

## Annual Residents' Dinner



The annual Residents' Dinner was held on Friday, February 13th. In keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, the dining room was

brightly decorated in red and white. Once again, the meal was catered by Livingwater Restaurant, Main St. Unionville.

Board members and their wives proved to be capable waiters and waitresses although there was some disappointment expressed with regards to the tips received for their services! At one point in the evening, some of the volunteers sang a spontaneous rendition of 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart'.

The evening provided a welcome chance for residents and their guests to enjoy a visit with each other. We are grateful for the willing workers who made this evening a success.

## Laura Thorn Retires After Twenty-Six Years of Service

Well-wishers gathered in the main dining room on Friday afternoon, April 30th to honour Laura Thorn, Dietary Services Manager, who retired after 26 years of dedicated service to Bethany.



Laura's career began in a humble manner. Annette Snow, her daughter, was working in the kitchen and when they were in need of more assistance, Annette suggested to her mother that she join the Bethany team. Laura took up the challenge, and worked her way up the ladder. This involved taking courses related to kitchen management.

Laura is a quiet lady who will be remembered for her consistency of work, kindness to the individual residents, and willingness to facilitate the many extra

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Laura and her daughter, Annette Snow, at her retirement tea

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# Bethany's 2nd Annual Benefit Dinner



Helping to make the evening a success were (l to r): The Watchmen, Rob Christian, and The Pullens (here with Bruce Peat)

**T**he Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall was once again the location of the annual Bethany Benefit Dinner. Approximately \$40,000 was raised for the Bethany Rebuild program, and we are indeed thankful for our many supporters.

The room was magically transformed into a beautiful setting for our banquet. Credit for this must be given to the marvelous talents of Rachel Clingen and her team. During the reception period, Rob and Ron Christian provided background music on the flute and keyboard.

This year, we included two groups of entertainers. Wendy and Doug Pullen, talented saxophonists, took us on a musical journey through the centuries. They were followed by our return guests, 'The Watchmen'. As the scripture so aptly states, they truly do 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'!

The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Roberts, a resident of Bethany. He was asked to give his rendition of 'Life at Bethany', and proceeded to do so with gusto. With tongue-in-cheek, he took us through a typical morning exercise class and all its variations. He ended his speech by telling us that if we wanted to hear how the afternoons at Bethany were spent, we would have to come back to next year's dinner! Such is the wit and talent of this 101 year old!

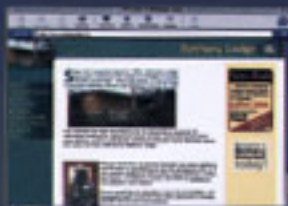
**We acknowledge the goodness of God for the success of the evening, and give all praise to Him.**

## Any Journalists in our Audience?

**In 2005, Bethany Lodge will celebrate its 35th anniversary and we are exploring the idea of producing a record of Bethany's history. We are looking for someone with journalistic experience who would be interested in working on this project.**

**Please contact Beth Sparrow (905 477 3838, Ex. 232). Applications accepted until Aug 15th, 2004**

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Stay up to date on events at Bethany Lodge (including our monthly KeenAgers Calendars), Bethany Manor and Bethany Courts, view pictures past and present, get to know our administrative staff...and more.

## Laura Thorn Retires (cont'd from cover)

dinners, parties, and special events that have arisen over the years. We've been told that there is a 'Black Book', somewhere on site,

recording every special event over the years.

Earlier this summer, Laura took a trip to England to visit her mother. Later in the year, she will be moving to a new home.

We wish Laura many more happy experiences in the future.

# Farewell Tea for Dave McAnally

After a career spanning eight years and eight months at Bethany Lodge, Dave McAnally has resigned from his position as Manager of Environmental Services.

Many friends and residents gathered in the dining room on Friday, March 26, 2004 for a farewell tea.

Throughout his career at Bethany, David displayed a true caring and Christian spirit towards the residents, and went out of his way to be of assistance to them. These acts have ranged from setting up the projector for the weekly video, to bringing 'Lady Charlotte' for a visit to our Fall Fair! David's willing assistance at special events was much appreciated by Bethany's man-

agement as well.

Bethany Lodge has had a close connection with the McAnally family for many years. His mother, Maude, does private nursing for residents, his wife, Lorraine, is an on-site hairdresser, and his daughter, Sarah, is currently on staff in the Program Support department (see story below).

We wish Dave every success in his new career ventures.



## Program & Support Department

Stimulation of the senses is important at any age, and this need increases with age. Under the guidance of Beth Sparrow, Program and Support Manager, and her team, exciting activities are planned and executed for the residents.

To address the physical needs of the residents, three exercise classes are held each morning. In addition, a physiotherapist conducts strengthening classes three times a week. For residents who are currently in wheelchairs, there is daily ambulatory therapy available and this often leads to remarkable results. Recently, one woman was able to take her first assisted steps after nine years of being dependent on a wheelchair. That was certainly a day for great rejoicing!



Sarah McAnally and Rolan Keresztessy practice indoor bowling

There are daily afternoon activities held with small groups. These might include a baking program, an old-fashioned spelling bee, reminiscing groups, a trivia/quiz group or

# BETHANY FALL FAIR

Saturday Sept. 25th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.



Ice Cream social - Connie Polsun and Lynn Bartlett



Beth S., Nancy M. (standing); Heather H. and Lynn B. (seated)

a bowling and beauty program. This past year, a volunteer ran a horticultural therapy group. Local florists donated the raw materials.

Over the years, many children have visited Bethany Lodge on a scheduled basis. This is a learning experience for both the residents and the children. The older folk are taken back to their younger days, and the young people learn to prepare and present a worthwhile program for their audience. For some of

them, it is their first experience with older people. In addition to children's visits, there are frequent community musical performances and recitals by visiting groups.

Throughout the year, there are special tours and outings. These might include Christmas lights, a picnic in the park, or a golden leaves tour. For residents who are able, transportation is provided to Markville Mall for a shopping trip. There is a monthly birthday celebration held to honor the current birthdays complete with birthday cake.

Large seasonal social activities are scheduled in the appropriate months such as the New Year's Day Celebration, St Patrick's Day social, Easter celebrations, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Canada Day celebrations etc. It's the rare day that you cannot find bunches of brightly-coloured helium balloons decorating Bethany!

A big thank you to the team of Beth Sparrow, Heather Haig, Nancy Morley, Lynn Bartlett and Sarah McAnally who work hard to make these events happen!

## THERMOMETER UPDATE

Since the commencement of the Redevelopment in Nov. 2001 We have received a total of \$1,116,367 in donations including \$80,000 from the two banquets. In addition to this we identified \$200,000 per year from operations as being redevelopment for the year 2002, 2003, 2004 for a total of \$600,000 which gives us a grand total of \$1,716,367.



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