



# ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE

*A Senior Care Community*

*“Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ”*

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# The Village Voice

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS



## ***A Message from Amy...***

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Season with your family and friends. We definitely had a month of celebration with our residents. Thank you to everyone who attended any of our Christmas parties, and thank you to all the staff that contributed to making our Christmas parties a success. It means so much to me that we are able to bring the JOY of the season to ALL our residents, here at St. Dominic Village.



I am excited to announce the grand re-opening of Warren Chapel. Thank you to everyone for your patience during the renovation. It took longer than expected; however, the end result was worth the wait as we now have a beautiful, comfortable and more accommodating renovated space. The Blessing by Archbishop Fiorenza on January 8th was beautiful! A special thank you to all those who donated to our 2015 End of the Year Campaign and Patron Corps for funding the project. I invite you to attend Mass and see the beautiful work that was done.

I also want to thank everyone who has given to our 2016 End of the Year Campaign, “Help Us, Help Them”. It is not too late and I want to encourage everyone to see how you could help with this campaign. Many do not realize that each year St. Dominic Village accepts a percentage of residents that we are not fully reimbursed for the cost of their care. This puts a financial strain on St. Dominic Village, and we need the revenue from grants and donations to help us supplement this loss. These are residents who have simply outlived their resources and now need 24 hour nursing care. So I ask that if you have not given to this campaign that you look at it again and see how you can help us in the New Year.

The Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic is right around the corner on March 30, 2017. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Bishop Rizzotto means so much to St. Dominic Village, and we are honored to be hosting this tournament for the 14th year. Whether you play golf, want to volunteer, or can help us with a donation or an item for our Silent Auction please let us know how you can help.

Looking forward to a successful 2017!

Amy Shields, LNFA  
Chief Executive Officer

## Meet Mr. Roger Sahni - St. Dominic Village Board Member & Patron Corps Chair

Roger Shani is a devout Catholic, successful businessman, a St. Dominic Village Board Member and he and his wife Carole are our Patron Corps Chairs. He is a champion for all things at St. Dominic Village. We are blessed by his involvement and wanted to share his story with our readers.

When asked how he got involved here, Roger replied, “a very dear friend and current generous donor of the Patron Corps, Dr. Roger Rolke, gave my name to Larry Thomson, outgoing Chair of the Board of SDV in 2011. Larry visited me at home and asked if I would consider being on the Board of SDV. First, I politely declined but after his insistence, my wife Carole and I went to see the campus. After meeting some of the residents, I felt compelled to help.” The visit resulted in joining the Board, but we asked how Roger and his wife Carole were led to serve as the Patron Corps Chairs.

“We were asked to chair the Patron Corps and agreed to a one-year term; now we are in our third year. The Patron Corps raises funds to do things which are not part of the operations of SDV. Patron Corps funds are spent strictly to make life better for our wonderful residents.

We were very fortunate to increase total donations by over 100%, thanks to our friends who helped us out and continue to do so. We are blessed! Funds from the Patron Corps have been used to help complete the Warren Chapel renovations, buy a new bus and much more.” The St. Dominic Village Patron Corps was started in 2001 by a group called the Founding 50 and has served the residents and their needs for the past 16 years.

When asked about his vision for the future of St. Dominic Village, Mr. Shani shared, “I would like to see that we update our current facility and build a Memory Care Unit. I would also like to see SDV-Woodlands, SDV-Sugar Land, SDV-Katy, SDV-Memorial City, SDV-East, so on and so on. I also believe we will have a huge number of volunteers from our parishes helping their neighbors and friends. I look at this as a ministry and I strongly believe we owe this to our millions of Catholic brothers and sisters in Houston and surrounding areas.”

Mr. Shani also stated, “St. Dominic Village is the only Catholic facility in Houston. As we are owned by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, we have unconditional and full support of Cardinal DiNardo and Bishop Sheltz, who also sits on our board. Bishop Rizzotto has been a champion for SDV, raising funds through his golf tournament, and also as Honorary Chair of the Patron Corps - what a huge blessing!

We have Independent Living, Assisted Living, Nursing home and a facility for our beloved retired priests. We are open to people of all faiths. We have seventeen (17) scheduled Holy Masses per week, but there are several more which happen spontaneously - what a great blessing!”

