



Special points of interest

Angel Appeal

*Remembering
George B. Rice*

Core Values

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*Former Manchester
Lodge resident, Winifred
Mansfield - 94, holding
baby, Wyatt. Wyatt is
wrapped in a blanket
Wini knitted and donated
to an Alzheimer's fund-
raiser. She commented,
"If they only knew how
many times I tore it apart
and started again."*



A Gift of Aging...

...A Season of Caring.

MISSION

“The mission of Presbyterian Homes is to provide the best care for seniors and older adults in a nurturing, secure, home-like community.”

VISION

“The vision of Presbyterian Homes is to be the number one choice of consumers and employees for senior care and services in the counties served by the Presbytery of Lake Erie.”



Yvonne Atkinson-Mishrell

Notes from the President

*“When I get older losing my hair,
Many years from now,
Will you still be sending me a valentine,
Birthday greetings, bottle of wine?”*

*If I'd been out till quarter to three
Would you lock the door,
Will you still need me, will you still feed me,
When I'm sixty-four?”*

If written by the Beatles today they would have said, “when I'm 84”. Our life span statistically will be much longer. We have folks on our list for admission that are 100 years old.

By 2030, one in five Americans will be over the age of 65, almost twice the ratio than at the beginning of this century. The age wave has policymakers concerned over how federal programs like Social Security and Medicare will hold up as fewer workers pay for a larger elderly population.

Elderly are hardest hit with health care reform! Health-care reform “will not be pain free.” The legislative mindset seems to be that seniors should be more accepting of the conditions that come with age instead of treating them. That means the elderly will bear the brunt.

Medicare now pays for treatments deemed safe and effective. The stimulus bill would change that and apply a cost effectiveness standard set by the Federal Council. The Federal Council/Board would approve or reject treatments using a formula that divides the cost of the treatment by the number of years the patient is likely to benefit. Treatments for younger patients are more often approved than treatments for diseases that affect the elderly, such as osteoporosis.

In 2006, a U.K. health board, that uses health care reform, decreed that elderly patients with macular degeneration had to wait until they went blind in one eye before they could get a costly new drug to save the other eye. It took almost three years of public protests before the board reversed its decision.

Hidden provisions in the plan! If the Obama administration's economic stimulus bill passes the Senate in its current form, seniors in the U.S. will face similar rationing of care. Defenders of the system say that individuals benefit in younger years and sacrifice later. The stimulus bill will affect every part of health care, from medical and nursing education, to how patients are treated and how much hospitals get paid. The bill allocates more funding for this bureaucracy than for the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force combined.

Hiding health legislation in a stimulus bill is intentional. More scrutiny is needed - we must continually try to protect our elders. **Stay** abreast of this health care initiative and speak up for our elders. President Obama called it “inexcusable and irresponsible” for senators to delay passing the stimulus bill. In truth, this bill needs more scrutiny.

The health-care industry is the largest employer in the U.S. It produces almost 17 percent of the nation's gross domestic product. Yet the bill treats health care the way European governments do: as a cost problem instead of a growth industry. Imagine limiting growth and innovation in the electronics or auto industry during this downturn. This stimulus is dangerous to your health and the economy.

Yvonne Atkinson-Mishrell, President



Christmas Angel Appeal

Presbyterian Homes, for the past sixty-six years, has served over 12,000 older adults and has remained dedicated to our mission of providing the best care possible. Your donation to our angel appeal helps to offset the \$600,000 charitable care deficit we experience annually in personal care.

Our Christmas Angel Appeal has taken on a new look this year. In order to be more environmentally conscious and better stewards of the gifts we receive, this year's appeal will consist of one envelope. When we receive your gift we will forward an angel to the facility of your choice.

Please look for your Christmas Angel Appeal envelope, which is included with the newsletter, and take time to remember our elderly brothers and sisters as we approach the "Season of Giving". We thank you in advance for sharing your blessings and wish you a joyous holiday season.

