

All of us at St. Anne's Mead wish you and yours
a very happy Easter and Passover

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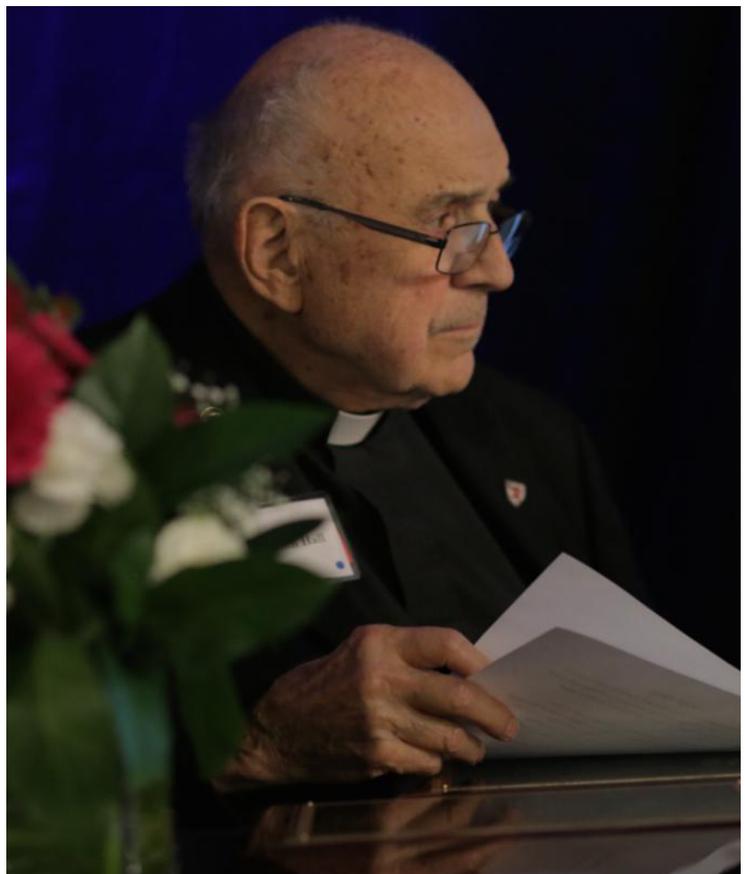
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Volunteering, a Gift of Self

Volunteers play a vital role in the success of most not-for-profit organizations. In some cases, they lend valuable expertise; at other times, just a helping hand that can save the day.

This year, St. Anne's Mead paid tribute to its volunteers with an appreciation luncheon on April 5. One volunteer who exemplifies the high standards set forth by Pat Ballard, was singled out for a special award.

The first-ever recipient of the Pat Ballard Volunteer of the Year Award is Monsignor John Hall, senior priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit who, with assistance from volunteers Sr. Mary Schmidlin, Judy Nechal, Mary Flajoe and Karen Piper, has been saying mass for residents on location every Saturday the past four years.



Monsignor John Hall



Msgr. Hall and Jane Collins, Executive Director

Msgr. Hall, 88, has served at 10 parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He entered the priesthood as a hospital chaplain after his ordination in 1955. He also has served as administrator and weekend assistant at several parishes. His most recent pastorate was at St. Richard Parish, Westland. He left there in 1998. Msgr. Hall now serves as a spiritual director for seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Over the past four and a half years, Monsignor Hall has done more than say mass every Saturday; he has truly ministered to his small “flock.” The group that attends mass has become a small parish that shares a sense of community as they worship together. “We are deeply grateful for Monsignor Hall’s ministry at St. Anne’s,” says Jane Collins, Executive Director.



Pat Ballard Inspired the Award That Bears Her Name

According to Jennifer Stone, Life Enrichment Coordinator, “St. Anne’s Mead is incredibly fortunate to have over 30 dedicated and exceptional volunteers. Pat Ballard was our longest running volunteer, offering companionship to our residents for over 37 years. She was a warm friend, a compassionate ear, and a kind and generous soul. She was a valuable asset to our community and she is sorely missed.”



Pat Ballard

“We wanted to honor Pat and continue her legacy by annually recognizing a volunteer with an award in her name. The recipients of this award must exemplify the extremely high standards that have become synonymous with the name Pat Ballard,” says Jennifer.

In Appreciation

We Americans have long believed that being a volunteer is everyone's responsibility -- to give freely of one's time to assist or aid others. But volunteering works two ways, too. Volunteering allows people to interact more, meet new people, and expand their social, personal and business networks. They meet people who share interests, create a wider support group, and develop their social skills. Here are the people who currently serve as volunteers:

Sylvia Abramowitz	Monsignor John F. Hall	Karen Piper
Ellen Brisson	Rosemary Insley	Rabbi Dovid S. Polter
Barbara Butash	Denise Kitchen	Kathleen Postema
Paul & Marion Brasmer	Elaine Krueger	Pastor Jon Reusch
Marcie Carlson	Sharon Levine	Doris Sheikh
Murphy Combs	Conrad Macker	Gail Schwartz
Helena Daley	Judy McIlwain	Sister Mary Schmidlin
Mike Fisher	Milo Mitchell-Kotwicki	John Stout
Beth Frydlewicz	Judy Nechal	Bob Winkworth
Mary Flajole	Rosemary Norgard	Nancy Yee

Worth Repeating

Here's what they're saying about St. Anne's Mead

"I have a real feeling of safety and reassurance. They (the staff) don't look past you, they look at you."

-- Grace Gibbons, Assisted Living Resident

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St. Anne's Mead Takes the Lead on an Important Conversation

Save the Date

for

An Evening of Empowerment Breaking the Silence on Elder Abuse

What: "An Evening of Empowerment" promises to educate, inspire and help prevent elder abuse. Two extraordinary leaders will share their insights on this issue which in the United States impacts 1 in 10 seniors age 60 and above.

When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017

Where: The Community House of Birmingham

Who: Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is featured speaker. Among Ms. Worthy's many accomplishments, she started the nation's first Elder Abuse Prosecutorial Unit, and has been a champion of prevention. Dr. Stacey M. Ruff, D.O., of Beaumont Geriatric Center will share her insights and expertise in Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care.

Tickets go on sale soon. Sponsorship packages are available. For information, please email [Peggy Goodwin](mailto:Peggy.Goodwin@stannesmead.org) or call 248.268.4146.



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Our Mission

St. Anne's Mead mission is to provide compassionate and professional health care and supportive services to seniors in a safe, secure, and loving home.

In keeping with our faith-based traditions, we endeavor to serve the unique needs of individuals and their families while preserving dignity and enriching lives.