

SHAVINGS

Clelian Heights Newsletter

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NEW RESIDENCES COMPLETED

We have cause to celebrate...Phase I, the new residences, is completed and the sisters are celebrating 100 years of service as Apostles of the Sacred Heart. We would like to invite you to celebrate both events with us:



1894 - Centennial - 1994
APOSTLES
Of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus

The Sisters of Clelian Heights cordially invite you to attend a Eucharistic Liturgy of Thanksgiving commemorating One Hundred Years of the founding of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and celebrating the Dedication of the Young Adult Residences Sunday, May 23, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John de La Salle Church, Delmont Blessing of residences and Reception to follow at Clelian Heights at 3:30 p.m.

We hope you can join with us for this special occasion!

PHASE II UNDER WAY



With Phase I buildings nearly complete and an anticipated move-in date of March 20th, we work with renewed energy to reach our Phase II goal. We have \$1,000,000 to go. Architectural drawings have been completed and when the \$1,000,000 is reached, we will begin building.



Everyone has something special to offer, something special to nurture and something special to achieve, given the opportunities and encouragement. This issue of *Shavings* focuses on three people who have given of their time and talent to Clelian Heights so that our students can have the opportunity to become their best. Our honorees received recognition at the Greensburg Sheraton on February 2nd at the *Gift of Time Tribute Program* sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg and hosted by Dr. Anthony P. Witham, president of the American Family Institute.



Rose Sweeney Melenyzer Gift of Time Honoree

Continuing the tradition begun by her brother George Sweeney over 25 years ago, Rose Sweeney Melenyzer has been a gift to Clelian Heights as she continues to give of



herself. As Honorary Chairman of the Clelian Heights Advisory Board, she has used her abilities to benefit our children and adults.

Each year school sports equipment is replaced through the Campbell Soup Labels program and a computer is added to the school through the Giant Eagle program due to Rose's efforts. She works vigorously at getting family and friends to save Campbell labels and Giant Eagle tapes.

In her quiet, humble way she has helped countless children and their families without their awareness. She has been the greatest individual benefactor in our present expansion campaign. Her unselfish love and acts of kindness and generosity are unsurpassed. In the eyes of the Clelian family, Rose is very special. Her love and friendship with us is a treasure.

Mr. Benjamin Bernacchi Gift of Time Honoree



There are some people with boundless generosity who have the goodness of heart to channel their efforts for the good of others. Having the ability and knowledge to help, they plunge in without counting the cost of time or energy.

Ben Bernacchi is one of those special people. As co-chairman of the Clelian Heights Advisory Board, he continually uses his professional expertise for the benefit of our children and adults. He generates enthusiasm, initiates ideas, collaborates efforts so that the aims of the school can be accomplished and the goals leading to the dreams for the future can be met step by step, one after another. Ben's gift of self to Clelian Heights is a blessing for us all.



Mr. George Sweeney III
Gift of Time Honoree

George Sweeney, co-chariman of the Clelian Heights Advisory Board, willingly puts his talents into action for the benefit of others. George can always be counted on. He's there when needed as a friend and a co-worker to give support and offer suggestions.

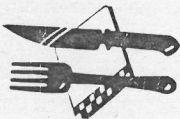
George, too, is a very special person. He is a hard worker with a generous heart, always ready to go the extra mile, offer a helping hand, a warm smile, and a listening ear. With the gift of his experience, he has been a liaison in contacting community resources. George's gift of time and talent to Clelian Heights has been an invaluable help.



Anne Dejick
Gift of Time Honoree

Anne Dejick, as receptionist and secretary of Clelian Heights, has given of her time, talent and love as she so cheerfully directs messages and information to staff, visitors, students, young adults.

"Annie", as we fondly call her, readily and cheerfully answers questions, searches for information, gives directions, types memos and responds to letters. She is able to help several people at once and manages to keep everything straight. And she is always there. Annie's smiling face, her gift of self, day after day to our children, to parents, volunteers, staff and visitors makes everyone feel so good!



Congratulations kitchen crew for scoring 100% on the Federal School Lunch Program Audit!



WELCOME!

We welcome Paula Bearer, a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, who is doing student teaching here at

Clelian Heights.



We happily welcome back Sr. Beatriz de Hollanda, a sister Apostle from Brazil. Sr. Beatriz first came to Clelian Heights in January 1990 to learn about the apostolate of special education. She remained with us until August 1991 when she was sent as a missionary to Albania.

In Brazil Sr. Beatriz was a professor of Music and Theology at our University in Bauru and she was doing advanced study in psychology. Among the many things she accomplished in her short time here was the initiation of the tone bell choir who first performed for the 1990 Christmas Show at the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center. Since that time, Clelian students have continued to play the tone bells, playing at the 1990 and 1993 Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Masses, at the 1991 and 1992 Christmas Performances, entertaining at Clelian Heights for Catholic Schools Week and for liturgies, and most recently, combining talents with the Clelian Singers when entertaining groups.

