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## HIS IRISH EYES ARE SMILING AT MCH

Bernard "Bernie" Flatley can count many blessings in his life – a 55-year marriage, a successful business, and a decorated military career, amongst others. But Bernie's good fortune was more than just the "luck of the Irish," as he was a hard-working businessman who used his forte to create a successful life for himself and his family.

Bernie was born in Stockbridge, Wisconsin to a family of six; his family was Catholic and 100 percent Irish, a heritage that Bernie enthusiastically embraces. Bernie's father established a bank in Stockbridge and served as its president until his retirement.

Bernie attended Chilton High School, and after graduation, he joined the Air Force. He worked as an engineer gunner on B-24 Liberators, serving in 51 bombing missions over Germany and The Balkans. In 2007, Bernie was awarded the Lance P. Sijan Award from the Army Air Force Committee for his service with the 46<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group. The award is one of the Air Force's most prestigious, recognizing those who demonstrate the highest levels of leadership.

Bernie spent about two years overseas in the Air Force, after which he moved to Milwaukee and began college at Marquette University. While in school, Bernie met his future wife, Peggy O'Neil, at social events, as he was in a fraternity and she in a sorority. Bernie graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1947; he and Peggy married in 1948. After college, Bernie went to work for the Louis Allis Company. Bernie and Peggy settled in Whitefish Bay and had a son,

Tim; they attended Holy Family Parish for many years.

Bernie worked for the Louis Allis Company for a couple of years; however, entrepreneurship must have run in the Flatley family.

Bernie soon realized that he was gifted in sales and decided to start his own business, following his father's career path. Bernie established B. Flatley & Associates, Inc., selling chains and bearings until his retirement. At his retirement party, his colleagues and friends presented Bernie with a life-sized cutout of himself, which they all signed.

In retirement, Bernie and Peggy enjoyed traveling all over the country and the world. Some of his favorite trips were to Italy, France, England and – of course – Ireland! Two years ago Bernie made his sixth trip to Ireland and visited some relatives.

Bernie's first experience with Milwaukee Catholic Home was when Peggy lived in the Health and Rehabilitation Center. When he began to think about moving to a retirement community, Bernie remembered the caring way in which his wife was treated at MCH and decided to move into an apartment. While it was difficult to leave his home of more than 50 years, Bernie now appreciates the delicious meals, varied social opportunities and daily Mass at MCH. On a daily basis, Bernie gathers with friends for a cocktail after Mass, which he knows he would not be able to do if he still lived in his home. It is a true "Irish blessing" that Bernie is a part of the MCH community!



**Bernie Flatley**



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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



**Sandra Dugan**

CareTracker, a data collection and reporting system has recently been implemented in the Milwaukee Catholic Home Health and Rehabilitation Center. The touch-screen kiosks central to the CareTracker system prompt our Certified Nursing Assistants to answer questions about residents in various categories, such as personal care and eating habits. CareTracker will serve as a replacement for the paper flow sheets previously in use. Nurses and other professionals will be able to easily review the inputted data, and this data will be

automatically forwarded to the residents' clinical record in our computer database, Answers on Demand, making it easier to track residents' medical histories.

Joan Quirk, Milwaukee Catholic Home's Director of Nursing, is serving as the Project Leader for the execution of CareTracker. She is responsible for managing the overall project, rollout planning, and other implementation decisions. Joan has involved staff in this project since the research phase, educating employees each step of the way. Prior to implementation, a "CareTracker is Coming" campaign was posted throughout the MCH campus, adding to the staff's anticipation of using the new system.

Using CareTracker is a benefit to both MCH staff and residents. Throughout the day, MCH employees utilizing CareTracker stop at the kiosks, so that the care they have provided is fresh in their minds when they input information. The computer shields prior entries from view, so that each entry is completely independent of prior records. Thus, CareTracker allows direct caregivers to document their actions more accurately, rather than concurring with previous records and possibly second-guessing their own observations. Additionally, resident care differs during the day and night, making it critical that each employee document his or her own actions and observations. We are pleased to be able to provide MCH employees with valuable tools such as CareTracker, which will allow them to better perform their jobs and make them feel more valuable.

