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Gala of the Century!

100-Year Celebration a Huge Success

Over 400 partygoers – most of them dressed in their favorite decade – enjoyed an evening of good fun and food as they helped the Little Sisters celebrate 100 years at the service of the elderly in Denver. Among the many distinguished guests for the evening, Cardinal James Francis Stafford gave the benediction after an introduction from Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Rodriquez. John Ferrugia, PBS news anchor and managing editor, was the Master of Ceremonies.

“The evening couldn’t have been greater,” said Mother Patricia Mary. “We raised over \$90,000 during our Fund-a-Need bidding call. These funds are strictly for the Resident Enrichment Program providing needs that Medicaid and Medicare do not cover: medical and personal comfort provisions, dining, dietary and kitchen needs, as well as some updated ground improvements. We are so blessed by all our benefactors and friends.”



from left: Auxiliary Bishop Rodriquez, Cardinal Stafford, and John Ferrugia



Fund-a-Need enthusiasts keep the bidding rolling.

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Honoree Recognition: A Highlight of Anniversary Gala

Ten giving, wonderful honorees received due recognition for their untiring and long-time support of Mullen Home and the Little Sisters' mission of serving the elderly. John Ferrugia, the evening's master of ceremonies, introduced each of the honorees:



Photographed back row from left: **Jim Burke**, President and CEO of Drive Train Industries ... providing batteries for cars, electric scooters and machinery through the decades. **Peter Doherty** and his father before him ... providing countless hours and labor of professional legal help and their commitment to serve and advise the Little Sisters. **Knights of Columbus Council #539** ... providing a very special Christmas Party for the past 97 years – over 9 decades – bringing joy, laughter, love, friendship, and comfort to each of the Residents. **Steve Sweeney** accepted the award on behalf of all the members of Knights of Columbus. **John Horan**, Horan & McConaty ... serving our Residents from “life to death.” Since the beginnings of Mullen Home in 1917, 3 generations of the Horan family have practiced the works of mercy by burying the dead with respect and dignity.

Front row from left: **Dr. William Earley** ... for his long-time commitment to our Residents' medical needs. In 1929, Dr. Earley's father started helping the Residents with their dentistry. **Juanita Acevedo** ... working at the Home for 40 years and still at it. Juanita's commitment, dedication, and love represents a milestone and a guidepost for those employees past, present, and future. **King Soopers** ... providing “daily bread” every week and bodily nourishment for our Residents. Award was accepted by **Esther Mareno**, a long-time employee of the store. **J.K. Mullen Foundation** ... continuing the work begun by our benefactor, J.K. Mullen, in helping those in need and providing financial assistance. **Mr. Timothy O'Connor**, President of the J.K. Mullen Foundation, accepted the award.

Not present: **Kathryn Severa** ... creating the popular chimes program at Mullen Home in 1994 and directing it until her death in 2010. She represents the dedication and commitment that is true of the Volunteers here at Mullen. John Nadeau, piano player for the music program and a volunteer himself every Wednesday since 2003, accepted the award on behalf of Kathryn's family. **Elaine Eden** ... a Resident member of the Mullen Home family since 1986. Elaine receives her honor in the name of all Residents past, present, and future as we continue the work and mission of Saint Jeanne Jugan to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

The Day After the Gala Another Day of Celebration!

The Little Sisters gather around cakes decorated to celebrate 100 years in Denver! The family picnic, attended by over 250 Residents, staff, and families, marked another day of observing the milestone – and what better way than a big get-together on the beautiful 10-acre grounds of Mullen Home!





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Gala of the Century!

Concluding the evening's festivities ... dancing to the great music of the Colorado Swing Cats. All agreed it was an evening wonderfully spent ... and all involved are now resting up for the next 100 years!



Mother Patricia Mary, left, and Mother Provincial Maria Christine enjoy the evening's dinner with Cardinal James Francis Stafford.



The Colorado Swing Cats



Debbie Williams, Resident Accounts, and her daughter, Cathy, enjoy a series of vintage photos taken through the 100 years of Mullen Home.



Everyone remembers the Poodle Skirt!



Sister Julie surveys costume props for the photo booth as displayed by "Carmen Miranda".



Sister Mary Emilie dresses as our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan.



"Bonnie & Clyde" risk making an appearance!

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends

As you can see by the photos, our 100th year gala “Celebrating a Century through the Decades,” was a celebration filled with joy and gratitude. Once again, your care and support of our Residents was awesome. A sincere thank you to all who contributed to our Resident Enrichment program ... a program which assures that our Residents will have the personal necessities that Medicaid and Medicare do not cover. Our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, reminded us in her simple manner, “... towards the benefactors and friends who support the Homes ... what gratitude we owe them! What could we do without them for our dear elderly people? Let us pray very hard for their intentions.” This we do!

Can we possibly be celebrating the Season of Advent? The church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior – “Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 This Christmas as we pray before the nativity scene in our chapel, our grateful hearts will hold a special sentiment for God’s dwelling among us.

Now, in a couple of weeks our 100 year old, renewed chapel, will be complete with the necessary acoustics, lighting, pews, organ, restoration of arches, flooring and the overall ambiance of simplicity and history leading each of us closer to the dwelling place of the Lord. We thank all among the living and the deceased who have made this project possible by their support.

The Little Sisters pray for each of you, your families and intentions. Thank you for sharing in our apostolate to the elderly. In the name of all our Little Sisters and the Residents of Mullen Home: Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2018 filled with love, peace, gratitude, and joy.

God Bless You and Merry Christmas,
Mother Patricia Mary

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Everything Old Will Be New Again!

Chapel Renovation in Full Swing

After many months of planning, meetings with architects, and many revisions later, work on the “new” chapel began in earnest in August. Luc Neitenbach, project manager for Horizon West Builders, Inc., and his team have been hard at it with a finish date projected by the end of December.



The photo on the left shows the original chapel of 1917 with recessed areas to accommodate religious statues. These areas were covered over as the chapel went through several renovations throughout its 100 years. It was decided that this new renovation would “expose” some of the old recesses that were still intact behind sheetrock layers. The “new” chapel, pictured on the right, will also display a curved-dome ceiling reminiscent of the original structure.

Uncovering the old to make it “new” again!

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST THIS YEAR

Copy Paper • Body Wash • Mouth Wash/Denture Tabs

Paper Products:

Kleenex • Large and small Plates • Napkins • 8 oz cups

Soft drinks:

Regular and Diet 7 Up • Regular and Diet Coca Cola • Ginger Ale

Bingo Prizes:

Perfumes • Cologne • Candy • Cards

Cake Mixes

Gift Certificates:

King Soopers • Safeway • Walgreens • Wal-Mart
(any gift card welcome!)

If you can provide any of the items listed above, please call us at 303-433-7221 or bring them by our Home at 3629 W. 29th Avenue. Thank you for your generosity and charitable spirit! God bless you and Merry Christmas.

Reminder: Please send us your special prayer intentions (see reply envelope). The personal intentions of all our benefactors will be remembered in prayer before Our Lord in the manger throughout the Christmas season.