Each of us was so very pleased and touched on January 5th when Sr. Beatriz greeted us by name (remembering every staff person and child) and told us that daily in Albania she prayed for each of us, and, determined to return, received the strength she needed knowing that we too were praying for her and that when her work was done, she would return to us again.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
CELEBRATION: JANUARY 31-
FEBRUARY 5, 1993**

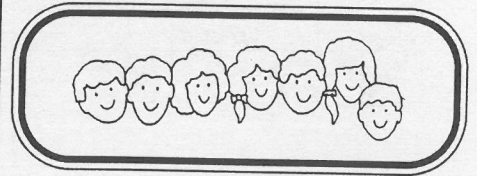
**WE EXTEND A SINCERE AND
HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO
ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO
MADE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK SO SPECIAL!**

Our Catholic Schools Week celebrations and special events were wonderful experiences. Everyone joined in the fun and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



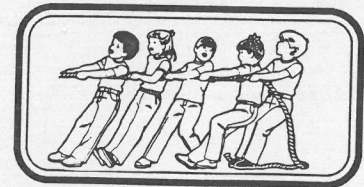
The week began with Project CREATE AND DISCOVER. Students participated in a variety of activities such as craft creations, face painting, candy making, science experiments, green thumb gardening and physical fitness—six different stations of things to do and make and discover! One of the craft stations was planned and carried out by students from Greensburg-Salem Middle School.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday students from Greensburg-Salem Middle School worked with our students and joined in the week's events. Thirty students in all participated in this special program.



Monday was also Crazy Dress Day. Students used their imaginations and let themselves be Crazy fashion designers. They wore mismatched socks, backwards clothing, inside-out shirts, etc. In the afternoon there was a parade of "crazy fashions" with prizes awarded to the most creative.

On Tuesday, the Clelian Bell Choir performed the piece, *Jesus the Bread of Life* at the Catholic Schools Week liturgy at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.



Tuesday was also SPORTS MORNING with both Teen and Junior Events, including a *Hockey Tournament, relay races and Tug-Of-War events*. Tuesday afternoon included Swimming at the YMCA or Disney video at school.



Wednesday was field trip day with bowling at Main Bowl and lunch at Side Show Pizza. In the evening Clelian residents participated in a Gamathon sponsored by Seton Hill College for Clelian Heights. Everyone had a great time and hated to leave!



On Thursday a group of our teenagers went to Queen of Angels school for a Schools Week Dance and in the afternoon there was a dance at Clelian Heights.

Friday morning began with our own special liturgy celebrating the specialness of our school. Room 104 students acted out the scripture reading and did a very effective job.



A TALENT HOUR followed. Each room displayed their special talents as they entertained the student body. They used sign language, sang solos, played rhythm instruments, and performed group dances.

All in all, it was a very busy, but very enjoyable time of celebration!

APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON



On Friday February 12, Clelian Heights had a special Appreciation Day Luncheon for staff and students. Both received certificates acknowledging their work

and efforts as all strive to grow into the best they can become. RONALD McDONALD visited ed after lunch presenting his Fun 'n Fitness program.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWS



BOWLING

Congratulations to our three medal winners in the State Bowling Olympics held in Beaver, PA:
Kristine Bastl - Gold Medal
Lee Germano - Gold Medal
Gregory Boyle - 6th Place Ribbon



ICE SKATING

Winners in the ice skating competition on February 6 were:

Shirley Bernacchi who came away with two Gold Medals;
Michael Anthony who won a Silver and a Bronze Medal;
and Mark Suman who earned two Silver Medals. Congratulations skaters, we heard that the competition was tough!



SKIING

Congratulations to the following students who were CROSS COUNTRY medal winners on February 13 at Laurel Mountain Ski Resort:

Michael Anthony
Shirley Bernacchi
C.J. Fabry
John Kita
Michael Policastro
Amy Silvis
Mark Suman
Clifford Trice



Participating in the the State Winter Games February 23-26 at Hidden Valley:
Michael Policastro
Clifford Trice - two Bronze Medals and a 4th Place Ribbon;

Mark Suman - two Silver Medals and a 4th Place Ribbon;
C.J. Fabry - Three Gold Medals

SWIMMING



Everyone at Clelian Heights is preparing for the annual swimming Olympics. During the months of March and April there will be a few special sessions at the YMCA to help our swimmers prepare for this big event, which will take place on Saturday, April 3rd. If you've never attended the event, mark your calendars now for a special treat and plan to cheer our team to victory. You can be assured of a very rewarding experience, as well as an exciting day!

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Please keep saving them for us! Our Campbell Soup label collection continues to go well, thanks to all of you who have taken the time to tear off labels and send them in.

