

# THE Hospiteer

All for One and One for All  
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**George  
Dunnett:  
1931-2009**

*Loving husband,  
father, & dedicated  
hospice volunteer*

*by Jeff Sikorovsky*

*Development & Communications Asst.*



HE could usually be found helping stock the shelves in the medical supply room, reading the paper in the kitchen with a cup of coffee, or waiting patiently for **Judy**, his beloved wife, to finish for the day in her office. But for those who knew him best, **George Dunnett** will be remembered most as a loving husband, father, friend and dedicated hospice volunteer.

George, 77, of St. Albans, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at CAMC Memorial Hospital, Charleston. Born Oct. 1, 1931, in Charleston, George was the son of the late George Auld and Beulah Gibson Dunnett. He was a lifelong resident of the Kanawha Valley, graduating from Stonewall Jackson High School

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*Love is patient, love is kind.*

*It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*It is not rude, it is not self-seeking.*

*It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.*

*It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*Love never fails.*

— I Corinthians 13:4-8



*Development Director Jim Wilkerson puts on his best Caped Crusader face.*

## **'Holy Hospice, Batman!'** VIP Gala helps rev up car show at Civic

*by Jeff Sikorovsky*

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*HospiceCare Board Member Ruth Lemmon, of the WV Automobile and Truck Dealers Association, was once again the hostess with the most-ess (as well as the best dressed there).*

HUNDREDS of guests from around the state came out last month to enjoy the VIP Charity Gala sponsored by the WV Automobile and Truck Dealers Association to benefit HospiceCare. The event Jan. 22 helped kick off the annual Motortrend WV Intl. Auto Show at the Civic Center the following weekend.

Thanks to the tremendous effort of HospiceCare Board Member Ruth Lemmon and her staff at the WVATDA, the gala event raised \$5,500 to benefit hospice patients and their families. Here's to doing it all again next year! ❖

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# CAR SHOW VIP GALA



A special thank-you goes out to our board members and friends who came out Jan. 22 to help at the VIP Charity Gala check-in table. Pictured above (l.-r., top to bottom): board member **Rich Bishoff** and Development Director **Jim Wilkerson** take a seat in the Bat Mobile; spousal support came from **Sheree Robertson** and **Dave Chenoweth**; our newest board member **Rick Wallace**; Executive Director **Larry Robertson** and board member **Drema Pierson** (accompanied by friend **Bill Chambers**, not pictured); board President **Carol Hartley** mugs for the camera with Jim; Sheree and **Cathryn Harris** (wife of architect **John Harris**, present but not pictured) help a guest find her nametag; and Rich and Jim wave goodbye— "See you all again next year! Same bat-time, same bat-channel!". ❖

# GENERATION CHARLESTON



Thanks to the efforts of Development & Communications Assistant **Jeff Sikorovsky**, HospiceCare welcomed Generation Charleston to our new Main Office Jan. 21 for the group's first monthly Professional Development Series speaker of 2009. **Gregory M. Gray**, Clerk of the WV House of Delegates, discussed Parliamentary Procedure and his decades of experience at the State House. Social Worker/Green Committee Leader **Marrisa Pellerito** and Finance Associate **Mikki Owens** attended the event and helped lead tours for our guests around the Main Office. The meeting was a great opportunity to invite members of the community to our new home and to raise awareness about our programs and services, as well as show off our wonderful new green facility. Not only was the evening a success for Generation Charleston, but it also was a success for HospiceCare. ❖



# Happy Birthdays!

## February

Debbie O'Bryan	...	2
Penny Cole	...	4
Lillian Shaffer	...	4
Linda Ball	...	5
Janet Metz	...	7
Heather Casdorff	...	8
Melissa Morgan	...	8
Cheryl Harper	...	13
Jeff Sikorovsky	...	14
Brian Rumberg	...	16
Debra Montague	...	18
Brenda Fortune	...	19
Eric Starcher	...	24
Edith Kirk	...	25

### Welcome Aboard!!!

#### **Malinda Hayes**

Administrative Secretary/  
Patient Care Assistant  
Main Office

#### **Terry Foster**

Administrative Secretary  
Main Office

#### **Debra Montague, LPN**

Continuous Care  
Main Office

### **Heart Healthy Day**

**9:30 a.m.-2p.m. Feb. 12**

#### **Main Office**

Representatives from the Kanawha County Ambulance Authority will be on-site to provide EKG, glucose, and blood pressure testing.  
Door Prizes!

## ODDS & ENDS



### Pharmacy's donation is in the bag

St. Francis Hospital Pharmacy Director **Nate Kahn** stopped by the Main Office in January and presented Administrative Secretary **Elaine Harrison** with a plain brown paper bag filled with \$624 in cash. No, Nate hadn't just made off with the pharmacy's cash register, he was delivering a most generous donation his staff collected in memory of their former colleague, pharmacy technician **Patty Hoffman**, and **Lula M. Everman**, the grandmother of an employee. Their donation is just another example of the diverse population of people touched by hospice programs and services.

