



# ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE

## *A Senior Care Community*

*"Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ"*

ISSUE 4, Fall 2016

# The Village Voice

## FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS



### ***A Message from Amy...***

I cannot believe that we are approaching the end of 2016. What a year for St. Dominic Village! Our occupancy is at an all time high and I am thankful that so many have chosen to call St. Dominic Village home. Our Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic set records in both fundraising and attendance, and we had a packed house at our annual Evening with the Bishops. We have seen increased membership in our Patron Corp under the leadership of our Chairs, Roger and Carole Sahni. Our beloved Warren Chapel is about to undergo a much needed renovation thanks to our generous 2015 End of Year Campaign donors. I consider it a great honor to lead an organization that cares for so many residents.



Dedicated and hard working employees and volunteers and the support of our donors make *"Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ"* possible. Thank you for your support in 2016, and I ask that you continue that support in 2017! We cannot do it without your help.

*"We're so busy watching out for what's just ahead of us that we don't take time to enjoy where we are."* ~ Unknown

I think this quote is so appropriate for this time of the year. We all have such a busy fall with holiday shopping, parties and festivities, but I would like to remind everyone to slow down and take the time to enjoy your family and friends during the holiday season! Enjoy the moments and reflect on all of God's many blessings!

Happy Fall,

Amy Shields, LNFA  
Chief Executive Officer

# The Chairman of the Board - Meet Jim Davis

Jim Davis is the St. Dominic Village Board Chair for July 2016 to June 2019. The Village Voice interviewed Mr. Davis so we can share a little about his story and dedication to St. Dominic Village.

## **Family Life:**

My wife Diane and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary next June. We were married in college and had our son about 3 years later, then our daughter 3 years after that. They are now adults with families of their own, so we have 5 grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 17.

## **Career and Business:**

I've been involved in the energy business my entire career, working on the finance and management side. The companies I worked for were involved in upstream, midstream, downstream, domestic, international, onshore, offshore - pretty much the whole value chain of the energy industry.

## **Hobbies:**

Keeping up with current events, golf, music, and travel.

## **Service:**

I had expressed an interest to Roger Sahni, another of the Directors at SDV, that I wanted to serve on the board of a Catholic organization where I could use my financial and management skills to assist the organization in achieving its goals and mission. He introduced me to the Board and management at SDV. I didn't know much about healthcare at the time, but I immersed myself in studying the financial statements and talking with the staff about the business.

**Board:** It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of SDV and to be associated with the excellent Directors and the highly professional management and staff at SDV. Most of all, it is gratifying to know that I contribute in a small way to the comfort and care of our residents. The chair position was not something I thought about when I joined the Board; I just wanted to serve in the best capacity I could. I'm privileged that the Board feels confident enough in my abilities to have me serve as chair.

**Faith:** The two most important things in my life are my faith and trust in God, and my family. As a cradle Catholic, I can't remember a time when I wasn't aware of my faith and my role in God's Kingdom - to live a life centered on Christ and to serve as an example of living faith to my family and to others. Diane and I have made every effort to live our faith as an example to our children and grandchildren.

## **St. Dominic Village:**

There are many options in Houston for retirement living. Someone who wants a Catholic faith-based retirement community, for themselves or for a loved one, will find a welcome home at SDV. SDV provides the full range of retirement amenities, from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing. The staff provide a caring environment in which a person can get the level of attention and health assistance they need and desire. St. Dominic Village is the best kept secret within the Houston eldercare community.

We are so blessed by the time and talents of Jim Davis.



