



**Benedictine**  
HEALTH FOUNDATION  
*Supporting the Benedictine Spirit of Compassionate Care*

Spring/Summer 2013

# Reflections

## Dates to Remember

### **13th Annual Richard L. Petro Memorial Golf Tournament**

*Presented by Cross River  
Anesthesiologist Services, PC*

**Monday, June 24, 2013**

**Shotgun Start – 12:15pm**

Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston

### **10th Annual Bike for Cancer Care to benefit The Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund**

**Sunday, September 15, 2013**

Dietz Stadium, Kingston, NY

### **44th Annual Winter's Eve Gala**

**Friday, December 13, 2013**

Mohonk Mountain House

For information on all Foundation events, please visit our new website: [www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org](http://www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org) or call our events line at (845) 334-3017.

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# Message from the President and Executive Director

## Dear Friends and Supporters:

As we reported in the winter edition of Reflections, the Benedictine Health Foundation continues its commitment to support quality health care, and the presence of the Benedictine Sisters within the HealthAlliance system while expanding their legacy of compassionate care throughout Ulster County. We have recently completed a comprehensive organizational assessment, and our Board of Directors has voted to revitalize our mission and establish a new vision for the future. As part of our strategic focus and grant-making, we have established three pillars of excellence:

- *Pastoral Care and Education*
- *Cancer Patient and Family Services including the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund*
- *Mental Health and Addiction Recovery*

We ask that you please take a moment to read about our new Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Focus on page 6 in this newsletter. The Benedictine Health Foundation's staff and Board of Directors will continue to raise funds through our annual appeal and our special events (Bike for Cancer Care, Sample, Sip and Savor, the annual Gala and Golf Tournament). Our Foundation is committed to ensure that every dollar we receive is spent in accordance with the donor's wishes and to effectively address the health care needs of our community.

We are excited about our future, and look forward to a continued partnership with you, our hospitals, pastoral care providers, and others who are sensitive to the needs for quality and compassionate health care. Philanthropy plays a key role in our work. Your contributions, large or small, have value in advancing the Mission of the Benedictine Health Foundation to create a healthier community for us all. Every gift is an act of generosity, and we thank you for your past and future commitment to our success.

If you have further questions, please contact Barbara at (845) 334-3186, or via email at [BKlassen@benedictinehealthfoundation.org](mailto:BKlassen@benedictinehealthfoundation.org). Please visit our new website, [www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org](http://www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org), where you can sign up for our e-newsletter and learn more about our programs and fundraising activities.

With our sincere gratitude,



Richard H. Gillette,  
President



Barbara Klassen,  
Executive Director

# Message from the Chairperson

It is with a deeply felt spirit of gratitude that I acknowledge the sensitivity and creativity of the Benedictine Health Foundation in keeping vibrant both the name Benedictine and the religious symbol of our former Benedictine Hospital. The outcome of many volunteer hours given to a comprehensive organizational assessment are worthy of applause.

Sister Sharon McHugh, Prioress, Sr. Dorothy Huggard, Sr. Gabrielle Keenen, and I continue our ministries in Quality, Pastoral Care and Values Integration. We have humbly experienced in practical terms, the depth of the affection for and commitment to the cherished spiritual culture at the Mary's Avenue campus, a priority of our religious community for over a century.

The wisdom of the Benedictine Health Foundation Board of Directors to preserve and steward our mission throughout Ulster County is not only inspiring, but selfless. Hours were given to the discernment process from which evolves, "...a revitalized mission and a new vision for the future," as our President, Rich Gillette stated.

The three pillars of excellence affirm the Foundation's proud history while moving us forward in a manner which will serve a greater population within and beyond the walls of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley.

Congratulations to each Board member. So well done!

*Sister Mary Feehan, O.S.B.*



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Chairperson

# Benedictine Auxiliary News

As we all know, the hospital community in Kingston is changing, which means the auxiliaries will also be undergoing change. Joyce Wright, president of the Kingston auxiliary (Broadway campus), and I hope to meet with auxiliary board members in the near future to determine how we will work together and accomplish our new goals with continued respect and dignity.

