

From the Motherhouse

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Little Known Facts

Dear Employees,

As we grow closer to one another by sharing little-known facts about ourselves, we invite you to discover the little-known facts about a significant space within our Motherhouse.

The Fontbonne Room, located on the first floor of the Motherhouse, provides a glimpse into our rich heritage. The room contains images of the roots of the Sisters of St. Joseph, including prints of our past homes in Le Puy, St. Louis and Ebensburg. The walls are adorned with portraits of the women – past and present – who have led our Congregation for more than 145 years.

The room is named for Mother St. John Fontbonne, who reorganized the Congregation in 1807 after it was disbanded during the French Revolution. Eventually, she sent six Sisters to St. Louis, Missouri, where the Sisters of St. Joseph established their American birthplace and founded many new communities.

A total of 15 women led our community as Mother Superior, with assistants and councils to help them with their work. In the spirit of Vatican II, we reorganized our approach to governance to promote discernment, collaboration, communion of members in our organizational structure.

The first five-person Leadership Team was established in 1993. The shift to a four-person team, our current structure, was adopted during the 2008 General Chapter.

We invite you to visit the Fontbonne Room to become acquainted with our foremothers who have helped to shape the continuing legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Blessings,

Sister Barbara Sister Diane Sister Mary Sister Sharon



Little Known Facts

Thanks to all those who submitted their Little Known Fact. See how many facts you can correctly match with the person who said it.

_____ My great-grandfather fought in the civil war as a Lieutenant, under Ulysses S. Grant.

_____ I was born in Austria.

_____ In college, I worked as a lifeguard and rescued a toddler and a young girl in two separate close calls.

_____ I was once invited to an astronaut's wedding.

_____ I have my amateur radio license.

_____ I like to decorate my yard for every holiday.

_____ Once I painted a lady on the side of a building and an Indian on a football field.

_____ I had a pet ferret named Mika.

_____ My childhood nickname was "Sister Golden Hair."

_____ I lived in two different houses growing up. I spent half my time at one and half my time at the other.

_____ I can ride a horse standing on its back.

_____ I played broomball in college.

_____ I used to be able to wire several of the data processing machines to make them do I wanted them to do. They included sorters, collators, keypunch and I also ran a teletype.

_____ I taught ballroom dancing.

_____ I was a commercial artist.

_____ I went to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

_____ I had a pet chameleon named Iggy.

_____ I played for the girls' golf team in high school.

_____ I have never tasted chocolate pudding before.

_____ I coached junior high basketball.

_____ I was painfully shy as a child and always had my nose in a book. My mother would beg me to go outside in the summer and so I would take my book and lay in the swimming pool.

_____ I have eaten a piranha (the fish); it did not eat me!

_____ I had a pet raccoon named Bandit.

_____ I was an elementary school gym class assistant coach.

_____ When I was 10 years old, I wanted to be a preacher or a TV newscaster.

_____ I have been to all 50 states.

_____ I used to do gymnastics.

_____ I graduated in the top 10 percent of my graduating class.

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| 1. | Nikki Evans |
| 2. | Barb Hecht |
| 3. | Gary Thunberg |
| 4. | Charlene Wadlinger |
| 5. | Kathy Washy |
| 6. | Katie Carlson |
| 7. | Christina Thornburg |
| 8. | Sr. Michelle Prah |
| 9. | Justine Fennell |
| 10. | Jenny Sisley |
| 11. | Dave Lubonovich |
| 12. | Ginger Kazil |
| 13. | Josie Clute |
| 14. | Brian Davies |
| 15. | Lisa Conti |
| 16. | Sr. Sharon Costello |
| 17. | Patty Antolic |
| 18. | Barb Hetrick |
| 19. | Fred Blosat |
| 20. | Joe Thompson |
| 21. | Sue Blum |
| 22. | Jill Snyder |
| 23. | Hope Fox |
| 24. | Allie Mooney |
| 25. | Mike Leheny |
| 26. | Sr. Barbara Czrynik |
| 27. | Alison Lucci |
| 28. | Jerry Short |

Recognizing Dedication

Each year, near St. Joseph the Worker Day, we celebrate the service and dedication our employees have contributed to the congregation. Last year, we held a special prayer service and luncheon to recognize those celebrating a milestone anniversary with the Sisters.

This year, five people have achieved a milestone anniversary (see right) and are being recognized and honored with a special dinner for them, their families, supervisors and other key congregational leaders.

