

Newsletter June 2012

HAPPENINGS

<u>Ana Secen</u> has temporarily moved to Alabama Oaks. She welcomes visitors 407 622-5076

Long-time volunteer, <u>John Daly</u> passed away on May 4. We will miss his smile and dedication to Chicken Soup. He was a wonderful man.

<u>Kathy Haines</u> has joined the leadership team as a volunteer coordinator. Welcome, Kathy.

Pat Tyjeski will be back as a volunteer coordinator for the summer. Welcome back, Pat.

Meet ROSEMARY OYLER

Rosemary was born in 1922 in Canton, Ohio where she attended high school and Kent State University. Rosemary met her husband, Kenneth, on a blind date while still in high school. They were married in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1942, before Kenneth was shipped overseas. A war bride, she returned to Canton and lived with



her Mother until the end of WWII. Rosemary and Ken had two boys, Kenneth Jr. and John, within a year; not twins! The couple frequently visited Crystal River where her in-laws had a second home. They resided in Canton until 1960 and then settled in Sanford. Rosemary taught at All Souls Catholic School and had another child, Mary. In 1970 the family was on the move again and landed in northern Indiana, near Chicago. They lived right across the state line from where Al Capone was reputed to have a tunnel into Illinois!

She was widowed after 45 years of marriage and moved to Maitland to be near one of her sons. Another son lives in Clermont and her daughter lives in New York. A 90 year-old beauty who always dresses fashionably, Rosemary closely follows current events and loves a good mystery book on tape.

IT'S SUMMERTIME!

During the summer months while volunteers are away or busy with families, it can become very difficult to fill appointments. Please help us out with a little extra effort, if you can.

Rosemary has suffered from a continuing loss of vision for 15 years due to macular degeneration, but you will never hear a complaint. She copes so gracefully; her mood and demeanor are always upbeat. Although her eyesight continues to fail, she still appreciates the beautiful lake view from her living room windows. As a member of the St. Margaret Mary family, Rosemary was a lector and has been a very popular Family, Friends and Chicken Soup recipient for 12 years. This delightful lady is very grateful for the many Chicken Soup volunteers who have helped her over the years and extends her warmest thanks to each and every one of you.

Helpful Tips for Volunteers

WHAT TO DO IF A HURRICANE APPROACHES

If a hurricane appears to be heading our way, team leaders will contact their care recipients two days in advance to cancel all appointments until there is an all clear.

If you have an assignment scheduled as the bad weather approaches, please check with the team leader before fulfilling the service.



Often we get warnings but the bad weather never hits. If this is the case, you can assume that appointments scheduled after the weather threat passes can be fulfilled. Again, it might be a good idea to check with the team leader. Care recipients may have moved in with family or gone to a shelter for safety. They may have cancelled or rescheduled their appointments.

We will do all we can to confirm appointments after the weather passes. The most important part is that we all stay in touch.

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NOTES FROM THE TEAM

The leadership team meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm and it's open to all volunteers. Please join us if you are interested in becoming a team leader or a volunteer coordinator. You are our best recruiters, so be sure to encourage your friends to volunteer for Chicken Soup.

SERVICES PROVIDED LAST QUARTER (January—March 2012)

204 transports 9 visits 19 meals

Congratulations to all for these astounding numbers

Let us all pray for one another for a safe summer for everyone; for those who are experiencing illness or injuries themselves or within their families; for those who are grieving; and, for those we serve.

Safe travel and lots of fun, lazy days for everyone. Don't forget your sunscreen!

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Team Leaders Volunteer Coordinators

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