*Jim Davis with wife Diane and Kimberly Elliott.*

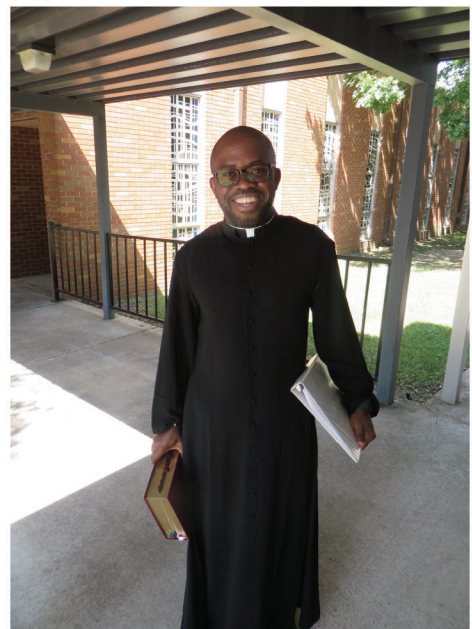


# St. Dominic Feast Day

St. Dominic Village had the honor of celebrating our Patron Saint, St. Dominic on August 8, 2016. In the Christian tradition, feast days are usually oriented around holy people, like Jesus or the saints. Pope Gregory IX canonized St. Dominic on July 13, 1234, and his feast day is August 8.

Saint Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers, the Dominican Republic, and the innocent who are falsely accused of crimes. He is commonly depicted in icons with a dog, or lilies, holding a book.

At our annual event, we were blessed to have His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo officiate the Mass that preceded the gathering in our auditorium. Residents, their families and friends, and donors of St. Dominic Village prayed together and then dined together to recognize this special day.





# St. Dominic Feast Day

We look forward to having all our family, friends and residents join us for next year's St. Dominic Feast Day.





## “Happenings” Around the Village

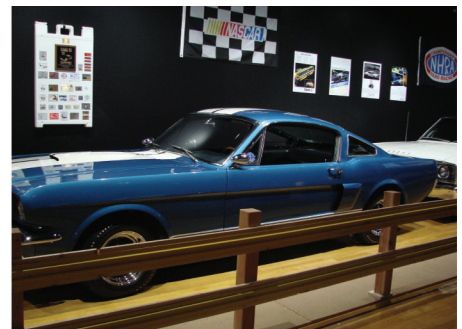
### It’s Always Hard to Say Goodbye

This past July, staff, residents and friends gathered to bid farewell to Stacy Brown. Stacy served St. Dominic Village for twenty years in various capacities. Her service, diligence and warmth will truly be missed! We congratulate and wish her much success in her new chapter of her life.



## Out & About with Independent Living

On August 17th, Independent Living Activity Director Dorothea Denkins and residents geared up for a full day trip to the *George Bush Presidential Library* in College Station, Texas. Independent Living residents enjoyed good conversation during their bus ride; the artifacts and exhibits during their tour of the library; and topped the trip off with a delicious lunch at Applebees!





# Hele Mai Ai! Welcome to the Luau

## Assisted Living and Independent Living Resident Luau

August closed out with not one, but two luaus! Our Assisted Living and Independent Living residents enjoyed a taste of Hawaii; complete with delicious Hawaiian inspired treats, Hula dancers and Hawaiian leis. A few of our residents really got into the action by demonstrating how good they can Hula! Check out a few snapshots from the two events. Thank you Doroithia Denkins and Marion Johnson, Activity Directors for Independent Living and Assisted Living respectively, for giving our residents a day in the tropics.

### *Assisted Living Luau*



### *Independent Living Luau*





## Senior Craft Fair

We had an amazing turn out and great time during our 2016 Senior Craft Fair. Vendors, shoppers, staff and residents were amazed by the beautiful and creative crafts. Vendors showcased a variety of crafts and homegoods, ranging from Halloween themed items to autumn inspired decor. We even had vendors selling handmade soaps and creams and religious inspired items. Take a look at some of the awesome crafts at our Senior Craft Fair. Join us next year!



## Join St. Dominic Village and CHI St. Luke's Health for our 1st Annual Health Fair

Tuesday, November 15th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Dominic Village \* 2401 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021 (in the auditorium)



Learn how to manage Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), Blood Pressure and Heart Rate from the medical experts at CHI St Luke's Health Transitional Care Clinic. Health and medical information from St. Dominic Village Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation experts and other healthcare providers.

