

Clelian Heights Newsletter

A Family Affair



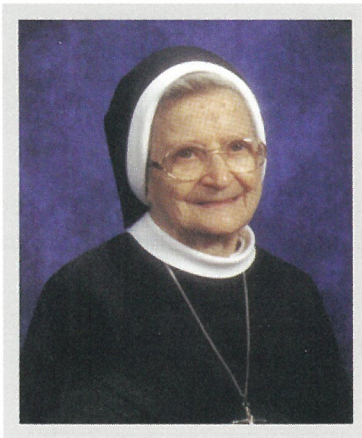
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SUMMER 2004

WITH SADDENED HEARTS WE BID GOOD-BYE!

Sr. Marietta, who has ministered at Clelian Heights for the past 36 years, will be moving to Sacred Heart Manor in August. It is with saddened hearts that we bid her good-bye, but we know that she will be happy to be with her friends in our lovely retirement home in Connecticut. We know that she will never forget us at Clelian Heights because a part of her heart will always be here, and we will never forget her as we cherish the many memories of her special ways of dealing with the children, young adults and staff.

Sr. Marietta fulfilled her ministry at Clelian Heights first as a Residential Supervisor for the girls and then as the Director of Housekeeping with the young adults who were training for the community jobs and independence. She has been a special blessing to all of us in her devotion and dedication to the persons living and working at Clelian Heights. Her compassion and generosity extends far beyond the confines of Clelian Heights.



Each month she faithfully goes to the Pittsburgh Market to get fresh fruits and produce for the meals served at Clelian Heights. Getting up at 4:00 a.m. to make the trip to the market is never a burden for her because she does this with great love and devotion always wanting the best for the children and staff. Her many friends at the market look forward to her monthly visits.

Sr. Marietta has never lost interest in keeping up with worldwide news and politics. Each evening finds her watching CNN Headline News. For relaxation she

enjoys watching Wheel of Fortune and she rejoices when she guesses the answer before the contestants. She also feels great compassion for those who do not win. She is so loving that she wants everyone to win!

Sr. Marietta is always interested in discussing improvements that are planned for Clelian Heights. She is the powerhouse of prayer asking the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph to provide the necessary funds to fulfill the plans for improvement. Her joy is complete when these plans come to fruition.

There are not sufficient words that can do justice to the reality of Sr. Marietta's goodness, compassion, love and kindness towards all persons. **It is with hearts full of gratitude that we wish her good health, happiness and comfort in her retirement years.**

*It is a great gift
of God
to have a good servant.*

-Hugh Latimer

*Sermons on the Lord's
Prayer, VI*



2004 Clelian Graduates

May 28, 2004 marked a milestone in the lives of three very special people. On this day, **Jessica Robb**, **Randall Rose** and **Steven Fagan** graduated from Clelian Heights School. They have learned academic skills and participated in vocational training that has helped them develop into mature young men and women.

Jessica and Randy will return to work in the Clelian Center and Steven will be moving on to the ARC program. We are proud of these students and wish them well as they move into their adult lives.



Randy, Jessica and Steven
Graduation Day Reception
Clelian Heights School

CHAPEL RENOVATION AND RESTORATION

After almost forty years of constant use, the chapel at Clelian Heights is in need of major renovations. We have contracted with the Ringler Restoration Company of Greensburg to undertake this project. Some of the restorations include the following:

- * new carpeting (we still have the original and it's getting threadbare)
- * refurbishing the 24 pews and kneelers
- * painting the ceiling and walls
- * installing energy efficient lighting
- * renovate the shrine of St. Joseph

Many of you probably do not know that the chapel was dedicated to St. Joseph and he has been our protector and provider during all these years. We want to create an especially attractive shrine in the back of the chapel where a magnificent marble statue of St. Joseph already exists.

If you, your friends or relatives would like to help with the cost of renovations in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use the form below. Thank you for your support.

Clelian Heights Chapel Restoration

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ toward the following: (please check)

Carpeting: _____ Pews: _____ Painting: _____ Lighting: _____ St. Joseph Shrine: _____

This donation is made in MEMORY of: _____

This donation is made in HONOR of: _____

(Make checks payable to Clelian Heights Chapel Fund)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

*"Trust in the Sacred Heart
and you will see Miracles"*

Mother Clelia Merloni



Sr. Rosemary Zaffuto, ASCJ
Executive Director

Mission Statement:

The mission of Clelian Heights is to provide spiritual, educational, vocational and residential programs for children and young adults with developmental disabilities that enhance their quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living.

Vision Statement:

The vision of Clelian Heights is to provide an atmosphere of choice and mutual acceptance, respect and love that will make a lasting difference in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities.

Non-Discrimination:

Clelian Heights offers services to all without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religious creed, disability, sex, ancestry or national origin.

A Message from Sr. Rosemary

Dear Friends,

Nestled among the lovely hills of western Pennsylvania is a program that has for years been "the best kept secret" in the area. Perhaps the secret about Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children is slowly getting out to more and more people since the school now has a waiting list.

