



# THE Hoppiteer

All for One and One for All April 2011

'April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.'  
— William Shakespeare

## TIDEWATER

*Gulf*

### dinner gala a gourmet's delight!!!

**Chef Jack Neophytou** has another delicious dinner menu planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tidewater-HospiceCare Dinner Gala at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tidewater Grill in the Charleston Town Center Mall. The cost for the evening is \$100 per person with limited seating. Reservations are required, so call today to make yours at (304) 345-2620. ❖

### Chocolate Chase a sweet run & walk for Lewisburg office

The HospiceCare **10K Chocolate Chase & One Mile Fun Run-Walk** will step off at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9 at the Greenbrier Valley Airport and downtown Lewisburg to benefit HospiceCare's Lewisburg Office. Entry fees are \$15 for the run and \$10 for the support walk. Trophies will be awarded in both men's and women's divisions and in all different age categories. All runners and walkers will get T-shirts. For more information, contact **Dr. Meg McKeon** at WVSOM, (304) 647-6401, or via e-mail at [mmckeon@WVSOM.edu](mailto:mmckeon@WVSOM.edu). Registration forms are available online on the main page of our Web site at, [www.hospicecarewv.org](http://www.hospicecarewv.org). ❖



*Veterans on staff: (above, l.-r.) Brian Rumberg, Stacy Jarrett, Becky Powell, Jack Schultz, and Mike Dupay; (at left, l.-r.) Katie Brewer, Terrie Rosenfeld, James Thayer and Lora Bowns.*



*(Not pictured, Amber Blevins and Eugene Blankenship.)*

## We Honor Veterans

It may surprise many people to learn that one in four of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans. To help provide care and support that reflects the important contributions and sacrifices made by these brave men and women, HospiceCare has become a national partner of **We Honor Veterans**, a pioneering campaign developed by the NHPCO in collaboration with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. HospiceCare is working to meet stringent requirements that will help improve the care our team of professionals and volunteers provide to the Veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korea pass away — and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise. By recognizing the unique needs

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## OFFICE MIXER!



## Smoothies are a fun and fruity way to stay fit!

Trying to chase away the winter blahs and inject a little tropical fun into a typical day at HospiceCare's Main Office, a group of folks planned a Smoothie Day to boost morale and promote wellness. Taking over the kitchen with their blenders, gallons of fresh fruit, yogurt, honey, chocolate, peanut butter, and other goodies, everyone left full of goodness wearing sunny smiles. Clockwise from top left are **Lillian Hunter**, **Libby Gates** hoding little **Ariana Howard**, **Kim Palmer**, **Amber Blevins**, **Aniya Howard** and two of her sons, and **Alicia King**. ❖

## CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS!



## Spring volunteer training graduates ready to go

Volunteer Director **Melanie Allen** and Associates **Libby Gates** and **Toni Bee** welcomed a new class of volunteers to HospiceCare upon their completion of the spring training class in March. The 17 new volunteers are: **Craig Auge**, **Deanna ("Joy") Arthur**, **Michael Chamberlain**, **Deirdre ("Dee Dee") Beckner**, **Sheila Carihfield**, **Stacey Gannon**, **Frank Liss**, **Linda Liss**, **Jeannie Hughes**, **Rosemary McCoy**, **Kim Lannan**, **Dewey Miller**, **June Sayer**, **Melanie Vickers**, **Angela Waldron**, **Brittany Selvage**, and **Sara Vyskocil**. The new class graduated just in time to help celebrate National Volunteers Week this month from April 17-23. ❖



# Happy Birthdays!

## April

Laurie Ardison	...	2
Shellie Givens	...	3
Angie Matthews	...	4
Jennifer Kirsch	...	5
Kathryn Brewer	...	6
Teresa Doss	...	6
Erin Cornell	...	9
Kim Palmer	...	10
Amanda Joyce	...	12
Patricia Chapman	...	12
Richie Hills	...	15
Tony Dunlap	...	16
Patchila Carter	...	17
Linda Smith	...	18
Elizabeth Smith	...	21
Jenny Barnett	...	22
Sue Ann Belderes	...	23
Deborah Lewis	...	29
Jennifer Rivera	...	30

### Welcome Aboard!!!

**Trista Rush, RN**

Case Manager, Summersville

**Dodi Bowen, RN**

Hubbard Hospice House

**Monica Anthony, LPN**

Continuous Care

**Catherine Kennedy, LPN**

Continuous Care

**April Woods, LPN**

Continuous Care

## ODDS & ENDS



### Move over Chuck Yeager . . .

Development Associate **Jeff Sikorovsky** test flew one of the WV Air Guard's two \$14 million Blackhawk helicopters that have been retrofitted to serve as flying med-evac transports. The Blackhawk is scheduled to become part of HospiceCare's new fleet of aircraft planned to take up residence at the Hubbard House's new hilltop airport under construction this summer . . .

