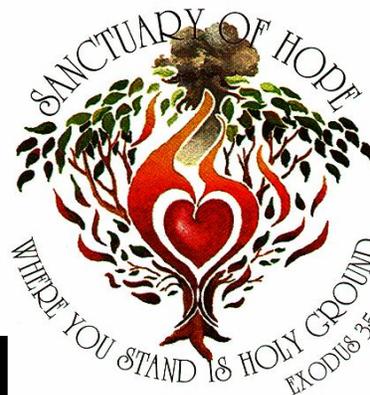


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The Advancing Dawn

September 8, 2008

Nativity of Mary



Dear friends of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to Fall, the time to reflect on what our lives are truly about in the incredible plan of God. I know that I am **deeply grateful** to so many of you who prayed for me, when I had my first heart catheterization in July. I was so thankful when my cardiologist said that there was no blockage in my heart. All thru the procedure I felt the peace of Christ and Our Lady. I had to smile when the nurse told me that I was in room 7 and that the heart cath room was 77. Seven is the number for God and with three of them, I immediately thought of the Blessed Trinity. A dear friend of mine told me that when they get inside your heart to look, they will see Jesus. Wow!

Stephen Sullivan, our associate director, editor-in-chief of our newsletter, SOH chef, had a knee replacement in August. Many of you again prayed and Stephen has come thru in a wonderful way. He is up walking now and eager to get back to the tasks at hand. I want to thank **Gary** Schumann, **Kathy Hirt**, **Kathy Jennings**, **Laurie Oswald**, **Julie Elwell** (SOH associate members) **Shirline Moore** (full time morning receptionist), and others helping out in the kitchen and dining room to meet the needs of our guests and community while Stephen was not able to manage. Stephen hopes to have the other knee done as well in a few months. Please continue to keep him and our community in prayer. Stephen has really been the "bread" of life for all of us associated with SOH.

Fr. Dennis Wait

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Please Read This

Prayers:

* Morning 7 AM Tue.- Sun.

* Evening 5 PM Tue-Sat.

Morning Mass

7:30 AM Tues. & Thurs

Weekly Prayer

10 to 11:30 AM Tues.

Prayer & Support Groups

* HIV AIDS-3rd Thurs. 7 PM

* Recovery Plus-4th Wed. 7

PM

Centering Prayer

* Tue. 6:30 PM

Spiritual Cinema 6:30 PM

Last Thurs. of the Month

Work Day—2nd Sat.

8 AM to 1 PM includes

Lunch

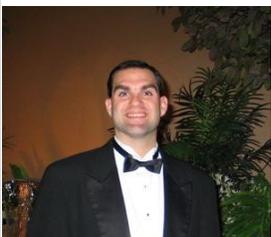
Associates' Day—4th Sat.

10AM to 12PM with Lunch

Closed on Mondays

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Anita Martinez, who has been with us as a live-in member for two years and works for El Centro, decided that she needed to give more time to her own family and put more energy into networking for us. We will all miss her greatly, but know she will be using her gifts to help the mission of SOH for years to come. Anita says in her own words: "I will still be around to help out." Her joy in the Lord, her compassion for others and her love of nature will always be a blessing to us at SOH and beyond.



Robert Nowlin received his dual Masters of Divinity and Intercultural Studies thru the Nazarene Theological Seminary in May. He has decided to return to his home in Fresno, California, to work with ReadFresno. He will remain an associate member of SOH, until he leaves in November. We are grateful to God for Robert and will miss his singing, playing the guitar and his enthusiasm for Christ and God's vulnerable people.

Our 9th annual Run the **Good Race** in June cleared \$7300 and the weather was perfect. I want to thank our chair, Trish Miller, her husband George, the Race Committee, and all who participated in making this event so enjoyable for all. Our 10th annual Run the Good Race is scheduled for **June 20th, 2009**. Do mark your calendars now. Michael Cazares, SOH board member and treasurer, and Anita Martinez are the co-chairs of the 3rd annual **The Hope Benefit Dinner, Dance and Auction**, which is scheduled for **November 8th of this year** at the Jack Reardon Center in KCK. All are welcome to attend this event. The cost for the dinner is \$65 per person. The theme this year is: "Where you stand is holy ground." Please see more detailed information about The Hope Benefit in this newsletter.

Don't forget to use **GoodSearch** internet search service to purchase items that you need or look up valuable information. By using this service SOH receives a penny for every valid search and more if you buy an item. We are grateful for your help in this regard.

We have interviewed a couple of new people to be live-ins this year. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in making the right decisions. If you or someone you know is interested in being a live-in at SOH, please let me know. Thanks to the untiring efforts of **Serge Guislain**, a volunteer, we now have another suite to offer for a live-in. I want to take this opportunity to thank Serge for all his labors of love for SOH. Serge is the one who made blueprints for us to use, since we found none when we first started SOH. He is the one who has been responsible for the new laundry, two additional live-in suites, labeling our pipes, updating our electrical systems, installing lights for our closets, and fixing countless structures in the building that needed upgrades. His joy and concern that things are done correctly is amazing!

