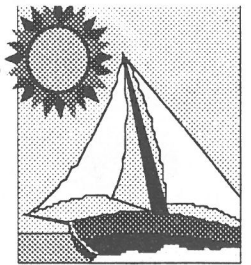


CLELIAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER



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We Will Miss You Sr. Rosemary



"There is a time for everything under the sun..." Yes, a time for remembering, a time for rejoicing, a time for giving thanks, a time for paying tribute, a time for parting. The time has come at Clelian Heights to do all of these things. There is a time in each sister's life when God channels her energies in another direction for the sake of the Kingdom. Such has been asked of our

Executive Director, Sister Rosemary Zaffuto, as she will soon assume the role of vice-provincial for the United States Province of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her new home will be in Hamden, Connecticut.

The awareness that Sr. Rosemary will part from us soon makes us realize how deeply we have been affected by her presence. "A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you've forgotten how it goes." Sr. Rosemary has been that special kind of friend to us. Since 1988 when she first came to Clelian Heights, her sharing has not only been open and harmonious but deep and very significant. She communicates very strongly her belief in a better life for those with disabilities and it shows through in true compassion and action. The loving and nurturing presence of God is seen clearly in her reaching out to others--truly appreciating the beauty of each person, the mystery and ordinariness of life, of each of us.

What is so special about Sr. Rosemary? Conscious of those things of value in life, her desire stretches toward God and his special children without any slacking. The needs of those dependent on her take center stage. And the question always asked is: are we doing all we can and are we doing it in a loving way that allows the world to see the face of God in our actions? Not that she never feels disappointment or failure, but her vision is set. And it revolves around a spirit of dignity and enablement for everyone, sharing wholly her life to assist others on this quest of letting us see the reflection of the living face of God more readily in each child, in each other, by an unabashed, enthusiastic, unconditional acceptance, unconditional love.

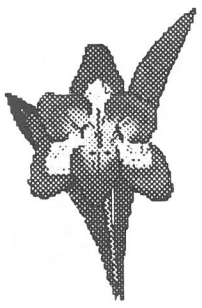
Often her days have been filled with routine activities and preoccupations --the everyday busyness that could keep her from relishing the small joys and special pleasures of life at Clelian Heights. For her, ordinary milestones are always cherished. She sees life filled with meaningful relationships and profound experiences probably because she seems to reflect to us that she sees the footprints of God alongside each person she

encounters!

Aware that she has a special responsibility, that her decisions impact on others' lives, she is inventive, attentive, and spontaneous to what the moment demands. We see in her a grateful and free approach which opens up opportunities for others to be creative, to model the deep personal joy and peace that is evident in her life amid the reality of difficulty. Her own experiences have been clarified by exposure to new ways of thinking about those with disabilities through a reflective process that weighs the pros and cons. Her perspective and wisdom sifts the superficial from the important allowing the important issues to take precedence. Her deep sense of commitment and honesty brings to situations enthusiasm and concern without unrealistic expectations. Doing such, she accomplishes much at Clelian Heights in the formation and development of each child. Stimulated by intent conversation and the desire to understand and connect with others, she listens and hears things through. By keeping track of her impressions and insights she reenters and revisits her experiences for greater discovery, evaluation and future visioning. We have a sense of feeling nourished, aware, affirmed and reconnected to life when we are with Sr. Rosemary. There is a meeting of hearts, a giving and receiving, a recognition and responsiveness to others, and a communication that each person is valuable.

Sr. Rosemary, we hope that Clelian Heights has been a significant benchmark in your life, that there has been created a bond that will never be broken. That Clelian Heights has been a setting in which you've seen God and His surprises present, a place where you've been able to understand His wishes and love for you. Your friendship, your caring presence, has been a beautiful gift to share and experience. May you hold with fondness special memories of Clelian Heights in your heart as we hold you with deep love in our hearts. We will never forget how you have attended to all with love and care, how you encourage us to trust and hope. Each of us owes deepest thanks for the times you have rekindled our faith and affirmed our gifts, for the trust, love, and friendship you've given.

We rejoice with you on your new challenge, pray for you during this transition, celebrate with you a new beginning, and thank God for all your accomplishments while with us. Your gentle touch, warm humor, spontaneous joy, kind tenderness, loving compassion, open generosity and patient support are gifts we can never forget, treasures that will grow in value as time passes. We treasure most your friendship, your acceptance of us as we are, with our limitations and frailty and wish for you many new friends on your new journey because, "It is in the shelter of each other that people live." May you continue to live in peace and joy in the shelter of God's love and ours.