Roger and Carole are so active in the community and business world, we asked how they unwind and spend their free time. “Carole and I are home-bodies. We love to spend several months at our beach house in Florida. I love cooking and I am a gourmet - French cook, but I hate cleaning. Carole and I do not have cell phones. We love to read, especially theological books and listen to EWTN while doing our chores. In our house 60% of discussions are theological. I love to pray and can pray all day long, if left alone. I am also a stock-trading-junkie. My good friend, Dr. William Hermann, a fellow Board Member, calls me “itchy fingers” because I trade a lot.”

As we turn the page on a new year Mr. Shani said, “We would like as many people as possible to join The Patron Corps to help our wonderful residents.”

Please join us in 2017 to continue the mission of St. Dominic Village.



*Roger and Carole Sahni*

# Fall Festivities at St. Dominic Village

## Annual Halloween Carnival

Saturday, October 22nd St. Dominic Village hosted our annual Halloween Carnival and we had a blast! Residents, staff, family and friends were decked out in fun costumes ready for games, raffles and activities. Our residents and guests won prizes for best costumes. Thank you to our staff, volunteers and families and thank you Activity Directors Cleo Parker and Maria “Miss Ashley” Henson for organizing such a great day for our residents!



## “Dancing Feet” - The St. Dominic Village Halloween Dance

Residents, staff, family and friends put on their dancing shoes and got down during the St. Dominic Village Halloween Dance on October 27, 2016. Guests enjoyed good eats, good music, a costume competition and voted for our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Pictured below, the “Ice Cream Cone” pumpkin took the first place prize, with the “Gumball Machine” following closely in second place and the “Trolls” pumpkin in 3rd place. Kudos to all our pumpkin contest participants.



# "Dancing Feet" - The St. Dominic Village Halloween Dance



**1st Place Winner "The Witch"**



**2nd Place Winner "The African Queen"**



**3rd Place Winner "Groucho Marx"**



# St. Dominic Village & CHI Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center First Annual Health Fair

St. Dominic Village and CHI Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center Transitional Care Clinic co-sponsored their first Senior Health Fair on November 15, 2016 at St. Dominic Village. CHI Baylor St. Luke's Transitional Care Clinic's Nurse Practitioner, Bernita G. Chance, presented on how salt and sugar affect our hearts and how to have a healthy heart to prevent such diseases as Congestive Heart Failure, a condition that is treated in their Clinic with their team of Cardiologists. Her knowledge and expertise were well received by the senior attendees. CHI Baylor St. Luke's also had their Diabetes Educator available for individual consults and a PharmD from their Department of Pharmacy to consult on drug interactions. St. Dominic Village Rehab Department's Randall Baker, Occupational Therapist, provided valuable information to the seniors and Physical Therapist, William Gaw, provided a presentation on Health and Wellness -- The St. Dominic Village Way with discussion on the importance of quality care delivered with compassion. He also discussed fall prevention tips, geriatric obesity, hip and knee replacement and precautions and overall Physical and Occupational Therapy services provided in our Rehabilitation and Nursing Center to get seniors back on their feet and moving safely especially after a hip or knee replacement.



Baylor Family and Community Medicine provided a Geriatric Physician, Dr. LaCruz Rendon, to discuss why a Geriatrician is important for 65 and older seniors and an RN to provide Blood Pressure checks and consults. Baylor Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery provided Hearing Screenings and individual consults. The Public Affairs Specialist from The Social Security Administration, Andrew Hardwick, presented on changes in Social Security and what to expect. Bridge Solutions Home Health provided an RN to do Blood Sugar Screenings. Other agencies with valuable resources included Harris County Area Agency on Aging, Adult Protective Service, Movement is Blessed, and Plaza Specialty Hospital for long term acute care.

St. Dominic Village would like to thank all of our healthcare vendors for providing individual consultations and valuable resource and education information to the seniors with patience and compassion.



# “Happenings” Around the Village

## “A Thank You to the Staff” - Hosted by SDV Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 29th, which was also “Giving Tuesday”, St. Dominic Village Board Members came together to cook for our staff as a way of saying “Thanks” for a job well done! Staff enjoyed warm Houston weather... even for November and good eats. Thank you to St. Dominic Village Board Members and everyone who came out to help!



## Stay Healthy & Guard Against the Flu

*Tips from Director of Nursing,  
Robbie Bradford*



We are in the beginning of our season where more cases of upper respiratory infection occur. The following are tips on how to stop the spread of Upper Respiratory Infections.

