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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Fontbonne Members,

This is my last "message from the president" in our Fontbonne Facts. It has been my privilege to serve as President of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital & Medical Center for the past two years. I cannot thank

everyone enough for all of the support, encouragement and friendship they have shared with me. It was a blessing to work side by side with all of you. I also have to thank Raegan, Pauline and Kathy, who gave me the confidence to lead and made these last two years so amazing. I will never forget this experience, and I look forward to being involved with the Fontbonne Auxiliary in the years to come.

What a wonderful White Christmas Ball we had this past December! "I Can See Your Halo Glow" was the theme chosen by our Ball Chair Pam Meyer. Pam and her committee created a magical evening that was held at the new Cobo Center. The event raised \$91,000 to purchase a new breast ultrasound machine for the Liggett Breast Center.

We began 2015 with an exciting Girls Night Out kick off that was held at the Atwater Brewery. The event chairs are Liz Bsharah and Sheri Rieth, and it will be a Comedy evening this year "Giggles-N-Gals". It will be held at the Assumption Cultural Center on Wednesday, April 29. This year's event will benefit the completion of the NICU. Please come and support this fun-filled evening!

In February we held our general membership meeting at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. We enjoyed a cooking demonstration by the award-winning Chef David Daniot.

Our annual Lenten Day of Renewal was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Wednesday, March 17. Members enjoyed a reflection by Monsignor John Zenz along with a beautiful lunch. This year's topic was "Why We Need a Church". Andrea Soave Provenzano and Alicia Krall will be hosting our May general meeting at The Hill Seafood & Chop House on Wednesday, May 13. At this time the new board will be introduced and your new president, Debbie Condino-Bell will be installed.

It has truly been a rewarding and humbling experience these past two years leading the Fontbonne Auxiliary. I came in to this role unsure and slightly terrified, and I am leaving feeling so blessed and grateful to have been given this incredible opportunity. I encourage everyone to continue to get involved. We are so fortunate to have this group of amazing women with endless love, talent and passion.

Warmest wishes,

Amy

Amy Danna, Fontbonne President

CORRESPONDING Report

January

7th Sympathy to Suzanne Joos on the death of her husband

23rd Sympathy to the family of Catherine Andary

23rd Sympathy to Jeanne Reichert on the death of her husband

23rd Sympathy to Mildred Murray on the death of her husband

30th Get well to Donna Broderick-Narva

February

17th Congratulations to Mary Ellen Dakmak on the birth of her grandson

March

13th Thinking of you to Patty Stumb

-New Life Members-
Sheryl Totte

-New Annual Members-
Maria Melhem Ellen Starks

FEBRUARY VALENTINE-THEMED GENERAL MEETING

On a cold, blustery and icy winter morning, the Fontbonne Auxiliary hosted its February general meeting. It was held on Wednesday, February 11 at the majestic and beautiful Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. A delicious luncheon was served following the social reception consisting of Tomato Bisque Soup, the famed Traverse City Salad and topped off with a delicious Chocolate Molten Lava Cake. The centerpieces were a small Valentine's Day bouquet. Those who attended this Valentine luncheon were treated to a demonstration of the making of our dessert, a Chocolate Molten Lava Cake by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's award winning chef, David Daniot.

A brief membership meeting was held with President Amy Danna presiding. The new members of the board of directors to be presented at the May Annual Meeting were announced by Nominating Chair Patty Stumb. The board for the years 2015 – 2017 is as follows:

~ New Term ~

FONTBONNE OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

A new term will begin for the Fontbonne Auxiliary officers and Board of Directors. The new Board will be presented on May 13, 2015 during the Annual Meeting and Luncheon at The Hill Seafood & Chop House. The following is the slate of officers, board members and the retiring board members...