Dennis Deere, another volunteer, has also been a blessing to SOH. If you see your reflection in our floors in the dining room, kitchens, or day room, it is because Dennis has done such an outstanding job in bringing them up to shine. Dennis has also been very handy in many areas of maintenance and construction at SOH. It was good ole Sr. Mary Eugenia Floersch, SCL, that invited Dennis to come to SOH, when we first began our operations. Dennis has been a real blessing to Stephen Sullivan in his recovery as well. Also working with cleaning the floors, doing the guests' laundry, emptying trash, cleaning guest rooms, making beds is **Tom**

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Korb. Tom has been another blessing to us at SOH. Tom is always willing to pitch in no matter what task is needed. His work is like a ministry for us all at SOH and Tom extends that ministry by leading a Church in Kansas where he grew up as a boy.



Our deepest thanks to three of our new SOH board members: **Gary and Jane Walton** and **Julie Sleszynski**. They were able to transform the **art room** that was begun by Terri Goddard and Mary Reilly. Thru their hours of painting, sorting, decorating and planning, we now are able to use the art room on a daily basis. You will just have to come and see this beautiful room for yourself. I plan on using it and I hope you will too.

Looking over my comments above, I see that it is the people that we live with each day that makes that incredible plan of God visible. Taking time to do what we know is needed, sharing our strengths and weaknesses with each other, and lifting one another to God is the unfolding of this plan. Having returned again from Colorado, visiting friends since my days in the seminary, the thought came to me: "Dennis, just be open to Me each day and see what happens." See what happens?

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe!" (Jeremiah 29: 11)

Dios te bendiga siempre, God bless you always,

Fr. Dennis Wait, Spiritual Director

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for all of their prayers and support during my Knee Replacement Surgery and recovery. As we go to press I am making good progress and should be back in full swing soon. Again
Thank you
Stephen Sullivan

WISH LIST

- Thank you for the New drink machine and stand.
- Thank you for the new coffee machine.
- Thank you for the Lights for the front drive and labor to install them and electrical hookup.

Needed

- New sound system for the chapel.
- Improvements in serving lines.
- Power point projector and screen.
- More Volunteers and captains for work days.
- Electrical hookup for garages.



GARDEN

Thank you to the Gardening committee for planting some Tomatoes, Pepper, Zucchini, & Squash this Summer next to the kitchen. Thanks to watering and cultivating help from Robert Noland we are having some very delicious vegetables to enjoy with our meals this Summer. Thank you to all who helped.

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Two new Arbors we constructed at the water garden as the latest Eagle Scout project. Thanks to the scouts, parents and all who helped.

Our thanks for all the many Eagle Scout projects that have helped to improve the Sanctuary of Hope property.

Thanks also to the many others who have also helped to make SOH a beautiful place to be with God.

TIMESHARE FUND-RAISING RAFFLE

Congratulations to Rita Janesko who won the Timeshare raffle and gets to spend the week of September 26, 2008 to October 3, 2008 at Treetop Village Resort. The drawing was held on Saturday August 9, 2008.

Thank you to Eugene & DeEdra Lipscomb who donated the week and to all who purchased chances. We made \$2,353 this year compared to \$1,377, up 71%. Again congratulations again to Rita Janesko, have a good week in the Ozarks.

COMING EVENTS

- September 13, 2008—Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch.
- September 27, 2008—Associates 10AM to 12 noon followed by lunch.
- September 27, 2008—Silent Saturday-Rob Carr 8:30AM to 1PM including lunch.
- October 11, 2008—Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch.
- October 25, 2008—Associates 10AM to 12 Noon including lunch—Fr. Dennis talking on his trip to Europe.
- November 8, 2008—Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch-
- **November 8, 2008 Hope Benefit 5:30 to 11 PM Reardon Center Dinner, Dance & Auction.**
- November 22, 2008—NO Associates Meeting.
- November 22, 2008—Silent Saturday-Rob Carr 8:30AM to 1PM including lunch.
- **November 27, 2008 Thanksgiving Day 8AM Mass followed by Brunch Please RSVP for Brunch. SOH closed after brunch till Tuesday, December 2, 2008**
- December 6, 2008—Silent Saturday-Rob Carr 8:30AM till 1PM including Lunch.
- December 13, 2008—Work Day & Associates Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch decorating for Christmas.
- December 20, 2008—Silent Saturday-Rob Carr 8:30AM till 1PM including lunch.
- **December 25, 2008—Christmas Day 10AM Mass followed by Brunch. Please RSVP for Brunch. SOH will be closed till December 31, 2008.**
- December 31, 2008—Party & Prayer vigil 8PM till Midnight.



You are cordially invited to.....