CareTracker will also improve the quality of care and enhance the lives of our residents, as our staff accurately documents the care they provide throughout the day, fine-tuning care plans when necessary. Reports can be generated on a number of topics with just the click of a mouse, allowing staff to more easily detect and prevent potential health problems. For instance, nurses will be able to easily monitor any changes in a resident's weight and can then adjust the care plan for the resident accordingly. Using the tools provided in CareTracker will make a difference in the lives of our residents, making MCH an even better place for them to call home.

## ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

At the suggestion of residents Pat and Joe Frinzi, MCH's Assisted Living residents celebrated St. Joseph's Day with a special feast. Saint Joseph is one of the most beloved saints among Italian-Americans; as the patron of workers and the protector of the family, he is traditionally honored with a feast on March 19. MCH staff worked with the residents to determine a menu for the festivities and then Pat and Joe helped do the shopping at Glorioso's, picking out the proper foods and donating them for the event. The final menu included: Pasta con Sarde (penne pasta with a sauce made of sardines, fennel, and



**Patricia and Joe Frinzi with Recreation Coordinator Katie Rutz**

onion, mixed with a marinara sauce); artichoke-filled ravioli; provolone cheese; Sicilian olive salad; fresh Italian bread; apples and oranges; Chianti; and pizzelles for dessert.

A traditional St. Joseph feast incorporates a shrine to St. Joseph, with a statue surrounded by flowers, specially braided breads, and plates with samples of the foods being served. The MCH feast included a statue of St. Joseph, a bread braid and lilies. The table was strewn with apples, oranges and small loaves of bread so that each participant was able to go home with bread, an apple and an orange. No one left with an appetite unsatisfied!

Call Theresa at (414) 220-3233 for more information about Assisted Living or to see the model apartment.

## VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT SPECIAL LUNCHEON



**Volunteer of the Year Genevieve Sanfelippo works at an Easter egg coloring event**

Milwaukee Catholic Home's annual volunteer luncheon took place on April 23rd. The "Dining with the Stars" themed luncheon honored MCH's 174 volunteers, including Volunteer of the Year Genevieve Sanfelippo. The event, held during National Volunteer Week, recognizes the countless hours volunteers give to Milwaukee Catholic Home by performing services such as assisting with the aviaries, working in the Emporium, helping with special events and activities, providing companionship, and teaching crafts and activities. Lunch was followed by a performance from The Angelaires of Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. Thank you to all of our volunteers for everything you do!



**Volunteers Judy Burke and Sue Erdman**



# COMEDY SPORTZ PROVIDES A GOOD LAUGH



**MCH resident Jerry Dettman participates in Comedy Sportz**

A traveling show by Comedy Sportz performers visited Milwaukee Catholic Home in April for an “exhibition match.” The interactive, improvisational comedy act was largely based on audience suggestions and feedback. The Comedy Sportz performers played various games, incorporating volunteers from the audience and asking for ideas off of which to base their comedy. The hilarious act was an audience pleaser, as the MCH residents and family members who participated stole the show with their input and involvement in the games.

## NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE A MOVE TO MCH!

With everything that is being reported on the news recently, it is easy to think that now is not a good time to make a move to a retirement community. While it is true that some homes may not be selling quite as quickly as in the past, first-time buyers are motivated by the \$8,000 tax credit offered in the stimulus package, as well as historically low mortgage rates; thus, homes are selling!

At Milwaukee Catholic Home, several residents have chosen to make the move to an apartment prior to selling their home or condo and started enjoying all the benefits of MCH sooner; in time, their homes sold. We know that these are more challenging times, and we are very flexible with new residents to make the move as easy as possible for them. Additionally, with all utilities (except telephone), three meals a day, housekeeping, and cable television included in the fees at MCH, moving to an apartment can be a way of stabilizing costs at a time when prices are fluctuating.

For anyone who has been thinking about moving into a two-bedroom apartment, this is an excellent time to move to MCH, because we have three available two-bedroom units. Prospective residents can have their choice of a newly remodeled unit or a traditional unit. They also have more choice in layout of the unit and preferred floor and view.