OFFICERS:

President:	Debbie Condino-Bell
President-Elect:	Pamela Meyer
Vice President:	Liz Bsharah
Recording Secretary:	Linda Schaden
Corresponding Secretary:	Phyllis DeMars
Treasurer:	Camille Cracchiolo

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Betty Granger, CSJ

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Wendy Bellard	Kim Hinton	Mado Lie
Camille DeMario	Phyllis Howard	Elizabeth Mitchell
Jocelyn Dombrowski	Gail Howe	Madeline Phillips
Tammy Haney	Bonnie Jobe	Tricia Schaden
		Jennie Silva

RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Tara Blake	Pam Kocsis	Debra Van Elslander
Gloria Clark	Alysia Laethem	
Julie Gheen	Sheri Rieth	

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS:

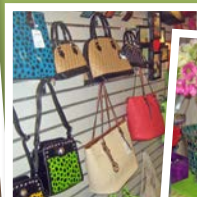
Pat Connelly	Christine Drummy	Lauren Marchal
Mary Ellen Dakmak	Cristina Garberding	Andrea Soave Provenzano
Amy Danna (emeritus)	Mary Ghanem	Mary Ann Van Elslander
Marie DeLuca	Wendy Koster Relich	Nawal Zayat
Kathy Driscoll	Alicia Krall	

Best Wishes to our retiring board members. We thank you for your dedication, service, support and friendship over the years.

*There comes that mysterious meeting in Life, When someone acknowledges
Who we are and what we can be Igniting the circuits of our highest potential
I see this as the appearance of an angel. And know it to be a moment of Grace*

Author unknown...

Spring in the Air at Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe



Color is the magic word in Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. Prints and solids are all the rage from snappy little sundresses to lightweight jackets, skirts, and scarves. There is always something unusual for the home and all Easter décor and winter clothing are deeply discounted. Fontbonne members receive a 15 percent discount on all regularly priced items. As always, all profits are returned to the hospital. Hours are 10 - 7 weekdays and 12 - 4 Saturday and Sunday. ■ ~ Jo Ann Miller

Morning Glory MUFFINS



- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/4 cups sugar
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups grated carrots
- 1 medium tart apple, peeled and grated
- 1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In another bowl, combine the eggs, applesauce, oil and vanilla. Stir in carrots, apple, pineapple, coconut, raisins and nuts.

Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350° for 20-24 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

Yield: 2 dozen

Recipe for a Fabulous, Entertaining Giggles-n-Gals Evening!

FONTBONNE AUXILIARY

GIGGLES -N- GALS

1 group of your BFFs
1 evening out w/o husbands, children
An open bar
A few delicious signature drinks
A strolling, tasty dinner
An array of decadent desserts
3 hilarious and entertaining comedians
Lots of raffle and door prizes
A plethora of "giggles and gab" time

Mix all the ingredients together on Wednesday, April 29th, and you will have one entertaining and fabulous "Giggles-n-Gals" evening! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center.

Your hosts for the evening, Liz Bsharah and Sheri Rieth have assembled this special fundraiser that will benefit the newly renovated Mary Ann Van Elslander Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Special Care Nursery at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.



FONTBONNE AUXILIARY Launches the 2014 Christmas Season

Our Fontbonne gals kicked up their heels to kick off the holiday season. Wednesday, December 3 was the date for the December Membership Meeting at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Debbie Condino-Bell, Peggy Davis, Patty Stumb and Linda Trevillian were the chairs for the meeting that featured our own Fontbonne members modeling the stylish clothing from Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. President-Elect Debbie Condino-Bell was the master of ceremony for the informal modeling, and the gift shop provided holiday shopping with special pricing for purchases made by those attending the luncheon.

Beautiful crystal vases filled with flowers graced the tables to create a festive atmosphere. A delicious meal was served with chicken piccata, roasted red-skin potatoes, green beans and apple crisp topped with cinnamon ice cream.

The general meeting followed with White Christmas Ball Chair Pamela Meyer sharing her wonderful plans for our White Christmas Ball for 2014 entitled, "I Can See Your Halo Glow".

