



# VILLA VOICES

DEAR FRIENDS,

WINTER 2012

*I bring you Tidings of Comfort and Joy.*

This is the season of comfort and joy, which means so many things to us: comfort in the warmth of our lives as the temperature outside drops. Comfort in the glow of lights as the days shorten but soon begin to lengthen again in the never-ending cycle of life. Joy in the Savior's presence as we celebrate His birth. Joy in faith, and joy in love.

We embrace this holy season and extend our heartfelt best wishes to you. We beckon you to embrace all that is good within us and around us.

As the poet Maya Angelou wrote in *Snow in Bethlehem*:

*...Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,  
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope  
And singing the carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.  
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,  
Come the way of friendship.  
It is the Glad Season...*

We have much to celebrate. We rejoice in the staff and caregivers who have been with us for years. We are grateful for the commitment of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and the Sisters of Charity Health System to their missions and ministries on our behalf. We appreciate the efforts of our Board of Directors. We are thankful for those we love, for those who love us, for friends, family and neighbors, for the small pleasures of life that bring us comfort and joy.

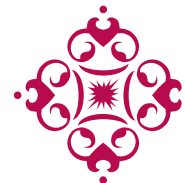
Please consider gifting us this Christmas with a year-end, tax-deductible gift. The donations we receive in the enclosed envelopes will be used for our Benevolent Care Fund and for extra-special touches at the Villa. Your support means a great deal to all of us.

On behalf of the Light of Hearts Villa family, I wish you the comfort and joy of a blessed Christmas season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,  
*Sister Regina Kusnir, SC*  
Director of Pastoral & Special Ministries

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# Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Residents have experienced many a Christmas Season. Most of those years were marked with their busy preparations for family gatherings, family surprises, energy spent out of love for others. Now the preparations are made to bring them comfort and joy.

Volunteers, staff, family and friends gather to decorate the Villa. Children from local schools make favors and decorations to show their appreciation. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association puts on a marvelous Christmas party for the residents. They bake, decorate the tables, provide entertainment and give gifts to each resident. The LOHV Voice and Bell Choirs also perform at the party. Afterwards Bishop Roger Gries, OSB, celebrates Mass in the Villa Chapel. Multiple programs and activities engage residents in a variety of ways throughout the season.

Memories of Christmas that bring the residents comfort and joy are varied and perhaps some of their thoughts will be your own. ♦

*“Christ is Christmas. I have to believe in Jesus Christ and the difference he makes in my life.”*

RUPERT G.

*“Being with family and talking about the things we remember.”*

NANCY C.

*“Christ is the reason for the season. My wife brings me comfort and joy.”*

TOM S.

*“Being healthy. Being happy. Being with my family and friends. And, don’t overeat.”*

HELEN S.

*“God.”*

ROSE M.

*“Giving birth to my children in a nice clean bed in a hospital with nurses and others to make sure my babies are well. I can’t imagine Mary giving birth to Jesus in a stable.”*

*“It’s so wonderful here. How blessed we are!”*

MAE S.



*“Seeing my family.”*

PAUL K.

*“Knowing the family will be all together. It’s a season when people make the time to do it.”*

JEFF

*“The Birthday of the Lord. Putting Christ in Christmas. I love seeing the children being happy.”*

BOB S.

Comfort and joy are daily occurrences at LOHV. The bright eyes and smiles that radiate from our residents’ faces are testimony to the comfort and joy they experience amid the challenges they face. They care for each other. As a new resident moves in, everyone seems to reach out to help make the transition as easy as possible. And staff members go out of their way with special touches that say, “You are loved.”



# LIFE ~ A GIFT WORTH LIVING



*“What’s important is not the years in your life, but the life in your years.”*

ANONYMOUS

There is a lot of living that takes place at Light of Hearts Villa!

The chapel is a centerpiece for the inner prayer life that residents possess. Whether drawn by an ecumenical service, mass, the rosary, reflection on the life of a resident, a special service or a private quiet moment, the chapel

holds the prayers offered for family members, friends, fellow residents, our benefactors, the world, the requests in the Intention Book.