**Health & Medical Information ~ Free Giveaways ~ Food**

For more information and to register, contact: Deborah Elizondo-Brady 713.440.3417 / [delizondo-brady@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:delizondo-brady@stdominicvillage.org)



# Warren Chapel Renovations

by Patricia Egerman, Director of Spiritual Care and Volunteers

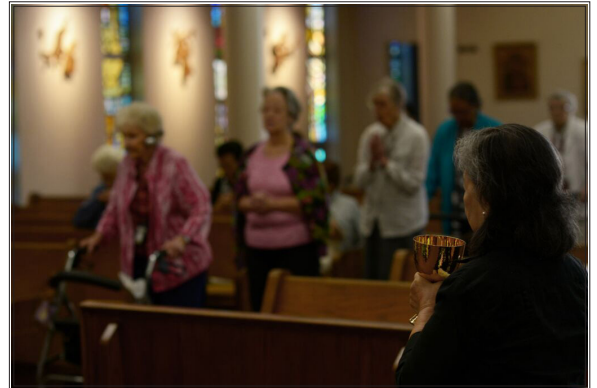
We are so very excited to begin the much needed renovations in Warren Chapel. We thank all who contributed to the 2015 End-of-Year Campaign for your donations!

In order to accomplish this work, we must close Warren Chapel for a few weeks.

The work begins on Monday, October 10th at which time Warren Chapel will be closed. As soon as the work is complete, hopefully by mid December, we will re-open Warren Chapel and the Mass schedule will return to normal.

Please see page 15 for the temporary schedule during renovations.

To God be the glory!



## St. Dominic Village Benefits from Eagle Scout Project!



**Brian Swanson**

Eagle Scout Brian Swanson led and executed an Eagle Scout project, and the entire campus is enjoying the results. He organized a group of volunteers to refurbish our wooden outdoor furniture which our residents use on a daily basis. The furniture looks amazing and many of the residents and staff thought the furniture was new.

Thank you and good job Brian!





## Physician Spotlight - Dr. Chris Henry Ojeih

by Deborah Elizondo-Brady, LMSW, Director of Marketing and Admissions

Dr. Chris Ojeih is the Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director at Alief Geriatrics Associates. He is board certified in Family Medicine with Geriatrics Fellowship Training. He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of Ibadan/University College Hospital Ibadan in Nigeria. He practiced as a general practitioner and surgeon in Nigeria before relocating to the United States where he completed the Family Practice residency training at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center/Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital. Following that, he completed his Geriatrics Fellowship and Primary Care Fellowship at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center, Masters in Public Health with concentration in Health Services Organization as well as a Health Care Certificate in Business Administration from the University of Houston.



Dr. Ojeih was recruited as the Chief of Family Medicine for LBJ General Hospital from 1999-2011 and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Assistant Professor of Geriatrics, Department of Internal Medicine. He also served as the Associate Chief of Staff and Medical Director of the Harris County Hospital District/UT-Houston Community Health Program.

Dr. Ojeih is now in active private practice with concentration in geriatric patients with outpatient office in the Height's area of Houston. Dr. Ojeih serves numerous patients in our Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at St. Dominic Village.

## Welcome Home to St. Dominic Village

Independent Living Move in Special

If you move in before November 30th you will get:

- ✓ half off your 1st month's rent
- ✓ community fee waived



St. Dominic Village prides itself on the level of care and dedication we give each and every day to ensure our residents are comfortable and enjoying the community at St. Dominic Village.

For more details, contact Assisted and Independent Living Admissions Coordinator:  
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# Happy Birthday Residents



## October

Louise Bering  
Harry Bowie  
Daniel Burke  
Geraldine Carter  
Dorothy Ferrando  
Rita Greer  
Vera Greve  
Elizabeth Haukohl  
Carol Holmes  
Floraine Piefer  
Billy Smith  
Dorothy Thomas  
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## November

