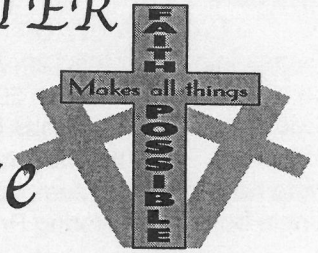


# CLELIAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

March 2004

## Give Prayer a Chance



**LENTEN REFLECTION** "Most of us in some dark corner of our minds tend to see Lent as a headache, with its fasting and abstinence, self-denial and ashes. Let us quickly leave that dark corner and go to what is hopefully an expanding part of our outlook that is illumined by faith. It tells us that it is a privilege for us, as St. Paul puts it, 'to fill up what is wanting in the Passion of Christ.' As men and women baptized into Christ, we can unite our little acts of self-denial with His great and total self-sacrifice, sharing with Him not only in making reparation for our own sins but in bringing healing and salvation to our needy world. Lent invites us to reflect on these deeper realities, to reestablish our Christian values, to see the many aches and pains and sorrows of everyday life in the meaningful light of Christlike redemptive suffering."

*Fr. M. Basil Pennington*

### MOTHER CLELIA, PRAY FOR US

March 10th is a memorable day for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the birthday of our Venerable Foundress, Mother Clelia Merloni. Thus, it is also a special day for the Clelian Heights Family, too. Mother Clelia had tremendous love and compassion for children and urged her Sisters to look after them as Christ would do. Our school is named in honor of her and strives to keep her spirit, memory and good works alive.



We will have a prayer service at 11:15 a.m. on March 10 in observance of her 143rd birthday! You are invited to join us for this celebration. We hope and pray that in the near future the Church will reward her with Sainthood. Let us call upon her asking her to protect our Clelian Heights family of children, parents, staff, friends and benefactors. Mother Clelia, pray for us!

### FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

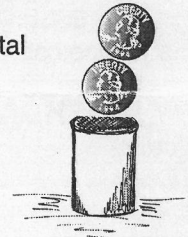
And they're off! The Third Annual Night at the Races was a huge success. We had an enthusiastic crowd, wonderful food, fantastic prizes and GOOD weather. An event like this takes a lot of help and we appreciate everyone who sold or bought tickets and horses, baked, volunteered and donated or solicited gifts for the basket raffle. A special thank you to Mrs. Glenda Uncapher and all those who helped with getting donations. The evening raised over \$10,200.00 for the Clelian Heights Project Fund. If you missed this "fun" evening, mark your

calendar now for the Fourth Annual Night at the Races scheduled for **February 26, 2005**.

**LENTEN PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS** will be held at Clelian Heights on Sunday, March 28, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The program will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a presentation by Fr. Anthony Grassi, OSB entitled "Vocations in the Catholic Church Today." If you are interested in participating please RSVP to Sr. Ann Maria at 724/837-8120.

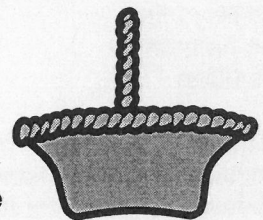
### COOL QUARTERS FOR COOL QUARTERS!

As we enter the 9th week of our campaign for cool quarters we are happy to report that we are over the \$1,000.00 mark. Yes, as you well know, that change adds up! A big note of thanks to all of you for your generosity in helping with the air conditioning of Clelian Heights. The total cost for one classroom is \$15,000. With 15 desks to a class 1 desk is now air conditioned! Please keep up the good work so we can have all 15 desks in that room air conditioned. Spread the word. If anyone you know would care to help, assure them that this cause helps keep Clelian Heights cool for the students and young adults. You are cool in many ways, thanks.



### F.O.C.H.O. NEWS BASKET BASH TIME

Please mark your calendar for F.O.C.H.O.'s Third Annual Basket Bash which is scheduled for **Sunday, March 21** in the Clelian Heights Gym. Tickets are available for \$15.00 and they include the chance to win many baskets and enjoy a wonderful lunch. If interested in tickets, volunteering, sponsoring or donating an item for the baskets, please return the slip you received or call Laura at the school office (724) 837-8120.



**CANDLES AND COOKBOOKS** are on sale now. Walnut Creek Candles in many scents are \$5.00 and if you are looking for some delicious new recipes, we have cookbooks for \$5.00. Both items make wonderful thank you, housewarming, or just thinking of you gifts.

**CENTERING PRAYER  
UNITED DAY OF PRAYER**

Please join us for the 12th Annual United in Prayer Day to be held Saturday, March 20, 2004 at Clelian Heights from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mass in the Chapel 8:30 a.m. (optional). This day has traditionally celebrated the world wide network of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd. united in a single bond of Centering Prayer around the globe.

The feature video this year is from a Trinity Television production of the Spiritual Formation Summit at Kanuga 2002. It is an interview with Fr. Thomas Keating entitled, "Discovering the Divine DNA". We are sure that you will find it interesting and inspiring. Offering is \$20.00.