The Benedictine (Mary's Avenue campus) auxiliary has had a busy start to the year working toward our mission. The Green Carnation sale in March was a success, and we held several fun, and well received bake and lobby sales. Our gift shop is also welcoming many customers, kudos to Dianne Devine and Darlene Villanueva.

Over the years, we have contributed more than \$760,000 to support the Cancer Center, Birth Place, and Mental Health Unit. This past December, we completed a three-year, \$100,000 pledge to the Mental Health Unit. Each of these contributions would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our Auxilians – a huge thanks to all of you.

On May 23rd we held our annual luncheon and fashion show. The theme was 'Travel the World' with fashions from Coldwater Creek. About 130 guests attended, and everyone enjoyed the day. Special thanks to Loretta Landsman and her committee for a spectacular job, and to the local garden clubs who designed the center pieces as well as Victoria's Garden Center in High Falls.



The afternoon provided an opportunity for the auxiliary to support another worthy program. We were honored to present a check for \$25,000 to Dr. Zoe Weinstein of the Cancer Committee to fund a new Lung Cancer Screening initiative at HealthAlliance. The program is designed to diagnose and treat lung cancer at an early stage, and hopefully save lives.

The auxiliary was also delighted to honor several of the Benedictine Sisters including: Sr. Aloysia, Sr. Bernice, Sr. Mary Charles, Sr. Eileen Pavlitschko and Sr. Louise Garley, posthumously, and Sr. Sharon McHugh, Prioress, Sr. Mary Feehan, Sr. Dorothy Huggard, and Sr. Gabrielle Keenen who continue to work with the Foundation and HealthAlliance.



The Benedictine Sisters have been an integral part of the health care community in Ulster County. Their gentle and caring ways have touched so many lives. Our community should be profoundly grateful that they have cared for us physically, emotionally and spiritually for over 112 years. I know that as we move forward into uncharted territory, the Sisters and the Benedictine Health Foundation will do their best to keep the Benedictine Spirit alive.

We look forward to our annual Victorian Tea in September and our Fall Luncheon at Catamount in October, and to your continued support! With sincere thanks...



Nancy Meagher, *President*

1. Sr. Dorothy Huggard, Sr. Gabrielle Keenen, Phyllis Parikh, Sr. Mary Feehan, and Tammara Taylor 2. Anna Surkus

# Sample, Sip & Savor



Once again, Scott Dutton Associates, Architect, was our gracious host for the annual Sample, Sip and Savor. Over 200 guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts compliments of Ecce Terra – Mediterranean Taverna, Home Plate Caterers, Le Canard Enchaîne, Santa Fe Uptown, Social at Mariner's, Savona's Trattoria, and Terese Fantasia, pastry chef.

This year, along with our friends from Keegan Ales, local distillery Bootlegger 21 Handmade Vodka, and wineries, Cereghino Smith, Hudson-Chatham, and Whitecliff Vineyard participated in the event. A special jazz performance by the Peter Einhorn Group complimented the evening's festivities.

## Thanks to our event sponsors:

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# 43rd Annual Winter's Eve Gala



**T**he Benedictine Health Foundation celebrated its 35th Anniversary and honored the work and dedication of the Benedictine Sisters and Foundation's Board of Directors at the annual Gala on December 14 at the Mohonk Mountain House. Sr. Mary Feehan presented a special award to Bernard A. Feeney, III, in recognition of his dedicated service as President of the Foundation's Board of Directors for the past four years.

## Special thanks to our leading sponsors for their support:

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**Save the Date for the 44th Annual Winter's Eve Gala, Friday, December 13, 2013, Mohonk Mountain House.**



