

## Calendar of Events

September 12, 2007	September Board and General Meeting, Lochmoor Club
September 19, 2007	New Member Coffee, Home of Elaine Malcoun
December 4, 2007	December Board and General Meeting, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
December 7, 2007	54th White Christmas Ball, Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn

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+New Board Member

## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

So many exciting events have taken place since our last edition of the "Facts". In February, *Mary Ellen Dakmak* planned a day at the Aretée Spa. We were pampered and treated to a gourmet luncheon which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. *Melanie Mebus* took us to St. Paul's on the Lake for a Lenten Day of Renewal in March. It was truly "refreshment for the soul". Who could forget the fun we had at Girl's Night Out? *Kelly Oliver* chaired a new event which was extremely successful. Because of your generosity and Kelly's hard work, we were able to purchase three endoscopic cameras instead of the two we were hoping to purchase. Thank you again Kelly.

My term as president officially began at our annual May meeting hosted by *Adel Amerman* and *Mary Berg*. The Ark at St. Ambrose Church was the perfect venue for this special meeting, and the luncheon provided was outstanding.

This should be an exciting year for the Fontbonne. Our September meeting at the Lochmoor Club will feature local author, Todd Clements, who will take us to the "Haunts of Mackinac". Chair *Amy Danna* plans a spooky affair. On September 19<sup>th</sup> *Elaine Malcoun* will welcome present and new members to her home for our New Member Tea. Watch the mail for further details. *Debra Arnone* has been hard at work on the White Christmas Ball. Expect something different this year. You won't want to miss it. Also planned later will be the opening of a section of the new Van Elslander Pavilion.

I want to thank *Linda Lloyd* for the outstanding work she has done as president these past two years. She has set a lofty example for me, and I want her to know we appreciate all she has done.

If you are interested in working on any committees or have any suggestions for upcoming events, please call the Fontbonne office at 313-343-3675. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Miller  
 Fontbonne President



JoAnn Miller

## May General Meeting

On Wednesday, May 9, 2007, approximately 75 Fontbonne members, friends, and guests attended its annual meeting, which was held at the Ark at St. Ambrose. After a short reception, an informative talk was delivered to those present by the church's deacon. He gave a descriptive history of the Church of St. Ambrose and ended with a spiritual blessing.



Linda Lloyd and Sister Verence McQuade

Following the reflection time, guests were invited to the Ark where a wonderful luncheon was served – grilled

chicken and grilled salmon Caesar salad with fresh fruit, fabulous breads, a wonderful chocolate cake dessert, tea and coffee. The tulip centerpieces were outstanding – hundreds and hundreds of beautiful tulips adorned all the tables. The Jane Woodbury Shop presented gorgeous fashions from its store during the luncheon and all modeled by the Fontbonne's own –Patricia Cosgrove, Patricia Alandt, Rose Regner, Melanie Mebus, Lauren Clune, Gloria Clark, Sally Cytacki, Connie Lacey, Jean Azar, Debbie McCarty, Christine Drummy, and Susan Azar. Thanks a million ladies and a special thank you to the Jane Woodbury Shop.

The formal program commenced after lunch with Linda Lloyd presiding, ending her tenure as president and passing the gavel to JoAnn Miller as the new president.

Adel Amerman and Mary Berg Co-Chairs



Outgoing Board Members and Linda Lloyd

## A warm welcome to JoAnn Miller and Thank you Linda Lloyd!

JoAnn joined our organization in 2000 and became a board member in 2003. Our 26<sup>th</sup> Fontbonne Auxiliary President has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. She also has a masters degree in Educational Sociology and has an additional 20 hours in graduate credits. It is not surprising then that she has been a teacher of vocal music for about 15 years and kindergarten for 15 years, both in the Detroit Public Schools.

JoAnn is an active member of Christ The King Lutheran Church where she not only sings in the choir, but is also a member of the bell choir.

Our president has three grown sons, Philip, Jon and David and one granddaughter, Marie. Her two step children, Lisa and Christine have added six step grandchildren to this blended family.

JoAnn volunteers once a week in St. John's Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe and also donates her time at Orchestra Hall where she met her husband, Tom, ten years ago. She has chaired and co-chaired our Fontbonne fashion shows, worked on the White Christmas Ball and has been editor of our *Fontbonne Facts* for two years.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> president Linda Lloyd joined the Fontbonne in 1999. In that year she chaired the White Christmas Ball

and became a board member in 2001. She had a New Member Tea to start off her presidency in June, 2005. She had a fun new event that involved our membership in Murder at the Alger House held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. During her presidency enough funds were raised to complete the Sister Verence McQuade Corridor in the hospital expansion project of the Van Elslander Pavilion.