If you wish to attend the United in Prayer Day please RSVP by Friday, March 19th to Sr. Margaret Ann 724-834-8073

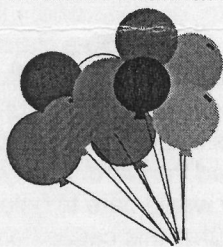
**INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP FOR CENTERING PRAYER**

There will be an introductory workshop for Centering Prayer on Saturday, April 17th at the Melenzyer building. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate please call 724-834-8073

There is a centering prayer meeting held at the Melenzyer building every Saturday morning from 9:00 -10:00. All are welcome please call 724-834-8073 for further information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Seth Elcock	<b>March</b>	5
Emma Cook		11
Clifford Trice		13
Brian Homick		13
Maria Celenza		15
Kelly Hawkins		16
Bradley Geehring		18
Jonathan Barrett		21
George Nelson		21
Justin Morante		26
Aaron Solman		28
Donis Milan		30



**GREENHOUSE NEWS** We will be selling beautiful lilies, Easter plants and mums, tulips, and hyacinths. An order form is attached to this calendar. Please have your orders into the office by Friday, March 12th as we have to have our lily order in by then. Pick up for these plants will be Tuesday, April 6th at the greenhouse.



Spring Bedding Plants will be available for pickup on Friday May 21st. You will be receiving an order form for them in a few weeks.

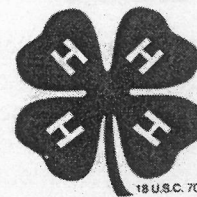
**PARENTS** Please remember ...

to bring in tissues - spring allergy time will soon be upon us!

school uniform reminder: boys are to wear blue or tan dockers pants and not other style pants.

**4 H CLUB - "THE CLELIAN CLOVERS"**

We are excited to announce that we started a 4-H Club at Clelian Heights. What is 4-H you ask...The 4-H Youth Development Program is the largest youth serving program in the United States providing informal educational opportunities to youth. The 4 Hs stand for "Head, Heart, Hands, and Health." Program goals are to help individuals reach their fullest potential through hands-on projects that allow them to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and learn by doing. The 4-H program is directed by Penn State Cooperative Extension and is a nonprofit service.



Our organizational leaders for Clelian's Clovers 4-H Club are Joan and Ted Thompson and Laura McElhinny as well as a number of volunteers. The club will meet every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Our first meeting was held on February 18th. At this meeting the members were given the opportunity to look at and choose one project from six preselected projects. The topics include such things as Gardening/Plants, Wildlife, Woodworking, Pet Care, Arts and Crafts, or Rocketry. Along with these individual projects the Club will also be working on a group project for submission to the Westmoreland County Fair.

**COOKIES - COOKIES - COOKIES**



Clelian Heights Girl Scout Troop 415 has a variety of delicious cookies for sale for their annual fundraiser. Please pick up a box or two for \$3.00 per box at the school office. They do freeze well so you can enjoy these treats well into the summer months.

**BOX TOPS AND LABELS...**

As we approach the end of the school year, we are looking for any General Mills Box Tops as well as Campbell's Soup Labels you may have clipped and saved. Please gather these together send them to school by March 20th. The simple matter of snipping gained us nearly \$350.00 towards our computer fund last year. So let's keep clipping and snipping as this is a continuous program we participate in. As always thank you for all of your hard work.

**WISH LIST**

- Booster seats for field trips in our van
- Video tower for staff library

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**SNOW MAKE UP DAY** The School students will have a "snow makeup day" on Thursday, April 8. Wednesday, April 7 will be a whole day and on Thursday, April 8 dismissal will be at 11:45. This is for the school only not the workshop. The workshop clients will be dismissed according to the original schedule on Wednesday, April 7 at 11:45 a.m.

**SCRIP PROGRAM** We have initiated a "Scripts Program" to help generate some additional funds for our Air Conditioner Fund. What is a "Scrip Program" - an easy way for you to use your money wisely and help Clelian Heights at the same time. The concept is simple. Clelian Heights purchases gift certificates (or scrips) from popular retailers (see enclosed list) at a discount, which the retailers are happy to give because they are guaranteeing themselves customers. Parents then buy the gift certificates from the school at face value and spend the scrip at the local store, where it is worth the full face value. We encourage you to support this program. If you have any questions regarding this program please give us a call.

**SCRIP SURVEY** Please mark the ten retailers you think you would use most frequently and return this form to school. From this list we will order our certificates and let you know when you can order from the school. Thank you in advance for your participation in this program.

Please complete and then clip and return this survey by March 12.

**Retail Stores:**

- American Eagle
- Barnes & Nobel
- Bath & Body Works
- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Blockbuster
- Borders
- Casual Corner
- Claire's
- CVS Pharmacy
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Eckerd Drugs
- Gander Mountain
- Gap
- GNC
- Hollywood Video
- Home Depot
- JCPenney
- JoAnn Fabrics
- K Mart
- KB Toys
- Limited
- Office Max
- Old Navy
- Original Cookie Co.
- Payless Shoes
- Petite Sophisticate
- Sam Goody
- Sears
- TJ Maxx
- Toys R Us

**Restaurants:**

- Arby's
- Baskin Robbins
- Bob Evans
- Boston Market
- Burger King
- Chi-Chi's
- Chili's
- Denny's
- Domino's
- Houlihan's
- KFC
- Long John Silver's
- Max & Erma's
- Mrs. Field's Cookies
- Olive Garden
- Outback Steakhouse
- Pizza Hut
- Ponderosa Steakhouse
- Red Lobster
- Ruby Tuesday's
- Starbuck's
- TCBY
- Texas Roadhouse
- TGI Friday's
- Wendy's

**Other:**

- BoRics
- Jiffy Lube
- Citgo
- Exxon/Mobil
- Shell Gas
- Sunoco
- SuperAmerica

# WHAT'S GOING ON?

<b>March</b>	15	Staff Inservice Day
	21	Longaberger Basket Bash
<b>April</b>	7 - 18	Easter Break - <b>Workshop</b>
	8 - 18	Easter Break - <b>School</b>
	17	Special Olympics - Swim Meet
	19	School/Workshop Resume
<b>May</b>	28	Graduation Mass
<b>June</b>	4	Early Dismissal
		Last Day of school/workshop
<b>June</b>	28 - July 23	Summer Program

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Share in the prayers of the Sisters, Apostles of the Sacred Heart, and the children at Clelian Heights by establishing a memorial for a living or deceased loved one. Your contribution in this manner will help provide special education for a child or adult with developmental disabilities. Memorial Masses will be offered in remembrance of those enrolled in our Living memorial.

