

# RIVERSIDE IDYLL

News from The House of the Good Shepherd

February 2021



*Stop signs and St. Francis agree—we have seen plenty of snow this winter! Thanks to our hard-working staff who have shoveled, plowed, and commuted in stormy conditions recently.*



The news as we come into February: vaccines, snow, and Riverwalk plans! At this moment, many of our residents and staff (including me) were lucky to get our second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Hurrah! Progress! We had our second clinic with Walgreens on Tuesday, January 26th with about 160

people getting either dose one or dose two. If you think you remember Clinic #2 being scheduled for a different date, you are right! Somehow Walgreens showed up a day before we were expecting them, but the House Team, led by **Kristina Partika** and **Amy Mackiewicz**, were able to get it done.

Thoughts from Sue



Thanks much to everyone for your cooperation. We celebrated with pins and special cookies.

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We have some exciting news for the House Community! A special sub-committee of the Board of Trustees has been working on updating our Mission, Vision, and Values over this last year. At our January Board meeting, a resolution passed to approve the work of the

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Living well along the Musconetcong River in Hackettstown, New Jersey

# Riverwalk Survey

*Thanks to all who shared ideas on how to improve our Riverwalk!*

■ More Benches

■ Bird Houses

■ Exercise Station

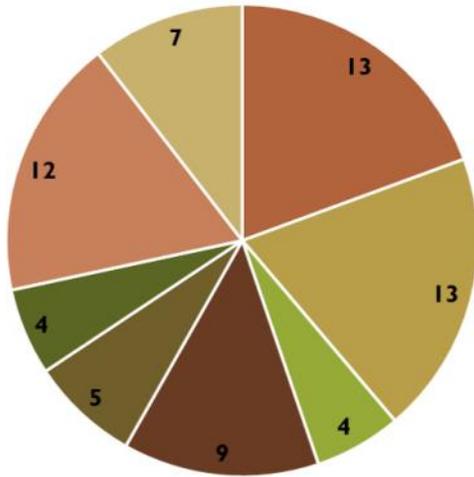
■ Planters

■ Sun Dial

■ Signage

■ Butterfly Garden

■ Flag



## ***From the Editor***

First, an apology to our word search puzzlers! In last month's puzzle, a clue on the list was mistakenly left out of the puzzle, sending many of you looking for something that wasn't there. I am happy to say you will find Martin Luther King in this month's puzzle. Again, my apologies!

This month, we get acquainted with **Jean Burnside** and **Gloria Napier**. We are blessed at the House to have many talented and thoughtful people in our community, aren't we?

Have a story idea? Share them by email ([scarty@hotgs.org](mailto:scarty@hotgs.org)) or ext. 5931. Thanks for reading the *Riverside Idyll*.

The Rev. Shawn Carty, *Editor*

**Deadline for next issue: Mar. 2**

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Mission, Vision, and Values Committee.  
Drumroll please!

### *Vision Statement*

**A community where everyone experiences joyful living.**

### *Mission Statement*

**To enrich our community's wellbeing through service, in order to live a fulfilling and joyful life.**

### *Value Statements*

**At the House of the Good Shepherd, we live by these values:**

- Respect for all.
- Compassion and kindness in our service to others.
- Uphold the dignity of every person.
- Honor faith and embrace difference.
- Act with integrity and accountability.

With your help, we look forward to integrating these concepts into our community over this year! Enjoy the holidays of February and remember that Spring is around the corner!

**Sue Lanza, CEO and President**

## **Covid-19 Hotline**

### **(908) 684-5721**

*Recorded message updated Monday-Friday by 5 p.m.*

## Meet Jean Burnside

*I recently sat down with Jean Burnside to learn of her interests and hear how she came to the House. I hope you enjoy reading about our conversation - Ed.*

### **How did you decide to move here?**

I did extensive research into the other retirement communities in the area. My family and I lived for 30 years on Schooley's Mountain and I once came here for rehabilitation in skilled nursing and received good care, so that was my first experience. I wanted to stay in this area so I could keep in touch with friends and my bridge group. When I looked at other communities, one memory stands out: I saw at one place that the view out the window was the highway. Our view here is the beautiful Musconetcong River which is an inspiration to me and so much of my poetry, so I am very glad I moved here.

### **Tell us about your life journey before coming to the House.**

I grew up in Plainfield and as Feature Editor of our high school paper considered a career in journalism. My BA degree from Douglass College was in a double major, English and Dramatic Arts, allowing me to perform in *The Heiress*, *Antigone* and *The Great Big Doorstep*. With four children at home, I returned to Rutgers to earn a Master's degree in Education, teaching first through eighth grades.

I met my husband Lew while in college. He was a brother of a classmate. His

work took us to Keokuk, Iowa for a time and then we returned to live on our farm on Schooley's Mountain. I think the thing I am most proud of is that all of my adult children are independent responsible citizens. I could wish for them more happiness, less pain and perhaps more recognition but they are my life's success.

### **Tell us about your involvement here.**

I was recently elected to represent the Independent Living residents on the Board of Trustees. I hope to be a voice for fellow residents and I am looking forward to serving. I volunteer at the Country Store, played Chimes, chaired three Pre-Christmas sales, chaired "Socrates Café," a group which discussed challenging current ideas, pro and con. I also served two terms as secretary for the Independent Living Residents' Council.

