Saint Antoine Notes

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Jacquelyn Woznicki, or Jackie as she likes to be called, is Saint Antoine Community’s new Executive Director.

Jacquie, what was your most recent position and how long have you been working at Saint Antoine Residence?

Jackie: I was the Director of Admissions at Saint Antoine Residence for the Nursing Home and for the Transitional Care (Rehab) unit for nearly 11 years.

What do you think your biggest challenge will be?

Jackie: Well, I think staffing will continue to be my biggest daily challenge. When the economy is good, we are challenged to find CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) as well as dietary staff. This is a struggle not only for Saint Antoine Residence, but state-wide as well as nationally. Additionally, new regulatory changes are coming down the pike, with more demands being placed on nursing homes. At the same time they are looking to cut reimbursement rates. These challenges will keep us all busy and looking for creative ways to address these challenges as part of our new Strategic Plan.

What are you most looking forward to when you take on your new role?

Jackie: I am excited to build on the Sisters of Charity’s, Mary Ann’s and Wendy’s legacy of a strong culture of caring and compassion for our residents. I will enjoy working with the Advisory Board to expand the work of the Board committee structure to include a Development Committee and a Personnel Committee. I look forward to working together with my staff to continue the rich Catholic tradition of the Saint Antoine Community.

Can you tell us a little about yourself?

Jackie: I live in Putnam, CT with my husband Michael and our 22 year old son, Niko. We live in the neighborhood where both Michael and I grew up which is an area we just love. We are animal lovers and currently have three dogs and a cat that are part of the family. We are avid gardeners and find caring for our garden relaxing and rewarding. We also enjoy hiking when we can get away.

Join the Saint Antoine Community team!

FREE 8 Week C.N.A. Training Program

Next class begins in December

Informational Sessions, 3-4 p.m.
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A Farewell Message of Thanksgiving from the Executive Director

Wendy Fargnoli

Dear friends,

Congratulations and a heartfelt welcome to our new Executive Director Jacqueline Woznicki. Jackie, my wish for you is that your journey be as lovely as mine!

I seriously doubt that anyone can ever truly predict how bittersweet retirement actually is. Having used this word bittersweet in several letters regarding retirement of late, I have only recently truly understood its meaning, not so much by definition but how it truly feels. It’s that little tug at the heart, an unsettled night’s sleep, the receipt of thanks and appreciation that one is so not comfortable to receive, and the fear of the goodbyes and the joy of a new beginning all at the same time.

Who would have imagined that the years would go by so quickly? It seems like yesterday that I received my first briefcase as a new social worker to go to work with the young boys at St. Alphonsus Home in Greenville and now readying to leave Saint Antoine, receiving gifts of books, journals and blankers to snuggle with. Clearly I have received in my lifetime, two different messages, one to get to and the other one to let go.

I have come full circle. I am faced with the realization that my career as I have known it is coming to an end. No more life balance issues, late nights at my desk, problem solving team meetings, etc. I will clearly now have a more flexible schedule, a bit more time to learn how to have fun and to do as many things that I haven’t perhaps yet had time for. It all sounds so lovely, and truly it is and yet I know that I shall miss so very much.

Few have been as blessed as I to have landed in a career path that offered them just what I have been so fortunate to receive. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with the most amazing group of people, to have been part of this wonderful community, and to be able to witness deep faith in those we serve, the gift of relationships with our residents and families, the witness, the strong, veterans, mothers, fathers, teachers and laborers alike, and the blessing to witness the most dedicated staff, colleagues, and clergy from whom I have gained more than I have ever given.

Quite simply, I have had over the past 37 years in my career at the Diocese, the honor to comfort the young and the old, to feel and to heal, the fortune to witness deep faith in those we serve, the gift of relationships with our residents and families, the witness, the strong, veterans, mothers, fathers, teachers and laborers alike, and the blessing to witness the most dedicated staff, colleagues, and clergy from whom I have gained more than I have ever given.

While not easy in all ways, but knowing in most that it is time, I leave my role as Executive Director of the Saint Antoine Community with a humble heart and a loud shout of thanksgiving to all. Thank you for being part of my beautiful journey and thank you for allowing me the honor to serve!