Donor	In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of
Elaine Klofta	Dr. Donna & Dennis Corder	Mary Marco	Albert DiMatteo
Charles Kurpiel	Julia Allison	Jacob Silvis	Marge Hudson
Leo Giannangelo	Daniel Clementi	Charles Kurpiel	Lee Detar
Lena DiLonardo	Helen Grieco	Charles Kurpiel	Carmen DeLuca
Sr. Margaret Ann Calcutta	John Dasta	Mary Stahl	Eliora D'Astolfo
Pat Policastro	Paul Hanchak	Mary Marco	Diva Octave
John and Mary Marco	Urbani Cataldo	Ben Bernacchi	Dorothy Roche
Anna Suman	Marie McNaughton	Irene Arquillo	Victor Arquillo
Josephine Nicksich	Jenni Harochy	Jerry/Mary DeFabo	Margaret Zahoransky
Anne Marie Izzo	Michael DePaul	Jerry/Mary DeFabo	Margaret Charley
Knights of Columbus	Sr. Arthur Rometo	Robert/Kathleen Foster	James Hornock
Ken and Marie Miller	Mary Kochik	Mike Celenza	Dorothy Toth
Anna Suman	Anna Smith Horvecy	Charles Kurpiel	Viola Kurpiel
Anne McDonough	Barbara Daghii	Metta Dominick	James Panigall
Maria Casino	Michael DePaul	Jo Rago	Thomas Hacker
John and Cecelia Yurack	Margaret Zahoransky	Sr. Elaine	Zoe Zandri
Frances and John Paulisich	Urbani Cataldo	Counseling Center	Raymond Kissel
A.S.C.J.	John Bracchi	Mary Marco	
Robert Jones	Donna Pyott	William McFarland	
Decker Family	Elaine Mandell	Ralph Catalano	
S. H. Villa	Ann and Judy Lattanzi	John Kita	
Bob and Jeanne Alvarez	Kevin Ryan	Anna Suman	
Ed Stackpole		Harry Branthoover	
Ex Tech Industries		Kathy Boyle	
John Gessler	Pete D'Zmera	Carol Sue Rocker	
John Gessler	Stephanie Naples	Pat and Michael Policastro	
Mary Marco	Albert DiMatteo	Joseph and Virginia Voke	
Della Regrist	Sonny Amato	Ron and Rosemary Kicey	
John McGinley	Gregory Caruso	FOCHO	
John McGinley	Margaret Ober	David Kettering	
Margaret Krystyniak	John and Paul Krystyniak	Barbara Balcerek	
Carol Sue Rocker	Dr. Antonio Battaglia	Paul and Mary Forish	
Martha Hogan	Cyndi Krovac	Billy Latta	
Glover DeSalvo	Carolyn Stewart	Martha Frye	
Marguerita Shiring	Janice Mayanck Perry	Eleanor Ciraulo	
Lena DiLonardo	Raymond Bigelow	Betty Nemchek	
Elizabeth Elias	Rev. John Harvey	Raymond Jozwiak	
Sr. Estelle Barelli	Angelo Barelli	Antonette Spinelli	
Ann Montano	Eleanor Dilugcio Panzo	Dorothy DeFloria	
Estelle Murphy	Ralph Malby	Josephine Mrentus	
Earl and Anita Barber	Charles Fontana	Margaret Pietropaoli	
Elizabeth Elbr	April Steiminger	Joseph Hood	George Hood
Carol Bruno	Marsha Castiglione	Pat Policastro	
Theresa Eritilaro	Viola Jean Kurpiel	Della Pushic	
Mary Gabos	Helen Bernardo	Steve Anthony	
Carol Sue Rocker	Freed Thomas	Joseph Strazzeria	
Sr. Elaine	Judy Bernacconi	Marie Palmer	
Jackie Gyure	Judy Bernacconi	Joseph Peternelli	

April 2004

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Upcoming events:

April	11	- Easter Sunday
	17	- Swimming Olympics
May	9	- Mother's Day
	15	- Track and Field Olympics (tentative)
	24	- JPK Golf Classic
	28	- Graduation Day
	31	- Memorial Day
June	4	- Last Day of School/Workshop
	28	- ESY Program Begins

