

# Marion Senior Living Community Newsletter

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## **Zio Johno's Gift Certificate Fundraiser Continued Success**

What was once a lasagna dinner fundraiser continues to be a very successful lasagna gift certificate sales fundraiser. The board sells \$5.00 gift certificates from Zio Johno's, splitting the sales proceeds with the restaurant. This year the board raised \$2200 for MSLC. Thank you to Zio Johno's for its support and to all who purchased gift certificates and gave donations.

## **The 5k Benefit Race Raises \$7000**

Each year Christ Community Church sponsors a 5k event in support of MSLC. The ninth year of the race was held on September 24th and raised \$7,000. Sponsors for the race include Philip's Diamond Shop, MGSI, T&K Roofing, Code Four Defense, Crystal Group, Heritage Bank, SB Capital Management, On The Run Race Timing, Banes Landscaping, Cedar Rapids Family Dental, Copyworks, E&H Maintenance, Hills Bank, Hogan Hansen CPA, Jerry Ask Investment Services, Lalaland Construction, Lynch Ford, Trading Grounds Coffee, Wades Auto Collision, and In Memory of Lisa Coffin. Thank you to race sponsors, volunteers, and participants. MSLC looks forward to next year's race.

If your church or organization is interested in sponsoring an event in support of MSLC, please contact President Dick Grimm at 319-440-2123.

## **Board Elects Members and Officers**

At its November meeting the board reelected the following to three year terms, Dick Dearing (retired Rockwell Collins), Kevin Ballard (retired Hogan Hansen), and Linda Dearing (retired Kirkwood Community College).

Elected as board officers are:

President—Dick Grimm (retired Xerox)

Vice President—Ken Stanford (retired Alliant Energy)

Secretary—Linda Dearing (retired Kirkwood Community College)

Treasurer—Kevin Ballard (retired Hogan Hansen)

Corresponding Secretary—Kay Stanford (retired Alliant Energy)

Operations Chair—Dick Dearing (retired Rockwell Collins)

Other board members are Ann Grimm (Crystal Group), Katie Lammers (community volunteer), Tammy Danover (Heritage Bank), Scott Draper (retired Sheets-Forrest-Draper), Phill Seidl (Seidl and Seidl), Conrad Ramsey (retired Rockwell Collins), and Sandy Merritt (retired elementary principal and teacher).

This year two former board members passed, Mike Richardson and Don Rivers. The board expresses its sympathy to their families.

## **Board Members Continue to Improve the Buildings and Landscape**

During the past five years, the board has added or completed the following improvements to the buildings or the campus:

- Added patio awning and patio extension at Trinity Pointe
- Planted several new trees and replaced several lost to the derecho
- Improved the landscaping at Moundview Manor and Scott Meadows
- Purchased new community room furniture for Trinity Pointe and Moundview Meadows
- Repaired the driveway at Trinity Pointe
- Repaired sidewalk trip hazards at all three buildings
- Added a walking trail on the campus
- Added planters for resident use at all three buildings
- Purchased safety shower chairs
- Converted tubs at Moundview Manor and Scott Meadows to walk-in showers
- Upgraded all the computers including digital hard drives
- Repaired the brick exterior at Trinity Pointe
- Changed the lighting in the parking lots to LED lighting
- Purchased new washers and dryers
- Added coin changers at all three buildings
- Increased the size of the parking lot at Moundview Manor
- Improved the property reserved for a fourth building
- Added new secure entry systems at all three buildings
- Installed security cameras
- Upgraded the elevator at Moundview Manor
- Added an evergreen sound barrier at Moundview Manor
- Purchased new signage for the buildings and the campus
- Painted the interior community areas at Trinity Pointe and Moundview Manor
- Annually solicited and delivered gift cards from churches and delivered gift bags

The rental receipts generally are designed to pay for the upkeep of the three buildings. However, the board has applied for and received grant funding to pay for additional repairs and to add improvements to the buildings and campus. Donations and fundraisers also fund enhancements such as those described above. Thank you for your generosity and support.

## **Supporting Churches Continue to Help**

The supporting churches have donated \$20,000 to MSLC to support the needs of the residents. This is in addition to the thousands of dollars in gift cards given by church members as Christmas gifts for residents. St. Joseph Church is donating a gift bag for each resident as it has for the last several years. MSLC appreciates the support from all the churches.