The month of June is always a special time for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart - a time when we remember His ever constant love for us and our love for Him. June is also a time of change; a time when the Apostles of the Sacred Heart receive their assignments for the

coming school year. Several changes will be taking place in the Sisters' staff at Clelian Heights. Mother Adrienne DiLorenzo has been appointed as our new Director and Superior. For the past nine years Mother Adrienne has served as our Mother Provincial and during those years she has shown a profound interest and concern for Clelian Heights. We are confident that through her leadership Clelian Heights will continue to offer quality care, education and programming to our students and young adults. Sr. Lisa Florio, a registered nurse, will also be joining our staff. Sister Lisa has been serving at Sacred Heart Manor, our retirement home in Connecticut. Besides doing nursing, Sister Lisa will also be involved in the Clelian Center Workshop. We welcome back a familiar face - Mother Maria Battaglia! For the past 6 years Mother Maria has been the Vice-Provincial of our Province. During that time her heart has remained at Clelian and we eagerly look forward to her return.

After 15 years of teaching and service at Clelian Sr. Emmanuel is moving on to be maintenance coordinator at our Provincial House in Hamden, Ct. Sister was not only responsible for maintenance but also oversaw the construction of the Apartments, and now the Therapeutic Center. Sr. Dolorita, who has worked in our Adult program for the past 2 years will also be leaving Clelian and moving to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. We extend to Sister Dolorita and to Sr. Emmanuel our gratitude and heartfelt thanks for their years of service and dedication to the Clelian Heights Family. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus grace them with his blessings of love.

MAY CROWNING:

A special liturgy honoring Mary was celebrated on Friday, May 19. School children and young adults were chosen to take part in the ceremony at which Mary was crowned. Ricky Stuver carried the crown for Andrea Burnett who was escorted by Nick Kosor. It was beautiful to see Andrea's smiling face as she reached up to place the crown on Mary. The liturgy was a prayerful experience for all who were present.

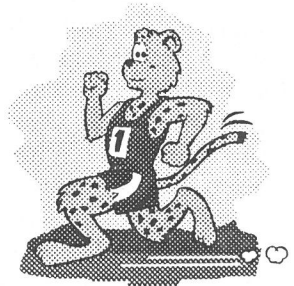
SPECIAL OLYMPIC NEWS:

Congratulations to all the Clelian Heights students and adults who participated in the Westmoreland County

Track and Field Olympics at Latrobe, Saturday, May 20. Thanks to all those present in their child's results. They are as follows:

Mark Bartram	Bronze	Gold	Gold
Matt Simons	4th place	Silver	Bronze
Tracy Balcerek	Gold	Gold	Gold
Greg Boyle	Silver		Bronze
C.J. Fabry	Gold	Gold	Silver
John Kita	Gold	Gold	Bronze
Kim Nunley	Silver	Bronze	Gold
Heather Price	Gold	Silver	Silver
Chris Redfern	Silver	Bronze	6th place
Jeff Radebaugh	Gold	Bronze	Gold
Eric Lauth	Bronze	Silver	4th place
Bob Capone	Gold	Gold	Gold
Nick Kosor	Silver	Gold	Silver
Mark Suman	Silver	Gold	Bronze
Kregg Berg	Bronze	Silver	Bronze
Andrea Burnett	Silver	Silver	Silver
Bill Brown	Silver	5th place	Silver
Eric Watters	Silver	Gold	Gold
Cliff Trice	Gold	Gold	Gold
Sabby Arena	Silver		Gold
Arthur Russo	Silver	Bronze	Gold

The following people also participated in Track and Field Olympics: Aaron Graham, Joseph St. Denis, Mike Kettering, Meghan Dawson, Jodi Fite, Katie McDonough, Randy Rose, Jennifer Roche, Angela Dippolito, Amy Silvis, Lisa Molter, Heather Heasley, Jason Muller, Julie Holtz, Kristine Bastl, and Dan Veltri.



Those students attending the Pennsylvania State Summer Olympics at State College from June 8 -11 are:

<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Track and Field</u>
Courtney Gabos	Eric Lauth
Katie McDonough	C.J. Fabry
Mike McGinley	Clifford Trice
Mark Suman	

SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, May 23 was a special day for some very special people! Mr. Fran Murrman and Ms. Linda Bugajski, Guidance Counselors from Greensburg-Salem Middle School, and 15 wonderful 8th graders shared a day of bowling, pizza, and fun with 15 of our students who were accompanied by Ms. Palmer. It was impressive to see the fellowship and camaraderie

to groups of students. It was definitely a remembered!