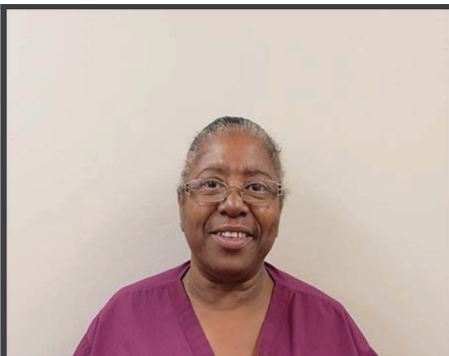
Loyce Baker  
Anne Bourgeois  
Raquel Crawford  
Jo Ann Earnest  
Anna Egan  
Matthew Foley  
Robert Grant  
Barbara Harvey  
Mary Heins  
John Hodnett  
Elizabeth Kahanek  
Henrietta Lair  
Patricia Lamb  
Wallace Mallay  
Mary Migliore  
Lane Parish  
John Raia  
Andrea Rogers  
Natalie Sample  
Lois Schindler  
Margaret Schooler  
Mary Williams

## December

Theresa Adair  
Yvonne Barkate  
Willam Cadmus  
Mary Ann Chambers  
Ethel Colston  
Marjorie Finnegan  
Margaret Gatti  
Richard Jeso  
Richard Leflore  
Philomena B. Morgan  
Doris Readore  
Rosemary Saracco  
Janice Smith  
Dolores Yurmanovic



## Employee of the month



JULY 2016  
Jo Tharpe

**CNA, Unit 1**



AUGUST 2016  
Kasombo Michel Tshiani

**CNA, Unit 3 & 4**



SEPTEMBER 2016  
Mike Ruiz

**Maintenance Team**



## Welcome to the Team!



A big welcome to Jan Sultanik, our new Director of Social Services, is in order! Hailing from Beaumont, Texas, Jan is a graduate of the University of Texas – Austin with a BA degree in Social Work. She later attended the University of Houston Graduate School where she completed her post graduate study in Social Work with a focus in Geriatrics. Jan has been a licensed social worker since 1983 and is a strong advocate for the aging population. Jan is an active member of both the Houston Gerontological Society and a board member with their Scholarship Committee. Jan volunteers through her church and with MD Anderson's annual *Sprint for Life*, which funds ovarian cancer research. In her leisure time she loves to spend time with and train her golden retrievers Belle and Breeze. In addition, Breeze is to be taken through a certified pet therapy program due to her nurturing disposition. Jan also enjoys gardening, traveling, literature, the community's fine arts venues, and supporting local live music.

You can reach Jan at: 713.391.2653/[jsultanik@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:jsultanik@stdominicvillage.org).

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## Volunteers - A Gift to Our Community

Volunteer Spotlight feature on Mari Jozwiak

"Many years ago, after my last child started kindergarten, I actually had some time to spare for myself. It was great, but after awhile I felt the need to help someone, somewhere, in thanks for my wonderful family. I remembered that Dominican College had closed and was now St. Dominic Village - A Senior Care Community. St. Dominic Village is a wonderful place for our Catholic elderly to live and also for our priests and nuns to retire. I was accepted as a volunteer and it was a wonderful experience. But after several years our family had to move.

Now, many years later, my children are grownup, with families of their own, and I have retired. So I am again volunteering at this [St. Dominic Village] lovely place, able to help so many people in so many different ways. I find St. Dominic Village to be a holy place where one can not only help people in need, but be surrounded by our Father's presence. I believe it to be a blessing to be a small part of St. Dominic Village."



**Mari Jozwiak, Volunteer with St. Dominic Village, Assisted Living.**



# Welcome Home!

St. Dominic Village prides itself on the level of care and dedication we give each and every day to ensure our residents are comfortable and are enjoying their days with us. To provide a heartfelt welcome, each new resident receives a goodie bag complete with crossword puzzles, toiletries, and calendar of events so they do not miss out on any special activities. Our staff go out of their way to get to know each and every resident personally and learn what activities they enjoy most to ensure that all residents are engaged and connected.

The following are our new resident move-ins between July and September.