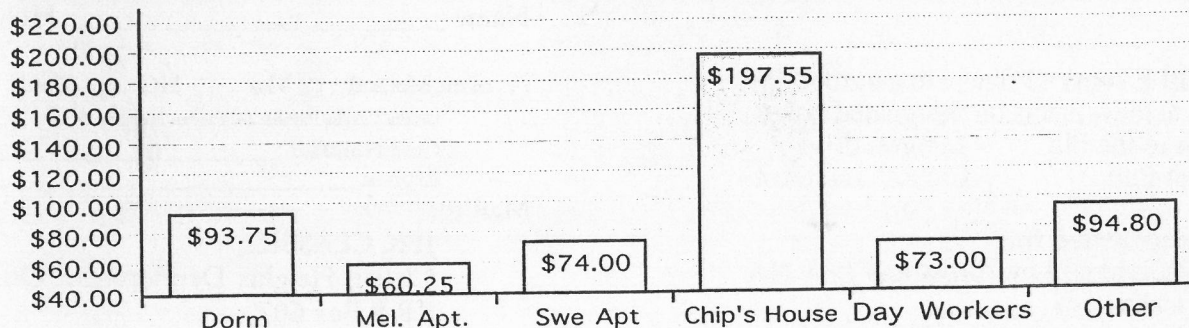
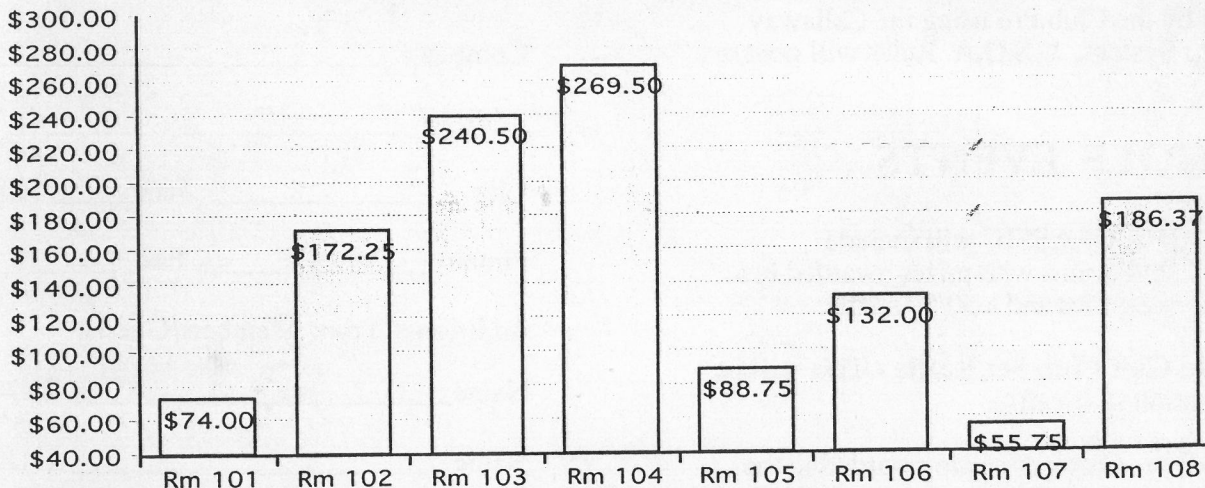
Mary Pat Buraczewski	April	2
Steven Fagan		5
Alex Heiple		9
Sheila Veres		9
Angela Dippolito		14
Jerome Mascherma		16
Christian Miasiewicz		18
Carmelina DiBiasio		20
Shirley Bernacchi		30

**CARE TO SHARE** Don't forget you have until May 25 to order your Bon-Ton Care to Share Day tickets. The \$5.00 ticket that you buy from Clelian entitles you to special discounts on June 5 at any Bon-Ton store. The money will be put into our Air Conditioning fund! Please see Laura if you are interested in purchasing a ticket and getting some great savings!

**SCRIP PROGRAM** is up and running! Please don't forget this easy way to spend your money wisely and show your support!

## Cool Quarters Update April 5, 2004

We are pleased to announce that as of April 5, we have raised over \$1800.00 with our quarters campaign! Thank you for all your support - keep the quarters coming. Check below to see how each group is doing. Who will get the pizza party??? We will all know by Ascension Thursday, May 20, 2004. There will be a party for the school winner and one for the winner in the Adult Program.



# *Eleventh Annual JPK Golf Classic to benefit Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children to be held at the Pleasant Valley Country Club on Monday, May 24, 2004*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Arrival and Registration  
                   - Practice Area Opens -  
 10:45-11:30 Light Lunch & Refreshments  
                   - *The 19th Hole* -  
 11:30-11:45 **Pro Clinic**  
                   - LPGA Celerity Pro -  
 11:45 Golfers Depart to Assigned Tees  
 Noon Shotgun Start  
                   Refreshments on the Course  
 4:30-6:00 Cash Bar at the Clubhouse  
                   Locker Rooms Available  
 5:30 **Dinner and Awards**  
 (Casual Golf Dress. Gentlemen, **no shorts** please.)

## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Team scoring will be based on best two balls in that foursome. Winter rules in your own fairway. Par three "Greenies" and "Mulligans" available at the registration table. Final scores will be adjusted by the Club Pro using the Callaway Handicap System. U.S.G.A. Rules will govern play.

## GOLF EVENTS

The **2004 JPK CLASSIC** will include individual skill events with prizes awarded in a variety of categories and a 50/50 raffle.

**Complete Golf Club Set Raffle** - This will be an elimination style raffle.

**Hole-In-One** -Cash prizes are awarded to the first person scoring a hole-in-one on designated holes.

**Other Skill Events** - Prizes are awarded for individual achievements on designated holes...

- Closest to the Pin        - Longest drive
- Longest Putt             - Closest 2nd Shot

### Prizes are awarded for:

- Individual Low Gross and Low Net (Callaway)
- Team Low Gross and Low Net

## REGISTRATION FORM

2004 JPK CLASSIC - Monday, May 24, 2004

- \$ 725 - **Corporate Foursome**  
4 players and Tee Sponsor
- \$ 450 - **Corporate Twosome**  
2 players and Tee Sponsor
- \$ 200 - Individual Golfer Number \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ 100 - Banner Sponsor (Include Business Card with Corporate Logo)
- \$ 80 - Tee Sponsor (Include Business Card with Corporate Logo)
- \$ 75 - Dinner Only        Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, May 10, 2004**

Field Limited to 88 Players -Avoiding Slow Play.

