



## **Brothers Thoughts**

Somehow we suspect  
the world of humans  
has never been at peace.  
But those  
who have heard the song of the angels  
Those who believe  
That the creator of the stars of night  
Is with us  
Trust in another vision  
And live in the "as if"  
Of peace -  
As if the future of God  
Is already overlapping the now  
As if the coming together of human and divine  
Is already making a new creation  
As if the healing  
we long for  
Is already  
Among us  
A new heaven  
A new earth  
waiting for us to  
wake up.  
(from Susan Palo Cherwein)

**Happy New Year to one and all!**



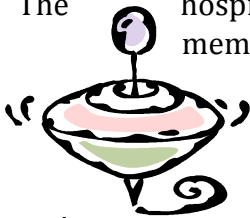
## **Residents Roost – Martha’s Musings**

**Dr. Abel**

In 1930, the age of three, Dr. Abel and I met. The hospital where he was to repair my hernia was in Clinton, South Carolina. My home in Clinton was called, “The Baby College.” This attractive one-story structure (with an extensive playground in back) was home and preschool to toddlers two to four years old.

My mother (after she divorced my father) left me there (at Thornwall, its other name) so she could work at her job in Savannah – a seaport just over and south of the Savannah River (not far away.) Her brother and his family lived there, and could be supportive to her.

The hospital where my surgery was done left me with very pleasant memories. As I now age through my 80’s I think Dr. Abel was a father figure to me- probably from the beginning.



As well as I can recall he was about 5 feet eight inches tall with dark hair and medium build, and age 35, perhaps. He was very caring to me. In fact I have always thought he was so fond of me that he kept me in the hospital as long as he could. I rolled the halls in my little wheelchair just for the fun of it (for I could walk) and had many toys in my room to play with. When I’d settle in with total contentment the day came with the news, “Today you are going home, Martha.” My disappointment was very, very great, indeed.

Still all my life I’ve loved that hospital and the memories I had there. Because that is true, is it any wonder that at age 79 (in St. Louis) I chose Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Village to live in! I think that in my deep subconscious mind I saw Dr. Abel’s name

In the letters ABLV! (I “met” St. Alexius years later.)

Our ABL Village is a little like a hospital, of necessity – so, I say again – after all these (in my imagination) years- “Hello, Dr. ABEL!”



### *Employee Birthdays*

Doris Zoway – 1-1  
Nerma Mujdzk – 1-4  
Carol Henning – 1-5  
Nona Corenti – 1-6  
Sawo Kabadeh – 1-7  
Dianzenza Kimuene – 1-9  
Joyce Taylor – 1-14  
Tracey Singleton – 1-17  
Christhea Brooks – 1-19



### *Resident Employees*

Hallie Garamella – 1-11  
Mary Moehlenkamp – 1-11  
Beverly Williams – 1-13  
Norma Easter – 1-17  
Roosevelt Jordan – 1-19  
Grace Lisk – 1/20  
Barbara Racher – 1-24  
Timmy Lamm – 1/24  
Mary Lucas – 1-25  
Carol Sheehan – 1-26  
Susan Berger – 1-26  
Billie Linder - 1-27  
Lelia Wheatley – 1-27

Did you know that our newsletters are electronic? You can view this and the past three months of newsletters online at [www.alexianbrothers.net](http://www.alexianbrothers.net).

If you do not have access to the newsletter online please let Nance know at 314-880-4701 or via e-mail at [nthier@alexianbrothers.net](mailto:nthier@alexianbrothers.net) and we will get one mailed out to you right away.