**CLEAN:**

Wash your hands often. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

**COVER:**

Cover your cough. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Don't have a tissue? The crook of your elbow will do.

**CONTAIN:**

Contain germs by steering clear of others who are sick. If you do get sick, stay at home until you're well again, so you don't spread germs.

If you are visiting a loved one at the Rehabilitation and Nursing center, after signing in at the receptionist desk, please always sanitize your hands before going onto the units, and follow the same procedure when leaving the facility. This practice protects the residents of the facility and yourself.

# Warren Chapel Renovations Now Complete

Thanks to the generosity of our donors to the 2015 End of Year Campaign and the support from the St. Dominic Village Patron Corps, the spiritual heart of our campus, Warren Chapel, has received much needed renovations. With new paint, lighting, carpet, pews and kneelers, a new center aisle, a new Repository for our Sacred Oils, a new Statue of Mary, and new liturgical furniture, Warren Chapel is being thoroughly enjoyed by a steady stream of residents, families and visitors.

The first St. Dominic Village Mass conducted in the renovated space was on January 8th, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Our celebrant was Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza with our Patron Corps members as our special guests at the Mass. Following Mass, our Patron Corps members were honored at the annual thank you luncheon. An Open House is planned for Sunday February 26th for all who donated to the campaign and made the renovations a reality.

We are honored to have Cardinal DiNardo as the celebrant for this special Mass. For more information, please call Kimberly Elliott at 713-741-8722.



Warren Chapel, before the renovations (above)



Warren Chapel, after the renovations (left)



ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE  
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BISHOP RIZZOTTO GOLF CLASSIC

Thank You to our Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic  
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In Kind Sponsors



Save the date, March 30th 2017  
Wildcat Golf Club

For more information, contact Kimberly Elliott: 713-741-8722 ~ [kelliott@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:kelliott@stdominicvillage.org) or visit: <http://www.stdominicvillage.org/brgc17.html>

# Christmas Time at the Village

We really get into the holiday spirit at St. Dominic Village and we love celebrating Christmas in a big way. Our Christmas Open Houses for Assisted and Independent Living, as well as the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center were a huge success. Residents, family, friends and staff enjoyed good food and good times. *The Ambassadors*, a live band, performed at both parties held on December 12th and December 14th. Residents and guests enjoyed a variety of classic oldie but goodies jazz tunes and Christmas classics. Residents were surprised by a visit from Old St. Nick himself. He visited with each resident and brought presents for all.





# Christmas Time at the Village



# Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

St. Dominic Village and the St. Dominic Chancery joined together to organize the annual Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12th. Residents, family and staff gathered in the St. Dominic Village auditorium to enjoy a history on Lady Guadalupe, traditional pastries and fellowship in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## Physician Spotlight - Dr. Christopher Robert Lockhart and Dr. Biju Oommen of the Trumen Physicians & Associates, PLLC

Dr. Lockhart has been practicing medicine since 1992, he is a Board Certified Geriatric Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Care and Certified Medical Director through the American Medical Directors Association. Dr. Lockhart completed his residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA and attended the University of Texas at Houston Medical School for post graduate studies. Dr. Lockhart is one-third of the Trumen Physicians and Associates group and is committed to raising the level of care, education and awareness in long term care facilities. We are happy to have his expertise at St. Dominic Village.

Dr. Biju Oommen is a Houston native and is also a practicing physician with the Trumen Physicians and Associates. Dr. Oommen completed his medical training in Internal Medicine at Michigan State University and completed a Geriatric Fellowship at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. He is also a Certified Medical Director through the American Medical Directors Association. In 2006, Dr. Oommen was awarded Medical Director of the Year by Lifecare (*National long-term care corporation*) the Gulf Region and in 2009 he was nominated as the AMDA Medical Director of the Year. He is committed to quality care and dedicated to improving the health of his patients.