The very successful Girl's Night Out replaced our spring fashion show this April, and the second and third Goddesses In The Garden ~ North to benefit the Valade Healing Arts Center occurred in her presidency.

Linda added excitement to the General Membership Meetings with numerous new venues. A sampling of the new meeting locations included the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate, the Grosse Pointe Artists Building, Aretée Spa in Grosse Pointe Woods and The Arc at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Under her two years as president, Linda and her board gave \$755,957 to St. John Hospital and Medical Center and \$45,000 to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Congratulations Linda for your successful presidency. We are grateful for your dedication to the Fontbonne Auxiliary and to St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

## Meet Fontbonne Auxiliary's 2007-2009 Officers & Board of Directors



## September Board of Directors Meeting and General Membership Meeting

To kick off the Fontbonne Auxiliary this fall, the September Board of Directors and General Membership meetings will be held back to back on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. The meeting of the board begins at 9:30 a.m. and the general meeting will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m., both at Lochmoor Club. Meeting Chairman Amy Danna is busy making plans for this first meeting of JoAnn Miller's term as president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary to be a memorable one.

Following a delicious lunch of a renowned Lochmoor Club Pecan Encrusted Chicken Salad, the program will feature Grosse Pointe Woods resident Todd Clements, author of the book, "Haunts of Mackinac". He will tell of the ghostly accounts that he has recorded on our northern jewel, Mackinac Island. Todd is a regular visitor to the island that he has researched for three years. He will fascinate us with his accounts of the ghosts that haunt the island and have been known to peek through hotel guests' doors, block doors with furniture, and of a woman, who roams the cemetery on the island wearing a blue dress. Todd is a strong believer in the possibility of paranormal.

"The book is meant for entertainment, and if you do not

believe in ghosts, then you have a wonderful history book and travel guide", states the author Todd Clements. Come join us for our General Membership Meeting on September 12 and meet our author. He will fascinate us with his tales and actual photos. A special thank you goes to Amy Danna for chairing this meeting.

## Lenten Day of Renewal

The Lenten Day of Renewal was a wonderful day of prayer and insight for those who attended. It was held at St. Paul's on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms on Wednesday, March 14. Sister Georgianna set the stage for the day with a thoughtful reflection, and Father John Wynnycky provided the theme for the day with "Finding Peace in the Midst of Chaos".

The gathering, coffee hour and presentation by Father John were all held in the Parish House, and a Mass was in the church following a delicious lunch. Melanie Mebus was the delightful chair for the day, which she so meticulously planned for the enjoyment of Fontbonne members and their guests.

## Prayers

Sharon Burke  
Family of Shirley Alyea  
Family of Erma Buckman

Henrietta Wypiszewski  
Family of Helen Buckler  
Family of Dorothy McBryan

## Girl's Night Out

Girls Night Out was a glorious evening and fundraising event that was sponsored by the Fontbonne Auxiliary. It was held on Tuesday, April 25 at Andiamo's – Warren, and it featured the comedic performance of "Late Night Catechism". This was a first time event for the Fontbonne as it replaced the



Linda Lloyd, Bettejean Ahee and Kelly Oliver Medical Center and of the Fontbonne Auxiliary and the Men's Guild for many years.

Kelly Oliver was the chair of the event as well as the architect of the change to a new fundraiser and the selection of Andiamo Italia as a new venue. Kelly is no stranger to the Fontbonne, having served as treasurer and currently vice-president of the board of directors, as well as working on the White Christmas Ball for many years.

The funds realized from Girls Night Out have been designated to purchase three endoscopic bypass cameras for St. John's Cardiac Surgery Unit. \$28,000 was raised from underwriting,



Mary Rauh, Sharon Burke and Helena Thurber

usual fashion show format done in previous years, and it was extremely well received.

Bettejean Ahee was the honorary chair of Girls Night Out. She and her late husband, Edmund Ahee have been generous supporters and steadfast friends of St. John Hospital and



Debbie Condino and Patricia Giftos

patron donations, large raffle and Share The Wealth raffle and ticket sales. Approximately 400 women attended this festive and fun-filled evening.

Congratulations to Kelly for a spectacular and successful event.

## February General Membership Meeting

Aretée Spa, owned by Olga Tecos, provided the program for our February General Membership Meeting with pampering sessions consisting of soothing hand waxing, relaxing ten minute messages and beautifying paraffin eyebrow arching. It was a very unique and enjoyable afternoon.



Linda Lloyd and Mary Ellen Dakmak

The business meeting itself was followed by a delicious lunch of Martha's Vineyard Salad with marinated chicken that was beautifully prepared by Chair Mary Ellen Dakmak. The recipe for her salad is in this issue of Fontbonne Facts. A chocolate fountain that was continuously spinning out delicious chocolate for the dipping of fresh fruit, Nutter Butter cookies and angel food cake was the creative dessert of the day.