### **Writing and poetry are important to you. Tell us about your writing.**

When we lived in Iowa, I started writing more seriously. Many people think poetry has to rhyme or fit a certain shape, but it doesn't. Poetry allows us to paint a picture and express feelings in fewer words.

*See page 4 for Jean's poem "Awakening"*



## Awakening

Branches blushing faintly red  
Mild breezes caress pockets of frozen ground  
Lady bugs explore tentative tips of emerging green  
Daylight lengthens her visits  
Cleansing rain teases winter away  
Coaxing in a fresh fragrance  
Yellowing willows weep silently for joy  
For the promise is fulfilled  
Gracefully gentle Spring awakens.

—Jean M. Burnside, 3/18/1982



# Covid-19 Vaccine Day



*From the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

**Q** Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have gotten 2 doses of the vaccine?

**A** Yes. Not enough information is currently available to say if or when CDC will stop recommending that people wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes Covid-19. Experts need to understand more about the protection that Covid-19 vaccines provide in real-world conditions before making that decision. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision. We also don't yet know whether getting a Covid-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes Covid-19 to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself. While experts learn more about the protection that Covid-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using **all the tools** available to help stop this pandemic ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).



*On Jan. 26, staff and residents received the Covid-19 vaccine which was, for many, the second dose. Many thanks to staff who assisted with the day and to our partners at Walgreens!*



# Gloria Napier

*This month we chat with Gloria Napier who has worked at the House for 31 years. Gloria plans to retire in March. We give thanks for her good work at the House. Thank you, Gloria! - Ed.*

## **Tell us how you came to the House.**

In the 1980s I took a secretarial class at County College of Morris and shortly after that saw a job opening at the House. I applied for the job of Receptionist and started working on Sept. 12, 1989. After a year, I became the Executive Secretary for Kenneth Meredith, who was the Executive Director at the time. Later on, I moved to the Accounting office to do Accounts Payable and also took on the responsibility of Human Resources.

## **I imagine you have seen a few changes over that time.**

When I started, we were still using typewriters, carbon paper, and correction tape! So many things have changed with everything on computers now. The building changed, too. The main entrance was by the fireplace in the Lodge dining room. Residents would sit and have conversations by the entrance. There was always a strong family feel with the employees and residents. I remember that lunch was served in the dining room and people would dress up. All of the department heads would sit at a table. It was quite an event each day.

## **Looking back, what are your favorite memories of working here?**

I often think of the House as a second home, so there are many memories. One that stands out was going with a group of residents on a cruise to Bermuda around 2015. I have always enjoyed the activities and events around holidays and seasons and I have fun creating the window displays for the Country Store. Also fun was taking the “holiday cheer” cart to residents in Independent Living to help brighten things during this difficult time. It’s a way of giving back to the residents and I hope to continue by volunteering in the future.



## **Any other retirement plans?**

I’m looking forward to spending time with my Mom. I also have two children and four grandchildren who reside in North Carolina and Alabama. I enjoy doing puzzles, word search, and would love to learn how to crochet.

*Thank you, Gloria for your faithful years of service at the House of the Good Shepherd.*

**Happy Retirement!**

*Congratulations and best wishes to*

### **Theresa Mutz**

*on the occasion of  
her retirement from*

*The House of the Good Shepherd*

Theresa has worked 45 years at the House and we offer our best wishes for her retirement. Look for an appreciation of Theresa in next month's *Riverside Idyll*.



*Parker Greenough, Lindsay Burnet, and Rose Florie make the rounds with the Pretzel Cart to bring some mid-winter cheer to residents.*

### **New Employees**

*A warm welcome to new employees who started working at the House last month.*

- **Stephanie Bartell**  
*Executive Assistant*
- **Morgan Glenn**  
*Dietary Aide*
- **Victoria Loyle, C.N.A.**  
*Nursing Aide*
- **Cynthia Raymundo, R.N., B.S.N.**  
*Assistant Director of Nursing*

*Know someone who might make a good member of the team at the House? Employees can receive a bonus for referring new employees. Job openings are posted near the Second Floor receptionist, on the First Floor by the ATM machine, and online. For more information talk with Gina Arnone or visit our website and click on "Employment Opportunities."*



Congratulations to

### **Parker Greenough**

*Staff Member of the Quarter  
January, February, and March*

Parker serves as an Activity Assistant in the Recreation Department and has been a blessing to our residents since 2014. Parker freely shares his musical talents and positivity to brighten our days.

**Thank you, Parker!**

# Just for Fun

Abraham Lincoln      Hibernate  
 Amethyst              Jean Burnside  
 Ash Wednesday      Lenten Season  
 Chocolate              Mardi Gras  
 George Washington    Martin Luther King\*  
 Gloria Napier          President's Day  
 Groundhog Day        Shrove Tuesday  
 Heart                    Valentine

\*See Editor's Note on p. 2

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**Q. Can February march?**  
**A. No, but April may!**



This issue has 3 lost sheep. Did you find them?

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