

Back into the Swing of Things



Warwick Country Club set the perfect stage for the return of the Saint Elizabeth Community Golf Classic held Monday, June 20th as a sellout flight of golfers hit the course for the first time since 2019! The day was a tremendous success to benefit the programs and services of Saint Elizabeth Community. To one golfer, the return to the course was that much sweeter.

Just 17 months ago, now 33 year-old Nick Roland (second from right) came home from a vacation complaining of a headache. After a week of being really sick, it was discovered a benign brain tumor was the culprit. Many surgeries and a 12-week hospital stay later, Nick was discharged to Saint Elizabeth Home Care in the care of physical therapist, Julie Fidler (second from left).

Nick's mother Barbara shared, "Julie took the time to get to know Nick...even though he didn't much resemble his old self. She got to know Nick so well that she began to incorporate some of his favorite things into their therapy sessions. One time, Julie brought a putter and had Nick putting in the yard."

Nick Roland played a round of golf for the first time since his illness...at the Saint Elizabeth Community Golf Classic!

"Nick has worked so hard to get where he is today," shared Julie. "Though he continues to work on his memory regarding day to day routines, he REMEMBERED the game. His swing and game even improved throughout the day despite increasing fatigue!"

"It was wonderful to see everyone back out on the course in support of our mission," begins Matt Trimble, President & CEO, "but having Nick play in the tournament beside us made the day truly special. It's moments like these that remind us why the work we do is so important."

GREEN HOUSE® Homes Celebrate 5 Years!

An outdoor carnival was held to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Saint Elizabeth GREEN HOUSE® Homes opening. "It was fun to celebrate our five - year anniversary with the elders, families, staff and friends! And it was wonderful to gather, and enjoy each other's company, while truly celebrating the innovative model of care that we have brought to Rhode Island," says Sarah Bowater, GHH Guide. Matt Trimble, President and CEO, agreed and reflected on the milestone, "I am so grateful to the GHH staff for the tremendous amount of hard work, teamwork and genuine love for the elders. The relationships between staff and elders make these homes truly special."



Message from the President & CEO

Dear Friends:

Happy Summer! Saint Elizabeth Community (SEC) kicked off June with a return to in person events! At our Annual Meeting on June 13th, we welcomed a new slate of officers led by Steven Tilley, and elected a new trustee. Many thanks to our outgoing Board Chair, Craig Carpenter for his leadership. It was good to gather to reflect on the past year with an eye towards the work ahead.

Two days later on June 15th, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, we hosted a breakfast attended by government and law enforcement, and social service professionals from across the state as well as staff and trustees. Roberta B. Merkle, Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at SEC, was honored with the Elder Justice Award for her leadership and commitment to Saint Elizabeth Haven for Elder Justice.

Our Annual Golf Classic was a true success, selling out in record time! The spectacular weather, combined with true philanthropic support of those participating and the inspiring play of a Home Care client, made it a perfect day out on the course. Many thanks to our Golf Committee for all their work to make the event so successful!

Saint Elizabeth GREEN HOUSE® Homes celebrated its five-year anniversary with an outdoor carnival. As always, the GHH team made it a memorable day enjoyed by residents, families and staff. Over the past five years, 146 individuals have been cared for as residents in Saint Elizabeth GREEN HOUSE® Homes.

And to end the month...we were so happy to be able to host our Employee Service Awards Celebration with an in-person dinner and award celebration with nearly 80 staff members being recognized. The longevity of our employees is truly remarkable; it is important to pause to celebrate milestone anniversaries and show our gratitude.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you at Rose Bids on September 9, 2022!

Thank you,



Matthew R. Trimble, NHA
President & CEO



*Roberta B. Merkle, Esq. receives
Elder Justice Award award from
Matthew R. Trimble*

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New Officers and Trustee Named at 140th Annual Meeting

At its 140th Annual Meeting, Saint Elizabeth Community elected a new slate officers to the Board of Trustees and one new trustee. New officers are:



Steven W. Tilley - *Chair*, SMT Capital, LLC
Steve began his role of trustee in 2009, and most recently served as Vice Chair of the Board, and as a member of Finance and Investment Teams and as Chair of the Strategic Planning Team. He is a Jamestown resident.



Claire C. Flaherty - *Vice-Chair*, Claire began her tenure on the Board of Trustees in 2016. The retired Executive Director of VOWS, Inc. (the Volunteers of Warwick Schools), is a graduate of Providence College with a B.S. in Finance. She recently served as Chair of the Finance Team and on the Audit Team, Nominating Team and Strategic Planning Team. Claire is a Warwick resident.



Steven H. Kitchin - *Treasurer*, Steven is Vice President, Corporate Education and Training at New England Institute of Technology. He is a native Rhode Islander, and current Swansea, MA resident. Steve began serving as a trustee in 2012 and currently serves on the Strategic Planning Team and Workforce Development Team.



Judy W. Vigar, *Secretary* - Judy is Vice President, Research & Development at PepsiCo. She is a Narragansett, RI, and New York resident, and began serving as a trustee in 2014. Judy serves as the Chair of the Philanthropy Team. A Brown University graduate with a BS in Electrical Engineering, Judy holds two patents on Non-Carbonated Beverages.

Provost Named New Trustee:



Mark J. Provost, *Trustee*, Mark is a CPA with over 40 years of experience providing business and advisory services and he joins the Board as a Trustee. Provost is a resident of Naples, FL and Westerly, RI, and is a Bryant University alumni having earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Bryant, (BS and MST).

