

Calendar of Events

February 7, 2007	Board of Directors Meeting Conference Room C
February 14, 2007	General Meeting Areté Therapeutic Wellness Spa & Café
March 14, 2007	Lenten Day of Renewal St. Paul Catholic Church
April 25, 2007	Girls Night Out Andiamo Italia in Warren

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WINTER 2007

“A Sparkling Success”

The 53rd annual White Christmas Ball, “*The Sparkle of the Big Apple*”, was held on Friday, December 8th at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. The evening did indeed sparkle. The room was aglow with silver and blue and attendees danced the night away to the music of Mel Ball and Colours. Ball Chair, Debra McCarty spent endless hours planning every detail of the evening from the exciting cover of the program books to the New York skylines framing the ballroom. Working with designer, Todd Peplinski of the Ritz-Carlton, Debra reconfigured the ballroom and created a spectacular “Big Apple” venue. Victoria Liggett was selected as the honorary chairperson of this event. She and husband, Bob, have supported St. John Hospital and Medical Center for many years and were as gracious as ever. Proceeds from this year’s Ball will be used to complete the Sr. Verence McQuade Corridor of private patient rooms in the St. John Hospital Pavilion expansion.

Numerous thank yous go out to all of the White Christmas Ball committee members who contributed so much of their time for this event. To Mary Ann Van Eslander who opened her home for the Preview Party and to all patrons, advertisers, and underwriters we want you to know how much you are appreciated. Debra McCarty, thank you for this very special night.



Standing, Linda Lloyd, seated left to right, Victoria Liggett and Debra McCarty

SHOP TALK

It’s been a wonderful year at the Le Fontbonne Gift Shop. Thank you all for your generous support throughout the year! We have been blessed with many wonderful Volunteers. We look forward to serving you in the coming year! Thank you again, Linda Trevillian, Gift Shop Manager.

Thanks

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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

A new Year is upon us and I hope all of you shared wonderful holidays with friends and family creating new memories. Our 2006 White Christmas Ball "Sparkle of the Big Apple" is an extremely pleasant memory of the holidays. *Debra McCarty* and her committee did a fabulous job of creating the feel of New York City at Christmastime. All who attended had a fabulous evening filled with new experiences. *Congratulations Debra on a successful Ball.*

I am delighted to share some wonderful news. The Fontbonne has been highly honored by the *John and Marlene Boll* Family through their very generous donation to the Capital Campaign. As part of their naming opportunity they have decided to name the Imaging Center in the New Pavilion in honor of the Fontbonne Auxiliary. This was an unexpected honor and we are extremely grateful to the Boll Family for their extreme generosity.

Now we look forward to all of our upcoming activities in the months to come. We will all be able to experience relaxation at our February meeting at the Aretéé Therapeutic Wellness Spa. Our spirits will be refreshed in March at St. Paul's Catholic Church on the Lake for our Lenten Day of Renewal. Then in April we will definitely enjoy our 1st "Girls Night Out" at Andiamo's. Please plan on joining us for all of these exciting events. Our committees are work hard on these events so please support them.

Please call the Fontbonne office if you have an interest in working on any of our committees. It is a great way to get involved and meet new friends. I look forward to hearing from you and having you with us in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Linda Lloyd
Fontbonne President



Linda Lloyd

CHRISTMAS TEA

The December meeting of the Fontbonne Auxiliary was held this year at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Tuesday, December 4th. Chairperson, Elaine Malcoun, surprised us with something a little different - a sumptuous tea. Members were treated to elaborate tea sandwiches and fruits along with a selection of teas and coffee. Three fantastic desserts topped off the afternoon event. Especially enjoyable was the seasonal harp music provided by Fauna Navarre. Members were afforded the opportunity to purchase items from the Gift Shop before and after tea was served. Mr. David Stephens, interim president of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, joined us for refreshments and reported on the happenings at the hospital.



Elaine Malcoun and Fontbonne President, Linda Lloyd

IN THE SPOTLIGHT Barbara Bartley



There is a feeling that comes over you when you know you are in the presence of someone special. That is the way I always feel when I am with Barbara Bartley. She is truly "someone special". She is beautiful not only on the outside, but inside as well. It is difficult to find a person as loving and giving as Barbara.

Barbara's volunteer "career" began 24 years ago. After the death of her husband in 1980, Barbara came to St. John Hospital and worked in the Nook from 9 until 1. But that was not enough for her. She asked what else she could do and soon was busy volunteering in ER, recovery, and the surgical lounge. The Nook remained her favorite, however, and she worked there until it closed. She then was asked if she would move to the the Gift Shop and has been a fulltime volunteer there since then. Barbara gave 40 hours a week to the hospital and was honored during the last Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in April with a 30,000 hour pin. In her typical manner, Barbara feels she has received much more from volunteering than she has ever given to the hospital.

Last June Barbara suffered a fall which resulted in a broken femur. That, and complications involving neuropathy have forced Barbara to retire from volunteering. She is sadly missed by the staff of the Gift Shop. Barbara was such a vital part of the shop for many years. She still maintains her bubbly personality and has been back for visits to the Gift Shop. She is looking forward to seeing our new shop when the renovations are completed.

A Fontbonne member since 1965, Barbara has a daughter and two sons. She is extremely proud of her grandson who is a choir member of both Grosse Pointe South and Christ Church. Barbara is currently residing with her daughter. They spend time at their second home in North Port on Lake Michigan and plan to move there permanently in the future. We wish you well, Barbara. Thank you for the countless hours you have given all of us.



LOOKING AHEAD

Watch for details about these exciting events coming up:

February 14th - Enjoy a little pampering when you attend the February membership meeting. We will convene at the Aretéé Therapeutic Wellness Spa and Cafe on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods for a short business meeting, lunch, and a little special treatment. Mary Ellen Dakmak, chair.

March 14th - Lenten Day of Renewal - St. Paul's on the Lake. Refreshment for the soul. Melanie Mebus, chair.

April 25th - Girls' Night Out - Andiamo's is the location this year for dinner and some "Late Night Catechism". What a great way to spend an evening with friends! Think about inviting neighbors or co-workers to join you that night. Kelly Oliver, chair.

New Members

Reba Pilibosian
Rhonda Welsh

New Life Members

Amy Corker McEvoy

Congratulations

Elaine Malcoun-birth of granddaughter
Linda Lloyd-birth of grandson

Flowers

Family of Connie Cracchiolo

Prayers

Cecilia DesRoberts
Carole Fulgenzi
Family of Marian Piana

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