The following models were tripping the light fantastic with the informal modeling of the wonderful, trendy fashions from the gift shop. They were Wendy Bellard, Susan Burns, Marie Brady, Amy Danna, Becky Davenport, Peggy Davis, Marie DeLuca, Christine Drummy, Maureen Gleason, Mona Gualtieri, Tammy Haney, Allison Harrell, Kim Hinton, Kerri Martin, Sue McHugh, Joan Pendergast, Sue Surletta, Terry Tenaglia and Joanne Tuscany. The other Fontbonne members who modeled were Debbie Condino-Bell, Bonnie Jobe, Mado Lie, Pamela Meyer, JoAnn Miller, Liz Mitchell, Jenny Silva, Patty Stumb, Linda Trevillian and Jacque Wetherholt, CSJ. ■

FONTBONNE Nursing Scholarships 2015

Because of a special endowment established by the Fontbonne Auxiliary in 1989, we are able to award annual scholarships to nurses who are enrolled in the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Nurse Extern Program each summer. Each year in July, a Fontbonne selection committee, along with hospital educators, gathers to read each application (10-18), personally meets each applicant and listens as they proudly present their personal, required projects and share their dreams for the future. What follows is the most difficult challenge – choosing 4-6 applicants (depending on the growth of the endowment) to receive the scholarships. Last year we were able to award four scholarships each in the amount of \$2,650.

We thank our committee for 2015: Peggy Davis, Camille DeMario, Phyllis DeMars, Kim Hinton, Patty Stumb and Lorna Zalenski and wish them the best as they make their decisions this summer. Each year our committee is inspired by the nurse externs who share their personal stories of community service while being full-time students and often working part time while juggling family responsibilities. All the while our applicants are actively involved in their nursing school and striving to maintain their grade point average. If these nurse externs are any indication of our future care-givers, then we can surely feel confident about the future of nursing. ■

MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FONTBONNE AUXILIARY

We hope that you will enjoy the short bios of our new Fontbonne board members. As you can see, they come from all walks of life, all ages, some are mothers; some are grandmothers, but they all share one common theme, “their passion for helping is the hospital’s passion for healing”.

DEBORAH A. CONDINO-BELL, PRESIDENT

I am the oldest of three children, and grew up in East Detroit (before it was called “Eastpointe”). My first home was in Harper Woods, and I lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for 13 years before moving to Oakland Township, where my husband and I currently reside.

I was married on July 19, 2013, to Andre Bell. Andre works at Chrysler Corporation, but his true love in life (next to me, of course...) is his music. Andre is a professional drummer and plays in a local band. We don't have children together, but we recently adopted a puppy, who is our new love in life! Her name is Lily Bell. She is the most beautiful and most adorable cockapoo. She brings us so much joy!

I am a graduate from Oakland University (BS), and Central Michigan University (MS), with degrees in Human Resources. I began my professional career at St. John Hospital and Medical Center as an executive assistant to the hospital administrators and when I retired from St. John Providence Health System, 32 years later, I was a regional vice-president.

Most recently, I accepted a position with the Macomb County Medical Control Authority as executive director, and I am thoroughly enjoying my new role. I am able to apply the many years of hospital administrative experience to this new position. I still volunteer my time in multiple organizations, and I am also a board member for the St. John Guild.

I enjoy bowling at the Detroit Athletic Club with my girlfriends or with my husband on two separate leagues. I also serve on multiple DAC committees, and actively participate in many Club events. I also enjoy watching my husband play in his band. I have been blessed with so many friends, and enjoy spending great times with them.

My family is most important to me. I love spending time with my mother, my sister and her family, my brother, and our extended step-family. I also love quiet time at home with my husband. We love to travel, and I love to play golf. We hope to eventually retire in southwest Florida.