There are also activities that keep the spark of youth alive, no matter how many candles are on the cake. A *Homecoming Dance* with the Scimitar Swing Band brought together residents, families and volunteers. ♦



## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO COMPLETED LIFE JOURNEY IN 2012

<i>Gen Charabee</i>	1/03/12
<i>Mary Bier</i>	1/15/12
<i>Dorothy Ewanko</i>	1/16/12
<i>Lucy Marcellino</i>	1/26/12
<i>Eleanor Moczadlo</i>	2/09/12
<i>Richard Varga</i>	2/25/12
<i>Monica Mocado</i>	3/14/12
<i>Caroline Cramer</i>	4/04/12
<i>Doris Naworski</i>	4/13/12
<i>Marie Fuchik</i>	5/14/12
<i>Josephine Foye</i>	5/26/12
<i>Catherine Farkasovski</i>	6/11/12
<i>Mary C. Smith</i>	6/23/12
<i>Carter Sandy</i>	7/14/12
<i>Marcella Burge</i>	9/9/12
<i>Charles Kozak</i>	10/24/12
<i>Earl Woodmansee</i>	11/2/12
<i>Mary Varadi</i>	11/3/12
<i>Maxine Greco</i>	11/7/12
<i>Sarah Kane</i>	11/12/12
<i>Anna Blazunas</i>	11/25/12

## Veterans’ Day Pinning Service



Residents and staff turned out for a Veterans’ Day Pinning Ceremony sponsored by the Hospice of the Western Reserve. Recognition for the gift of service given by these men to their country is an ongoing reminder of the freedoms we enjoy. ♦

# LUMEN CORDIUM SILVER SPECTACULAR

The evening of November 10, 2012, hummed with the energy, warmth and welcome that was present in Lumen Cordium High School as the women graduates of Lumen Cordium gathered for the Silver Spectacular reunion. The lasting bonds formed during years at Lumen were recharged as friendships, fine food, basket raffles, memorabilia, pictures and more made the time pass quickly.

*"It was a very special event. My Lumen family fills my heart with joy, love and warmth. We came, we laughed, we enjoyed!!!"*

LAURA MAZZOLA STONE '69

*"I enjoyed meeting alumnae from other classes and instantly felt the Lumen bond. It was a great experience."*

DONNA LEE '81

*"The first word that comes to mind is "Proud", proud that I attended Lumen, proud to know such giving and caring people and proud that I carry the Lord in my heart. It was an honor to be a part of this event and I can't wait to start planning the next one in 5 years."*

PATRICIA GIBBONS '75

*"It was interesting to see how many common and different threads ran between the years. We all remembered Srs. Raymond, MaryAnn, Dorothy Ann, Christine, Ruth Ann, etc. but held different memories about the special events such as Penny Princess contests. Some of the 'younger' students were surprised to hear about some of the 'older' students' antics."*

LYNN CLARK '70

*"What a wonderful time gathering with the many women who love Lumen and have such great memories of their time spent there. The food, company and memorabilia were excellent. My classmate and I are so impressed by the transformation of LC into LOHV. We felt enveloped by warmth and love the minute we walked through the door. We are so proud to be associated with LC and LOHV."*

DEBBIE FLAHERTY LINICH '72

The proceeds of the evening contributed to the Light of Hearts Villa Challenge Grant from the SC Ministry Foundation that will match every dollar raised with two dollars for the Benevolent Fund. The gifts received during the high school years become different gifts as the years go by. Now Alumnae parents reside at LOHV. St. Nick visits LOHV residents yearly through the generosity of his alumnae elves. Alumnae are volunteers at LOHV. The tradition goes on. ♦

*Attn. Alumnae! If you receive Villa Voices and were not at the reunion, please drop a note to Sr. Regina with your name, including maiden if applicable, and year of graduation. We are trying to code alumnae in our database and formulate an accurate alumnae list for future events.*



Sisters, Sr. Ruth Ann Rody, SC '69 (l) & Sr. Christine Rody, SC, former LC Teacher & President



Sandy Patrick (l) & Caroline Urgo (r) '79





# Fall Fest 2012

Autumn's beauty shone bright on October 14 as the 23rd Annual Fall Fest took place. Some 90 committee, volunteers and staff members were there for this special event that resembles a grand family reunion where there is something for everyone! The number does not include the many others who sponsored the event, baked, donated baskets, bought raffle tickets, assisted in the preparations and prepared the well-commended meal. The Fall Fest netted over \$40,000 for the Benevolent Fund of LOHV.