Y.M.C.A. Swimming Program:

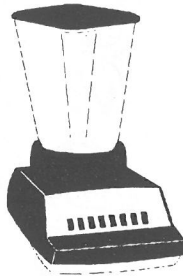
Students participating in the swimming program at the Y.M.C.A. received a lesson in safe boating. Each got a turn riding in a canoe and several brave swimmers capsized the boat. The swimmers learned how to breathe under a capsized boat by using the air pocket. It was a great experience for all!

Home Ec. Wish List:

If anyone has any of the following items taking up extra space, we'd be glad to use them in the Home Ec. program:

- Ice Cream Maker- one that uses regular ice and regular salt if possible.
- Food Processor
- Salad Spinner
- Plastic storage bowls with lids - rectangular ones that fit in a side by side freezer would be helpful.
- Blender - We have a Waring blender, but the glass pitcher was dropped and is broken. We'd be happy to get a Waring pitcher or an unused blender.
- 2 quart plastic pitcher

If you have any of these items to donate please send them to the school marked "Home Ec".



RESIDENTIAL NEWS:

The boys and girls in the dorms were very busy preparing for Mother's Day. The boys brought home flowers that they had planted and kites that they had made. The girls created beautiful dimensional flowers which had smiling family faces in their centers. The flowers were then placed into baskets of colorful straw. These gifts were special surprises for some extra special Moms!

An Evening Out: Nine of the older boys had the opportunity to go the Pizza Hut for dinner. Kerry and Karen Jacobsen took them for this special treat. They all had a great time!

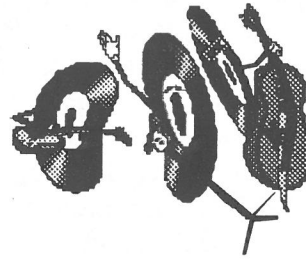


GIRL SCOUT NEWS:

Autumn Power, our Scout leader, assisted by several other Girl Scout leaders accompanied our Girl Scouts on their first overnight camping trip.

Preparations for the trip included shopping for food and packing all the necessary utensils and gear. Those who took part in this adventure were Jodi Fite, Meghan Dawson, Courtney Gabos, Katie McDonough, Sheila Veres, and Caroline Shrum.

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!:



Hooray for our friends from Greensburg Salem Middle School who sponsored two dances for all Clelian Heights residents. The first was a 50's and 60's dance at which outfits ranging from poodle skirts to hippie attire were sported. DJ's from

Greensburg-Salem kept everyone rockin' and rollin' to their favorite oldies.

Joe Kita, John's brother, and his band provided live entertainment for the second evening of fun. Special thanks to Dawn Germano and Judy Panebianco for all the planning that made these evenings such fun!

OUR SECOND ANNUAL CARD PARTY AND FASHION SHOW

was held on April 29 in our lovely decorated gym. The weather was perfect, the attendance was up from last year and our fashionable models were decked out in the latest spring styles. Our sincere "Thanks" to Mrs. Betty Abramovic for the time and effort she personally put in to make this event such a successful one. "Thanks" also to Mrs. M. Miaskiewicz for making all the beautiful decorations, to all the FOCHO members who helped in many various ways, to our lovely models and to each of you who supported this event by your attendance. Everyone's hard work and cooperation paid off since the Card Party and Fashion Show raised \$2400.00. Plans are already underway for next year's Card Party and Fashion Show to be held in our new gym! God Bless each of you involved with FOCHO and all that the organization does to benefit Clelian Heights.



MARATHON '95

Special Thanks to the following people (and two dogs) who walked in this year's Marathon: Angela Dippolito, Joelle Abramovic, Jennifer Roche, Maria Celenza,



Shirley & Eleanor Bernacchi, Amy Silvis, Carmelina DiBiasio, Julie & Bill Holtz, Heather Heasley, Justin & Dorothy Woshner, Kim Nunley, Doris Holtz, Marie Holtz, Priscilla Fitzpatrick, Clifford Trice, Marie, Duane, Matt, & Duane (jr.), Bentz, Dave & Elaine Milan, John, Barb & John Kita, Mother Maria, Kathy Boyle, Arthur Russo & Captain, Sr. Beatriz, Sr. Linda & Sandy, Sr. Rosemary, Sr. Benjamin & David Yarbrough, Sr. Charlene. To date we have received over \$21,000.00 in pledges and Ads with more to come in!

We also wish to thank those who gave of their time to help cook and sell food, work at the registration desk, punch tickets for walkers and so many other odds and ends: Sr. Angelica, Sr. Electa, Mike Celenza, Irene & Bob Edwards, Tony & Betty Abramovic, Sr. Clelia, Sr. Clotilde, Bernie & Dorothy Roche, Irene Simons, Cliff & Chantal Trice, Sr. Marietta, Sr. Emmanuel, Sr. Dolorita, Chris Brady, and Helen McGartland.