PAM MEYER, PRESIDENT-ELECT

Born in Detroit

Raised in Birmingham, MI

Attended: Academy of the Sacred Heart-Lawrence Ave, Detroit

Holy Name

Graduated from: Marian High School

Studied at Ferris State

Mother to Cody Meyer - Vancouver, WA and Jennie Silva - Grosse Pointe Farms

Grandmother to J.P. Silva, Ella Silva, Maxwell Meyer and Emerson Meyer

Lived in West Michigan (Kalamazoo) for 25 yrs

Long career in advertising sales mostly broadcast

Michigan realtor for 10 yrs

Retired and moved to Grosse Pointe to be closer to family. Since moving here have been involved in Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors Club... President and Board Member. Fontbonne Board Member. Volunteer for Edsel Ford Estate and Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Currently member and Board Member for Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Interests include: Book Clubs, Mahjong, Cooking, Gardening, Knitting

LIZ BSHARAH, VICE PRESIDENT

I am from Grosse Pointe and went to Northwood University and studied advertising and marketing management. I have three kids 15, 13 and 11. I love to play tennis.

I joined the Fontbonne Auxiliary in September of 2009 after my early retirement from teaching school. One year later I was asked to join the Board of Directors under President Patty Stumb. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve two years as a member-at-large and four years as the corresponding secretary.

CAMILLE CRACCHIOLO, TREASURER

Hello, my name is Camille Cracchiolo, I've been a member of the Fontbonne Auxiliary for several years. I've been married to Pete for 33 years. We have four grown sons, Peter Jr., Matthew, Andrew and Mark.

Peter is married to Leah and Andrew is married to Allison.

I also volunteer at De La Salle Collegiate High School. I've worked on many fundraisers, however my main focus is the fashion show.

In my spare time I like to “teach spin”, play golf and spend time in Metamora, Michigan.

PHYLLIS DEMARS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The Fontbonne Auxiliary has provided me numerous opportunities to support our neighborhood medical center as well as meet and make new friends from a group of dynamic women. I am married to Greg DeMars who serves on the board of the Men's Guild. We have three children, Greg, Sara and Bethany, three children-in-law, Melissa, Mike and Alex, one grandson, Lucas and are expecting our second grandchild in September. They are all the love of my life. I also enjoy volunteering as a Detroit Historical Museum docent, tutoring and substitute teaching, spending family time at our Harsens Island cottage, and reading. I look forward to continuing my duties as corresponding secretary under our next president, Debbie Condino-Bell.

BETTY GRANGER CSJ, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

I am a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph. After entering the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1956, I spent twenty years in elementary education as a teacher and principal, and managed senior citizen housing for five years before transitioning into healthcare in 1984. I began my ministry in healthcare at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint as Director of Pastoral Care, and three years later, was named Vice President of Mission Integration, a position I held for fifteen years at Genesys Health System. In February 2002, I was appointed as Senior Vice President Mission Integration at St. John Providence Health System; I retired in January 2013.

I serve on the Boards of Genesys Health System, SJPHS West Region, CCC Committee and St. John Health Foundation. I am the Congregation of St. Joseph's representative to Ascension Health.

I am a Michigan native, have three sisters, several nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews, with whom I enjoy spending time as often as possible.

WENDY BELLARD

Husband: Bruce Bellard

Daughter: Blair Smith -- Chapel Hill NC 2 daughters

Son: Grady Bellard—Grosse Ile MI 2 daughters 1 son

Lived in Grosse Pointe since 1948

Grosse Pointe High School

Eastern Kentucky University—Business Administration

Computer programmer for 3 yrs.

Placed foreign exchange students for 7 yrs.

Interior Designer specializing in boats for 30 yrs.

Member of: Clinton River Boat Club, served as Ladies Social Chair for 4 yrs.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, serving 3th time as Ladies Social Chair

House Committee, Activities Committee

Old Club

Detroit Zoo Ambiance Chair (Sunset at the Zoo) for 6 yrs.

