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Jean Larkin, Villa Administrator, Announces Retirement

Jean Larkin, Administrator of the Villa at Saint Antoine for the past seven years, is retiring, effective June 30, 2012.

Wendy Fagnoli, Saint Antoine's Executive Director, said "Jean will be sorely missed. She always has been thought of as the 'go-to' person for anyone who needed advice at the Villa. And, she dispatched her duties in a calm, level-headed way --- steadily moving forward --- as the 'constant,' the 'pillar,' the 'ballast,' if you will, in an ever-changing landscape. We owe much of the Villa's success to Jean's insight, calmness, and fortitude."

In April 2001, several months after the Villa opened, Jean was appointed as the Director of Marketing, working alongside with the then-administrator, John Hedderson. Three years later, upon John's unexpected passing, Jean assumed the administrator's position along with her own job of marketing.

"It was exciting, in those early days, to see the Villa fill up, coming from the construction stage to 100% resident occupancy. In recent years, particularly with the economic downturn, it has been a challenge to maintain that kind of occupancy.



Jean Larkin

In between, a number of advancements have been made to the Villa's services. These include, a memory-loss unit, called the "Mezzanine," as well as several "respite" apartments for those that want to "try out" the Villa for a short period of time; many have stayed on after a short "trial" period. The "respite" apartments have also been used for visiting family members. As one family member put it, "this has been a god-send because we are very close to our mother and can partake of meals and even attend various activities with her.

Jean's biggest joy over the past seven years is the impact she has had in making lives better for seniors and their families. "At first, they only see the things that they are leaving behind and not the things that they will gain in the future. After about three months, that all changes and they become very grateful for the care that they are being given."

Jean is also very thankful for the fine staff that she has assembled. "It is because of them that we have been able to give the highest quality of care possible in a very compassionate way," says Jean.

Jean welcomes her upcoming retirement, concluding "I look forward to spending more time with my two grandchildren, my own two daughters and son, and my husband doing the things I like such as reading, travelling, and just being able to relax with the morning newspaper and a good cup of coffee!"

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Tammy Summiel Appointed as the Villa's New Administrator

Tammy Summiel, director of Saint Antoine's TEAMhealth program, has been appointed the Villa at Saint Antoine's new Administrator, replacing Jean Larkin who is retiring as of June 30th.



Tammy Summiel at the front entrance to the Villa

The announcement was made by Wendy Fargnoli, Executive Director of the Saint Antoine Community who said, "We have been fortunate on the Saint Antoine Residence side to work with Tammy over the past six years as the Program Director of our United Way-funded, TEAMhealth program. Tammy is a natural-born leader, a compassionate professional, steady in her determination to get things done and always concerning herself with doing things the right way."

TEAMhealth, under Ms. Summiel's leadership, has become a model, replicable program. It has trained and employed more than 307 under-skilled and under-employed individuals to the health sector with another 97 on a career ladder path.

Ms. Summiel is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Rhode Island. She has been a Unit Nurse Supervisor at Pierce Memorial Nursing Home in CT as well as its Staff Development Coordinator. She has served as lead Registered Nurse for the Golden Years Assisted Living Facility in Westerly RI, and has assisted with its administration. As a nurse, she worked in the Orthopedic and Trauma Surgery Units at Rhode Island Hospital.

In accepting her new position, Tammy said, "I am so honored to have been given the opportunity to lead such a high-quality facility as the VILLA. I will be able to put all my energies into one place, and to help foster the Villa's mission of caring for seniors with respect, dignity, and loving compassion."

Ms. Fargnoli added, "There was an overwhelming response to this vacancy. Tammy stood out because of her leadership experience, outstanding professional and personal skills, and her overt compassion. We know that Tammy will be a good fit for the Villa and the Saint Antoine Community for many years to come."

Executive Director's Letter Ruminations Aside!

(Editor's Note: As was reported in the last issue of Saint Antoine Notes, a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation has given us the opportunity to expand our marketing program by adding social media to the things that we are already doing. Wendy's letter below is actually "ruminations" on the process of getting such a project up and running.)



Wendy Fargnoli

Dear Friends,

It's hard to keep up with all the technological advances --- they are happening so fast! And, the words (or non-words) that are used to describe them --- tweets, blogs, LinkedIn's --- are crazy! I was just getting used to "websites," and "emails" but the new lingo is coming at us fast and furious.

I got an email the other day from "godaddy.com." Go Daddy!?!? I didn't even know that I had written to Go Daddy. But I guess we had. Our Social Media consultants had reserved three new website addresses and Go Daddy wanted to know what we wanted to do with them. You know what? Strangely enough, I understood what he was asking and could give him a rational answer. Now that's scary. I hadn't realized that I had amassed such information without even being aware of having done so!

Somehow this stuff creeps into your psyche and without realizing it, you become part of the new culture. The other day, I was in a store checking out things that I had bought and at the check out counter, I saw a "texting dictionary." I didn't even understand the title, let alone having the slightest idea of what it could possibly be about. Being curious, I picked it up and cracked it open right to "lol" --- "lots of love" or "laugh out loud" (I guess it depends on who you're sending it to!). But, maybe I'm telling readers something you already know. That little "dictionary" (and I use the word loosely) had all sorts of made up, shorthand words for ease in communicating on a phone's keyboard. --- "words" that would never be found in Webster's. No wonder they had to have their own dictionary!

I'm getting it slowly. We have to in order to stay ahead of the curve. And, just when I think that I understand, some new fangled word or thing comes at me. Excuse me, my cell phone is ringing. I see I have a text message. Now what button do I push to upload the message so I can read it? Oh! It's from godaddy.com. How did he get this number????