Visitors to Clelian Heights readily observe that the thrust of the program, in addition to academics, is to develop a healthy self-esteem, to give support and to empower the students and young adults to work toward independence to the extent to which they are able. One notices immediately how happy the children are. They truly enjoy having visitors to whom they can demonstrate their accomplishments.

Crucial to the success of Clelian Heights are the supporting groups who help form our mission and vision, together with the staff, as plans are made for the future. The commitment of the Advisory Board members and the members of the parents group have been important to the growth of Clelian Heights with their counsel and advice. Above all, the dedication of the staff and their love for the children make Clelian Heights the very special place that it is.

The month of June was alive with all kinds of projects for improvement and restructuring. Once the children finished the academic year, the company that is installing the air-conditioning moved right in and began pounding, hammering, sawing and whatever to do as much as they could before the start of the summer program. When the summer program began, the company had to be limited to certain areas, so they worked for long hours. Hopefully, by September we will hear the low hum of the air-conditioning units. We are extremely grateful to all who have contributed to our Project Fund to make this a reality for our children and young adults.

We are saddened to say goodbye to two very special staff members who have been at Clelian Heights for over 32 years. Sr. Marietta has been involved in various aspects of the program. Although we are sad to see her leave and we will surely miss her, we realize that it is time for her to retire and enjoy some rest and companionship with the Sisters at Sacred Heart Manor in Connecticut. Charles Demangone has been at Clelian Heights for over 32 years as teacher and Production Manager of the Clelian Center Workshop. He will be truly missed and we wish him God-Speed in his new endeavors.

To the many friends, parents and benefactors who have supported Clelian Heights through the years, we sincerely thank you and ask your support as we journey together to seek to improve our services to all those entrusted to our care. God Bless.

*"...only with
God are
all things
possible."*

The Advisory Board Welcomes New Members

Nancy Harris, a recent graduate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, is an attorney with the Greensburg firm of Belden Law. She specializes in the area of estate planning and administration. Previously, Nancy spent twenty five years as a civilian contractor with the United States Nuclear Navy. She and her husband, Jim, have also devoted their time to restoring a historic farm in Hempfield Township. Nancy also serves on the board of directors of the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association and was recently appointed to the board of directors of Westmoreland ARC Proserv.

Mary Ellen Meier, a resident of Export for 35 years, was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Seton Hill University with a degree in Theology and Sociology. She is married to Dr. Joseph F. Meier and they have two sons.

Mrs. Meier has worked for the Diocese of Greensburg at Catholic Charities where she coordinated the Golden Wedding Anniversary event, helped create older adult groups in parishes and facilitated Bereavement Groups in the Diocese and Catholic Charities. After moving to Parish Life and Ministry, she worked with parish councils and advocates for persons with disabilities. Most recently she coordinated Jubilee 2000, the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Diocese and was on the committee for the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Lawrence Brandt. In her spare time, she likes to read, play bridge and exercise.

John Scales, an attorney with the law firm of Scales and Murray formally Scales and Shaw, has practiced law in Greensburg since 1958. Mr. Scales graduated from Trafford High School, Yale University and Harvard Law School. He is married to Joan Mathes Scales (owner of Just Miniature Scale in Greensburg) and has four children and five grandchildren.

The following are among the many accomplishments of Mr. Scales. He has represented the Greensburg Salem School District and his law firm represents Penn-Trafford School District. Mr. Scales has served as Assistant District Attorney and District Attorney for Westmoreland Co., State Senator for the 39th District and on the Advisory Board at Seton Hill University. Reading, particularly historical works, and traveling are hobbies Mr. Scales enjoys.

Estate Planning

LEAVE A LEGACY

Are you aware that each individual, no matter how modest of means, has the ability to leave a legacy unlimited by the short span of his or her lifetime? You may already be aware that, in order to ensure the continuation of any benefits received by a special needs individual, any assets left to that individual in an estate should not be distributed outright but rather be set aside in a supplemental needs trust. What many people fail to recognize, however, is the opportunity this presents to honor that individual's life and contributions. As long as the assets to be placed in the supplemental needs trust come from someone other than the special needs individual, the person establishing that trust can designate any future use for the proceeds upon the death of the special needs beneficiary. A particularly fitting tribute is to designate an endowment in the honor of, or in the memory of, that special needs individual, to the Clelian Heights Endowment Foundation. In that way, the spirit of that special son or daughter, grandchild or sibling lives on and shines as a light for others who will walk the same path.

CLELIAN LEGACY FUND

In 1999 Clelian Heights School established the Clelian Legacy Fund to honor those individuals, families and organizations who contribute \$25,000 or more. This legacy has been named in honor of the foundress of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother Clelia Merloni, after whom our school is named. Members of the Clelian Legacy group are remembered with a personalized plaque on the Legacy Wall in the school entrance and also in our daily prayers and monthly Eucharistic Liturgy for our benefactors.

You, too, can become a part of this worthwhile program now or in the near future by remembering Clelian Heights in your planned giving or estate planning. Your legacy gift is an investment to help ensure the ongoing programs of special education at Clelian Heights.