Fontbonne 2nd year

TARA BLAKE, RETURNING BOARD MEMBER

My husband Fran and I are the proud parents of our two daughters Megan (12), and Claire (11), and our son Francis (8). We both grew up in Grosse Pointe and love being a part of this community. I am lucky to be a stay-at-home mom and volunteer in the classrooms as often as possible. Besides being a board member of the Fontbonne for the last two years, I am also a member of Tau Beta. Tau Beta is an association that promotes charitable and philanthropic projects and services to benefit the people of Southeastern Michigan. I am also a committee member of the Eveyln Thomas Ricci Foundation, a cause that is near and dear to my heart. In my free time, I enjoy boating, playing tennis and spending time with my family and friends.

GLORIA CLARK, RETURNING BOARD MEMBER

Born: NEW BRITAIN, CONECTICUT

Married: Frederick Clark of Flushing, New York

Children: Cynthia, Deborah (twins) and Harriet

Grandchildren: Hollie Hubberd, Frederick Hubberd, Michael Webber, and Duncan Webber

Great Grandchildren: Havyn Hubberd and Cole Henry Hubberd

Education & Employment: Connecticut State University

Airline Stewardess – Northwest Orient Airlines

Experience: 1. First President , Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association 1993-1996. Have been a member of the Association for 22 years. Volunteer of the year 2002. At present on the Board of Directors and Trustee of Michigan Opera Theatre. 2. Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council. Have been a member for 25 years. Volunteer of the year 2004. Served on the Board of Directors of the Council for 10 years. 3. Member of the Fontbonne Auxiliary for many years, serving in many different capacities, including as Co-Chair of the White Christmas Ball with Theresa Selvaggio. 4. Given the Governor's Honor Roll certificate in April, 2006 signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm for Volunteerism. 5. Nominated for the United Way Heart of Gold Award in 2006. 6. Was a "Silverliner" (a philanthropic group of former airline hostesses who entertain 60-70 terminally ill children every December with a fantasy trip to the North Pole to see Santa Claus).

JOCELYN MCKINLEY DOMBROWSKI, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Personal Information/Education: Born at SJH, Grew up in Grosse Pointe Shores, Bachelor of Fine Art in Figurative Sculpture from WSU, Post grad class at Center for Creative Studies, Married Mitchell Dombrowski in 1981, Lived in Detroit then moved to GPF, Four children, Michael, Jacqueline, David and Elizabeth

Employment: GP Nursery School, Butler Aviation, Orange County College, Boat Works, St. Clair Building, WSU foundry, President of Ascelpius Homes, LLC

Volunteer: Detroit Receiving, GPPS from 1989 thru 2011, St. Paul Church, GPS Mother's Club, GP Art Center, Detroit Industrial School, Soar Tutoring – Grace Church, The Front Porch

Hobbies: Pottery, Bicycle tours, Travel, Hiking, Art collecting, Kayaking

LIZ MITCHELL, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Graduate Grosse Pointe High School and Michigan State University

Past Work Experiences: Senior Development Officer Michigan Cancer Foundation not Karmanos Cancer Institute, Neiman Marcus Personal Shopper, St. John Hospital's Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe Manager, St. John Hospital's Senior Development Officer for Oncology, Pointe Pedlar Manager and Part-Owner

Current Work Experience: Care Transitions Survey Operator for SJH&MC

Volunteer Activities: Reunion Committees for Grosse Pointe High Class, Festival of Trees, Goddesses in the Garden North, White Christmas Ball Committees, Fontbonne Fashion Shows – MC, NICU Special Care Unit Volunteer, Pink Blessings Foundation Road Race

Family: Husband Gary Mitchell. Children Debbie (John) Caputo, Mark Andris (Veronica), and the late Amy Andris Rohland, Grandchildren Lindy, Mason, Elizabeth, Catherine, Rachel, Lauren, Scarlett and Ava

JULIE GHEEN, RETURNING BOARD MEMBER

Family: Husband Eric and daughter Elizabeth.