The Third Annual Hope Benefit

"Where You Stand is Holy Ground"

Saturday November 8, 2008

The Jack Reardon Center in KCK

5:30pm – Silent Auction and Cash Bar

6:30pm – Dinner is served

**8pm – Live Entertainment and
Dancing begins**

◇ Dinner Menu:

- *Reardon Salad – Mixed greens with julienne pears, pecans and a raspberry vinaigrette dressing*
- *Texas Major steak with whiskey peppercorn sauce*
- *Boneless breast of chicken with citrus sauce and pineapple*
- *Herbed roasted parmesan potatoes*
- *Fresh seasonal vegetable medley*
- *Assorted rolls and butter, Coffee and iced tea*
- *Chocolate and strawberry layered mousse parfait with whipped cream and mint leaf*
- *Chocolate cake with raspberry drizzle, whipped cream and strawberry garnish*
- *Complimentary red and white wine at each table*

◇ Silent Auction featuring a variety of wonderful items for the home and for fun

◇ Short presentation on the "Past, Present and Future" of Sanctuary of Hope

◇ Music and Dancing to the sounds of the Ed Smith Band and a DJ

Dear Friends,

As co-chairs for the 3rd annual The Hope Benefit, we would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate another year of miracles at SOH. God has blessed us this past year with thousands of volunteer hours, a dedicated staff, generous donors and many retreatants and visitors that have witnessed the "Holy Ground" that is SOH. This annual fundraiser is critical to "keeping the miracle alive" at SOH, and we need your support!

The Hope Benefit committee and our honorary co-chair couples have been working hard on planning for a special evening of great food, fellowship and fun. We will once again be treated to a delicious dinner catered by the Hilton Garden Inn at the Jack Reardon Center in KCK. Wonderful silent auction items will await your bidding, and you can dance the night away to the sounds of the Ed Smith band and a DJ. The whole evening promises to be very special and something you won't want to miss.

Look for your invitations in the mail around mid-September. Tickets are \$65 per person. We are actively seeking sponsors, underwriters, table hosts, advertisers for the program and donations for the silent auction. If you can help us in any of these areas call Julie E lwell at 913-321-4673.

Thanks, and God bless you. See you on November 8th!! Mike Cazares & Anita Martinez

9th Annual Run The Good Race

*Be praised, Lord, with all Your creatures, and above all our Brother Sun, who gives us the day by which You light our way, and who is beautiful, radiant and with his great splendor is a symbol to us of You, O Most High!
. . . And be praised, my Lord, for our Sister, Mother Earth, who supports and carries us and produces the diverse fruits and colorful flowers and trees!*

These words of St. Francis of Assisi begin to describe the beauty, joy and love experienced at the 9th annual Run the Good Race! God began by blessing us with a radiantly sunny but cool morning with dew on the lawns and trees, birds singing, squirrels scurrying and volunteers calling out greetings and directions. Praise God!

Seventy-one competitive runners tackled the challenge course, a grueling cross country course featuring 1000 ft of uphill running through City Park and along the woodchip trails of Sanctuary of Hope that is becoming a benchmark for serious runners in Kansas and Missouri. The difficulty of the run is offset by the beauty of the wild flowers planted in the park and the view of the Kaw Valley along the shady woodchip trails of SOH. Lee Derek, 16, of Clinton MO, with 23 minutes was the overall male winner, and Margo Laville at 26 minutes was overall female.

Only an hour later, the starting gun was fired again for the 5K road course. A total of 167 runners and walkers started on a newly designed course that took them through KCK residential neighborhoods where many families came out to cheer the runners on as they passed their homes. The participants on this course included 31 walkers and strollers, some taking over an hour to leisurely complete the course, and 49 daring runners who ran DO THE DOUBLE, completing both 5K courses! Overall winners on this course were Malika Edwards, female 12 minutes and Collin Eubanks, male 16 minutes.

Extra special thanks goes to the KCK police force, KCK Parks and Recreation and Public Works Department. Praise God for their outstanding support.

Barber Finical Group, our Event Sponsor, had a team of 30 this year AND added to the morning with the talents of Maggie Marx, National American Miss Kansas Junior Pre Teen, who lead the National Anthem and a special Happy Birthday to Kim Barber. Praise God for the generosity and talents of these individuals.

Please note all of our generous sponsors listed on page 7.

Many, many people gave money, time and talent generously from their hearts. We could not share all their stories, but want to share two. Barbara Harper has long supported Fr. Dennis and his ministry. Now in a nursing home, she sent her Bingo winnings with a promise to send a second matching amount. How great this gift of \$15.

The seminarians Scott Wallisch and Nathan Haverland serving with Msgr. McGlenn collected pledges from their Cure of Ars parish to run the race, raising \$ 393.00

2009 is our 10th Anniversary Run and work is already underway to make this the BEST and BIGGEST run ever. Barber Financial Group plans to join us again, and Bill Page from BFG will serve as co-chair. The second co-chair has not yet been confirmed. Goals include increasing community involvement and reaching out to youth and walkers as participants.

Thank you to all those who have given so much for the past 9 years to build this event; mark your calendars for Saturday, June 20, 2009 for Run the Good Race.

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Information at
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November 8th, 2008
5:30 p.m.

**Hilton Inn, Jack Reardon Center
Dinner, Dancing, Ed Smith Band, Auction!**

Cost \$65

Call Julie at 913-660-8595 for reservations