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each individual...*



(top to bottom) Hand embroidery has always been a favored pastime for Maria Silva, and she continues to enjoy creating needlework patterns while attending Saint Elizabeth Adult Day Center in Bristol.

Roses were handed out throughout SEC as an act of kindness, spreading words of gratitude and appreciation towards one another. Catherine Cattucci (seated L), Elizabeth Rutledge (seated R), and Judith Woods (center) gift their roses to fellow tenants residing at Saint Elizabeth Apartments for Seniors in Warwick.

Kathleen Sweet learned how to create her own “Edible Fruit Bouquet” during an interactive culinary class at Saint Elizabeth Assisted Living.

Saint Elizabeth Home residents Geraldine Myrick and Margaret Sullivan enjoyed their first lunch outing of the summer at Finn’s Harborside Restaurant.

Rosalie Buckler is ready for the baseball toss game while Ann Orcutt (top L) and George Dresslehouse (center) cheer her on! Saint Elizabeth GREEN HOUSE® Home team members Betty Abrue Franco (top L), Stephanie Rosa (top R), Chrissy Yuras (bottom center) join in the fun at the carnival themed block party celebrating the homes five year anniversary opening.

(photo at right) Jeannine Bessette poses for a photo with her artwork before adding the colorful new display to her room at Saint Elizabeth Home. Canvas painting is so much fun, especially when using natural still life!



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Focus on Philanthropy

Thank You for Being a Friend

For many years, if you walked into Saint Elizabeth Home on a Wednesday morning, the very first thing you'd notice was the smell of bacon. And there, in the Coffee Shoppe, you would find volunteer Elaine Dame (right) standing over a griddle full of pancakes with tables of adoring residents eagerly awaiting their special breakfast.

On other days, you would find the Coffee Shoppe buzzing as Sandra Zakrison (left) and other members of the Friends of Saint Elizabeth Home serve up coffee, treats and laughter to those who came down to share in the fun. As dedicated volunteers, members of the Friends, and loyal donors, both of these women made a difference in the lives of so many residents with their hard work and kindness. They even became friends through their shared experience as family members and volunteers.

Sadly, both of these strong, vibrant, committed women passed within the last year leaving a mark on the Home that will not long be forgotten.

"In my over 35 years at Saint E's I can honestly say there was nothing like seeing Elaine and Sandra in action," begins Retired President & CEO, Steven J. Horowitz. "I always knew when they were working the Coffee Shoppe together because there was this incredible energy in the whole building. It was beyond volunteering. They did what they did with very little direction and a tremendous amount of love for both the residents and the staff. They will be missed."

ROSE BIDS RETURNS!

We are so excited! Saint Elizabeth Community's **Rose Bids Auction & Gala** will return in person on Friday, September 9th. Guests will step back into the 1920's for an evening at our very own speakeasy...The Rose Club. The event will include amazing food, silent and live auctions and much much more, including the:

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Front Row L-R: Sgt. John Muriel, Jeanne Gattegno, Det. George Duarte; **Second Row L-R:** Sgt. John Rimoczy, Ofc. Jose Pineda, Col. Hugh Clements and Cmdr. Thomas Verdi, Roberta Merkle; **Third Row L-R:** Ofc. Flavio Tavares, Lt. Michael Fallon, Ofc. Deanna Johnson, Matthew Trimble, Sgt. Terrence Green, Maj. David Lapatin and Cpt. Timothy O' Hara

Elder Abuse Awareness Breakfast

Nearly 150 community champions gathered at Saint Elizabeth Community's World Elder Abuse Awareness Breakfast on Wednesday, June 15th. This annual event is an opportunity to increase awareness about the issue of elder abuse and to celebrate the dedication and hard work of those who work together in the community to give elders a voice.

"Seeing everyone together was truly amazing," begins Roberta Merkle, Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives. "We started on this journey together many years ago and everyone in the room played a part in creating a more coordinated and collaborative system to protect older adults."

In 2018, Saint Elizabeth Community was awarded a \$400,000 federal grant from the Office of Violence Against Women to coordinate and deliver a training program for law enforcement and social service staff. As a result of this grant and the efforts of Saint Elizabeth Haven for Elder Justice more than 1,000 field staff have been trained to better understand the various types of elder abuse and Rhode Island Elder Abuse law.



Jeanne Gattegno

"Elder abuse in our country, and in Rhode Island, remains a 'silent epidemic'. Only one in ten incidences of abuse are ever reported," begins Jeanne Gattegno, Program Director, Saint Elizabeth Haven for Elder Justice. "This groundbreaking training helps those in the field to identify the signs of elder abuse, understand the community resources available to elder victims and how to best to fulfill the requirements of reporting abuse for thorough investigations by the Office of Healthy Aging. We have all come so far in bringing this issue to light, but there is more work that needs to be done to protect this vulnerable population."

To learn more about Saint Elizabeth Haven for Elder Justice or how to support the efforts of this initiative, please contact Erica Bryson, CFRE at 401-773-7419.

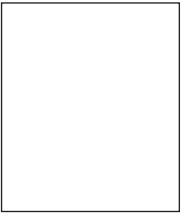
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- Home Care client returns to the golf course
- Meet newly installed Officers and Trustee
- Our mission in action
- Two special "Friends" remembered
- Community champions shed light on elder abuse

(photo top right) Greg Morrison heads out for a day on the course at Saint Elizabeth Community's Annual Golf Classic.

(photo left) Eda Marandola enjoys doing artwork at Saint Elizabeth Adult Day/ Memory Care Center.

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