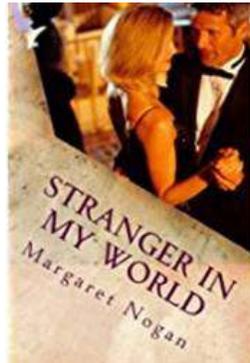




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Breaking the Mold at Ninety-One

“Breaking the mold,” “moving outside the box,” “pushing the envelope,” “defying the odds” — all of these describe the most recent accomplishment in the long and adventurous life of ninety-one year old Margaret Nogan. She just published her first novel — a romantic thriller! You would think she’d heave a sigh of contentment, sit back and enjoy the show. Instead, she’s already decided on the topic of her next book and is deep into research for the venue.



assist Marge by getting flyers out into the surrounding community, and the Little Sisters could not be happier for her.

Living Longer...Living Better

There are certain benefits someone in the “prime of life” can expect. One is the ability to be respected for one’s beliefs and opinions. Marge is one of many Residents who are unafraid to share their voice when debates arise, either politically or spiritually. During the month of February, House Bill 160 was under discussion by the Delaware House of Delegates legislative committee.

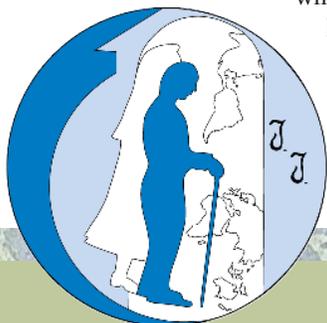
Marge spoke to a representative in our district stating, “The government spends all this money to keep us seniors alive and now they want to legalize assisted suicide to limit our choices and access to healthcare.” Because of her comments, Marge and the Little Sisters will travel to the state Capital to share our Catholic views on the value and dignity of life at all stages, especially for the elderly, which is the mission and focus of the Little Sisters.



Margaret, a proud veteran of the Korean War, is a Resident of our home at the Jeanne Jugan Residence. Well past the age when most of us entertain new endeavors, she walks every day (unassisted, by the way — no walker, no cane) sews exquisite, original design quilts which are sometimes auctioned as fundraisers for the home, is a lector at daily Mass, and is now pursuing one of her life-long passions — writing. Her rich background is

filled with innumerable adventures both at home and abroad. “These experiences,” she says, “are the fuel that ignites my writing.”

Fellow Residents at our home are thrilled at what Marge is accomplishing. One helps her by typing her work and getting it uploaded for publishing. Another spreads the word eagerly, including postings on Facebook; all of them cheer her on every day. The volunteers and staff also



Doubling Their Impact in the Community

“Better two than one alone, since thus their work is really rewarding...” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

A full and busy life is second nature to four of our dedicated volunteers who choose to work as partners in their service to the Little Sisters at Jeanne Jugan Residence. We are very fortunate to have the Giegerich and Williams families share their special talents, precious time and generous treasures with our Home on a weekly basis throughout the year. Both the Giegerich and Williams families truly understand... *“When you do it together, a volunteer effort becomes larger than the sum of its parts!”*



Resident and Fran

Fran and Ray Giegerich joined our family of volunteers in 2014 when they relocated to Delaware from New Jersey. Ray and Fran knew it was a “perfect fit” when they answered the call for volunteers and have shared more than 150 hours annually performing many duties throughout the Home. Ray is a regular volunteer in the kitchen and happily chops fruits and vegetables in preparation for daily meals for our Residents. You may also see Ray grilling hot dogs for special occasions, serving spaghetti dinners and joining in our annual Mardi Gras parades. Fran enjoys spending her time in our “gift store,” where Residents and guests can purchase gifts, snack foods, and



Ray at work in the kitchen

cards. Fran finds interaction with her “regular” customers who stop by for a chat very rewarding since our Residents welcome her as extended family. As a member of the Blue Rock Chorus group, Fran shares her musical talents with our Residents and Little Sisters when the group performs annually at Jeanne Jugan Residence.

As an extra bonus, we have been the recipient of many matching donations and volunteer service hours from Exxon-Mobil Foundation through the dedicated service of both Ray and Fran ... well over \$12,000 over the past 5 years.



Pat serving Residents

Pat and Bob Williams discovered their shared values of helping others when they participated in our Annual Nun Run fundraiser at Jeanne Jugan Residence several years ago. Pat and Bob have a wonderful system of weekly visits to our Home. They arrive together and part to their separate assignments ... Bob serving breakfast in the Holy Family dining room and Pat serving breakfast in St. Joseph dining room. After breakfast they are off to their next task — Bob in the volunteer office assisting with data entry, and Pat



Bob serving Residents

to the laundry folding and sorting towels, sheets and clothing. Once they complete their “chores” they meet for lunch in the Tea Room to share the experiences of the day. But their day is not over ... they then return to their respective dining rooms to serve lunch. All this service is done with a friendly smile and a grateful heart. Both Pat and Bob also share their talents in our fundraising events (Mardi Gras, Motorcycle Run, Nun Run and Golf) as participants and photographer.