Native city: Dearborn

Education/Employment: Bachelors in Economics and MBA specializing in Finance from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Masters of Accounting from Florida Atlantic University. Previously worked in education (U of M), government (Pentagon) and the private sector (Ford Motor), but now I have the best job ever - stay at home mommy.

Volunteer Experiences: Currently the President of the Junior League of Birmingham. Provisional member of the Christ Child Society. I also volunteer time to my new hometown and hold a commissioned seat on the City of Birmingham Parking Advisory Committee.

Hobbies: Restoring our 100 year old home, reading (love Agatha Christie) and chasing after my toddler daughter.

TAMMY HANEY, NEW BOARD MEMBER

I am married to Joe Haney. We have four children. Justin 19, Joey 13, Helena 11 and Liam 5. Our oldest is at MSU and the other children attend Our Lady Star of the Sea.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Social work. I worked at St. John Hospital for 4 years in Patient Relations as a patient advocate until I had my second child. I am now fortunate enough to be able to stay home with our children. I love tennis, boating and traveling with my family. I volunteer at my children's school. I also have been a part of the Fontbonne for a couple years and I look forward to being on the Board.

KIM HINTON, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Children: Bradley, 13 years old; Nolan 11 years

Pets: Sadie Ann, 3-year old Rhodesian Mix

Raised in Harrison Twp, MI

Education: Masters's Degree in Industrial Relations, Wayne State

University; Bachelor's Degree in Honors Psychology

Employment: 18 years with St. John Providence, currently Physician

Liaison, previously Human Resources

Volunteer: Clinton River Riders board member, newsletter editor

Hobbies: Avid cyclist, gardening, reading and cooking

PHYLLIS HOWARD, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Born: I was born many years ago in Pittsburgh, PA. but grew up in a lovely rural area between Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Family: Sadly, I am widowed over 12 years. Happily, I have 5 married and wonderful children, 12 beautiful grandchildren, 1 darling great grandchild and 1 big gray cat!

Education: Registered Nurse from Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing, BS in Health Care Management/Education from UD/Mercy

Employment: 1970-1996: Hospital nursing, hospital administration and long term care administration at several Detroit hospitals including St. John, Sinai, Bi- County and at Peachwood Nursing Center, (Retired). 1996-2002: Regent Street Senior living development, construction. owner and management, (Retired). 2004-present: Independent Real Estate Broker (Mostly retired)

My greatest joy is spending time with my family whether it be traveling; meeting out at restaurants, movies, concerts, theater, etc.; shopping for birthdays; going to school performances and sporting events or just hanging out at my place or theirs. I walk a couple of miles almost every day and in "just me" time, I relish reading...most anything but especially history, spy novels and espionage!!!

GAIL HOWE, NEW BOARD MEMBER

I live in Grosse Pointe Shores with my husband, Wes, and two boys Jack (age 8) and Paul (age 5). I am a writer and reporter with a Master's in Journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. I have written for The Detroit News, Crain's Detroit Business and Automotive News. This year, Gail plans to publish her first children's book after co-founding publishing firm Kadoo LLC. Gail is a member of the Junior League of Detroit, and in her free time, she enjoys tennis, running, reading and having fun with all 3 boys in her house!

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BONNIE J. JOBE M.ED, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Resides in Bloomfield Hills, MI

Faculty member at Henry Ford College

Exercise Physiology/Health Education

Customized a book this year called Strength, Core, Cardio for Lifelong Fitness

Executive Leadership Team American Heart Association /2015 Auction

Chair for the "Red Dress Luncheon"

2012 AFT Everyday Hero in Higher Education (Washington D.C.)

Life member Fontbonne Auxiliary/ 2009 White Christmas Ball Chair

Chaired several other charities including Henry Ford Health System's Red Heart Ball

Awards: "Woman of the Year" Lymphoma and Leukemia Foundation, Red Cross "Woman of Spirit", American Heart Hero, Governors Honor Roll for Volunteerism, Distinguished Clown in the Thanksgiving Day Parade for the last 10 years.