1. Tildy and Bill Davenport, Gretchen Traficanti 2. David Lundquist, Nancy Meagher, Linda Reilly, and Phil Meagher 3. Chris and Megan Smailer, Scott Dutton, Terese Fantasia, Paul and Jennifer Beichert 4. Kara McIntyre, Teresa Dwyer, Gary and Lisa Arold 5. Sister Sharon McHugh, O.S.B., Prioress, Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, New Jersey and Bernard A. Feeney, III, Board President 6. Standing: Tom Dee and Bernard A. Feeney, III; Middle: Sr. Dorothy Huggard, Sr. Sharon McHugh, Sr. Philomena Fleck, Sr. Marlene Milasus, Sr. Cynthia Cunningham; Seated: Sr. Mary Feehan, Sr. Ursula Butler, Sr. Germaine Fritz and Rita Dee 7. Teri Reynolds, Lisa Cathie, and Andrea Reynolds 8. Nancy and Patrick Garraghan, Senator and Mrs. William J. Larkin, Jr., and Sr. Philomena Fleck

# Benedictine Health Foundation's Renewed Mission and Vision

## Our Mission

### *To Improve Community Health & Health Care*

The Mission of the Benedictine Health Foundation is to raise and distribute resources to support quality and compassionate health care that improves the physical, psychological, and spiritual well being of those who are vulnerable and under-served in Ulster County.

## Our Vision

### *To Be a Leading Investor and Partner*

Through fundraising and grant making, the Foundation strives to be a leading philanthropic source in our community for maximizing charitable giving and targeted investments that will improve the health of our community. In accomplishing our vision, we are proud to closely partner with local hospitals, pastoral care providers, community-based health care providers, and others sensitive to the needs for quality and compassionate health care.

## Our Values

### *To Be Value-Driven in All of Our Work*

*Dignity* - Respecting the inherent value and worth of each person.

*Collaboration* - Working together with people and organizations in support of our mission, vision, and shared goals.

*Stewardship* – Fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities by protecting and managing our charitable and donor resources in accordance with the highest level of ethics and standards.

*Excellence* - Exceeding expectations through teamwork and innovation.

## Strategic Focus

### *To Support Our Three Pillars*

**The Benedictine Health Foundation** has prioritized the following “three pillars” to guide our community education and grant making\* work:

**Pastoral Care and Education** with particular emphasis on keeping the “Mission of the Benedictine Sisters” alive within the HealthAlliance System and in the community.

**Cancer Patient and Family Services**, including supporting “The Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund,” and by establishing such other funds as necessary.

**Mental Health and Addiction Recovery**, including inpatient, outpatient, supportive and preventative services and facility needs.

*\*Grant applications are submitted upon invitation by the Foundation or in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued.*



**View Our New Website!**  
[www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org](http://www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org)

# Your Gifts at Work

The Benedictine Health Foundation partners with local hospitals, pastoral care providers, community-based health care providers, and others sensitive to the needs for quality and compassionate care in Ulster County.

Philanthropy plays a key role in our work. Your contributions, large or small, have value in advancing the Mission of the Benedictine Health Foundation to create a healthier community for us all. Every gift is an act of generosity, and we thank you.

Here are just a few of the programs and services that have been made possible because of donations from our growing circle of friends and supporters:

## New technology and equipment:

- Breast Patient Navigation Software
- Infusion Therapy Recliners
- Medical/Surgical Monitors
- Physical Rehabilitation Equipment
- State-of-the-Art Medical Equipment Imaging
- Sleep Lab Software and Computer Systems

## Renovation and expansion projects:

- Fern Feldman Anolick Center for Breast Health
- Hospital Lobby and Reception Area
- Infusion Therapy Center
- Pre-Surgical Testing
- OR Suites
- Mental Health Unit Renovations



## Education & Support Programs:

- Breast Education and Breast Outreach Program (BEBOP)
- Lung Cancer Screening Program
- Nursing and Health Care Education Scholarships
- Oncology Support Programs
- Pastoral Care
- Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund

## Service Excellence

Congratulations to Julia Milroy, *Ultrasound*, and Sally Keough, *3 Spellman*, recipients of the *Robert J. Ryan Memorial Fund Award*. The Fund was established by the Ryan Family to honor hospital employees who demonstrate compassion, excellence, and a caring sense of humor in patient care.



L to R: David Lundquist, President and CEO HealthAlliance, Sally Keough and Cailin Ryan



L to R: David Lundquist, President and CEO, HealthAlliance, Cailin Ryan, and Julia Milroy

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