

In Memorium

By Bev's sister June

Beverly was born in Picton Hospital, the 10th of 12 children. He was always a good natured

boy and ate with gusto. We lived at Crofton near the Mountain View Airport. Bev grew to know and understand people but sadly could not communicate with words. At age 12 the family moved to Carrying Place where Bev's main pastime was placing clothes pins in a 2 lb. Honey pail, dumping them out and putting them in one at a time. No one else was allowed to touch them. He also loved to leaf through the Reader's Digest books, upside down of course. Bev also loved going for rides in the car. When he was about 26, Mother and Daddy moved to Bowmanville. He loved coming out to

our place and throwing the wood into the basement for us. Bev always admired jewellery or pretty buttons.

When our Mother developed

leukemia, her wishes were for Bev to go into a home where he would be well cared for. He was placed in Aurora which broke our hearts and in 1975 he was moved to



Muskoka Nursing Home. We remained close to Bev and visited him often, taking him out on outings. Then finally God blessed us with Mary Centre, where he found a new family. We knew everyone went the extra mile for Bev. He grew up in a home where he was loved and ended up with another loving family at Redcastle Residence.

2ND Annual Golf Tournament a Success!

By Stan Wiczorek

Our 2nd annual golf tournament was held on May 30, 2001 and exceeded our forecasts and last year's results by 33%. We had more golfers (76), earned more (\$10,000) and had excellent prizes enabling each golfer to go home with a memento of the tournament. Again, the buzz around the golf course amounted to comments about the warmth and friendliness radiating from the participants and volunteers that was everywhere that morning. Our success is due to the efforts of many, of which I will single out some and apologize to the rest, for my sin of omission. The staff were particularly generous with their time in soliciting gifts, lining up foursomes and providing volunteers on the course for the Putting Contest, selling raffle tickets and so on. The following worked very hard - Tracey Berman, Marion Patterson, Janet Christensen and Dominic Conforti with all others in support. I would like to single out Tony Mizgala, a former Director of Mary Centre, who obtained a car, from Honda, for our Hole in One contest. Unfortunately we did not have a winner, but maybe next year. Our current Board of Directors made this event a success with their efforts. To all a sincere thanks. Please do not forget next year: We are aiming at



Doug Jack, Joey Wong, Dominic Conforti, Simon Beayni

doubling the number of golfers and taking over the course for a Shot-Gun start. This is a big leap for us but we are positive and hope you will help us by lining up 4-somes, sponsors and donors. Thanks to the following sponsors:

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As we plan and commit to next year's tournament, let us remember that the funds we raise, improve the quality of life for our residents by integrating them in their local community, through recreational and faith programs, and providing respite programs to their families and by increasing the public awareness of this community, who someone once described as "God's Children".

Carol!!!!

By Helen Dionne

Carol Chung, our Parish Outreach Co-ordinator, is one of those rare individuals that appears to always have a happy heart. Her infectious laughter is treat to all. I was very pleased that it was Carol who continued the work that I had begun with people who wished to be more connected to their faith and to their congregations. Her deep faith and commitment to people who are labelled with a disability are part of her total being. She believes in people and is able to advocate for individuals and always calls on her Lord for assistance.

Carol was born in Guiana, South America and has three brothers and two sisters. She moved to Canada in 1973 and now lives with her mother and one of her three children in Pickering. Carol also has

two grandchildren, who much to Carol's dismay live a great distance from her (one lives in Grand Cayman). She studied at Centennial College and received her Developmental Service Worker diploma and has worked in group home settings as well as with individuals. Her work with a young man included helping him prepare for his First Eucharist and Confirmation which was a very rewarding experience for Carol. Carol recently left a position using her skills as an Educational Assistant in a Catholic High School and is now working with Extend a Family in Scarborough as well as with Mary Centre. She is a great asset to Mary Centre and its residents.

Besides all the involvement that Carol has with people who have challenges, she also still finds time to contribute her time and skills to the Co Op where she lives. She sings in the choir and spends time with her many friends. Carol lights up a room when she is in it and we are lucky to have her skills at Mary Centre.

The Great BBQ Adventure

Mary Centre held its first annual BBQ fundraising event on Saturday June 2 & Sunday June 3. Although the weather did not inspire the taste of summer we were able to raise over \$500.00. I would like to thank the individuals who volunteered their time and made the two days extremely fun (I know they never want to see another hot dog sausage or smokies again!!) Thanks to Janet Christensen, (amazing cooking skills even when they got away) Denise Tremblett, (great BBQ skill never burned a single dog), Kayla Tremblett (great advertising, yelling to get business, she had just recovered from laryngitis), Carol Chung (enormous hot dog bun opening skills) and last but not least Ray Kahnert (kept cooking even in the pouring rain).

The next great cook out is on Saturday June 23, 2001, (we will have gone to print by then) but we'll keep you posted on our success.

Summer Respite

School is almost out and now is the time to plan for the summer. The respite program has now expanded to include a one day a week 6 hour respite summer recreational program. The program is designed to support 8 Consumers from July to September.

For more information please contact Tracey Berman at 416-630-5533.

A Gem of a Volunteer

By Carol Chung

I would like to tell you about Louise, one of our newest volunteers. From the moment I met her I sensed that she was an exceptional person. She was one of two possible candidates for the position of one-on-one friend to Carol J; as it turned out the other interested applicant felt she couldn't fulfill this role. Louise, however, accepted enthusiastically. It was a first for her. She started seeing Carol in May last year, and has taken the role seriously. Louise had

been informed that she would need to be patient with Carol J at the beginning of their relationship, and even though she was brimming with ideas of things that they could do together, she took it slowly. She empowered Carol with the decisions of where to go, what not to do, or simply, when she'd had enough, even if it was only a half hour that they had been out. Louise and Carol J's relationship built gradually; Louise wormed her way, brick by brick, into Carol's heart. She has gone "above and beyond the call of duty" so to speak. For example, last September, Carol had an accident. She

broke her foot and was hospitalized for nearly a month and Louise visited her about three times a week in the hospital. She has been a loyal, dependable and constant friend to Carol J. She is a much needed and very positive influence in Carol J's life. Thanks Louise.

Mark Your Calendar!

October 20th, 2001
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