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Team Members/Guests:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  Visa     MC     Check

(Make Checks Payable to: Clelian Heights Inc.)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

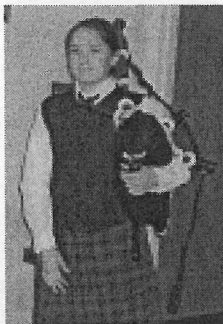
Mail to:

JPK CLASSIC  
 Clelian Heights Development Office  
 RR 9 Box 607  
 Greensburg, PA 15601-9231

**Great people getting together to support an exceptional cause!**

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** School students should not wear shorts until May 1st. Thank you.

**4-H CLUB NEWS** Great things are happening in the 4-H Club. We had a special treat on St. Patrick's Day with a young lady, Joella Gerhard performing several Irish hymns on her bag pipes. Everyone enjoyed the concert and we sincerely thank Joella for playing. The 4-H members have also been very busy with their individual projects and cannot wait to show off their work at the Westmoreland County Fair in August.



**FOCHO NEWS  
LONGABERGER BASKET BASH**



Our 3rd annual Longaberger Basket Bash was a huge success, thanks to our wonderful committee members. Over 240 people attended this year's Bash and we raised approximately \$7,000.00.

We would like to thank everyone who filled baskets, donated door prizes, made desserts, and volunteered in the day's events. We would also like to thank the Paliscak Family who provided and prepared the wonderful buffet lunch, and our own Dorothy Fite (Longaberger Consultant) who is a true asset to this committee. A special thanks, also, to everyone who attended the bash. We couldn't have done it without you. See you next year!

**SPEAKER** Dr. Robert Lowry will give a presentation on "The Craniosacral System" on Sunday, April 24, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The following is a brief overview of what will be covered. The craniosacral system begins at the head and ends at the sacrum which is more commonly known as the tailbone. The fluid which surrounds the brain and spine called cerebral spinal fluid flows through this system. This flow results in a pulsating or rhythm that can be detected by palpating, feeling, the bones. When abnormal movement is felt and there is a restriction in the flow, pain results somewhere in the body. These imbalances can cause sensory, motor and neurological dysfunction.



Dr. Lowry is very knowledgeable in this field and has often worked with individuals with special needs. Please plan to attend this very informative session.

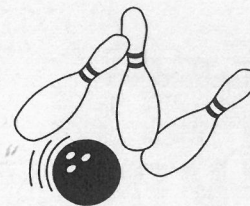
**WISH LIST**

- CD Player
- Electric Mixer
- Video Shelf for staff library



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING MEDALISTS**

Congratulations to our four Bowling Olympic athletes. On Saturday, April 3, Mark Suman brought home a Gold medal while Priscilla Fitzpatrick and Brian Homick brought home 4th and 5th place ribbons. Michael Anthony's place has not yet been announced since he bowled in the afternoon.



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMING**

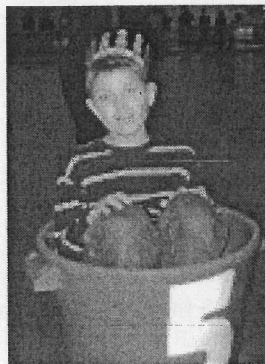
If you have a letter regarding the Swimming Olympics attached to this newsletter, your son or daughter is registered for the Special Olympics Swimming Event on Saturday, April 17th. Please read the letter for important information concerning registration.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

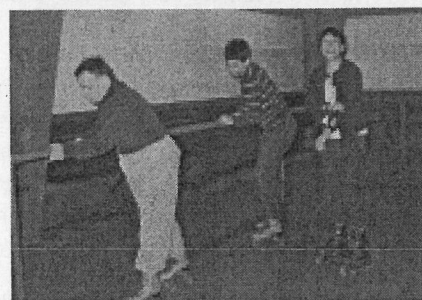
- Mr. Charles Demangone - surgery
- Sarah Heeter - eye surgery
- Ms. Pinky Rose - recovering from surgery
- Aaron Solman - recovering from surgery
- Walter Hineman - impending surgery

**WHAT A BIRTHDAY PARTY IT WAS!** Bradley Geehring recently celebrated his 10th birthday in a unique way. He had a roller skating party at the Latrobe Skating



Rink! Many of the school children and some of the adults from Chip's House and the apartments were invited to join the fun. It took some rusty skaters a few turns around the rink to get warmed up. Others took off on their skates like professionals. The call for birthday cake was a welcome relief to those who were still clinging to the rail.

Finally the skating rink staff brought out the buckets and everyone got a chance to sit and spin while the skating staff pushed them around the rink at top speed. Our adults kept clamoring for more turns in the bucket even though they had to be lowered in and hoisted out. A good time was had by all! Thanks to Bradley and the Geehring Family.



Arthur and Stephen hang on to the wall for dear life!

# CLELIAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

## HE IS RISEN

April 2004



### Happy Easter

When something really wonderful happens in our life, we often respond with immediate incredulity: "It is too good to be true." We do not expect wonderful things for ourselves, and when they do occur, we have a difficult time accepting it.

When the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, they were startled and afraid; they thought they were seeing a ghost. In proof that he was truly alive, Jesus let them see and touch him, and he ate a piece of fish in their midst. As they began to accept this astounding event, they were amazed and filled with joy.