Hobbies: Love to travel (25th cruise this year), work on charities and promote health and wellness.

PAM KOCSIS, RETURNING BOARD MEMBER

I have been a Fontbonne member about five years. I taught elementary education and special education in the Grosse Pointe School System. I am married to Steve and have a son, Matthew.

MADELEINE PHILLIPS, NEW BOARD MEMBER

I have been employed with PVS Chemicals, Inc. since August 1991. In 2008, I began to enjoy employment on a part-time basis.

I'm a native Detroit, received my associate degree from Western Michigan University. I have been married to my husband Allen since 1966. We have three adult children.

My history of volunteering began when my children were attending Grosse Pointe Public Schools. I was affiliated with the now-defunct Grosse Pointe Health Education Council, where I served as Board President. Other board volunteer involvement opportunities range from the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, St. Paul Altar Society, Wayne County Community College District Advisory Council Chairman and the Detroit-Windsor Chapter of Executive Women International, where I served a term as President.

In my leisure time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and children, as well as reading, writing, garden club and Quaker activities.

I am honored to be elected to the Fontbonne Auxiliary Board. I look forward to my board service, as well as working with all board members.

SHERI RIETH, RETURNING BOARD MEMBER

Husband is Mark. Son, Parker (15), daughters Emmie (12) and Lexi (9). I have one dog named Piper. I am originally from Grosse Pointe. I am a preschool teacher at St. Clare. I have a Bachelors degree from Pine Manor College in Boston and 2 masters in personal counseling and school counseling from Oakland University. Besides the Fontbonne, I volunteer at GP dance Center, my preschool, and all 3 of my children's schools (Trombly Elementary, Pierce Middle School, and Grosse Pointe South High School. My hobbies??? Well I love to walk with friends, interior decorating, and to laugh as much as possible!

TRICIA SCHADEN, NEW BOARD MEMBER

I am extremely honored to be joining the Fontbonne Board. St. John Hospital has a very special place in my heart. I've been involved in philanthropy for St John since 1991 through a golf outing memorializing my brother. After 20 years, those events were discontinued, so I started looking for another way to give back to St. John and discovered the Fontbonne Auxiliary.

My husband, Matt, and I also had all three of our children at St. John: Andrew is now 9 years old, Kathryn is 7, and Julia is almost 2.

I worked in healthcare for most of my career, serving as a business consultant for ambulatory medical practices. I recently retired to devote more time to my children.

I am blessed to spend most of my time caring for our kids, playing volleyball and tennis, making handmade cards and scrapbooking, or enjoying a boat ride with my family!

JENNIE SILVA, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Family: Married to Paul for 14 years, Children JP (12) and Ella (10). We have a dog named, Cupcake

Native city, State: Originally from Kalamazoo, but have lived in Grosse Pointe for over 11 years

Education/Employment: Bachelors of Business in Finance from Western Michigan University. Presently, I am an associate real estate broker with Adlhoch and Associates. I have been employed with them for the last 7 years.

Volunteer Experiences: I am very active in the Special Needs community and serve on the board of the ARC of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. I also volunteer at St. Paul Catholic Elementary and Ferry Elementary.

Hobbies: Skiing, Running, Boating, Cooking, Reading

25th Annual Lenten Day of Renewal

It took two long years for us to celebrate our 25th day of Renewal. The morning of last year's 25th was wicked, windy, blanketed with 7 inches of snow and was cancelled. This year we gave it another "go" and enjoyed a lovely, brisk but sunny day on Wednesday, March 18th hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.

