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'By letting it go it all gets done. The world is won by those who let it go. But when you try and try, the world is beyond the winning.'
— Lao Tzu, circa 600 BC

Larry has Super 60th birthday

It was a surprise birthday party that all HospiceCare employees were in on, except one. Executive Director **Larry Robertson** arrived at work the day before his 60th birthday to find his office decorated with black streamers and balloons, a murder of crows, a makeshift putting green and a life-size Superman cutout with his face in place of the Man of Steel's. Employees dressed in black as if they were attending his funeral, and a sign in front of his regular parking spot read "Larry's Old Person Parking — 60 Today." In fact, Sept. 16 was his big day, but he would be on the golf course for a corporate golf outing that day, so everyone decided to celebrate a day early to coincide with the End of Summer Employee Picnic at the Main Office.
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Above, **Bob Duckworth** shows off one of his catches. Below, HospiceCare nurse **Deanna Berry** and social worker **Marissa Pellerito** enjoyed their day with Bob and his brother, **Chuck**.

Brothers enjoy 'reel' good time fishing out by Putnam lake

By **Marisa Pellerito**
Social Worker

WEST Virginia native Robert "Bob" Duckworth, 70, had a wish.

He told his HospiceCare nurse **Deanna Berry** that he would love the chance to go fishing with his brother, **Chuck**, one last time before he dies.

Within a couple weeks — with coordination by HospiceCare staff, Bob's family, Putnam Care and Rehab staff, and

the **Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority** — the big day arrived, Wednesday, Sept. 23.

As the hazy day dawned we all had a feeling that the fish would be biting.

Chuck was in from Atlanta and had gathered all of Bob's fishing gear.

KCEAA's Chaplain **Mike Jarrett**, Capt. **Dave Kieffer** and paramedic

student **Nicholas Little** volunteered their time — along with Mike's
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Hot Dog Luncheon



Insurance Women treat Hubbard House to hot dogs

Ladies from the Charleston Association of Insurance Women volunteered their time, energy, and hot dog cooking skills to provide lunch to patients, families and staff Saturday Sept. 26 at the Hubbard Hospice House. The volunteers were: **Sherry White, Beverly Audorff, Margaret Lozano, Edna Pickens, Barbara Lilze-Lloyd, Suzanne Patterson, June Goff, Susie Burdette, Pam Fisher, and Pam Nasby.** The group also volunteers its time each year at the Love Light Tree display at the Charleston Town Center Mall.



Happy Birthdays!

October

Laura Leslie	...	1
Lynn Maloskey	...	1
Angela Brammer	...	3
Tanya Faulkner	...	5
Sandra Withrow	...	5
Cookie Rothwell	...	9
Lynn Halstead	...	11
Tanya Spade	...	11
James Thayer	...	15
Melinda Linkenauger	...	19
Carolyn Hughes	...	20
Mariam Higginbotham	...	21
Marilyn Williams	...	24
Charlotte Hanshaw	...	26
Dorletta Hairston	...	27
Pat Elswick	...	28
Jonathan Harrison	...	28
Mike Hess	...	28
Cassandra Darnell	...	30
Amy Wade	...	30

Welcome Aboard!!!

Kristen Wehrle, CNA
Hubbard Hospice House

Linda Greenlee, RN
LTC Case Manager

ODDS & ENDS

2009 World Chili Cook-off comes to Charleston

The 2009 World Championship Chili Cook-off will be held Oct. 9-11 at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston. This will be the first time in its 43 year history that the world chili championships will be held east of the Mississippi!

The three-day event will attract more than 400 cooks from all over the world to crown the top chili heads in the Traditional Red Chili, Verde Chili and Salsa categories. The cook-off includes a "Last Chance Chili Cook-off" on Friday for cooks that have yet to qualify for the championships.

The WCCC is produced by the **International Chili Society**, which is the largest food contest-festival organization in the world and currently sanctions more than 200 events annually attracting millions of attendees.

HospiceCare has been selected as one of two charities for the event along with the **MS Society**. We will have a tent on site for the entire weekend to hand out informational materials and have a visual presence at the event. This is a big deal because there will be national media crews on hand from The Today Show and The Food Network, among others.

We are looking for volunteers to represent HospiceCare at our tent and organizers are also looking for volunteers to help the cooks in competition to serve their "People's Choice" chili to those who purchase sample tickets.

Volunteers will be provided a pass into the event and for parking. If you are interested in participating in this year's Championship - please see Jim Wilkerson or Jeff Sikorovsky to sign-up. It will be exciting be a part of such a prestigious competition and also should be a lot of fun!!!



Boy, oh boy!

HospiceCare Nurse **Amanda Joyce, RN** introduced her new baby boy, Tyler, to everyone at the Main Office last month. Born June 19, Tyler is the first child for Amanda and her husband, Tom. The family lives in Hurricane.

Annual Hospice Memorial Service

This year's HospiceCare Memorial Service for families and friends of hospice patients who have died in the past year will be held from 3-5 p.m. Sunday Nov. 1 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 401 Washington Street, W., on Charleston's West Side. Parking and the entrance to the church is to the rear of the building at the intersection of Florida Street and Seventh Avenue. There will be a reception immediately following the service.

Everyone, including staff, is asked to kindly RSVP to Kathy Stout, (304) 768-8523 at the Main Office.

LARRY'S 60TH/END OF SUMMER LUNCH



UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING



Volunteers give HHH living room a face lift

Volunteers from **Commercial Insurance Services**, which provides professional insurance services for HospiceCare employees, performed the tedious and labor-intensive task of stripping wallpaper off the living room walls at the Hubbard Hospice House as part of The United Way's Day of Caring Sept. 16. The volunteers were **Kathryn Simmons**, **Geoff Christian**, **Trip King**, **Kris Tawney**, **Mark Stewart**, **Jason Porter**, and **Wes Daubenspeck**. The living room will be repainted and decorated to be even more cheerful, inviting and relaxing than it had been. ❖

Brothers

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membership to a private sportsman's club in Putnam County — and we headed out for a relaxing and enjoyable day by the lake. Deanna and I also got to enjoy this memorable outing and were on hand in case Bob needed assistance. The fish were indeed biting and Bob was thrilled to catch a couple Bluegills.

Bob and Chuck are both highly decorated Vietnam veterans and career military men. While in Vietnam they were both heavily exposed to the chemical herbicide "Agent Orange," and both developed prostate cancer. Bob's cancer is now terminal.

After serving in Vietnam, Bob worked as Industrial



Chuck and Bob Duckworth

Relations Manager at FMC for 15 years. He later married his wife, **Karen**, in 1984 and soon after moved to Atlanta where he was Public Affairs Director for 3rd Army for 15 years.

Karen says her husband and father of three — **Gary**, **Jimmy** and **Sara** — truly is a "man of strength." He was director of the National Boy Scout Jamboree for many years and always has been very involved in the community, touching many lives.

Those of us on the Long Term Care Team as well as those at the Hubbard Hospice House where Bob spent several months earlier this year, all had the honor and privilege of getting to know this remarkable man and his family. We also thank Bob, Chuck, and all of our veterans for their service to our country! ❖

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