Volunteers & Staff make the final touches before nearly 500 people converged on LOHV for a very successful Fall Fest.

The highlight is always the big raffle. This year the winners are:

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| Edward Sboray ~ \$2000  | Mary Riley ~ \$1000     |
| Ethel Quinlan ~ \$500   | Keith Armstrong ~ \$500 |
| Carl Kelly ~ \$250      | Lori Welsh ~ \$250      |
| Lynn Tomaro ~ \$125     | Janet Garrett ~ \$125   |
| Janet Griffiths ~ \$125 | Mary Emerson ~ \$125    |



Matthew Oros age 10, entertains guests during one of the dinner seatings.



Marie Bartnik (l) and Sr. Estelle Chopnak, SCN (r) are part of the LOHV Crochet Club. Club members make baby layettes, scarves, hats, afghans and other items for the Craft Fair. Joseph's Home and a Women's Shelter are also recipients of their skilled hands.

## *Light of Hearts Villa* 100% RATING

Congratulations to Jean Metzger, Interim Executive Director, the Administration and Staff who, along with volunteers, residents and family members strive daily to make LOHV a wonderful place for our residents. The Ohio Department of Health Survey took place on October 10, 2012. We are pleased to announce that Light of Hearts Villa was found to be 100% deficiency free. ♦

## *Lighting the Way*

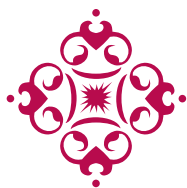
We, at LOHV, believe that life's challenges can be met with loving care. LOHV provides independent and assisted living, respite and memory care for those 60+. The compassionate and loving assistance of our staff is tailored for each person. We strive to light up the lives of our residents.

## Welcome!

*We have added to our Light of Hearts Villa team.*



Susan Orians, RN, Director of Clinical Services



## LIGHT OF HEARTS

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# UPCOMING *events*

**DECEMBER – JANUARY** Christmas *Angel and Nativities Display*.

*Christmas Wafers* (Oplatky) Available at the front desk.

**DECEMBER 8** FCSLA Christmas Party for Residents &  
4:00 pm Mass with Bishop Roger Gries

**DECEMBER 19** 1:30 pm *Annual Employee Blessing*  
Each year the residents express their appreciation for  
the dedication and love given them by the employees.

**DECEMBER 25** 9:00 am *Christmas Mass Celebration*

**DECEMBER 29** 4:00 pm Mass for LOHV Benefactors

**DECEMBER 31** 10:00 – 10:30 am *New Year Prayer for Peace*  
Come, join in a time of Prayer for Peace in  
anticipation of a New Year.

**JANUARY 1, 2013** 9:00 am *New Year's Day, Mass, Feast of Mary the Mother of God*

**JANUARY 3 or 4** 1:30 pm *Missioning Ceremony & Mission Award Presentation*

**APRIL 10** 9:00 am – Noon *Ethics in Dementia Care*  
3CEU's \$35 Jim Collins, Ph.D. RSVP by April 4

**OCTOBER 13** *24th Annual Fall Fest*



## DATABASE FINE-TUNINGS

### YOUR HELP REQUESTED

It has been two years since we began updating our database at Light of Hearts Villa.

Please check the mailing address on this issue of Villa Voices for accuracy. If there are any changes needed, please forward the corrections to Sr. Regina Kusnir, SC. She can be reached via phone at 440-232-1991 x506 or e-mail at [regina.kusnir@lightofheartsvilla.org](mailto:regina.kusnir@lightofheartsvilla.org). Thank You for your patience and understanding.