One of the great obstacles to an Easter faith is our difficulty in believing that such an astounding event could happen. The Risen Jesus offers us a share in his resurrected life, a life of amazement and joy. Our challenge is to believe that such a wonderful life is offered to us. For the Christian, this is not something too good to be true. Fr. S. Rossetti

### WELCOME TO BISHOP LAWRENCE BRANDT

By now most of you have seen pictures of our new bishop, Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, in the Tribune Review and the Catholic Accent. On March 4th, Sisters Rosemary, Linda, Marilyn, Ann Maria and Margaret Ann had the privilege of attending the Consecration and Installation of Bishop Brandt as the 4th bishop of the Greensburg Diocese. Later at the reception the Sisters greeted and welcomed him to the diocese and invited him to visit Clelian Heights to meet the children, young adults and staff.

He had heard about Clelian Heights and said that he would love to visit. We will be sending him a formal invitation soon. Bishop Brandt is familiar with individuals with special needs since he was a Board member of the Gertrude Barber Institute in Erie which is a facility very similar to Clelian Heights.

Bishop Brandt's birthday was March 27th and the children made greeting cards for him. Sr. Charlene's class delivered the cards to his office but the Bishop was at a meeting. Father Bill, our chaplain, took the class on a tour of the Chancery Building and the children enjoyed meeting the secretaries and others who work in the various departments of the diocese.

Hopefully, Bishop Brandt will be able to visit Clelian Heights and celebrate a Mass with the children, young adults and staff, before the end of this school year.



### WELCOME

to Mrs. Margie McElroy who has recently joined our housekeeping/kitchen staff. Margie's many talents allow her to be able to work in various areas. We welcome her and appreciate all the good work she does!

to Mr. John Scales and Mrs. Nancy Harris, attorneys from Greensburg, who recently joined the Clelian Heights Advisory Board. Mr. Scales and Mrs. Harris will serve on the Planned Giving/Development Committees of the Board.

Currently, the Advisory Board members have been meeting in small committees to update the strategic plan for Clelian Heights. This plan will be finalized at a general Advisory Board meeting in May and presented to the parents at our September meeting.



### GOLFERS NEEDED! !

The 11th Annual JPK Classic Golf Outing hosted by the

Krystyniak Family will be held Monday, May 24, 2004 at Pleasant Valley Country Club. All proceeds from this event benefit the Clelian Heights Endowment Fund. Golfers enjoy a day of great golf and fine food at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Connellsville.

If you are not a golfer but would still like to help, tee and banner sponsorships are available. For more information, please call the Development Office at 724-837-8120, X315. Don't miss out. Complete the enclosed registration form and return it to school to reserve your spot.



**GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS** Our three graduates, Jessica Robb, Randy Rose and Steven Fagan received the "royal treatment" the week prior to



graduation! The celebrations began with a special luncheon at Hoss' restaurant on May 21. A few days later the entire school celebrated the achievements of Jessica, Randy and Steven by having a great

picnic at Hempfield Park. The boys' residence had a special after school party for Randy and bid him farewell since he will be moving into Chip's House. Finally, the May 28th Graduation Day arrived! Fr. Philip Kanfush, OSB celebrated the Graduation liturgy. In his homily he reminded the Graduates (and all of us) that the most important lesson they should have learned at Clelian is the lesson of **LOVE**. That is the one lesson they should never forget and take with them always and everywhere. A reception was held in the gym for their families, classmates and staff. Jessica and Randy will return to work in the Clelian Center and Steven will be moving on to the ARC program.

**MAY CROWING** Our annual May Crowning Ceremony took place on Friday, May 14. Our May Queen, Erica Reese, was escorted by Randy Rose. Justin Miklos was the crown bearer and students from each class carried flowers to the Blessed Mother.

**TRACK & FIELD OLYMPICS** Even though Saturday, May 15th was an overcast day that did not dampen the spirits of the 300 athletes gathered at Latrobe Stadium for the annual Track and Field Special Olympics. This year Clelian Heights had over 50 athletes who had been enthusiastically practicing and training for this special event. Our team carried the new banner that proudly bore our new team name, **The Clelian Crusaders!**



The banner won a First Place Trophy in the adult division. Congratulations to all of our Clelian Heights athletes! Our special thanks to our Coach Ms. Melyssa Lynch not only for coaching us to victory but also for the new banner. Ms. Melyssa along with Ms. Jennifer Garcia designed the banner and Mrs. Wilde, (Greg's mom) made the beautiful background for the banner. Truly, the Clelian Crusaders are a Kaleidoscope of Athletes! Eight people have been selected to represent the Clelian Crusaders at the state games from June 3-6. Good luck, Olympians!

**DON'T FORGET** 

**JUST A REMINDER:** All Emergency medical consent forms and all physical and dental forms are due by August 25, 2004. Please complete them on time. Thank you!

