

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter
Summer 2017
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Bergamo Jubilee

The Bergamo Center is setting its sights on a Mount Saint John campus wide celebration/ Open House on Sunday, Oct. 1 from noon to 5:00 pm to mark the 50th Jubilee of Bergamo Center, 25th anniversary of the Marianist Environmental Education Center and the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Marianists. Details of the event will be announced soon. We thank the generous sponsors of our Jubilee Celebration 2017: **Miller Valentine, Houser Asphalt & Concrete, and Enterprise Roofing & Sheet Metal Company.**



Spiritual Companioning Courses



Bergamo Center will again be offering courses in Spiritual Direction for those who may be interested in exploring and discerning a call to Spiritual Direction/Companioning. The first semester classes for Year 1 (Track 1) and Year 2 (Track 2) courses will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning Tues, Oct. 10, 2017 and ending on Tues, Dec. 5, 2017. The second semester will begin on Tues, Jan. 9, 2018 through Tues, March 6, 2018.

The instructors of the class are a team of spiritual directors who have classroom experience as well as many years of experience as spiritual directors. The cost for the program is \$300 per semester for a total of \$600, plus some miscellaneous expenses for books/optional food, etc.

Prerequisites for the Track 1 course are familiarity of the scriptures both New and Old Testament, have your own spiritual director and two letters of recommendation from either a Pastor, Spiritual Director, Diaconate or LPMP supervisor.

For those who have taken a first year course or have been in the field of spiritual direction/companioning for a while and would like to update some skills then consider the Track 2 course. The course classes follow the same schedule as Track 1 classes, but the cost is reduced to \$200 per semester. A directed retreat will be held giving the students a chance to conduct the retreat with supervision to follow.

If you are interested, please contact **Barb Kozlowski** at Bergamo Center, Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4:30 pm at 937-426-2363 or at: Barbk@bergamocenter.org.



New Staff at Bergamo

Bergamo welcomes a new leadership member to our staff. **Jeff Smith** becomes our first Coordinator of Environmental Services which entails managing the Maintenance, Custodial & Housekeeping functions of Bergamo. Please join us in welcoming Jeff to the "Bergamo Team."



"Yes, God!" Assembly of the Marianist Lay Community of North America

Bergamo Center participated in the Lay Assembly held at the University of Dayton - July 13-16, 2017. In addition to co-sponsoring the opening night hospitality social hour for over 200 the Bergamo Center

served as the starting point for a bus tour of Mount Saint John ministries on a beautiful Friday afternoon, July 14.

Spirit of Bergamo

In celebration of its 50th anniversary the Bergamo Center collaborated with Gallery Saint John, to host *The Spirit of Bergamo* Exhibit of Art at Gallery St. John, Dayton Ohio from April 19 - April 30, 2017. Over the past 50 years, the Bergamo Center has been a place of serenity and spiritual renewal, often inspired by the beauty of the surrounding land of Mount Saint John. Selected pieces from the show remain on display now in the Bergamo Center Lobby until the October Bicentennial and Jubilee weekend Open House festivities on Oct. 1.



Exhibitors in the Spirit of Bergamo included over 30 High School Youth (Gr. 9-12) and Adult artists from organizations and schools who have retreats and conferences here at the Bergamo Center. All were invited to express the beauty one experiences in encountering the spiritual in a place like Bergamo Center and Mount Saint John. All participants received \$10 gift certificates from **United Arts and Education**. We thank all participants and our sponsors **Miller Valentine, Houser Asphalt & Concrete, and Enterprise Roofing & Sheet Metal Company.**

Shakertown Road Construction

Street widening and sidewalk construction will be taking place over the next three months in front of the main entrance to Bergamo Center. Shakertown Road will close for eastbound traffic only, on August 14th. Westbound traffic will be open during the whole construction period. (This means visitors and staff can turn on to Shakertown from Grange Hall, for example, and enter Mount St. John at the Shakertown Entrance. Motorists could also leave Mt. St. John via Shakertown Road and head towards County Line Road.) Otherwise, motorists should use the E. Patterson Road Entrance/Exit. Shakertown should be back open to two lanes in November.



Bergamo Roof Replacement

Beginning in August the rubber membrane roof of Bergamo covering the core of the building and conference rooms will be replaced. This does not include the roof over the lodging areas. The roof repair will take place while guests are at Bergamo. The visitor parking on the southwest side of the building will be used for staging the roof materials and taking out the old. Parking Lot D and the main entrance of the building will remain open and clear for guests during the roof replacement.

Over please...

ServeSafe Training

In early June Bergamo's two cooks and our Events Service Coordinator underwent a 15 hour food manager ServSafe Training, while the balance of the staff took the three hour food handler ServSafe training as part of our annual Bergamo June Staff Daz. ServSafe is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. The program is accredited by ANSI and the Conference for Food Protection. Staff Training and team building was expanded to two days this year. All staff also completed CPR and AED training. The focus this year was training to ensure guest safety.



Marianist Feast Days - Summer 2017



June 10 - Adele de Batz de Trenquelleon
July 9 - Mary, Queen of Peace
August 13 - Father Jakob Gapp, S.M.
August 15 - Assumption of Mary
August 22 - Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Summer Staff Birthdays

Leah Strukamp - June 26
Kevin Kozlowski - July 8
Nichole Leasher - July 26
Janet Ingram - Aug. 26
Joe Keller - August 31



*Wildlife around the Bergamo Center,
photos by Bergamo Staff*



Summer Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

St. Mary's of the Assumption (15) – June 3
UD Mission / Rector (40) - June 6-7
Bergamo Staff Days (25) – June 12-13
Retiree Priests Luncheon (30) – June 14
Marianist Province Retreat (46) - June 18-24
Facilitator Training (10) – June 28
Christ United Methodist Contemplatives (10) – June 24
Marist Fathers and Brothers (53) – June 25-30

Southern Dist. Brethren Women (25) – July 5-8
Seton HS (45) - July 10-11
Facilitator Training (10) - July 12
LIFE Staff (10-30) – July 12-16
LIFE (85) – July 17-23
Marianist Lay Assembly tour to MSJ (25) – July 14
Seton HS Kairos (50) – July 24-27
Midwest Native Plant Conference (150) – July 28-30
Seton HS Cross Country (45) - July 30-Aug. 2

Marianist Pulse (8) – Aug. 2-5
Yoga (53) – Aug. 2-6
Facilitator Training (10) – Aug. 3
St. Francis of Assisi Parish (12) – Aug. 3
Goldsmith (8) – Aug. 7
McAulley HS (40) – Aug. 7-8
Mt. Notre Dame Kairos (50) – Aug. 9-11
Marianist Student Communities (75) – Aug. 14-15
Summit Country Day Kairos Team (25) – Aug. 16
UD Alumni Wine Tasting (60) – Aug. 19
UD Ethos (25) – Aug. 21
Bishop Fenwick HS (45) – Aug. 21-22
Heritage Basketry Guild (100) – Aug. 23-26
Carroll HS (58) – Aug. 27-28
UD Campus Activities (40) – Aug. 27
Bishop Fenwick HS (45) – Aug. 28-29
Bishop Fenwick HS (50) – Aug. 30-31
Moeller HS (55) – Aug. 31-Sept. 1

Quotable Quote

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

Saint Pope John XXIII

