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Resident Tina Coladonato enjoys the holiday dinner with her niece Anne Spinogatti, Anne's husband Bruno, and their son Steven.



Resident Frances Katz samples hors d'oeuvres with her son, Richard Katz, and daughter-in-law, Janice Katz.

Saunders House's Holiday Celebrations

Saunders House knows how to celebrate the holidays. The holiday season kicked off with a festive holiday dinner. Attendees enjoyed the tasty meal, family togetherness, holiday tunes by carolers, and a surprise visit by Santa, Mrs. Claus, and some elves! There was plenty of music throughout the holiday season with performances by choirs, musical entertainers, and Saunders House's very own bell choir. Saunders House capped off the holiday season by ringing in the new year by watching a ball drop and getting a visit by father time and baby new year.

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Check Out the Art Gallery at Saunders House

Residents, family members, volunteers, and staff enjoyed the latest unveiling of the Saunders House art gallery in the second floor chapel. Residents in the painting, arts & ideas, and inter-generational activity groups, run by art therapist Carole Hayes, proudly displayed their work.

Some residents donated previous paintings, and attendees were able to bid on them in a silent auction. Attendees could also paint or draw a square to add to the Saunders House quilt, next to the television.

Attendees voted for their

favorite work, and best in show winners are: Katherine Farrell and Lena Jacobson. Honorable mention goes to: Gwen Allen, Bernice Ashburg, Fabia Falik, Eileen Gerber, Marie Haynie, Jean Kendall, Rose Levitt, Helen Mullen, Edna Parker, Mary Pinto, Helen Suhorsky, Marcelle Taunton, Pauline Williams, and Sylvia Woolman.

The Friends' Central Inter-generational Quilt is also on display. Great job to all the artists! Don't forget to stop by the chapel to check out the aesthetically pleasing art!



Artist Katherine Farrell helps fellow artist Mary Pinto with her name tag.

The Sights and Sounds at Saunders House



Pictured clockwise from top left: Shirley Utsey and volunteer Caitlin Nelson after a choir performance; Frank Zoppetti enjoys the New Year's Eve party: recreation therapist Christine Eagan and Katherine Haritonidis also enjoying the party; Mary Vaughn cheering at an Eagles pep rally; and Marie Haynie and a Merion Elementary student work on a service project on MLK day.



Get to Know Saunders House Residents: Edna Parker



Edna Parker, a first floor resident, moved to Saunders House in November 2002.

Born in Shamokin, PA (the coal region), Edna came to the area for work. She worked as a cashier, a

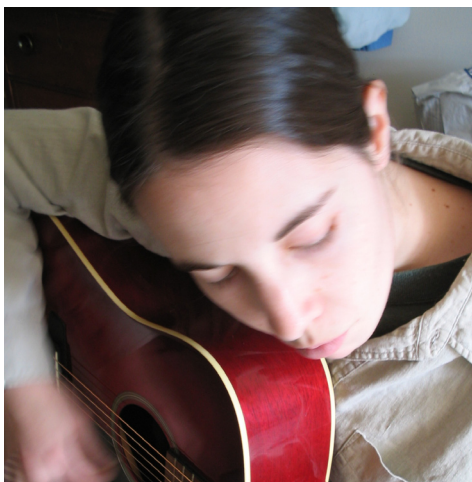
salesperson, and took care of older adults.

Edna is the ninth of fifteen children. She and her husband had one son.

Edna used to dance, visit relatives, teach Sunday school classes, and sing at church. She still likes to sing and enjoys reading the Bible. Edna speaks a little bit of Dutch.

When asked what she likes most about living at Saunders House, Edna said that there is always somebody to take care of her. She also likes to attend the word games activity.

Get to Know Saunders House Interns: Pauline Zager



Just in time for the new year, Pauline Zager began work as a music therapy intern at Saunders House. She will be with us until November 2009. Pauline is originally from Blue Bell, PA but now lives in northeast Philadelphia.

Though she is not married and does not have any children, Pauline does care for a handful of cats that

she raised from kittenhood. She is in a long-term relationship with a man who loves cats too.

Pauline's undergraduate degree is not in music. If you can guess what degree she earned, you will hear a ghost story as a prize! Pauline is now following in the footsteps of several of her musical ancestors who hail from Austria and Latvia.

She has given private music lessons for the past six years on her favorite instrument, the piano. Her students currently range in age from five to seventy-eight. Pauline's earliest memory is of hearing music.

She shares her first name with several Saunders House residents. Now that Pauline can find her way around, the joy of music can begin!

Upcoming Events

“NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY”

Friday, February 6

VALENTINE'S DAY TEA

Thursday, February 12
2:00 PM

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, February 25
2:00 PM

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

Tuesday, March 17
2:00 PM

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 29
12:00 PM

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, March 10
•All at 5:30 PM

145th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, April 24, 2009, Saunders House will celebrate its 145th anniversary at the Union League of Philadelphia. The event will include a cocktail reception and dinner, a review of Saunders House history, stories from families whose loved ones have lived at Saunders House, and musical entertainment provided by the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia. Individual tickets are \$150. If you would like to purchase a ticket or serve on the event committee, please contact Jody LaVerdure at (610) 658-5147 or jlverdure@saundershouse.org. We hope you will join us in marking this exciting milestone!

Happy Birthday to . . .

Rose Wayden	Feb 04	Isadore Forman	Mar 05
Margaret Ayers	Feb 05	Louise Williams	Mar 08
Sylvia Rosenthal	Feb 08	Mattie Dolby	Mar 09
Irene Kemp	Feb 09	Mary Jackson	Mar 09
Tina Coladonato	Feb 12	Vernee Sheard	Mar 09
Jean Gordon	Feb 12	Jeanette Weislow	Mar 10
Mary Ventura	Feb 12	Illa Brustman	Mar 14
Eleanor Dittmer	Feb 14	Walt Winterbottom	Mar 14
Latroche Parker	Feb 17	Dorothy Laytin	Mar 17
Margaret Evans	Feb 19	Sylvia Sussman	Mar 17
Louise Yermish	Feb 21	Paul Richardson	Mar 19
Anna McKeeman	Feb 23	Stephenson Tyson	Mar 20
Polly Bickerstaff	Feb 26	Gladys Webb	Mar 21
Layne Gordon	Feb 26	Edith Fine	Mar 23
		Pearl Forman	Mar 25
		Charles Westman	Mar 25

Thank You, Volunteers

This year's annual Volunteer Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 12 PM during National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Invitations will be forthcoming to current volunteers. Please save the date!

New CNA Students

If you have been to the third floor and are wondering who the people in the green scrubs are, they are certified nursing assistant students from Students for Successful Aging. They will be here on a regular basis with their instructor during the day shift.

Flower and Candy Grams Available Now!

Show someone at Saunders House how much you care about him or her this Valentine's Day by purchasing a flower or candy gram. The flower and candy grams cost only \$1 each, and proceeds benefit the Residents' Council. Flower and candy grams will be delivered February 13, 2009 to Saunders House residents, volunteers, and staff. More information and order forms are available at the receptionist's desk. The flower and candy grams are available for purchase now through February 13.