If you are thinking about making a move but are not quite sure if MCH is right for you, we encourage you to try it out in one of our guest rooms or through our Assisted Living Respite program. Staying in a guest room will allow you to see what life is really like at MCH, from three delicious meals per day, to exercise and art classes, to great entertainment like Comedy Sportz and our Patio Pops summer concert series. Take advantage of all MCH has to offer. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Linda Cardinale at (414) 220-3216.





# GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Milwaukee Catholic Home gratefully acknowledges our generous benefactors. Gifts of cash, property, securities, bequests and other gifts assist us in providing outstanding retirement and health care services for our residents. We encourage gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. We will be happy to notify the individual or family member of your generosity.

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This year Milwaukee Catholic Home will present four free seminars in our "Leave a Legacy" series, featuring authoritative speakers from community foundations, as well as other financial professionals. Members of the Anna Marie Hackett Society—named in honor of one of the founders of Milwaukee Catholic Home—will receive invitations. **All others are welcome to attend.** For dates and topics or to suggest a topic, contact Richard Lowe, MCH Development Director, at (414) 220-3214 or [rlowe@milwaukeeecatholicome.org](mailto:rlowe@milwaukeeecatholicome.org).



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## JOIN FRIENDS OF MCH!

You can help create a new organization that will be an enduring benefit to Milwaukee Catholic Home. A new group, *Friends of MCH*, will bring together residents, family members, volunteers, donors, and anyone who would like to support the mission of Milwaukee Catholic Home. The group will help define its own role, with suggestions ranging from helping with the Fall Bazaar to other fundraising efforts. The goal is to create an auxiliary group that works around your busy schedule; meetings might be only semi-annually, communicating instead by phone or email whenever possible. Interested? Find out more about *Friends of MCH* by calling (414) 220-3214 or emailing [rlowe@milwaukeeecatholichome.org](mailto:rlowe@milwaukeeecatholichome.org). Suggestions welcome.



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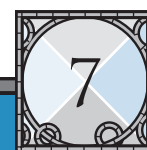
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Looking for a special Mother's or Father's Day gift? Consider a gift honoring or memorializing those who have been such a vital part of your life. The person you honor is notified of your thoughtfulness and recognized in the *Focus* newsletter. You can make a special Mother's or Father's Day tribute through Milwaukee Catholic Home's commemorative gift program. Contact Richard Lowe at (414) 220-3214.

## DONOR CIRCLE RECEPTION MOVES TO SPRING

Traditionally, our Donor Circle appreciation event has been held in the autumn. However, most gifts are received in December, a month or two after the event, meaning that almost a year passes before we can invite and thank the many December donors. Therefore, the Donor Circle Reception is moving from a fall event to an early spring function. By moving it to late March or April of 2010, we will be able to invite *everyone* who gave \$100 or more in 2009, including the vast majority who gave at Thanksgiving or Christmas. We want you to know how much we appreciate your gift, and we do not want to wait a year before telling you in person.





# OPEN HOUSE TO KICK OFF PATIO POPS SEASON

We will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, May 27th to kick off our 8th annual Patio Pops concert series. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and tour apartments and common areas such as St. Anne's Chapel, the dining room, the solarium, arts and crafts rooms, the Emporium, and more in The Residence beginning at 5:30 p.m. Visit with residents who have decided to make Milwaukee Catholic Home their home. A performance of hits from Sinatra to Santana by the George Busateri Band will follow at 7:30 p.m. as the first concert in our 2009 Patio Pops season. For more information or to RSVP for the Open House, contact Linda Cardinale at (414) 220-3216.



## 2009 PATIO POPS PERFORMANCES

### May 27th:

George Busateri Band  
(Hits from Sinatra to Santana)

### June 3rd:

Golden Eagle Band (Police Band)

### June 17th:

Chuck Hedges Milwaukee Connection (Jazz)

### July 1st:

Main Street Song & Dance Troupe

### July 15th:

Robin Pleur & Friends

### July 29th:

Newtonburg Brass Band

### August 12th:

A Soprano, Piano & Friends

### August 26th:

Tom Anthony Band (Las Vegas Show)

**All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on The Residence outdoor patio, weather permitting, and are free and open to the public.**



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