We invite you to see the Clelian Legacy Wall when you visit Clelian Heights School. We hope you will prayerfully consider a long-term investment to this fund. For information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Zaffuto, Executive Director.

The most acceptable service to God is doing good to man.

Benjamin Franklin, autobiography, ch 1

11th Annual JPK Golf Classic

The Krystyniak Family sponsored another successful Golf Outing May 24, 2004 at Pleasant Valley Country Club with 65 golfers participating in the event. This outing, organized by John Krystyniak in memory of his father, is always a great day of golfing and demonstrations from a LPGA Golf Pro as well as an enjoyable evening with dinner, prizes and renewing of friendships.

The proceeds from this outing, now more than \$100,000.00, are placed in the Endowment Fund to help secure the future of Clelian Heights. We offer our sincere thanks to Mrs. Margaret Krystyniak and her sons John and Mark for their continued support of Clelian Heights.

If you are a golfer, mark your calendars now for June 20, 2005 to participate in the 12th Annual JPK Golf Classic. To receive golf mailings or for more information, call Clelian Heights-724-837-3310, x315.

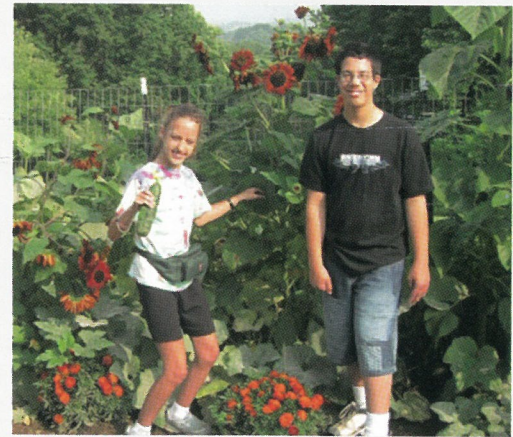


Patty Jordan, (right) LPGA Golf Pro
Greg Baker and Erika Reese

How Did Our Garden Grow?



This spring, teachers Betty McCormick, Stephanie Sunder and Father Philip collaborated to create a school garden. The garden, approximately 680 square feet adjacent to the playground, was prepared, planted and tended by our students. Classes planted beds of lettuce and spinach, onion and garlic sets, and a variety of other vegetables, including pole beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, gourds and pumpkins. Sunflowers, zinnias and marigolds were planted to add an aesthetic touch. Students have harvested the fruits of their labors for use in home economic classes and school lunches. The pilot project has been a great success.



2005 Lottery Calendars

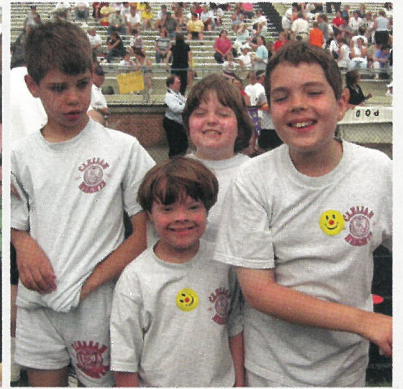
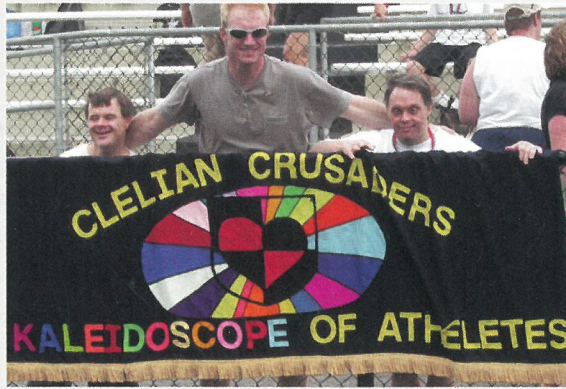
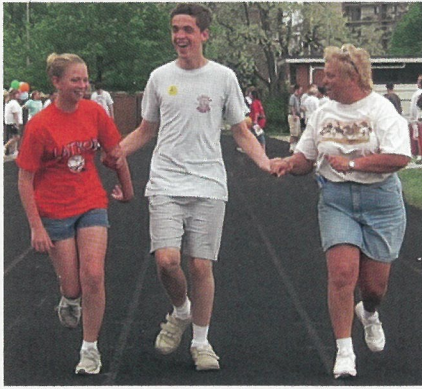
On Sale Now

The 2005 2nd Yearly Lottery Calendar is now available. Based on the 7 p.m. 3 digit PA State Lottery Number, you have a chance of winning money every day of the year. A total of \$15,000.00 in cash will be given away. The cost of a calendar is \$25.00.

Be a savvy shopper - this is a great gift for birthday, anniversaries, Christmas or any occasion you want a gift that "keeps on giving."

For more information or to purchase a calendar, call 837-8120 ext.315

2004 SPECIAL OLYMPICS - TRACK AND FIELD



Please Mark Your Calendar Today

Wholey Barbecue

Night at the Races

Longaberger Basket Bash

October 17, 2004

February 26, 2005

April 10, 2005

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