

Hospice Happenings: February 2014



WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

Hearts for Hospice

Join us
Sunday, February 9th, 2014
for a valentine's dinner, sponsored by
Il Forno Restaurant, 14981, Stony Plain Road

5:30 pm reception 6:30 pm dinner
You will enjoy a
5 course dinner with wine included.
(Vegetarian options available)
Entertainment will be provided

Tickets are \$150.00
with all proceeds going to: 
Tax receipt available for \$90.00 per ticket.

Seating is limited so reserve your seat
by phoning Gloria at 780-458-2586
or email gbauer@shaw.ca

IL FORNO RISTORANTE

Still a few tickets remain - and we want to sell out again this year, help us reach our goal!!

Caregivers Elated

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WISH LIST

We would like to extend our appreciation to the **Benevolent Knights of Alberta** for their great generosity in donating a number of items from our Wish List, including a Keurig and kcups, Ikea gift card, and many board games! As well as our friend of hospice, **Doug Read**, and his family for donating a second Keurig, kcups, and a thoughtful monetary donation.

Our Wish List is updated on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be viewed on our [website](#).



February 1, 2014: Proclamation of Bill 203. Thomas Lukaszuk, MLA; Anna Mann, Alberta Caregivers Association; Angeline Webb, Canadian Cancer Society; Matt Jeneroux, MLA; Bonnie Ross, Pilgrims Hospice Day Program Manager; Fred Home, Minister of Health; Dave Hancock, Deputy Premier

In May 2013, Bill 203 was passed in Alberta legislation, bringing Compassionate Care Leave into Alberta Employment Standards. This past weekend, on February 1, 2014, this Bill came into effect and Pilgrims couldn't be more happy. The [Compassionate Care Leave Bill](#) will protect employment for caregivers in Alberta, allowing 8 weeks leave within a 6 month period to care for a seriously ill family member.

The stress of caregiving is often overwhelming, without the added burden of job security and financial set back. Pilgrims Hospice programs, such as the [Adult Respite Day Program](#) and the [Compassionate Companions Program](#), help to alleviate caregiver burnout by providing respite care, or scheduled breaks. Although an enormous support, our programs can currently only offer 1 - 18 hours per week, for qualifying families. What about the other 150 hours? Family members are then faced with hard choices of how to provide quality care for their loved one, while still providing all other necessities of living. [Bill 203](#) is definitely a step in the right direction for our province.

Patties for Pilgrims

Pilgrims Hospice Society

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Care and Compassion*

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If you would like to make a contribution to Hospice Happenings, or nominate a volunteer for outstanding service, please feel free to make any submissions to **Debbie Nessel**, by way of email:

debbien@pilgrimshospice.com

Suitable additions would include such things as: stories, poems, jokes, photos, etc.

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Visit [Delux Burger Bar](#), 9682-142st, this month, and enjoy the Crestwood Burger, with proceeds from sales to support Pilgrims Hospice Society.

A 7oz teriyaki angus beef patty, layered with back bacon, crispy fried onion strings, pineapple, lettuce and tomato, bacon jam and chipotle mayo, all between a fresh kaiser roll.

Sounds phenomenal!

Building Bridges



Pilgrims Hospice Program Manager, **Debbie Nessel**, is excited to be joining the Board of Directors for the Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association. Alongside other passionate members of AHPCA, Debbie is looking forward to connecting hospice palliative care communities throughout Alberta, improving the quality of a person's remaining days, and raising awareness of our provincial resources in end-of-life care. It is an honour to represent the Hospice Palliative Care community, and strive for supportive services in the province.

Walk In My Shoes



*Walk
in My Shoes*
Celebrating 20 years of Pilgrims Hospice

DINNER & AUCTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2014

PLEASE JOIN HONORARY CHAIR
MISS SARAH CHAN

AT THE 19TH ANNUAL
WALK IN MY SHOES DINNER & AUCTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE PILGRIMS HOSPICE SOCIETY

SUTTON PLACE HOTEL · FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2014
10235 101 STREET

COCKTAILS & SILENT AUCTION: 6:00 P.M.
DINNER: 7:15 P.M.

LIVE AUCTION WITH DANNY HOOPER
DRESS: COCKTAIL ATTIRE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL EVENING

**PILGRIMS HOSPICE PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED THROUGH
YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY**

TICKETS ARE \$200
TAX RECEIPT FOR \$125.00 PER TICKET.
ORDER TICKETS BY EMAIL: INFO@PILGRIMSHOSPICE.COM
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MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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Volunteer of the Month

Each month, the Pilgrims management nominates a Volunteer of the Month for their dedicated and outstanding service. Please share in the joy as we honor the following Pilgrims Hospice Volunteer:

Although the majority of volunteers come to Pilgrims with the intention of volunteering in a client care capacity; companion, facilitator, bereavement support, we do have many volunteers offering time behind the scenes in various support roles, such as: special events, administration, reception, and client driver. One of our dedicated volunteers, **Barry Couling**, has been offering driving services to our Day Program clients for nearly 10 years. Whenever we have a new client with the challenge of transportation, Barry is willing to assist;

whether it be for a few weeks or long-term. He is an integral part of allowing some of our clients to access the support needed, and for this we are very appreciative.

Congratulations Barry, on being nominated as the February Volunteer of the Month, in this tenth year of service!

Honoured Guest



Miss Sarah Chan, wife of Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson, and Honourary Chair of Pilgrims' [Walk in My Shoes](#) gala 2014, enjoyed a friendly game of yahtzee with our Adult Day Program while touring Pilgrims on January 28.

Hospice Care Training

Reminder that the Pilgrims Hospice Care Training, developed by the [Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association](#), will be taking place this March. Those individuals who have submitted [applications](#), and been accepted via the interview process, should register for training as soon as possible, and no later than February 18.

If you have questions regarding this training opportunity, or volunteering, please contact [Debby Harink](#).

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