GIANT EAGLE TAPES

This year's Apples for students program has ended. And again, thanks to your efforts, we have been successful! Even though the collection period was much shorter, we have enough Giant Eagle tapes to receive an Apple IIe Computer with monitor and disc drive and an Echo Speech Synthesizer. The majority of our computer equipment has been obtained by exchanging Giant Eagle tapes for computers through the Apples for Students program and this has enabled our computer curriculum to grow stronger year after year.



SETON HILL COLLEGE NUTRITION CLASS CONTINUES A TRADITION



For longer than most of us can remember, Seton Hill College students majoring in Home Economics or Dietetics have visited Clelian Heights, become acquainted with our young adults, and taught them some home economics tips.

This year the Seton Hill students will come in mid March. On their first visit, they'll get to know all the Clelian Center students and then focus in on specific learning areas for the second visit which will include preparing a buffet dinner and sessions on planning meals, shopping for meals, and practicing basic sewing skills. They will also spend time in the grooming room with the young women, showing them hair styling and manicure.



MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

Children with medical disabilities are eligible for Medicaid. Due to a little known loophole, most children with serious disabilities are eligible for Medicaid (also known as Medical Assistance.) Currently, most children with severe disabilities get Medicaid by qualifying for SSI. However, SSI counts the income and resources of the parents. Those children that meet the medical criteria for disability under SSI but whose parents' income make them ineligible for SSI can get Medicaid (a medical card) under this loophole. However, if your child was turned down for SSI because they didn't feel he or she met the SSI standard of disability, rather than for excess income, this loophole does not apply. You must call your *County Assistance Office* or go there to get an application form. Make it clear that you are applying only for Medicaid for your child. You must put at the top of the first page, in large letters **MA for Disabled Child Only-Handbook Section 355.4** — you are not asking for SSI, just medical assistance. This directs the workers at the County Assistance Office to the loophole and makes it clear you know about it.

F.O.C.H.O. THANK YOU



We are indeed grateful to the parents, teachers, and friends of Clelian Heights who gave up their valuable time during

the past holiday season to help us at the Gift Wrap Booth and Coat Check at Westmoreland Mall. Everyone put in a tremendous effort to make this year our most successful yet! Our gross for 1992 increased by \$1,173.14. This is a 19% increase over our 1991 season. Our profit this year of \$5,784.31 will go toward Phase II of our building campaign.

In the name of the F.O.C.H.O. executive board and the staff of Clelian Heights, we extend a very special thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the Gift Wrap Booth and Coat Check such a great success!

Sincerely,
Anne Price, Chairman

SPORTS FRIENDSHIP DAY



One very special event of each new year is St. Vincent College Sports Friendship Day. It is always held on the last Saturday of January as a way that the St. Vincent College campus community shares the Benedictine tradition of hospitality of place, joy, and heart with persons with disabilities. The campus community hosts a day of light sports activities, a dance, a talent show, a dinner and a Mass. Each year the St. Vincent students give to all attending a shirt imprinted with the year and a special logo expressing the friendship and joy that is shared and extended throughout the year. And all through the year on the Clelian Campus are seen shirts proudly worn that span over ten years of joy and friendship shared and remembered!

WELCOME BACK JIMMY



We're happy to have Jimmy Pollock back with us after his long hospital stay. "I'm grateful for the cards and get well messages I received. Most of all I'm just happy to be back with my friends!"

CLELIAN SINGERS



The Clelian Singers are on the road again. On Sunday, February 7 at noon a special liturgy was celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg, for all persons with disabilities as well as their families, friends, and advocates. Our Clelian Singers led the congregation in song.

The Singers gave a 45 minute performance for the students of Sacred Heart School in Youngstown on February 22nd. It was a delightful mix as the Sacred Heart students spontaneously joined in on songs that they knew. And it was a happy moment for the Singers when they heard the comment that it sounded like they were on radio!

On February 28 the Singers were guests at the 11 a.m. Liturgy at St. Bruno's Church, Greensburg, where they combined song with tone bell selections.

If you have a group that would enjoy some "joyful noise", let us know!

12th ANNUAL MARATHON



The date set for Clelian Heights Annual Marathon is Saturday, April 24th, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. It will be held here at Clelian Heights. It's not too early to start lining up sponsors for this event. We are asking that you and your family walk for the school. Begin to get your relatives and friends to sponsor you for every mile you walk. Get as many sponsors as possible. Not only is walking healthy, it's also FUN. If you do not plan to walk in the Marathon, think about sponsoring one of the staff members. They will be delighted to walk for you! We are expecting Sr. Maria to join us again this year! You will be receiving sponsor sheets and information.

The Marathon is the largest fund-raiser we have, and for the past few years it has brought in at least \$25,000. Clelian Heights has been NUMBER ONE for SIX years!

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by Charles, Cecelia, and Janice Decker

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Todd Decker (Birthday 11/18/62)

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