Dr. Christopher Robert Lockhart



Dr. Biju Oommen

# Happy Birthday Residents



## January

**Cloretta Blackburn**  
**Clarence Bradford**  
**Jacques Chambre**  
**Jose Delcid**  
**Maryann Fanning**  
**Nina Faulkner**  
**Eugene Lynch**  
**Mary Matula**  
**Gilbert Medina**  
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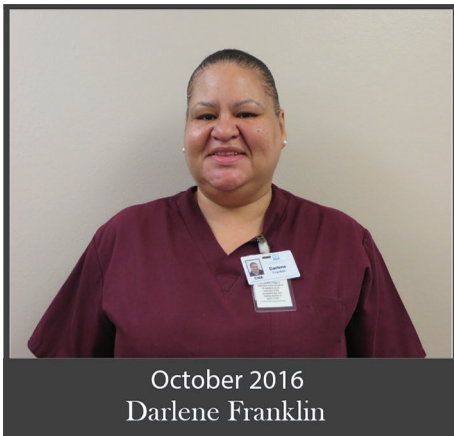
## February

**Daniel Baker**  
**Virgie Clue**  
**Selma DeMarco**  
**Frances Dupree**  
**George Gaffney, Jr.**  
**Ciro Gonzalez**  
**Valentine Kahanek**  
**Mary Macey**  
**Dorothy Novak**  
**Norma Potier**  
**Alice Smith**  
**Rose Stranahan**  
**Ophelia Villagomez**  
**Joe Walker**  
**Helen Woodard**

## March

**Theresa Adair**  
**Adolfo Astorga**  
**Perry Braggs**  
**Suzanne Brinsmade**  
**Robert Frank**  
**Melville Gutierrez**  
**Theresa Jarrell**  
**Robert Johnson**  
**Patricia LeBlanc**  
**Rosemary Lopez**  
**Martha Parful**  
**Robert Parker**  
**Jose Sanchez**  
**Beatriz San Pedro**  
**Sergio San Pedro**  
**Eleanora Tamborello**  
**Margaret Taylor**  
**Egidio Vecchio**  
**John Ward**

## Employee of the month



October 2016  
 Darlene Franklin

**PRN CNA, Unit 1**



November 2016  
 Sr. Maria Hernandez

**LVN, Assisted Living**



December 2016  
 Doris Harry

**CNA, Unit 4**

# Welcome to the Team!



A warm welcome to LaRanda Taylor, our new MDS Coordinator. LaRanda is originally from Beaumont, TX, a graduate from Lamar University she has served in various capacities in nursing - ranging from: Certified Nursing Assistant, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Assistant Director of Nursing and MDS Coordinator. She has Emergency Room, Oncology, Minor Care, and Medical Surgical experience as well. LaRanda shares, "I have worked in all phases of nursing except dialysis."

LaRanda is a proud mother of three beautiful daughters and has lived in Houston, TX for three years.

During her leisure time, LaRanda enjoys reading, making candles and spending time with family.

You can reach LaRanda at: 713.440.3416/[ltaylor@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:ltaylor@stdominicvillage.org)

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## Volunteers - A Gift to Our Community

Volunteer Spotlight feature on Lynn Schriber

*Lynn Schriber shares her memories of her parents during their time as residents at St. Dominic Village and her experience as a beloved volunteer.*

"From the time that I walked through the doors at St Dominic Village in early 2000 to bring my father for nursing care, I felt surrounded by love. I would visit my dad every morning. He could hear my heels clicking down the hall as he would greet me with the biggest smile. I experienced the same love and care for the 3 ½ years that my mom was a resident. The staff, the nurses, aides and volunteers became my extended family.

My Mom, Gloria Faber suffered from severe dementia and had five strokes before she became a resident. As time went on and communicating became more difficult I found it very peaceful and therapeutic to bring her in to Mass in the mornings. I would seat her in the front [of Warren Chapel] so she could see the priest and when we prayed I would make sure that she could watch me say the words. When we would sing she would occasionally chime in on a verse of the hymn. The peace that I found in daily Mass for both of us was something so special that I have continued to this day, four years after her passing. The residents became my family. I receive so much more from them than I give.

I am honored to lead the songs at the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday mornings in Warren Chapel and to serve as an alternate on other days as needed. Theresa Sagan, St. Dominic Village resident song leader, has been an inspiration to me and I am truly blessed to have all of the residents and staff in my life. What started as a way to take care of my parents became a way to continue my journey in faith. Helping others with something as small as a smile, a song, a hand and a heart has meant the world to me."



# Welcome Home!

St. Dominic Village prides itself on the level of care and dedication we give each and every day to ensure our residents are comfortable and are enjoying their days with us. To provide a heartfelt welcome, each new resident receives a goodie bag complete with crossword puzzles, toiletries, and calendar of events so they do not miss out on any special activities. Our staff go out of their way to get to know each and every resident personally and learn what activities they enjoy most to ensure that all residents are engaged and connected.

