

inside this Issue

We've been busy	2
Picnic	2
From the desk ...	2
Christmas letter	3
Calendar	4
Wish List	4

The Villager



~ANNUAL SOUP AND CHILI ~

~EAGLE DAYS EVENT~

Saturday & Sunday

January 9th & 10th

January 16th & 17th

11am to 3 pm both weekends

Enjoy delicious home-made soup, chili & desserts while watching the eagles soar
Call Bonnie at 314-313-8550 or e-mail villagebluerose.bonnie@yahoo.com



TRIVIA NIGHT

Benefits the Village of the Blue Rose

Friday, November 20, 2009

Hobo's at the Legion

(Upstairs Hall by elevator)

200 Main St

St Peters, MO

\$120 per table of up to 8 players

Get your group together for a fun night -

Questions for all age groups -

Bring your favorite munchies to share -

Beer and soda included -

Full bar available -

Reservations required

Call Bonnie at 314-313-8550 or e-mail

villagebluerose.bonnie@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars for the
ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

Saturday, March 27, 2009

UAW Hall

1395 E Pearce Blvd

Wentzville, MO

Our Auction Committee is busy
collecting many unique items for
your bidding pleasure.

If you have an item you wish to donate or need
tickets, call Bonnie at 636-327-8046 or Maureen at
314-868-9949

We've been busy...

If you no longer wish to receive our mailings, please let us know. Drop us a note in the mail, call 573-242-3539 or E-mail us at villagebluerose@aol.com. You can also sign up for the newsletter by E-mail...

Our **2nd Annual Golf Tournament** scheduled in June was cancelled because of rain, rescheduled for July 6, and was a great success. Many thanks to Jack Anastasi, Chairman, Joe Vitale, Marty Anastasi, Bonnie Roettger, Rose & Donna for all of their work and the Elevator Constructors Local #1 for agreeing to run the tournament next year.

We're very grateful to Dick Ashburn for the beautiful paint job on the Lodge & Pavilion, to Bob Gronemeyer, Mike Kruep and Fred Koch for their help cleaning and painting decks & porches on the Lodge and both residences, to Mike Connelly for new entry door units, to Tim Hudson & Dave for installing the doors & finishing trim on the pavilion, to Donna Miles for all she does but especially the fall decorations and to Mary Grenfell and Rose Gronemeyer for the lovely gardens. Thanks to Phyllis Gladney for her welcoming, seasonal decorations at the entrance. The Village has never looked so beautiful

McCarthy Building Company again chose the Village for two days of "Heart Hat" work in October. This year some cleaned gutters while others painted the basement recreation area in the Men's house.. They finished building walls, hung drywall, taped and mudded, installed a tile bathroom floor, and installed sink, counter & cabinets in the lunch area. They also provided and installed all of the ceiling grid and light fixtures in the workshop area.

Now, with some electrical work on the lights & outlets, carpentry work hanging doors and trim, ceiling tile and paint – along with volunteer help to cut & drill wood for projects, we'll be ready to start working!



Enjoying a pony ride at the Annual Country Picnic

The **Annual Country Picnic** in September was a little damp, but those who came said the food was delicious. Thanks to Art Brandt, Jim Friedel, Susie Stroot, Judie Elfrank & Ron & Pat Friedel. There were great bargains at the oral & silent auctions. Pick Four & Country store are always popular as is the Poker booth. The Children's booth was lots of fun & the Pony & Horse rides were busy all day thanks to Terry Hall & Katie Hudson. Our new Book Booth was very popular thanks to Leigh Spechinger and her helpers. Donna Miles worked for months on the Cash Give-away and the winners: 1st place \$5000.00 Monique Zykan. 2nd place \$1500.00 Margie Schwendemann. 3rd place \$1000.00 Urbie Wilmes, join us in thanking her for her efforts. Winners of the beautiful handmade quilts donated by Nina Haynie were: 1st place quilt Barb Maxwell 2nd place quilt Steve Fogle 3rd place baby quilt Beth Laux. Thanks to B&B and Bader Auctioneers who worked the oral auction and we especially thank all of our volunteers and visitors, who make this fundraiser such a success.

From the desk of Rose Gronemeyer... Just as the summer season changes into fall and the leaves change colors we also have many colorful events coming up. The residents are busy rehearsing with Kathy Stroot for the Holiday Tea. One of our best players, Patrice is getting ready for Trivia Night and I'm glad she's on our team. Ice Hockey has started for Donald, Scott and Marikate. And all the residents are looking forward to playing basketball. As Thanksgiving approaches we are grateful for all of you who have blessed out Village.

Holiday greetings to you and yours,
Rose



Dear Friends,

We at the Village would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a "best ever" New Year. We also want to thank you for all of your prayers and support over the years and hope you will continue to help us fulfill this wonderful mission.

Our young men took advantage of the Haynes family's hospitality in June and participated in the Jason Schmitt Tennis camp for 3 days at the Creve Coeur Tennis Club. Tom, Don, Marikate, Patrice and Scott were busy all summer playing golf with the Lincoln County Road Runners. Now we're looking forward to ice hockey, soccer, skiing, basketball and possibly bowling in the coming months. All of our residents enjoyed the dances held by PCADD and are looking forward to the next one. They also enjoyed attending the production of Nunsense II at the Applshed in Clarksville this summer and look forward to more outings like this. In October we hosted our annual Halloween Party & Respite here at the Village.