**Happy Birthday**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Amy Silvis	6-1
Gregory Wilde	6-6
Conor Gillespie	6-1
Ryan Hollister	6-13
Michael Anthony	6-18
Matthew Barrett	6-21
Whitney Sturdivant	6-21
Joey Nowakowski	6-28
Randy Rose	6-30
George Ryden	7-10
Steven Churilla	7-10
Julie Holtz	7-11
Joshua Rizza	7-11
Carrie DePalma	7-14
Valerie Catalano	7-15
Leo Clementi	7-15
Arthur Russo	7-28
Sean Best	7-29
Matthew Tunstall	8-3
Andrea Burnett	8-4
Lauren Ciccarelli	8-6
Rachel Spurrier	8-9
Gregory Baker	8-12
Lee Germano	8-16
John Ondovcik	8-23
Megan McClintock	8-24



**VERSAMATIC FIELD TRIP** On May 13th and 20th students in Groups 6 and 8 visited the Versamatic Pump company as part of Mrs. Anita Churilla's Transition to Work class. The students were given a tour of the factory by Mr. Adam Mapstone (husband of Mrs. Sue Mapstone one of our teacher's). Mr. Mapstone showed the students a typical work day, as they were given the opportunity to build a pump. When the tour was over each student was given a T-shirt and frisbee as a gift from the company. It was an interesting and educational work experience.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...  
THE SICK...**

Valerie Catalano, Mrs. Buraczewski, Pinky Rose, George Nelson's sister.

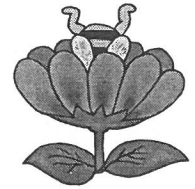
**AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED,  
ESPECIALLY...**

Jeff Holtz, Julie's brother  
Zachary Proskin's Aunt Shelley



# CLELIAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

June 2004



**JUNE - THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** "Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

Matt 11:28-30



## ANNOUNCING

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Sister Dolorita** who will celebrate 65 years of Religious Profession on June 18, 2004, at a special Mass to be held at our Motherhouse in Hamden, CT. We wish her God's choicest blessings on this special occasion. Sister had been involved in the field of Special Education for over 40 years!

### Rock-A-Bye Baby

**Mrs. Jen DeRusha** (and her husband ) on the birth of their baby girl, Catherine Ann.

**Leo Clementi** who received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at St. Agnes Church, his home parish, on May 30 at the 11:30 Mass.

**Mr. Robert Johnston, Esq.**, a member of our Advisory Board and a partner in the Belden Law practice, who was recently elected President of the Westmoreland Bar Association.

### KEEP ON SAVING THOSE...

**General Mills - Box Tops** We recently received a check in the amount of \$468.00 from the Box Tops for Education program. These funds will be used for computer items that will directly benefit your child.

**Campbell Soup Labels** During the past two years we collected over 34,000 labels. We were able to "redeem" these for equipment to be used in the school and the Center.

**Aluminum cans** for recycling at Chip's House. They can be dropped off by the back door of Chip's House any time of day or night! Thanks to all our faithful donors.

**GONE FISHIN'!** On Monday, May 3 the students in Homeroom 108, accompanied by Ms. Debbie Pavetti, Ms. Sarah Goulding and Ms. Jennifer Garcia enjoyed a fishing trip to Sloan Park. The Sportsman's and Landowners Alliance of Murrysville better know as S.L.A.M. again hosted this special fishing outing for three diverse groups of students. Our students joined with a class from The Children's Institute and the 5th graders from Sloan Elementary School for a relaxing day of fishing. The students, along with their helpers, had a great time!



The heart is a symbol of love, of presence, of bondedness. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrates the lavish love that He consistently bestows upon others. This feast also reminds us that this love is extended to us, that our hearts bear the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy One of Israel. Jesus lives on in our midst through the Spirit who has been given to us. We are the earthen vessels who hold this treasure of Divine Love.

Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

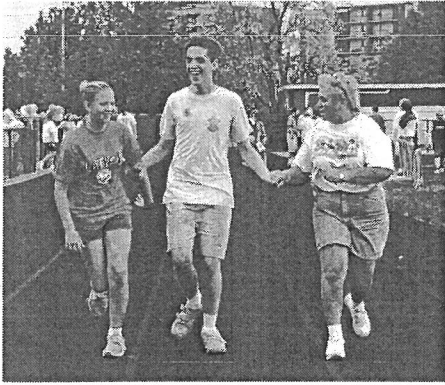
**Prayer for Families** "Sacred Heart of Jesus, who manifested to St. Margaret Mary the desire of reigning in Christian families, we honor you and beg you to bless our home and our family. Grant that your love may be ever in our home. Let there be peace and kindness in our family, and banish sin and evil far from us. Lord Jesus, reign in our minds, give us a simple faith; rule over our hearts so that we may grow in goodness. Keep each of us daily in your most Sacred Heart. Amen."

"Trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and you will see great miracles." Mother Clelia

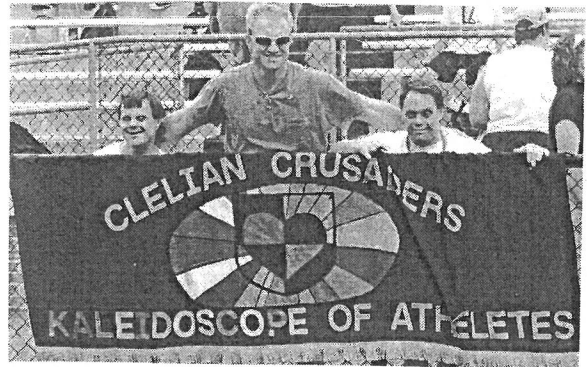
**VOLUNTEERS - MAKE A DIFFERENCE** Clelian Heights is grateful to the many volunteers that help in a variety of ways. To show our appreciation, more than 30 volunteer aides, assistants, gardeners, parent helpers, etc. were invited to a special assembly held in their honor June 2, 2004. You can imagine the number of total hours these people dedicate to helping your children directly and indirectly. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to bless them for the love, service and care they give to each of us.

We always welcome new volunteers - if you can spare some time to come and help us out we would be more than happy to put you to work. We always need help with special maintenance projects as well as working in school with the children or in the workshop with the young adults. Just give a call - we'll find the right job for you and/or your friends!