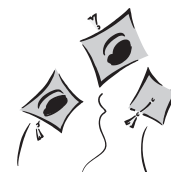
Each of them have shared their time and talents for many years and have made a positive impact on the congregation. Please join us in prayerful support of the 2014 Honorees.

2014 Honorees	
<i>Those with milestone anniversaries as of 12.31.2013.</i>	
5 years	Joe Thompson
10 years	Tricia Pesut Christina Thornburg
25 years	Millie Bailey
40 years	Gary Thunberg

Employee News

Spring is in the air and two of our staff's graduating grandchildren / children are anxiously awaiting their next big life event - high school graduation!

Patty Antolic's granddaughter Katie, graduates from Canon-McMillan High School in June. Katie plans to attend Slippery Rock University in the fall and major in psychology.



Samantha Mooney (**Allie Mooney's stepdaughter**) is graduating in June from Ambridge Area High School and plans to attend the Community College of Beaver County until she decides on a major.



On May 10, **Arrien Echement's** daughter, Ashley, and Brian Leheny, **Mike's Leheny** nephew, will begin their life together as man and wife. Congratulations to the happy couple and may they enjoy a lifetime of love and happiness.

Poker Walk & Walk Club



Lace up your sneakers and join us outside for the 4th annual Poker Walk on **Wed., May 21** from **1:00 - 2:30**. We will have a one-mile course marked out and stations along the course for you to pick up playing cards and try to make the best hand. The one(s) with the best poker hand will win a special prize! **Volunteers are needed** for the afternoon. Contact Allie Mooney ext. 6544 for more info and to volunteer.

(Volunteers will be able to participate , too.)

If you would be interested in learning more about a new **Weekly Walk Club**, plan to attend the first informational meeting at **11:30 am** on **May 22** in **Medaille Hall**. Contact Allie with any questions.

Spring 2014 Events

- April 3** – Auxiliary Day of Prayer
- April 14 - 19** – Holy Week Retreat
- April 18** – Good Friday (*Offices Closed*)
- April 20** – Easter Sunday
- April 26** – Volunteer Work Day
- April 27** – Villa Memorial Service
- April 29** – Order of the House
- May 10** – Congregational Meeting
- May 21** – Poker Walk
- May 26** – Memorial Day (*Offices Closed*)
- May 31** – Volunteer Work Day
- June 23** – Annual Golf Classic
- June 28** – Volunteer Work Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(Lay & Sister Employees)

April

None

May

Sr. Donna Marie Tahaney (*Girls Hope/Retreats*)
 Annette West (*Supportive Living*)
 Joe Thompson (*Operations*)
 Sr. Mary Magdalene Wagner (*Transportation*)
 Sr. Mary Susan Connell (*Administration*)
 Fred Blosat (*Cura*)
 Gary Thunberg (*Cura*)
 Sr. Sharon Costello (*Administration*)

May 2
 May 2
 May 8
 May 8
 May 26
 May 29
 May 29
 May 30

June



Sr. Marguerite Kropinak (*Spirituality Center*)
 Sr. Aimee Gillen (*Telecommunications*)
 Joyce Hrynewich (*Human Resources*)

June 3
 June 12
 June 28

APRIL 2014						
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JUNE 2014						
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29	30					

 Paid Holiday for Lay Employees
 Offices Closed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Celebrating lay employees years of service to the Sisters of St. Joseph

April

Josie Clute (*Cura*)
 Hope Fox (*Supportive Living*)
 Dave Lubonovich (*Maintenance*)
 Allie Mooney (*Operations, HR, Community Life*)

7 years
 1 year
 4 years
 4 years

May

Lisa Conti (*Development*)
 Aida Dugan (*Finance*)
 Holly Duzicky (*Supportive Living*)
 Clarine Jones (*Supportive Living*)
 Ginger Kazil (*Supportive Living*)

3 years
 8 years
 1 year
 17 years
 7 years

June

Millie Bailey (*Supportive Living*)
 Barb Hetrick (*Housekeeping*)
 Alison Lucci (*Communications*)
 Jerry Short (*Maintenance*)
 Gary Thunberg (*Cura*)
 Kathy Washy (*Archives*)

26 years
 8 years
 3 years
 12 years
 41 years
 1 year

Open Enrollment

July 1 is the deadline for making changes to your benefits plan. Now is the time to consider what changes you need to make to your medical and/or dental coverage. More information will be shared as we near the deadline date.

Contact Joyce Hrynewich at ext. 6540 with questions.