shirley Albertson with daughter Shannon**



## Reflection



### Celebrating Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is the **Jewish New Year**. The holiday begins at sundown on September 9<sup>th</sup> and ends at nightfall on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, completes the annual Days of Awe on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a time of family gatherings, special meals, and sweet foods.

The table is filled with festive foods such as challah bread, pomegranates, and apples dipped in honey to reflect a wish for happy, prosperous days to come.

The Jewish New Year is celebrated by greeting one another with the words *shana tovah u'metukah*, Hebrew for "a good and sweet new year!"



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