# Activities Highlights

**1/8 Out-Trip movie**  
**1/8 Cooking for Fun**  
**1/11 Happy Hour/ Bill Montgomery**  
**1/12 Ice Cream Social**  
**1/13 Share Home School Entertains**  
**1/17 Roberta Mueller entertains**  
**1/19 Blackjack**  
**1/22 Out-trip Bob Evans restaurant**  
**1/23 “Remembering History the ALL IN THE FAMILY way”/Public Library Visit**  
**1/25 Happy Hour with The St. Louis Funk Brothers**  
**1/27 Rootbeer Floats Social**  
**1/31 Resident Birthday Party**

2012! New Year and New Opportunities to enjoy, and expectations for a really great year! We will be having a new entertainer – Robert Mueller on January 17<sup>th</sup> and as always we want to hear your reviews!

Share Home School has rescheduled their day to January 13<sup>th</sup> to be here with us to entertain in a very special way.

There will be two socials with yummy refreshments – an ice cream social on January 12<sup>th</sup> and a root beer floats social on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be two outings this month, weather permitting, one to a movie on January 8<sup>th</sup> and another to Bob Evans Restaurant on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for those whose diets permit the foods that are served there.

The Public Library visit on January 23<sup>rd</sup> will be “Remembering History the All In The Family Way.”

A special note of thanks to the faculty, families and students of Immaculate Heart of Mary School for the lovely handmade Christmas Cards and Christmas mugs filled with goodies for our residents. On behalf of our residents here and also the others with whom these gifts were shared we do appreciate your kindness.

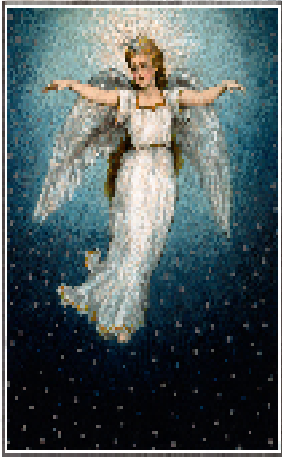
We very much want to include the groups of carolers in our giving of thanks, St. Stephen Protomartyr Church children’s choir, Timothy Lutheran Church, and St. John the Baptist and the scouts.

As always we in activities would like to wish everyone a New Year of health, happiness, and great experience.

JoAnn Evans A.D.

*Eternal Life - Let Us Remember Those Who Have Gone Before US*

PSALM 23



**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

*Dallas  
Scott*

*Junior Blocker*

*Rose  
Marie  
Ritscherle*

*Marilyn Lorenz*

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*Our prayers are with their families*

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## *Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Village History - Part One- The Past*

In the fall of 1987, Alexian Brothers of Missouri, Inc., and Bevo Redevelopment Corporation made an official announcement concerning the construction of a new nursing home in the St. Louis area. Demographic surveys had shown the south St. Louis area as having 20% of its population over the age of 65 as compared to the national average of 10-12%. Many of the existing nursing homes had long waiting lists, and no new nursing homes had been built in the area for over ten years. The plans were for a \$5 million intermediate and skilled nursing home, which was anticipated to have 120 beds to be built in the 4700 block of Lansdowne, between Kingshighway and Ridgewood.

The groundbreaking took place in October of 1987, and Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Manor was formally dedicated on November 6, 1988 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and an Open House. Attending were Deno Fabbre, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alexian Brothers Hospital in St. Louis; Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis; Brother Felix Bettendorf, Provincial and President of Alexian Brothers Health System; Brother Augustine Lohman, Director of the St. Louis Community; Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt; Florida Congressman Claude Pepper; Alex Aboussie, President of Bevo Redevelopment Corporation; and Dave Kellogg, Administrator of Lansdowne Manor. The first resident moved in on November 8.

An expansion program was begun in June of 1990 with the construction of a two-story, sixty-bed addition. The addition included twenty-eight semi-private and four private resident rooms, an expanded dining area that served more than one hundred forty people, recreational space and classrooms for staff training. The expanded facility was opened on April 4, 1991 with a special celebration. Congressman Richard Gephardt of Missouri attended, and Deno Fabbre, C.E.O. and President of Alexian Brothers Hospital, was the Master of Ceremonies. Brother Felix Bettendorf, Provincial gave the invocation, and the blessing was given by The Most Reverend John L. May, Archbishop of St. Louis. The addition also included a new chapel, which was dedicated and blessed on October 10, 1991

In March of 1994, Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Manor was purchased from its original developer by Alexian Brothers LTC, Inc. The name of Alexian Brothers LTC, Inc. was formally changed to Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Manor effective March 18, 1994. Alexian Brothers Hospital had managed the nursing home since it opened in 1988.

Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Manor was re-named Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Village and Transitional Care Center effective June 5, 1996. The new name reflected the opening of a twenty-eight-bed unit at the facility that was known as the Transitional Care Center. The Transitional Care Center was a distinct unit that specialized in complex medical and intensive rehabilitative care of the subacute patient, and had been dedicated on December 10, 1995. The focus of this unit was on a homeward bound program that was designed to provide a transition from the hospital to home.

Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Village became one of the few skilled nursing facilities in the St. Louis area that had in-house dental examination capabilities in the fall of 1999. This in-house capability eliminated the inconvenience of transporting residents and helped to improve the quality of dental care for the residents.

The Buddy Program, established in 2003, was designed to help residents combat weight loss. The dietary staff members volunteered to be a buddy to one or more residents. The buddy would accompany the resident to meals and encourage them to eat more by making the residents' dining a festive experience. Dietary staff would also visit and bring snacks to their resident buddies. Residents who participated in the program, particularly those with Alzheimer's, benefited from the increased social interaction. Most of the participating residents recorded significant weight gains.

Lansdowne Village's Alzheimer's unit was renovated in 2005. The Alzheimer's unit was renamed Harvest Hall. The renovation involved the division of one 60-bed unit on the second floor of the long-term care facility into two smaller units which included a 28-bed unit for residents with early to mid-stage dementia and a 30-bed unit for residents with late-stage dementia. The renovation included the creation of common area in each unit for activities and relaxation. Archbishop Raymond Burke blessed the renovated Alzheimer's unit. Father Henry Breier, Secretary to the Archbishop; Tony Altobella, Lansdowne Administrator; Brother Warren Longo, C.F.A.; and Brother Neel Emmanuel, C.F.A. attended the blessing.

# Harvest Hall Highlights

- 1/10 Cupcake Party**
- 1/11 Happy Hour with Bill Montgomery**
- 1/13 Share Home School Entertains**
- 1/15 Art Time**
- 1/17 Curt Kneisel Entertains**
- 1/19 Cookies & Cocoa**
- 1/21 Crafts**
- 1/22 Cooking**
- 1/27 Rootbeer Floats Social**
- 1/31 Resident Birthday Party**

We welcome 2012- and also welcome everyone to be a part of a great New Year. We have some really good times and a great start for our year to come.

We will have a special cupcake party on January 10<sup>th</sup>, courtesy of Luella Black's generosity for harvest Hall.

We will have the opportunity to be entertained by both Bill Montgomery on January 11<sup>th</sup> on the main floor and Curt Kneisel on January 17<sup>th</sup> on Harvest Hall.

Share Home School has been rescheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> in order to entertain us in a very special way.

There will be a rootbeer floats social on January 27<sup>th</sup> and a Cookie and Cocoa Day on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will finish the month on January 31<sup>st</sup> with the Resident Birthday party.

We also want to thank Nancy and Rick (the family of Angie Stender) for the contributions of all the seasonal decorations they have provided Harvest Hall this past year, and also those handmade Christmas cards and the lovely Christmas mugs filled with goodies for all of our residents here as well as others in need of some Christmas cheer.

Those special cards/gifts were the efforts of the students of Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and thank our caroler groups as well who gave their time and talent to share the spirit of Christmas with our residents. We thank St. Stephen Protomartyr Church children's choir, Timothy Lutheran Church, and St. John the Baptist students and scouts.

On behalf of Activities we wish you and yours a very great start to a happy, healthy new year.