Our Florissant shop continues to provide bargains to customers and support for our residents. We want to thank Sandy and Jean along with our many faithful volunteers who sort, clean, price and sell treasures donated by good people who care. We also want to thank Laurie Walters who has picked up, packaged and delivered countless loaves of bread and pastries for donations to the Village.

We are very optimistic for 2010. We are in the process of upgrading our phone system to make it more user friendly for our residents, customers and friends. Please pray for dry weather so the digging can be done. We're also very grateful to the volunteers who helped with the Display home items, pick ups and sales. Especially Donna Miles for the use of her basement and Bonnie Roettger and to both of their families along with other board members. It was quite a windfall for the Village and very much appreciated.

The workshop in the lower level of the Ladies' Residence is almost finished so we're looking for volunteers to work with the residents assembling and finishing products. This will provide additional employment, plus assist in supporting their homes.

Many thanks to Susie, our Office Manager who works very hard to keep the Village projects, paperwork and finances organized along with working at the Lodge on weekends. We appreciate our Lodge "Gnome" Kathy Stroot who visits & pitches in with music, answering phones and entertaining guests. We also thank our loving, house parents and job coach who encourage and care for and about each of our residents. We have seen an increase in the Lodge B & B and Restaurant business and hope you will have the opportunity to experience the wonderful ambiance of our country club setting, our panoramic view and the gentle, caring service you receive from the staff (our residents) as well as our Lodge Manager, Chef Doug's delicious cuisine, specially prepared and served to our guests. The Red Barn Antique & Collectible Shop has many beautiful & interesting items and is Rose's "work in progress". The Flea Market Barn with Donna Miles's "Dollar a Bag Sales" is a bargain hunter's paradise.

With God's help, and the continuing efforts of our wonderful Board, Staff, Volunteers and Customers, we hope to follow our mission of providing comfortable, happy homes, socialization and productive employment for more developmentally disabled young adults. We especially want to thank those people who chose to pledge support each month and have faithfully continued to fulfill their commitment over the years. With your prayers and support this dream will continue to flourish and grow.

Our annual Christmas Contribution Campaign is underway and we hope you will continue to be as generous as you have in the past. Every gift is appreciated. Our operating budget is very frugal, and in order to keep the Village affordable for those families with young people who want and need the Village resources, revenue is needed to help with the ever growing cost of living. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience; please continue your prayers and your support of our residents.

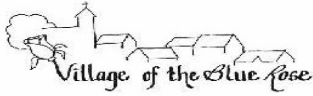
Thank you for caring

Donna Ringling, Executive Director

THE VILLAGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Monday, November 23 rd through Friday November 27, 2009

Monday, December 21st through Friday, January 1, 2010



12533 Highway 79 Florissant Shop
 Clarksville, MO 63336-2030 535 Ste. Francois
 St.
 Phone: 573-242-3539 (office) Florissant, MO
 63031

Phone: 314-783-4211

4211
 573-242-3560 (Fax)

NONPROFIT ORG
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 INDEPENDENCE,
 MO
 PERMIT NO
 322.

Upcoming Special Events in 2009

Friday, November 20* Trivia Night – 7 pm American Legion Hall - St Peters
 Sunday, November 22* Holiday Tea – SOLD OUT
 Nov 23 – Nov 27, 2009 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
 Dec 21 – Jan 1, 2010 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS
 Sat & Sun, Jan 9 & 10* Soup & Chili 11 AM – 3 PM
 Sat & Sun, Jan 16 & 17* Soup & Chili 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sunday, February 14* Valentine Dinner – 2 seatings – call for reservations
 Saturday, March 27* Annual Dinner Auction – UAW Hall in Wentzville
 Sunday, April 4* Easter Brunch – 2 seatings - call for
 reservations
 Sunday, May 9* Mother’s Day Luncheon – 2 seatings – call for
 reservations
 TBA* Third Annual Golf Tournament for the Village –
 Sunday, Sept 19* Annual Country Picnic at the Village 12 - 5
 PM

THE LODGE RESTAURANT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR LUNCH
 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Wednesday through Sunday
THE LODGE RESTAURANT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR DINNER
 Friday and Saturday evening 5 PM to 8 PM ~ Early Bird Special 5-6:30PM
CATERED EVENTS – FACILITY RENTAL - PAVILION - B&B ROOMS
 Please call (573) 242-3464 OR 573-242-3539 for information and reservations –
 Check our website www.villagebluerose.org for updates, or E-mail us at
villagebluerose@aol.com

THE FLEA MARKET & THE RED BARN Antique & Collectible Shop are OPEN
 Wed thru Sunday 9AM-2PM & other times by appointment (weather permitting)

* These events are **Special Village Fund-raisers** and your **help is needed**, please call
 573-242-3539 to volunteer your services. The setting is beautiful and everyone can

WISH LIST

OFFICE COPIER (working)

Reams of paper (any color)

12 PASSENGER VAN to
 transport residents & staff

HANDTOOLS to be used in the
 work shop (ELECTRIC
 SCREWDRIVERS, SMALL
 SANDERS, and HAMMERS ETC)

WORKSHOP VACUUMS

20 WATT GENERATOR for
 back-up electric at the Lodge

VOLUNTEERS (we need your
 expertise) for a few hours at the
 Village. Call if you can help in any
 way.