Presbyterian Homes mourns passing of former President and faithful supporter, George B. Rice

George passed away on May 24th of this year. He had served as President of Presbyterian Homes in the Presbytery of Lake Erie for 25 years. George helped shape the confidence and abilities of his administrators and staff helping them reach their highest potential. During his tenure, Presbyterian Homes grew from 140 to 440 beds. His mission was to provide care and dignity to our elderly. Well done, George, your dry wit and caring soul will never be forgotten.



Presbyterian Homes 6th Annual Golf Tournament – A Swinging Success

On Monday, September 14th, the Sixth Annual *Caring for Life* Golf Benefit took place at Cross Creek Resort in Titusville, PA. After the day's round of golf, everyone retreated to the clubhouse and enjoyed a great dinner and presentation of awards and raffle ticket winners.

The golf committee made up of Oil City and Corporate employees did a great job at organizing and raising money for this event. This event supports the *Caring for Life* benevolent care fund. **Many thanks to all of our sponsors!**

Presbyterian Homes is proud to announce that next year our annual tournament will be held on Friday, August 27, 2010, at Wanango Golf Club.

The Club's 18-hole course, which was redesigned by A.W. Tillinghast, offers a 6,134 yard, par 71 challenge. Beauty and character define the course with challenging greens, strategically-placed sand traps and magnificent scenery. Wanango Golf Club is located at 314 Chestnut Street, Reno, PA 16343. We are looking forward to another great year. Watch for more information on this event.



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Erie Presbyterian Lodge

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Marjorie Wickles spent many hours sitting with family and friends looking out her window while she was a resident at Erie Presbyterian Lodge. With her passing, her family thought it

Pictured left to right: Dolores McLaughlin, Joyce and Paul Wickles and Joann Callista. Missing are Jean Alward and Bob and Lynn Wickles.

would be nice if the new resident in that bed would have something to look at other than just the parking lot. The family purchased a bird bath and placed it outside the window thinking this would help pass the time away when the birds visited.

"Opening the blinds and seeing the birds will hopefully put a smile on the resident's face. We know that it will be putting a smile on Marge's face as she looks down from heaven. She always enjoyed her bird bath that was in her rose garden at her home."

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Presbyterian Home – Oil City

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Oil City Presbyterian Home continues to focus on short and long term rehabilitation. Our goal is to return residents back to their homes and families feeling strong and independent. Thus far in 2009, the average length of stay for a resident admitted since January is four weeks.

Our rehabilitation department offers physical, occupational and speech therapy to meet the needs of all of our residents. Our therapy department has partnered with Accelerated Care Plus (ACP) to provide specialized treatment programs for a wide range of prevalent geriatric conditions including: Pain Management, Wound Healing, Joint Replacement, Stroke Recovery, Neuromuscular Disease, Urinary Incontinence, Contractures, Fall Prevention, Arthritis, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Neuromuscular Re-education and other conditions.

Roberta Anderson was a resident at our facility from February 3, 2009 to July 21, 2009. She was admitted to our facility from an acute care hospital unable to walk, using a mechanical lift to get in and out of bed. After having therapy she was able to return home ambulating independently with the use of only a cane. During an interview with Roberta, she stated *"It was really hard at first; the therapists really gave me the encouragement I needed to get better. I progressed from using a walker to using a cane and I was even able to walk up and down the stairs. I just can not say enough good things about them; they helped me emotionally as well as physically. If I ever needed help again, I would definitely choose them. Thanks to them, I am doing very well at home."*



Activities/Nutritional Services Skeleton Butler Display

Halloween decorating contest at Oil City Presbyterian Home

Various departments throughout the facility created unique Halloween decorations to display. Residents then visited the various departments and judged the decorations and presented a trophy to the winners. This year Activities and Nutritional Services won the trophy for their skeleton butler creation for the dining room. Both the residents and the employees enjoyed the event.



seated Richard Simons, 3rd floor resident; standing back to front: Rose Campbell, Activity Assistant; Jessica Hartsuyker, Nutritional Services and Donna Fyock, Nutritional Services.

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Manchester Presbyterian Lodge

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The family picnic at Manchester Lodge was a great success. Families and their loved ones enjoyed a carnival themed picnic complete with clowns and cotton candy.