## ***Alexian Residents are on the Move:***

Want to be on our next trip? It's easy just sign up with Joann Evans in activities - 314-880-4715 or stop by her office, the sign-up sheets are on the door.

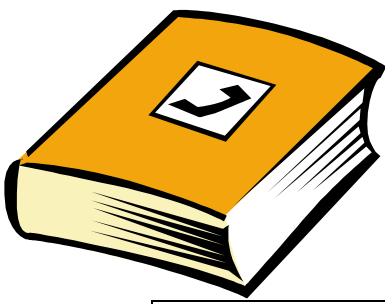


It is a first come, first serve basis, however to allow all residents a chance for an outing those that have already gone on an outing will be second in line to those that have not gone before. All residents must have a signed permission slip from their Responsible Party to be able to attend.

Come join us for an afternoon of fun! Dates and locations are listed in the front lobby and on Joann Evans door. Sign up as soon as possible as trips book quickly! Here are some of the trips planned:

- **January 8<sup>th</sup> - Movie at Keller Cinema**
- **January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lunch at Bob Evans Restaurant**
- **February 12<sup>th</sup> - Visit the Tiny World at the Miniature Museum**
- **February 26<sup>th</sup> - A Howling Good Time at the Dog Museum**

***We will have more great trips planned for 2012!  
Keep watching for more exciting places to go.***



*Our Administrative Team and Directory*

<b>Danny Stricker</b>	<b>Administrator</b>	<b>4200</b>
<b>Brother Richard Lowe</b>	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>4711</b>
<b>Trish Hughes and Steve Allbright</b>	<b>Clinical Liaison</b>	<b>4266</b>
<b>Mariette Bettlach</b>	<b>Central Supply</b>	<b>4230</b>
<b>Tim Borghesi</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>4709</b>
<b>Carrie Bourque</b>	<b>Staff Development</b>	<b>4712</b>
<b>Tracey Ahrens</b>	<b>TCC and Missouri Hall Social Worker</b>	<b>4748</b>
<b>Anthony Columbatto</b>	<b>Director of Admissions</b>	<b>4717</b>
<b>Anita Crocker</b>	<b>Medical Records</b>	<b>4272</b>
<b>Joann Evans</b>	<b>Activity Director</b>	<b>4715</b>
<b>Sandy Ferber</b>	<b>Harvest Hall Assistant</b>	<b>4716</b>
<b>Lee Hines</b>	<b>Director of Nursing</b>	<b>4702</b>
<b>Sandy Howe</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>4710</b>
<b>Glenn Jenkins</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>4752</b>
<b>Jamie Klein</b>	<b>First Floor Social Worker</b>	<b>4713</b>
<b>Physical Therapy</b>		<b>4270</b>
<b>Penny Northern</b>	<b>Patient Accounts</b>	<b>4707</b>
<b>Marilyn Wilson and Becky Wilson</b>	<b>Dietary</b>	<b>4718</b>
	<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>4207</b>
<b>Diana</b>	<b>Beautician</b>	<b>4223</b>
	<b>Laundry</b>	<b>4226</b>
<b>Nance Thier</b>	<b>Admin. Assistant</b>	<b>4701</b>
<b>Elizabeth Yates</b>	<b>Second Floor Social Worker</b>	<b>4704</b>



Did you know that any personal items or clothing items that a resident has should have their name on it?

This ensures that if an item is lost or misplaced the correct resident can receive their items back. It really helps our laundry department to know which resident owns which clothing item.

If you need a permanent marker for clothing please ask the receptionist. We even have a special white marker for dark colored clothes.

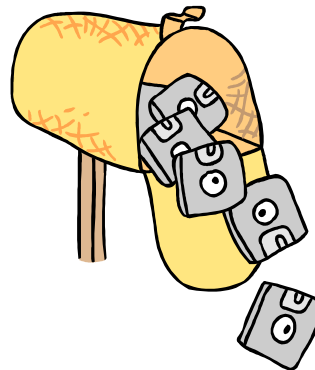
Please make sure that the items are all marked on the Residents personal Inventory Sheet which is located in their chart, this helps us when a resident leaves to know exactly what they have to send with them.