Celebrating Life's Stories with Our Residents

National Skilled Nursing Care Week features a precious gift for all to enjoy

As Little Sisters, Residents, staff and volunteers, we look forward to "Celebrating Life's Stories" as we participate in National Skilled Nursing Care Week through various events. Just as you share quality time with your families, we, too, have learned to sit and listen to our elderly family tell stories about the "good ole days." Capturing the life stories of our Residents is a precious gift for all to enjoy — from staff, family members and those who support our Home -YOU! Below is a sneak preview into the memorable stories of a few of our Residents.



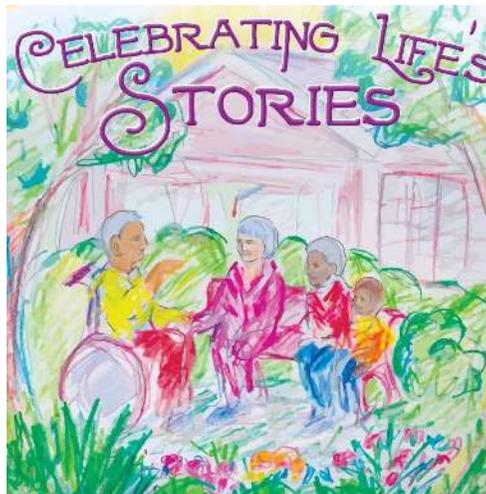
At 96 years old, Bill continues to read not only our daily news papers but also copies of the Ukrainian edition when available.



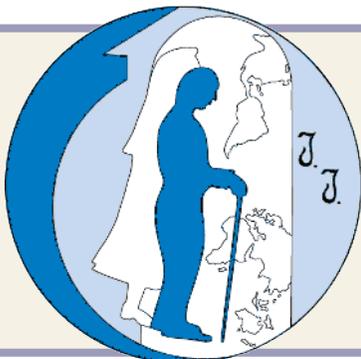
Throughout his room, Rudy (left) proudly displays trophies and pictures of his competitive roller skating with his wife, Sue (above) at Merryland Roller Rink.



Although little in stature, Angela has a passion for collecting "oversize" jewelry and enjoys singing songs from her youth.



Trudy not only shares her baking skills with us, but is also caregiver of our Home's pet, Clancy.



"As advances in medicine and other factors lead to increased longevity, it is important to recognize the presence of growing numbers of older people as a blessing for society ... Indeed the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude."

– Pope Benedict XVI, 9/18/2010

Mother's Message



The theme of this newsletter is telling our stories! Today, I join the Risen Lord in sharing with you the amazing story of His Divine Providence, continued. The story began in 1839 when St. Jeanne Jugan saw an elderly person in need. Others joined her, and today we Little Sisters plan to celebrate the 150th arrival of the first seven Little Sisters of French origin on American soil in 1868.

We hope to mark this providential event, starting on the feast of St. Jeanne Jugan, from August 30, 2018 till August 30, 2019. It would be important that you stay in touch with our Home as we will be announcing more details about the upcoming celebrations throughout the year.

Remember, our mission of hospitality towards the elderly is your story too, because we Little Sisters know that we could not continue without the Lord's help and yours! Thank you for your continued help through your prayers for us, and all the many events that we sponsor. We especially need you to ask the Lord to touch the minds and hearts of the youth, to be open to a vocation of service through love and prayer. The story of God's Love must go on through us!

Have a beautiful summer ahead!

Mother Margaret Regina Halloran

Sister Frances Catherine

We are truly blessed to welcome a new Little Sister, Sister Frances Catherine, who is a native of Wilmington. She joins us from the St. Joseph's Home in Richmond, VA. Before entering the Congregation in 1991, Sister was a member of Corpus Christi parish in Elsmere, where she served as minister of the Eucharist and as a teacher of religious education for the 2nd grade sacramental class. After attending college Sister started working in our business office and after ten years realized that God was calling her to give her whole life as a Little Sister. She has also served the elderly in our Chicago province and in the Brooklyn province, where she served on the provincial council. When she is not on her collecting rounds Sister Frances Catherine enjoys making rosaries and promoting the message of Our Lady of Fatima, "Pray the Rosary everyday." She is happy to be back in her home town!



Save the Date

Swing Fore Little Sisters 11th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Thursday, June 28

Nun Run 12th Annual 5K Run & Walk

Saturday, September 15

2nd Annual Motorcycle Charity Event

Sunday, October 14

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