

# "Top of the Line"

## Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning Newsletter

April 15, 2015

### Update on Bocce at Bergamo

Ascension Parish Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Light Council are sponsoring a *Dine to Donate* event at Applebee's in Kettering for Sunday, April 26, 2015 (11am to close) as a benefit for the indoor bocce court Eagle Scout Project at Mount Saint John Sieben Hall. Supporters of the benefit must present the flyer to their server either in the paper version or show it via smart phone or tablet. [There is a link to the flyer at the Bergamo Facebook page.](#) Feel free to forward the flyer on to anyone you know.

We now have \$450 in the bank towards the project and another \$500 pledged by the Bella Villa Italian American Club. The Dine to Donate event should bring the total support up over \$1,000 and possibly close to the amount needed for one court \$1,200. We are looking for support for at least one more court and willing to accept any private donations or leads to other possible supporting organizations.

Staff of the Bergamo Center and Boy Scout Andrew Volk appreciate your support!

### How Well Are We Serving You?

If you have been to the Bergamo Center recently and would like to share feedback with us you may be interested in knowing we have recently developed an online version of our satisfaction survey through Constant Contact. If you have visited the Bergamo Center in the last 6 months and would like to give us your feedback on your stay please follow this link to the [Bergamo Evaluation Survey](#).



Thank you for your recent visit to the Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning. We are committed to making your visits with us fulfilling and enjoyable. We value your feedback. Thanks for taking the time to complete our survey!

### Bergamo Board of Trustees

In January the Center announced new trustees beginning their terms in 2015. Another new member, **Bro. Victor Forlani** was welcomed to the Board at an Orientation held March 24. The orientation was guided by **Bro. William Campbell**, from the Marianist Office of Formation for Mission, working collaboratively with the Office of Sponsorship. At the end of the orientation the all new members were welcomed with a blessing and the gift of a cross: **David Conard, Amy Doorley, Bro. Victor Forlani, Kathy Molnar, Martha Saurine and Dan Wade**

Among the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees to help integrate the Marianist Mission in the Bergamo Center, the Board is also responsible for approving the Center's annual budget.

In the 2015-16 budget there will be no rate increases on prices/rates for meals and lodging. A modest increase has been made in conference room rates effective July 1, 2015. A copy of the new rates is included in the newly revised Bergamo Conference Packet which is being sent to all of the current organizations who have retreats and conferences at the Center.

### The Blessings of Trees

To honor **Dick Flack**, the former Executive Director of the Bergamo Center a young Red Maple sapling was planted this spring in the front yard of the Bergamo Center. The tree was dedicated at the Board of Trustees spring meeting on April 16. In addition, several Red Oak trees will be planted on the grounds of Mount Saint John campus to honor the 5 departing members of the board: **Fr. Chris Wittmann, Bret Thomas Bro. Ron Overman, Anne Petratis, and Lisa Colbert**. We thank these individuals for their service to the Bergamo Center.



And speaking of trees...current Executive Director Brent Devitt will be embarking on **TRECYCLE**, a 333 mile adventure from April 19-26 across Ohio from the Ohio River to Lake Erie on his recumbent trike to plant 50 trees at city, county, state and national parks along the way, in an effort to help reforest Ohio in response to the loss of ash trees to the Emerald Ash Borer.

### Staff Congratulations

- Congratulations to front desk receptionist **Connie Chatterton** who is the proud great-grandmother of twin girls.

### Prayers

- For **Dick Flack** and all former staff members of the Bergamo Center in gratitude for their service.
- For ISP Retreat participants who are in recovery from addictions or struggling with homelessness.

### Invitation to contribute topics, articles & prayers...

The next publication of the *Top of the Line* will be June 1. If anyone has something to contribute to this communication please submit items by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to: [brentd@bergamocenter.org](mailto:brentd@bergamocenter.org)

### April Staff Birthdays

**Brian Thomas** - April 20  
**Barb Kozlowski** - April 22



### April Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Marianist Lay Formation (16) - April 9-12  
Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (20) - April 11-22  
Winter Guard International (100 in Sieben Hall) - April 8-10  
PMOC (46) - April 10  
Moeller Kairos (60) - April 14-17  
Archdiocesan JH Camp (70) - April 17-19  
Winter Guard International (100 in Sieben Hall) - April 15-18  
Bergamo Board of Trustees (15) - April 16  
Marianist Mission Reception (300+) - April 19  
Watterson HS (45) - April 19-20  
National Retired Religious Retreat (40) - April 20-23  
Dayton Knitters (65) - April 24-26  
ISP Team Meeting (17) - April 26  
Watterson Kairos (60) - April 28 - May 1

### Quote

"Friendship with God is always the most important thing."

Jakob Gapp