Pictured from L to R Gerry Stankay, Patricia Rhone and Anita Wagner

A Piñata, clown car and a tattoo booth were among the attractions available for the young ones in attendance. The weather cooperated by being warm and sunny. The residents and their families enjoyed delicious picnic food out in the courtyard in the new gazebo. Karaoke by "Lisa Keating" was enjoyed by all.



Pajama Party Bingo was held on September 15th at 6:15pm in the sunroom. Some of the residents, volunteers and activity staff dressed in their favorite jammies for the occasion.

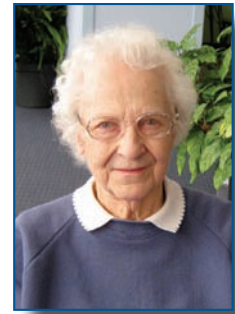
Pictured is Laverne Engel

On September 9th some of the residents of Manchester Lodge enjoyed a scenic drive around the peninsula and a stop at McDonalds for ice cream. The trip was a great success.



Pictured from L to R Mary Ann Dolak, Agnes Meyer and Eleanor Decker

Interview with resident Mary Sorgen



When did you start writing poetry?

(MS) In grade school.

What do you find inspirational?

(MS) My surroundings and God.

Did you ever consider publishing your work?

(MS) Some of my work has been published.

How many children do you have and are any of them interested in writing?

(MS) I have three children and they have no interest in writing poetry.

How did you meet your husband?

(MS) Roller skating.

What are your hobbies?

(MS) Crocheting, walking, playing the piano and organ and singing, painting, writing. Troubadors and the Belles of St. Julias, roller skating and dancing.

Do you enjoy reading other peoples works?

(MS) Yes, very much.

What are your current interests?

(MS) Linus project, Red Cross, walking about the facility and visiting with the people. Making people smile and feel good about themselves.



Pictured from L to R Dorothy Churchill, Marilyn Alo, Denise Sult

At the Fall Tea Party residents enjoyed delicious apple dumplings, coffee and tea.



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integrity quality leadership stewardship faith



INTEGRITY

Displays honesty and sincerity.



QUALITY COMMITMENT

Is dedicated and caring.



LEADERSHIP

*Exemplifies the Core Values
and Supportive Behaviors*



STEWARDSHIP

Is not wasteful of time or resources.



FAITH

*Follows the Golden Rule,
and is respectful of the beliefs of others.*

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How You Can Help Presbyterian Homes

Each of our facilities has a capital needs list for 2010.
We have chosen a few items from each list for your consideration.

Manchester Lodge:

Vital Sign Unit

Need 2 @ \$1500 each

Outdoor Grill

Need 1 @ \$ 500 each

Resident membership to SeniorFit

\$25 monthly fee or
\$300 annual membership

Erie Lodge:

Guest Stackable Chairs

Need 20 @ \$400 each

Renovate Patient Rooms

Need 5 @ \$680 each

Vital Sign Unit

Need 2 @ \$1500 each

Oil City Home:

Nurses Station Chairs

Need 8 @ \$187.50 each

Vital Sign Unit

Need 1 @ \$1500 each

Other appreciated gifts by all our facilities:

\$10.00 Beautician gift certificates
\$78.00 Dental exam (includes cleaning, fluoride and exam)

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I would like to introduce myself. My name is Tina Schiefelbein and I am Co-Founder of the 'Lending An Ear' Program. This program helps individuals obtain hearing care that they otherwise could not afford.

During 2008 we helped over 30 patients receive hearing aids at little or no cost to them. We do this by fund-raising, grant requests and most of all donations of hearing aids that are no longer being used. In most cases we can refurbish them for someone that can not afford them or for terminal patients. Your donation can **truly** make a difference in someone's life. Please call our office 814-825-1327 and someone will make arrangements to pick up your hearing aid(s) donation. I look forward to **hearing** from you.

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the season of renewal
love, faith and charity.*

*All that is beautiful
chimes greatly in to every heart
beating in celebration
of spirit, togetherness, and affirmation.*