LOL,

Wendy Fargnoli
Executive Director

Kathy Kane Becomes TEAMhealth Project Director



Kathy Kane

Kathy Kane, Program Assistant for Career Advancement for Saint Antoine's TEAMhealth program, will become Interim Program Director, replacing Tammy Summiel, who will assume the position of Administrative Director of the Villa at Saint Antoine.

TEAMhealth (Train, Employ, Advance, Mentor) is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training and Career Laddering Program that has helped more than 400 individuals enter the health sector and to advance in their careers.

Kathy has served as the project's assistant director as well as having been a case manager for its participants and, more recently, a career ladder advisor where she worked with the program's employers, training programs, and colleges. She has been with the program since its very beginnings, six years ago.

Kathy holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from Johnson and Wales University. She has worked as a case manager for the Adult Employment and Training Program at Family Resources Community Action and as an Employment and Training Interviewer for the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training. Kathy was also a legislative aide to the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

TEAMhealth is primarily funded by the United Way of Rhode Island. Its main program agency partner is Family Resources Community Action of Woonsocket.

Saint Antoine Moves Ahead with TCU Plans

Saint Antoine is moving forward with plans to enhance its transitional care and short term rehabilitation services.

Part of the plan calls for a designated area that will accommodate short term clients. One half of the north wing of Unit 1B (15 beds) has been chosen as the new transitional care unit because of its close proximity to the rehabilitation therapy room.

Currently, short term clients are dispersed throughout the facility. "Transitioning current long term care residents into the facility and opening beds in unit 1B for short term individuals will take a while to accomplish," said executive director Wendy Fagnoli. "Change is hard for anyone and we are working closely with each affected resident and their family to accomplish a smooth and stress-free move."

Simultaneously, clinical staff is being hired and trained to operate on the newly designated unit. Joyce Corsi, Director of Nursing Services said, "having our short term residents all in one place will provide better care as well as accomplishing certain efficiencies in delivering our services."

Another part of the future plan calls for an expanded rehabilitation therapy room. Eric Franklin, CareLink's Rehabilitation Clinical Supervisor, notes that "in any given four month period last year, we provided an average of 953 services per month (approximately 45-47 sessions per day) and more than 262 new evaluations during the four month period. We have seen a steady increase in provided services from year to year of about 8 - 11%. Without question, we are sorely outpacing our available space, staff, and resources."

Ms. Fagnoli noted that, "Saint Antoine Residence has been successful in specialty programming in the past, including inpatient Hospice, and Dementia Care programming. Short Term Rehabilitation is a natural niche for us to develop and is in keeping with our mission."

The Executive Director concluded by saying, "we are moving forward slowly and deliberately as we look for ways to pay for these changes. One thing, however, is abundantly clear --- we must move forward --- community needs are too great and we are bursting at the seams."

SUMMER COURTYARD CONCERT SERIES 2012

The Villa's Summer Courtyard Concert Series has become a popular favorite of Saint Antoine and community residents alike. Held in the wonderful ambience of the Villa's center, French-style courtyard, the concerts are free of charge.

July 10th at 7:00 pm, Rain Date July 11th

Illusions

One of the most versatile bands in the New England area. Their soulful and dynamic vocals allow them to conquer all genres of music from Stevie Nicks to Donna Summer. Captivating Performance.

July 24th at 7:00 pm, Rain Date July 25th

Frank Castle & The Dixie Kings

A big band group featuring Dixieland Jazz selections

August 7th at 7:00 pm

Avenue A

Avenue A performs swing, jazz, standards and popular music from the 1920's

August 21st at 7:00 pm, Rain Date August 22nd

The Deluxe Quality Band

Featuring oldies, rhythm and blues, and top 40 selections

Rejoice in Hope



"Rejoice in Hope!" That is the scriptural passage (Romans 12:12) that Bishop Louis E. Gelineau took as his own as he began his primacy as Bishop of Providence, 40 years ago. This past March, a Celebratory Mass was held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, marking the Bishop's 40th anniversary of being elevated

to the position of Bishop of the Providence Diocese.

At age 84 and after eight years as Chaplain of Saint Antoine Residence --- a post that he took upon his "retirement" as Providence's prelate --- he continues to live out and be an inspiration to others in all that the phrase, "Rejoice in Hope" embodies.

In recognition of the Bishop's 40th Anniversary, many people wrote their "best wishes" to the Bishop. Some were signed only with their first names as if showing the affinity that those individuals had with the Bishop.



But the content of those "best wishes" told the true measure of the man and the people that love him dearly.

"...for all that he is and all that he does;"

"...thank you for your wonderful forty years as our devoted and compassionate leader;"

"Think of all the people throughout the years that you have touched and blessed"

"You are a shining example of what it means to be a faithful servant of God."

"May you be blessed for your love of Christ and your service to His Church;"

"You are such a blessing to us and to so many;"

"Thank you for all you do; you are a special person; thank you for being a great example of our faith."

"You will always be remembered as the 'people's bishop.'"

The Bishop readily recounts his good fortune. "I certainly have been blessed by God. I'm in relatively good health and at Saint Antoine, I'm in a place where I can carry on God's work, ministering to people."

We, at Saint Antoine - staff, board, residents - say a big THANK YOU! You have been an outstanding example of what it means to be a true servant of God. And, through your work, you have inspired us to walk in God's footsteps, to better love and to compassionately serve others. For this, we, too, are blessed.





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