**APRIL FOOL'S!!!** But no really, Jeff visited the **130th Airlift Wing of the WV National Guard** March 30th as part of his year-long **Leadership Kanawha Valley** training program offered through the Charleston Area Alliance. Due to bad weather and poor visibility, a flight around the state on a C-130 transport plane was scrubbed, but Jeff was still able to tour the helicopter, plane, and two new hangars on the base, followed by a trip to the Homeland Security Training Facility at the former Memorial Tunnel just south on the WV Turnpike. The day was sponsored by the **WV Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve** group, a volunteer support organization that helps veterans and their families deal with the realities of work and home during and after the soldiers' deployment. ❖

### Veterans

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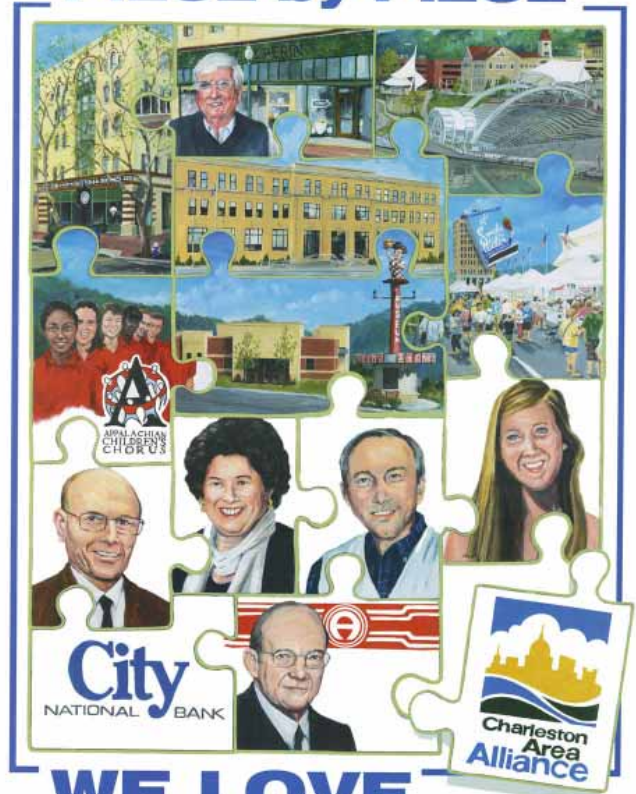
of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, HospiceCare is able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic

events, HospiceCare will find tools to help support those in its care. Resources available for the **We Honor Veterans** program focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran-centric education of health care staff caring for Veterans. To learn more about the program, please visit [www.wehonorveterans.org](http://www.wehonorveterans.org). ❖

# CHARLESTON AREA ALLIANCE LOVE AWARDS



## Celebrating the Valley PIECE by PIECE



**WE LOVE  
Our Community Awards!**

*Rob Cleland '14*



## Hospice — a valuable piece of the puzzle

HospiceCare's new Main Office building received the **Jeff Miller Sustainable Development Award** from the **Charleston Area Alliance** at its fourth annual **We Love Our Community Awards** program on St. Patrick's Day at the Masonic Building downtown. HospiceCare was one of 12 Love Award recipients who each received a hand-painted puzzle piece (top left) that when put together made up an original work of art (top right) by artist **Rob Cleland** (bottom left, with wife **Mary Jo**). The giant puzzle was reproduced as a banner that will hang for the next year from the municipal parking on the southeast corner of Quarrier and Dickinson streets. Organizers of HospiceCare's annual summer fundraiser, **Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off**, also won the **Community Celebration Award** from the Alliance. Cook-off Committee President **Jennifer Igo** (bottom center w/Development Director **Jim Wilkerson**) accepted the award. ❖

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



### Our 'Little Miss Mary' gets a big SURPRISE!

Quietly and dutifully going about her business in the Medical Records Department as a devoted HospiceCare volunteer for almost 10 years, **Mary Long** of Dunbar was somewhat taken aback last month when HR Director **Kendra Prine** and the rest of the ladies from the HR, Medical Records and Volunteer departments threw her a surprise birthday party. At first startled and in shock, Mary's bright smile and sparkling eyes lit up the room as she then set about passing plates of cupcakes and other goodies prepared in her honor. Not deterred by the Main Office's move from Dunbar to Charleston — getting rides and taking the bus on occasion to get to work — Mary is very happy to be working in the new building at Patrick Street. She had spent most of her earlier career on the West Side of Charleston as an English teacher at Stonewall Jackson Middle School and Woodrow Wilson Junior High School. Mary also keeps active by volunteering for the **Dunbar-Institute Samaritan Center** and at her church, **First Presbyterian Church of Dunbar**. "She's very hard-working and independent and we love her," Volunteer Associate **Libby Gates** said. ❖



### Frosty Classic, indeed!

About 70 amateur golfers and pros braved the sunny, yet very chilly spring day March 28 at **Edgewood Golf Club** to play in the annual **Wendy's Frosty Classic Golf Tournament** to benefit the **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**. As part of the event, four golfers who were closest to the pin on the four par-3 holes around the course won the chance to swing for a hole-in-one worth \$1 million. The lucky golfer would then split \$50,000 a year for 20 years with HospiceCare if their ball went in. None were so lucky, but congratulations regardless to **Dave Watkins**, **Calvin Dearborn**, **David Sword** and **James Schooley**, for coming the closest. Special thanks also go to **Ken Tackett** and his staff with the WV Golf Association for including HospiceCare in such a successful tournament. ❖



SUNDAY

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY




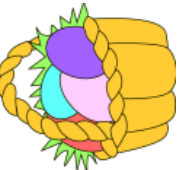
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# April 2011

Don't forget to mark you calendars for the Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011 on Kanawha Boulevard at Haddad Riverfront Park. Food and fun for the whole family!

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Orientation Day, 8:30 a.m., Charleston</li> <li>♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston</li> <li>♦ IDT Green LTC Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Main Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ IDT Green Team, 8:30 a.m., Main Office</li> </ul>		 <p>1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Chocolate Chase 10K Fun Run and One-Mile Walk, 9 a.m., Lewisburg</li> </ul>
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 <p>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston</li> <li>♦ All Staff meeting, 3 p.m., HHH</li> <li>♦ IDT Green LTC Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston</li> </ul> <p>TAX DAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ IDT Green Team, 8:30 a.m., Main Office</li> </ul>		 <p>22 GOOD FRIDAY</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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