We welcomed back our dear friend, Monsignor John Zenz who shared with us his thoughts on compassion and mercy. He reminded us of the need for compassion in our society today since we live in "gated communities", afraid of each other, especially people different than ourselves. Monsignor serves as Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Birmingham, Administrator of St. Thomas More in Troy and Adjunct Episcopal Vicar for the Northwest Region of the Archdiocese.

Chairs for the Lenten Day of Renewal, Mary Ellen Dakmak, Camille DeMario, Betty Granger, CSJ and Patty Stumb planned the annual event that included a social reception, two

reflections, and Mass celebrated by Monsignor Zenz.

A delicious lunch of chicken piccata, rice pilaf, honey glazed carrots, Caesar salad and mini-whoopie pies was served by our favorite caterer, Lisa Johnson of "A Little on the Side" Catering.

Lovely green shamrock plants were provided by our Men's Guild president John Adamo of Conner Park Florist.

Everyone agreed that the day was a wonderful experience that helped renew their Lenten promises.

"God in his mercy looks on us not for what we are, nor for what we have been, but for what we wish to be." ■



Many Halos Were Glowing

The 61st Annual White Christmas Ball, "I Can See Your Halo Glow" was held on Saturday, December 13. This year's event was held at the newly renovated Cobo Center and the very elegant evening was chaired by Pamela Meyer. Guests enjoyed an amazing cocktail hour overlooking the Detroit River while listening to a backdrop of melodies played by Jack McCormick on the piano. There were fabulous hors d'oeuvres including a scallops bar that received rave reviews from those who attended the ball.

Once the huge overhead doors were opened the magic began! Creative Designer "Scarlet Poppy" decorated the most beautiful room possible. Colors of blue, silver and gold surrounded the tables and blue lights glowed down on the room from the ceiling casting a very magical aura.

Guests dined on Deconstructed Caesar Salad, a Duet Entrée of Petit Filet of Beef and Rice and Blue Cheese Stuffed Chicken, followed by a Duet Dessert of Vanilla Bean Cherry Cheesecake and Flourless Fudge Torte. Special wines were selected to accompany the different courses.

The dance floor was filled when L'USA began the entertainment and dancing was enjoyed by many and continued late into the evening. Ball Chair Pamela Meyer praised her amazing "team of angels", ball committee members and Fontbonne staff members for making this glamorous evening possible. "It truly takes a village to pull this memorable event together" said Pam.

Fontbonne wants to especially thank Dr. A Christine Watt M.D. FACR who was the Honorary Chair for the Ball. Dr. Watt is a certified Radiologist specializing in Mammography. Also contributing to the success of the evening was the support of those who attended, of our advertisers, underwriters and patron chairs. Proceeds from the 61st Annual White Christmas Ball went toward the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for the Liggett Breast Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center. ■

~ Pamela Meyer



Sitting left to right: Alysia Laethem, Jeff Laethem, Ben Harrell, Allison Harrell and Karen Fox
Standing left to right: Brad Danna, Amy Danna, Tammy Haney, Joe Haney and Van Fox



Patty Stumb, Marie Brady and Marie DeLuca



Sitting left to right: Mado Lie, Dr. Kim Lie and Bonnie Jobe, Standing left to right: Dwight Labadie, Christine Drummy and Dr. Larry Walsh



Pamela Meyer, Betty Granger, CSJ,
David Brooks & Dr. Anthony Alcantara



Robert and Victoria Liggett

2015 Fontbonne Upcoming Events

Giggles-N-Gals (Assumption Cultural Center)

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

May Board Meeting (Conference Room C)

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

May General Meeting The Hill Seafood & Chop House

Wednesday, May 13, 2015



September Board Meeting (Conference Room C)

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

September General Meeting (TBD)

September 2015

White Christmas Ball (Cobo Center, Detroit)

Friday, December 11, 2015

REMINDER: Reservations for Fontbonne events will only be honored if they are prepaid by credit card, check or cash. Thank You!

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