A final word of "Thanks" goes to Sr. Margaret Ann who not only coordinated this event but also personally solicited many hundreds of dollars in ads for the Ad Book. She and Sr. Charlene spent many hours preparing the book for the printer. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bestow special blessings upon all those who in any way contributed to making this Marathon a successful fund raiser as well as FUN!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

NEW RECREATION / THERAPY CENTER

With this past winter being so mild, construction on the new recreation therapy center continued with very little interruption. Most of the masonry has been completed on the exterior walls and now the great concentration is to waterproof the building by installing the roof, windows, and doors.

The mechanical contractors have begun the installation of the ductwork for the elaborate heating/ventilation system which will serve the pool, gym and locker rooms.

Completion date is estimated to be the Fall of 1995.



CLELIAN SINGERS

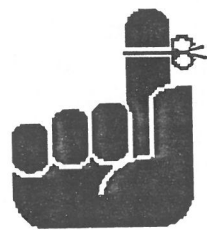
Thanks to Sr. Benjamin, Larry Demangone, and all the Clelian Singers for all of your long hours of practice and hard work preparing for all of your singing engagements. Many, many people were inspired by your performances. Keep up the good work!



REMINDERS

-- Campbell's soup labels can be collected all summer and brought to school in September. The more labels we collect, the more items we can get for free.

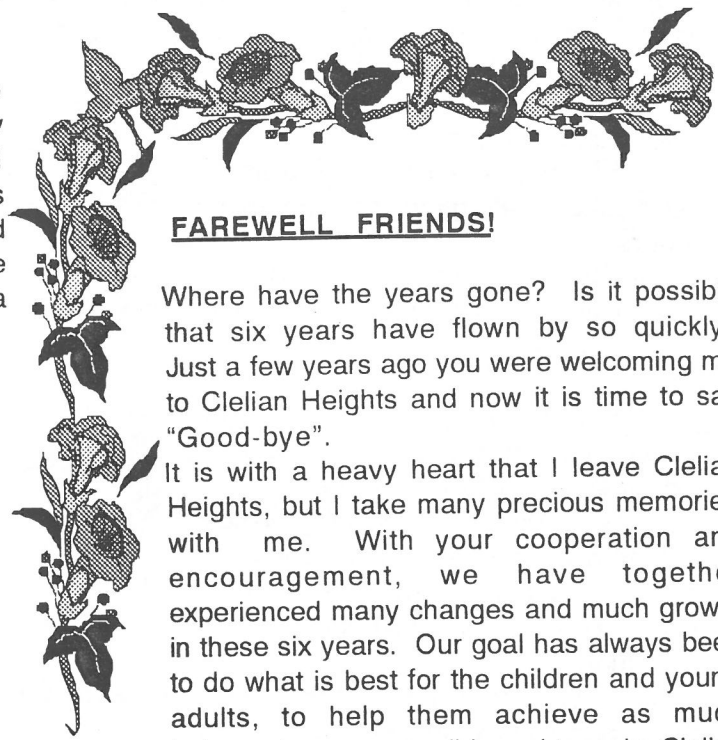
-- Please save your aluminum cans for recycling at Chip's House. They can be dropped off by the back door of



Chip's House any time of day or night!

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

- Ricky Stuver for receiving your First Communion.
- Heather Heasley for receiving your Confirmation.
- Amy Colbert for getting a job at Kings Restaurant.
- Eleanor Palmer for your upcoming June wedding.
- Sr. Clotilde for fifty years of service to the Church.



FAREWELL FRIENDS!

Where have the years gone? Is it possible that six years have flown by so quickly? Just a few years ago you were welcoming me to Clelian Heights and now it is time to say "Good-bye".

It is with a heavy heart that I leave Clelian Heights, but I take many precious memories with me. With your cooperation and encouragement, we have together experienced many changes and much growth in these six years. Our goal has always been to do what is best for the children and young adults, to help them achieve as much independence as possible and to make Clelian Heights a home away from home for them.

I will surely miss everyone as I move on to other challenging ministries for our congregation. I will look forward to hearing all the news from Clelian Heights as we move into the future.

Thank you for a wonderful six-year experience, thanks for your cooperation in all projects, thanks for your love, care, and concern extended to me throughout these years. I only ask that you welcome the new Director and give her the same cooperation that you gave me.

You know that I will keep you in my prayers and I ask that you do the same for me. God Bless!

Much love,

Sr. Rosemary Zaffuto

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