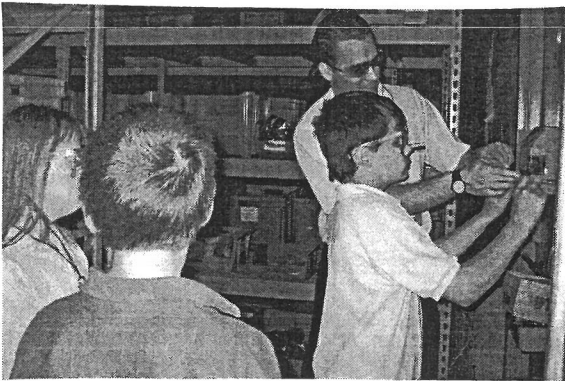
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Michael Budd races to the finish line with the help of his buddy, Ms. Colleen and her granddaughter, Haley



Mike McGinley and Arthur Russo, along with Allen their buddy, take a break from the competition to pose with the new banner!



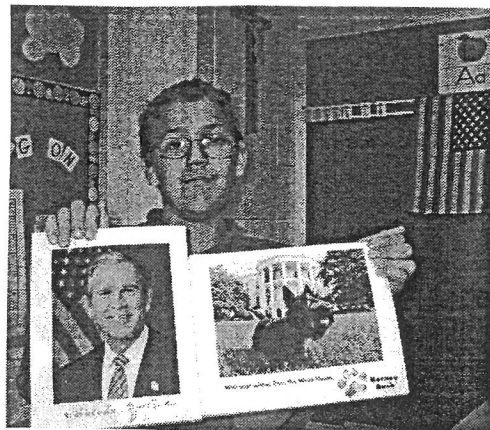
Adam Mapstone, from Versamatic, shows Zach Proskin how to use a time clock.



Graduates, Steve, Randy and Jessica celebrating at the Graduation Luncheon



LPGA Golf Pro, Patty Jordan giving Greg Baker and Erica Reese a few golf hints.



Stephen Polito proudly displays the pictures he received from the President.

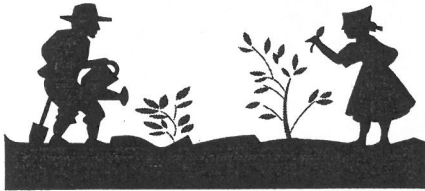
**“WHITE HOUSE CALLING”** On Thursday May 20 the Public Relations office from the White House called to speak with Stephen Polito one of our students. Two weeks prior to the phone call Stephen had drawn and sent 4 pictures to the White House. One pictured depicted a red house. Stephen included a note asking if the



President had ever considered painting the White House Red? Another picture was of “The Purple Mountain Majesty.” This one seemed to be everyone’s favorite. Stephen also made a request for a picture of the President and his dog. The Public Relations office thanked Stephen and informed him they would be sending a package with things for his classmates.



**SPRING GARDEN PROJECT** This spring, three teachers at Clelian Heights teamed to create a school garden. Mrs. Betty McCormick, Mrs. Stephanie Sunder, and



Fr. Philip collaborated on the project, designed to provide students in their classes with a unique experience to develop a variety of skills while enjoying time outdoors. The new garden, which comprises approximately 680 square feet adjacent to the playground, developed in a series of stages. After the grounds crew cleared the plot, the personal and social development classes practiced teamwork turning the soil. Mrs. Sunder’s workshop classes learned new work skills, by preparing the soil, and amending the ground with compost. While the plot was being prepared, Fr. Philip’s listening skills classes learned about the life cycle of plants as they started seeds indoors for later transplanting.

Once a garden fence was installed, planting began in earnest. Some classes planted beds with lettuce and spinach, while others planted onion and garlic sets, and still others completed the planting, setting out the pumpkins, cucumbers, gourds, pole beans and tomato plants that they started indoors. To help students appreciate the colors and beauty in nature, two types of sunflowers, zinnias, and marigolds were planted along the perimeter of the garden and at the ends of the rows.

Throughout the spring, classes made daily trips to inspect the garden, taking turns with maintenance tasks, including watering and weeding. By sharing responsibilities for garden upkeep, students are learning responsibility, as well as having fun in the sun. Students are learning more than just social skills and good work habits. The garden project has also integrated well with

academic areas of the curriculum. For example, planning for the garden provided room 103 with practice in counting money. After practicing counting money in math class, the student made a field trip to the Plants N’ More garden center in Latrobe where they were provided with a tour of the facility and learned about planting through a hands-on experience. Additionally, each student had the opportunity to count out the money to buy a pack of seeds for the garden. The garden project also provided links to Language Arts. The listening skills classes combined their portion of the garden project with a thematic unit utilizing the Beatrix Potter literature, which provided opportunities to develop aural comprehension skills.

Among the many benefits that the teachers saw in undertaking the school garden is that it will enable them to carry a common project across several seasons. Because the garden was planted later in the spring than most gradners begin their work, the vegetable plants should be ready to harvest when the students return in the fall. Additionally, students attending the Extended School Year Program in July will have the opportunity to experience the garden when it is at its peak growth. During June and August, when the students are on summer break, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Sunder, and Fr. Philip will share responsibility for garden maintenance and care.

*Thank you to F.O.C.H.O.  
and everyone for the  
wonderful  
Staff Appreciation  
Luncheon.  
The food was superb -  
The gift was perfect -  
and  
Your thoughtfulness was  
greatly appreciated!  
The Staff of  
Clelian Heights*