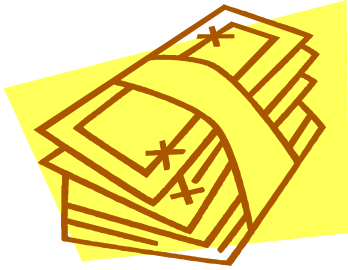
## *Special Delivery*

Residents LOVE to get mail, even e-mail.

You can e-mail a resident by simply sending an e-mail to: [Resident-ablv@alexianbrothers.net](mailto:Resident-ablv@alexianbrothers.net).

Please put the residents name in the subject box so we know which resident gets the e-mail. The e-mail will be printed and delivered to the resident. E-mail is checked Monday thru Friday and is delivered the next day.





## Spending Money

Did you know that we offer Trust Accounts? These accounts are simple accounts setup for a resident so they can have cash when they need or want it.

**\*It's easy! Just ask the receptionist for the form to fill out to authorize the account**

**\* Deposit whatever amount of funds that you want**

**\* Resident can make a withdrawal Monday thru Friday with a \$20 limit each time.**

That's it! It's easy, fast and safer than cash in the pocket



Did you know that our vending machines by the front lobby accept cash, credit and debit cards?

If you don't have the correct cash you can swipe a debit or credit card and make a purchase. It's just that easy and you can use the cards on either the soda or the snack machines.

No need for cash or having correct change.

If you have a \$5.00 bill the machine will make change after your purchase with gold dollar coins NOT lots of quarters.

The machines are refilled each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Would you like to have lunch with a resident? We offer both, lunch and dinner tickets for sale. Lunch tickets are \$2.50 each and \$2.00 for dinner.

Please sign up for lunch before 9:30 am if possible at the receptionist desk and 4:30 pm for dinner at the receptionist desk.

The menu is posted at the receptionist desk each evening for the day before.

**We are sorry that we cannot accept any bill larger than a \$10.00 bill.**

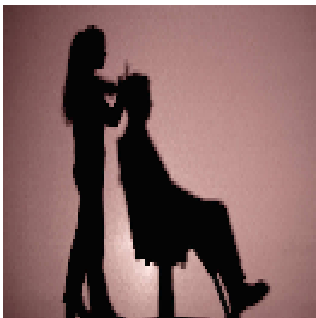




## *MEDICAL PLAN QUESTIONS?*

*WHAT TO KNOW IF WE TAKE YOUR MEDICAL PLAN LIKE UNITED HEALTH CARE, GHP AND OTHERS? CALL OUR EXPERT PENNY NORTHERN IN BILLING AND SHE CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND OUR PLANS AND OUR BILLING. DON'T WONDER OR GET LOST IN PAPERWORK CALL PENNY AND SHE WILL CUT THROUGH THE RED TAPE AND PAPERWORK FOR YOU. PENNY NORTHERN CAN BE REACHED AT 314-880-4707.*

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Our new hairdresser, Diana, is in the building on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY. She works all day and appointments can be made at the receptionist desk. Diana will get with each resident and let them know which day and time their appointment will be.

All hair appointments must be paid in advance at the receptionist desk. Diana can be reached at 4223 from a resident's room.

## Community Calendar

Below is a list of events going on in our community in  
January

Tuesdays in January – Food and Wine Dinners at  
Herbie's 45.00 per person. Reservations required

Lewis Black at the Peabody Opera House

Tony LaRussa at the Peabody Opera House – January 13<sup>th</sup>

Trivia Night at Jefferson Barracks – January 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM

Star Trek at the Science Center – Daily until May 2012

The Civil War in Missouri Daily at the History Until March