To my beloved Saint Antoine Community, you will forever remain in my heart and in my prayers.

Wishing you blessings of the finest kind today, tomorrow and always,

Wendy

Executive Director

Volunteer of the Year for Saint Antoine Residence, Joe DiPietro (second from left), joins Volunteer of the Year for the Villa, Denise Bon (second from right) along with activities employee, Bethany Crook, Executive Director, Jackie Woznicki, former Executive Director, Wendy Fargnoli, and Tammy Summiel, Villa Administrator.

A special thank you to this year’s tournament committee members, Mary Ann Altria, Chair, Ann Brown, Paul Carbone, David Champagne, Anthony Costello, Wendy Fargnoli, Frank Gallaher, Bob Halley, Rick Locke, Marie Macera, Normand St. Laurens, John St. Sauveur, and Ron Ware.

We give our thanks to many sponsors whose support truly makes this tournament a financial success for Saint Antoine Community. Thank you to: Belden Builders, Connick, Inc., Blum Shapero, Carla Corporation, Hope Hospice & Palliative Care of Rhode Island, McKesson-Healthcare, MedTech Ambulance, United HealthCare, Waste Xpress, Wealth Impact Partners, H. Carr & Sons, and Nauset Credit Union. In addition, we thank our vendor sponsors, Gina Communications Associates, Preferred Pharmacy, 87th Masson, Institutional Contact Sales, Inc., Carolink, Chace Graphics, Dermaderosian & Dermaesterson, New England Linen Supply, NexGen Mechanical, Dr. Chan Park, Releistant Radio, Syco Boston, LLC, Joe Wrigley & Son, and WPRO.

Heartfelt thanks to the full field of golfers whose enthusiasm and generosity helped us raise $15,000 in support of cancer ladder for current and future staff. We look forward to continuing to build on our success for next year.

All You Can Eat Chowder & Clamcakes Villa Fundraiser a Great Success

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Those who gathered together not only enjoyed a glorious summer evening eating Chef Cindy’s famous chowders - white, red, and clear – and tasty clamcakes, but also relaxed listening to the beautiful voices and talent of Linda and Paul Bonneau. We can’t wait to do it again next year.

The Villa held activities September 10-15 for National Assisted Living Week. This year’s theme was “Family is Forever” and was inspired by famed poet Maya Angelou who wrote, “Family isn’t always blood, it’s the people in your life who want you in theirs: the ones who accept you for who you are, the ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what.”

The Villa began the week on Sunday with a Grandparents Day family picnic with over 200 attendees for a beautiful summer day. There were games and contests for children (of all ages!) and the food service staff served a delicious barbecue luncheon.

On Monday brought Rainforest Reptile Show to the Villa for a fascinating display of turtles, snakes, lizards and even a crocodile to the delight and awe of the residents. Tuesday was Family BINGO Night where family members joined their loved ones for an evening of bingo and laughs. Burn Babies were a treat on Thursday with puppies, kittens, bunnies, a pet belling pig, and chicks all brought smiles to the faces of the residents. The residents loved holding gently wrapped barn babies who proceeded to fall asleep in their arms. On Thursday we had a visitor who presented on the culture of the 1950’s and 1960’s with a variety of clothing styles and information. A favorite drink of the 1950’s, the White Russian, was served up to add to the festivities.

Friday saw a close to Assisted Living Week with a “Family Feud” game between two staff teams made up of food service, nursing, housekeeping and administrative staff; The Saint Angels family versus The Villisms family. Staff all cheered the past and there were a lot of laughs. Naturally, the Saint Angels family won. It was the culmination of a week of fun and appreciation to residents for being a part of the Villa family.

National Assisted Living Week at the Villa

Villa residents enjoying the Barn Babies visit

Saint Antoine Community’s 18th Annual Golf Tournament a Resounding Success

The Saint Antoine Community annual golf tournament was held on August 7th at the beautiful Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln, RI. Under the threat of a summer storm, we anxiously awaited news of whether we would need to cancel this year’s tournament. However, luck prevailed, the skies cleared, and we ended up with a lovely day.

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