

# "Top of the Line"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning  
Newsletter

May & June, 2015

<http://www.bergamocenter.org/>

## Update on Bocce at Bergamo

To date a total of \$1,200 has been raised for Bocce at Bergamo, largely through organizational donors to construct one bocce court. Please see the list of donors below in our "Thanks to Donors."

We are looking for support to construct at least one more court and willing to accept any private donations or leads to other possible supporting organizations. The Marianists have a safe and secure online portal for making donations to the Marianist Retreat Centers. The link is:

<https://www.marianist.com/donate-to-retreat-centers>

Please be sure to note in the "Donate to Specific Retreat Center" box **Bergamo / Bocce**. Our goal by the first of June is to have matched the \$1,200 with another \$1,200 so Andrew and fellow scouts can begin construction. Staff of the Bergamo Center and Boy Scout Andrew Volk appreciate your support!

## Welcome New Cook – Anthony Franchina

In January we introduced **Ron Earley** as a new cook. Ron has since moved on to become a chef at the De'Lish Café in downtown Dayton. Another Bergamo Cook, **David Morris** has also moved to a full time career in painting. We wish both Ron and David all the best in their new positions.

Most recently we've welcomed to the staff **Anthony Franchina** as our new evening cook. Anthony has varied and vast job experiences from teaching Italian, to serving as a Minister of Hospitality and Retreat Guide at the Hermitage in Three Rivers Michigan and as a volunteer Cook and Server at the House of Bread in Dayton. Anthony has travelled widely and worked in the Holy Land and in Rome. Anthony will be taking a majority of the evening cook dining shifts. Please welcome Tony!



## Thanks to Donors

We thank the following benefactors who have been generous to the Bergamo Center:

**Anonymous** - Ciborium, Chalice, Censor stand, Vestments  
**Anonymous** - \$50 for Bocce  
**Ascension Parish** - Gather Hymnals, Order of Mass booklets  
**Ascension Church Knights of Columbus** - \$200 for bocce  
**Bocce Classic** - \$250 for bocce  
**Diane Borchers** - Glass Bowl  
**Fr. Kuhlman Assembly, K of C's** - \$100 for bocce  
**John Pirelli Lodge of OSIA at Bella Villa Hall** - \$250 bocce  
**St. Charles Borromeo Church K of C's** - \$250 for bocce  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church K of C's** - \$100 for bocce

*Thank You!*

## Individual Retreat Options at Bergamo

The Bergamo Center is exploring the option during selected times of the year to offer contemplative individual self-guided retreat opportunities to retreatants of all faiths and state of life. We need your help in determining the interest level for individual retreat times. Currently the Bergamo Center offers individual clergy and religious as well as vowed members of the Marianists a chance for individual retreat. Please contact the Center if you are interested in this kind of retreat.

## The Bergamo Shadow

The most recent shadowing experience for Director Brent Devitt was with Alan Baker, Director of Event Services. Work for the day included placing food orders, setting the weekly staff schedule, and reviewing upcoming events. We are fortunate to have Alan's professional expertise in meeting the needs of our guests at the Center.

## Prayers

- For participants in the upcoming Archdiocesan Laudate Retreat for youth who are interested in music ministry...that their gifts be nurtured in the area of music and that they may contribute to the vibrancy of the church with their talents.

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

The next publication of the *Top of the Line* will be July 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)

## May & June Staff Birthdays

**Jackie Peden** – May 8

**Alan Baker** - June 20

**Leah Strukamp** - June 26



## Marianist Feast Days in May & June

Mary Mother of Graces & Mediatrix – May 12

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – May 31

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary – June 13

## May & June Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

The Dyck Spiritual Retreat (13) - May 1-3  
Pre-Cana (80) - May 2  
Ignatian Spirituality Project Women (20) – May 2-3  
Goldsmith Group (8) - May 2-4  
Marianist Wellness Group (11) - May 4-7  
UD Ministries (70) - May 4  
Emmanuel Lutheran Lay Ministry (12) – May 15-16  
Nuns on a Bus (4) – May 15-16  
Archdiocesan Priest Jubilee Dinner (90) – May 18  
Beavercreek Wetlands (125) – May 19  
Marianist Vows Banquet (165) - May 23  
Marianist Lay Network (15) – May 29-31  
Wellness Management (100) - June 1 3  
UD Mission Board (56) space- June 5-6  
Ignatian Spirituality Project Women (20) – June 6  
League of Women Voters (40) – June 6  
Secular Carmelites (45) - June 6-7  
Laudate (Youth in Liturgical Music) (70) - June 8-11  
Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (20) – June 13  
Retiree Priests Luncheon (30) – June 16  
LaLanne Program (30) – June 18-20  
I Am Heart (34) - June 26-July 1  
Greater Grace Temple (50) - June 26-27

## Quote

"Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age."

Saint Pope John XXIII