Many thanks to Mary Ellen Dakmak for chairing the February meeting and to Aretée Spa owner, Olga Tecos, for opening up her spa to our membership and providing the pampering.

### Martha Vineyard Salad-serves 8

Clean and crisp overnight  
 2 heads of Boston lettuce  
 1 head of Raddichio  
 1 red onion sliced  
**Roast:** ½ C pine nuts (400° for 3-5 min.)  
**Crumble:** 8 oz Blue Cheese

#### Dressing:

½ C raspberry vinegar  
 ½ C canola oil  
 ½ C olive oil  
 ½ C maple syrup  
 1 tsp tarragon  
 1 tsp grey poupon  
 1 tsp salt

## White Christmas Ball Kick-off Meeting

The kick-off for the 2007 White Christmas Ball entitled "Caribbean Breezes" was on June 5, 2007 at the lovely lakeside home of Mado and Kim Lie. "Caribbean Breezes" will be held at the Ritz-Carlton-Dearborn on Friday, December 7, 2007. Debra Arnone is this year's Ball chair, and Jean and Dr. Ahmad Azar are the honorary chairs for our 54<sup>th</sup> White Christmas Ball.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Palliative Care Program which is a new initiative that partners St. John Hospital and Medical Center with Duke University. This program will help assure that all patients and their families receive support for their spiritual, psychosocial and clinical needs when diagnosed with an advanced or chronic illness.

Fontbonne President JoAnn Miller welcomed the White Christmas Ball chairs, as did Debbie Arnone to start off the meeting. The newly named president of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Dave Stephens, addressed the chairs as well.



Debbie Arnone, JoAnn Miller and Jean Azar



Explaining the Palliative Care Program at the kick-off was Dr. Jeanne Lewandowski, who is associated with St. John Hospital in it's Palliative Medicine & Pediatrics Department. She gave a detailed presentation on this collaborative partnering with Duke University, and the impact that palliative care will have on promoting the dignity of life for patients with chronic and/or advanced illness.

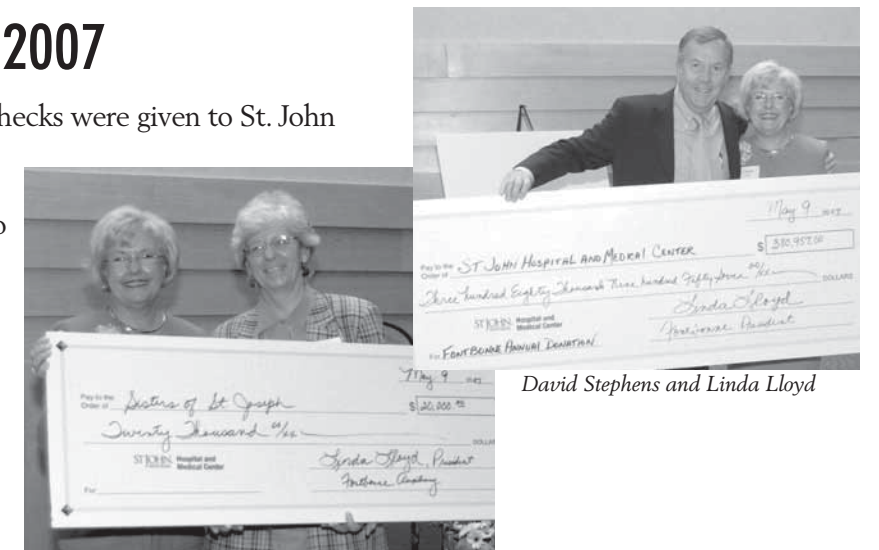
Sister Georgianna Simon gave the closing prayer at the adjournment of the meeting.

Kick-off Luncheon Co-Chairs were Gloria Clark and Mary Ann Van

Elslander. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all following the White Christmas Ball meeting. Michelle Giorgio generously provided refreshments, and Theresa Selvaggio graciously provided favors from Estee Lauder for the "Ball" committee chairs.

## Fontbonne Auxiliary Gifts - 2007

At the May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Fontbonne, checks were given to St. John Hospital and Medical Center and to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth, the founders of the Fontbonne Auxiliary. \$380,957 was presented to Dave Stephens, President of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and \$20,000 was given to the Sisters of St. Joseph with Sister Christine Parks accepting the check. The Board of Directors approved the disbursement amounts in fulfilling the mission of the Fontbonne, which is to provide funding and assistance to both the hospital and to the Sisters of St. Joseph.



Linda Lloyd and Sr. Christine Parks

David Stephens and Linda Lloyd