## Assisted Living

Boyd Beeson  
Sylvia Bonin  
David Hugh  
Jo Ann Earnest  
Marina Fisher

## Independent Living

Laura Bourgeois  
Suzanne Brinsmade  
Elizabeth Corgey  
Selma DeMarco  
Alphonse DeMarco

Dorothy Ferrando  
Matt Foley  
Janice Smith  
Ellie Tamborello  
Mieke Thomeer  
Mary Williams

## Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Marie Boudoin  
Norris Boudreaux  
Bettye Boutwell  
Harry Bowie  
Adeline Cervantes  
Alice Chukwu  
John Elder  
Carol Elder  
Ciro Gonzalez

Maximiliano Gonzalez  
Robert Grant  
Rita Greer  
Mary Heins, Sr.  
Agnes Johnson  
Jessie F. Linam  
Gilbert Medina  
Bennie Morton  
Urlina Nuval

Harriett Patton  
Paul Ramirez  
Norma Rodriguez  
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John Rogers  
Dorothy Thomas  
Joseph Tu  
Marguerite Wally  
Laverne Ward  
James Williams

To schedule a tour of St. Dominic Village, please call or email:

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## Christmas is Coming!

Christmas is a special time at St. Dominic Village. Mark your calendars and join us for our Open House celebrations.

Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Monday, December 12th

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

location: Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Independent and Assisted Living

Wednesday, December 14th

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

location: In St. Dominic Village auditorium

*We look forward to these joyous events. There will be music, food, fun and fellowship.*

## The St. Dominic Village amazonwishlist

If you are looking for a way to donate to St. Dominic Village and you want to contribute in a way that makes an immediate impact – check out our wish list on Amazon.

The St. Dominic Village Activity Directors and Director of Spiritual Care have compiled a list of items that will improve and enhance day to day experiences for our residents.

This is one stop shopping; you can pay and mail the item directly to St. Dominic Village:

2401 Holcombe Blvd.

Houston, TX 77021

c/o Fund Development Department

You can visit our page on Amazon: <http://bit.ly/sdvwishlist>

Call Kimberly Elliott at 713-741-8722 with any questions.

Make sure to add St. Dominic Village as your charity of choice on Amazon Prime.



## SAVE THE DATE

### 14th Annual BISHOP RIZZOTTO GOLF CLASSIC

Thursday, March 30th, 2017

Proceeds  
Benefit



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## WARREN CHAPEL SCHEDULE DURING RENOVATIONS

*Work began on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at which time Warren Chapel was closed.  
Please pray for a job well and safely done and in gratitude for all who are working on this project.  
Please also pray for the donors that make this work possible.*

### While Warren Chapel is closed:

- \* **Weekday Masses will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower**
  - \* **8:15 a.m., Monday-Saturday,**
  - \* **Noon, Monday-Friday.**
- \* **Reconciliation will be available on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower after the Friday 8:15 a.m. Masses.**
- \* **Divine Mercy Chaplet will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower, Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.**
- \* **Daily Rosary will be in the Boardroom at 3:45 p.m.**
- \* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower**
  - \* **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 12:30-4:00 p.m.**
- \* **Sunday Masses will be in the Auditorium**
  - \* **10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Deaf Community)**
- \* **Christian Worship Services will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower,**
  - \* **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

*We hope and pray that we will return to Warren Chapel by mid December.  
To God be the glory!*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Advent begins

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, **Holy Day of Obligation** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- \* Masses, 8:15 a.m. Warren Chapel or 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower;
- \* 10:00 a.m. Nursing Center,
- \* Noon Warren Chapel or 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower,
- \* 1:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Tower.

*If renovations are complete, the 8:15 a.m. and Noon Masses will be in Warren Chapel*

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Advent Penance Service, following the 8:15 a.m. Mass Warren Chapel

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas "Midnight" Mass, 7:00 p.m. Warren Chapel

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day Masses

- \* 10:00 a.m. Warren Chapel
- \* 11:15 a.m. Deaf Community Warren Chapel

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God Mass,

- \* 10:00 a.m. Warren Chapel
- \* 11:15 a.m. Deaf Community Warren Chapel





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