The following are our new resident move-ins between October and December.

## Assisted Living

Eleanor Arnold  
Rita Greer  
Dorothy Ferrando

## Independent Living

Ken Fisher  
Marina Fisher  
Mary Kyle  
Una Lau  
James Novak  
Maria Plezbert  
Janice Smith  
Bonnie St. Julian

## Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Judy Barlett  
Perry Bragg  
Sara Crawford  
Warren Harris  
Leila Land

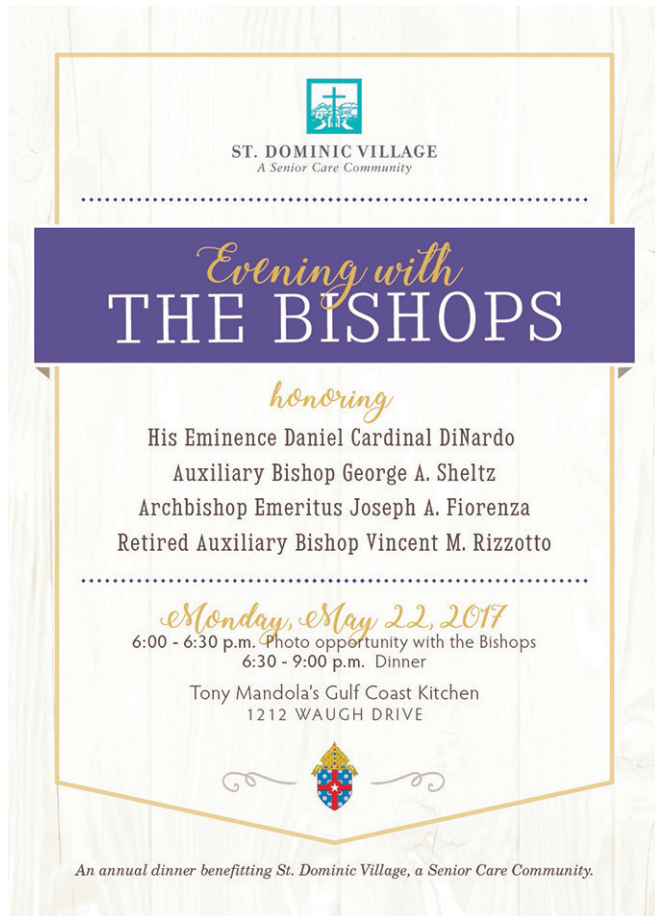
Robert Langham  
Elmina McCann  
Hester Moore  
Gwendolyn Rigsby  
Max Rodriguez

Rose Smith  
Carmen Vasquez  
Sofia Zangirolami

To schedule a tour of St. Dominic Village, please call or email:

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*Save the Date for the  
8th Annual  
Evening with the Bishops*

at Tony Mandola's Gulf Kitchen on  
Monday, May 22, 2017.

Don't miss this special evening,  
reserve your ticket today.

Contact Director of Fund  
Development, Kimberly Elliott  
713.741.8722 /  
kelliott@stdominicvillage.org

## Attention! Underwriters Needed

We are in need of 4 underwriters for the 2017 Evening with the Bishops fundraising event. For \$3,000 you can underwrite the attendance of the employees of the month, residents, and necessary staff to attend this special event.

St. Dominic Village recognizes each employee of the month with an invitation to the Dinner that celebrates our four bishops and our community. Each year we issue invitations to new and different residents so that they can mix and mingle with our guests of honor and celebrate this special evening! We ask one resident to participate as the guest resident speaker and this year, we have selected Miss Theresa Sagan to share her story.

It takes a village to put on this type of event and we will need several staff members to attend to keep things running smoothly. Underwriting these staff will be a tremendous help to keep the event top notch and having a successful fundraising event for St. Dominic Village.

Please contact Kimberly Elliott at 713-741-8722 or [kelliott@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:kelliott@stdominicvillage.org) for more information.

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The Patron Corps is a unique group of St. Dominic Village donors who make an annual membership gift of \$1,000 or more to a special Patron Corps fund. This fund, which is separate from our operating budget, is then used for special projects which directly impact our residents' quality of life.

To learn more about the Patron Corps, call Director of Fund Development, Kimberly Elliott 713.741.8722.



# *Help Us, Help Them - End of Year Campaign Gifts*

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