### Surveys offer strong words of praise

*"The care that my husband received from the hospice staff was wonderful. He was so very comfortable with the nurses. Prior to his death (a couple of weeks before) he stated that he felt that HospiceCare was a 'real class act'. Coming from him, that was high praise indeed."*

*"The (Lewisburg) staff of Hospice was very professional and knowledgeable with their services. They provided prompt and compassionate care to my husband. He was very fond of them all and looked forward to their visits. After his death, a home visit from your staff was appreciated. Kind words and understanding suggestions were just what was needed."*

*"It was my Mom who passed away. We only got to use you for a few days-but I don't know what we would have done without you. I should have called a couple of weeks earlier but for some reason I hesitated. My advice to anyone would be call early—I just kept thinking my Mom would get better. I am so thankful my Mom could be home. She was 89 and did not want to leave home. Everyone we came in contact with at Hospice was excellent. We thank you from the bottom of our heart—you guys are truly Angels. God Bless You All."*

*"I appreciated the respect and kindness Hubbard House staff showed with me as well as Mom. If they walked in the room at an awkward time they very quietly stepped out for a moment. The nurses were also wonderful, empathetic listeners. They never acted as if I was 'babbling'. And best of all, when Mom 'passed' suddenly they stayed with her until I got to her side. Thank you and God bless you!" ❖*

# George

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and attending Morris Harvey College on the G.I. Bill.

George served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the 130th Air National Guard. George loved helping people and was a longtime volunteer with HospiceCare.

George was a wonderful singer and loved many types of music. He loved his exercise class at the Hansford Community Center and loved playing pool with his friends, especially Bereavement Director **Mike Dupay**.

George was the owner and operator of Dunnett's of West Virginia, a custom countertop and cabinet company. He was also a former employee of Bradley Plating with 26 years service.

The most important things in George's life were his family and his faith. He was a wonderful and loving husband and father and a Christian. He knew the Lord and the Lord knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy, of 49 years, his daughter, Tracy Anne Dunnett of St. Albans, and his son, Keith Douglas Dunnett, his companion, Tammy Hurd, and her children, Michael, Jamie and Tyler Hurd, all of Mink Shoals.

George is also survived by his sister, Peggy and her husband, Harold Bradley, of Advance, N.C.; his sisters-in-law, Martha "Marty" and her husband, Jim Kemplin, of South Charleston and Myrtle Keeler of St. Albans; and lots of very loved nieces and nephews.

More than a hundred family members and friends attended



*George and his wife, CNA Supervisor **Judy Dunnett**, always enjoyed spending time together at HospiceCare events, whether they were attending a special WomanSong concert at the Clay Center (above), or volunteering to serve chili at a Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off over the summer (at left). Below, George helped with the big move from Dunbar to Charleston in October and November.*

a funeral service for George Feb. 3 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, in St. Albans, with the Rev. Joel Harpold officiating. Burial followed in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Donations in George's name may be made to HospiceCare, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. West, Charleston, WV 25312. Visit [www.chapmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhome.com) to share memories or to express condolences. ❖

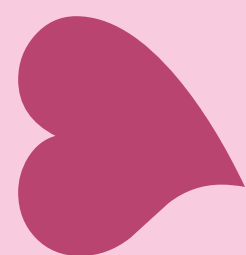
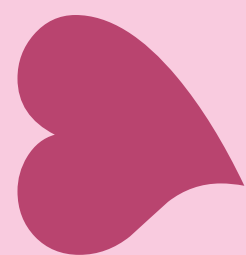



# HUBBARD HOUSE HAPPENINGS



## *Carolers spread holiday cheer throughout HHH*

*The Hubbard Hospice House would like to thank all of the singing groups that came up to the house in December to help spread some holiday cheer through song. Volunteer **Myra Dolan** caught a few shots of the festivities. Included among the groups were: the **Kanawha Kordsmen**; **Dr. J and the Ultrasounds**; **Concordia**; volunteer **Bill Ehman** with his guitar; members of **First Presbyterian Church**; the **Almost Heaven Chorus**; **Randolph Street Baptist Church** members; **St. Agnes Church** carolers; not to mention Santa Clause himself and his Elf from **Wells Fargo Insurance Co.** The house also enjoyed another visit from centenarian **Edith Turnbull**, 106, of Poca, Putnam County's oldest living resident, who enjoys sharing her history with everyone at the house. ❖*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1>February</h1> 						
1	<b>2</b> ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ Orientation Day, 8:30 a.m., Charleston <b>GROUNDHOG'S DAY</b>	<b>3</b> ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	<b>4</b> ♦ IDT Blue Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	5	6	7
8	<b>9</b> ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ CNA meeting, 5:30 p.m., HHH	<b>10</b> ♦ Nurses meeting, 8:40 a.m., Charleston ♦ Heart Healthy Day, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Charleston ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	<b>11</b> ♦ IDT Green Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	12	13	<b>14</b>  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>
15	<b>16</b> ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ CNA meeting, 5:30 p.m., HHH <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>17</b> ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	<b>18</b> ♦ IDT Blue Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ Generation Charleston meeting, 5:30 p.m., Charleston	19	20	21
22	<b>23</b> ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	<b>24</b> ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	<b>25</b> ♦ IDT Green Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	26	27	28