

Angel Awards for 2007 - 2008 April 26th, Ridgeland



This year's Angel Awards were hosted by **Support Services Director Isabel Cordua.**

Isabel's good nature and humor kept spirits high. With the help of Chaplain **Duewayne Tullos**, Isabel gave out the volunteer pins and special awards.



Our very own singing group, the **Troubadours**, entertained the gathering with uplifting songs. Troubadours to the right are: (L to R) **Barbara Thompson, Lisa Womack, Ellen Ford, Ellie Heitmann, Jolly Sahu and Wendy Reddick.**



Another entertainment delight was the enchanting voice of volunteer **Sherry McColgin's** granddaughter **Sarah Thomas Easley.** She performed a beautiful version of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow.* Thank you all for giving of your talents and love.
Entertainer Sarah Thomas Easley



2008 Angel Award winners:
Best Angels in these Roles were:

Juice Cart: Jolly Sahu
In-Patient Support: John Gibson
Home Patient Support: Sam Simmons, Dean Rybdeck, Yanita Rhodes, & Carol Richardson.
Most Versatile: Bob Perry & Colleen Simmons.
Flower Role: Vesta Draper & Lisa Womack.
Administration: Jeanne Till & Mary Clare Hogan.
Versatile Bereavement : Cindy Smith.
Committed Bereavement: Melissa Bolland, Catherine Lowrey & Mary Ann Miller.

If you haven't picked up your award please call Jeri.



Bereavement volunteers **Karen Delatte** and **Linda Young** smiled as volunteer pins were given out.



Volunteers **Dixie Myrick, Nancy Vickery** and **Colleen Simmons**, smiled for the camera waiting for the start of the program.

The highlight of the evening was a big surprise to **Dixie Myrick.** Dixie won the **Volunteer of the Year Award** for her loyalty and support to



Volunteer services. Dixie has worked with patients, inhome and inpatients; the gardeners; watered and maintained the plants throughout the building; assisted Medical Records and worked on special projects all year long. Whenever or whatever was needed, Dixie was there, ready to help. Even if it was weeding a garden in 90° temperature, she was always there with a smile and a kind heart.



Dixie Myrick & Isabel Cordua

Pictured picking up their angels are: **Lisa Womack, Mary Clare Hogan, Jolly Sahu** and **Colleen Simmons.**



Pictured with their awards to the left are: **Karen Delatte, Bob & Jeanette Prescott, Terri Spurrk** with **Dallas & Linda Young.**





Hospice Ministries' 9th Annual Golf Tournament

The 9th Annual Hospice Ministries' Golf Tournament was sponsored by *Cellular South*, the nation's largest privately held wireless carrier. The event took place on Tuesday, April 21 at the *Annandale Golf Club* in Madison.

"Community service has been a priority of Cellular South for over two decades," said **Jim Richmond**, director of *Corporate Communications for Cellular South*. "We target academic, athletic, health, wellness, safety, civic and scholarship programs that improve lives and help communities thrive. We also give special priority to programs and services that improve the quality of life for everyone."

Richmond remarked Hospice Ministries not only provides comfort, dignity, and choice for the patient, but also offers patients and caregivers emotional and spiritual support. "Hospice Ministries is making a difference in the lives of thousands of Mississippi residents and their families,".

Each of the 106 players received a travel bag as a gift for participating in the tournament, along with a small soft sided ice chest. Referral Liaison **Kevin Jones** and volunteer **Tatum Goodman** present **Brad Fowler** from *Southern Beverage* with a travel bag.



Referral Liaison **Karen Denham** and volunteer **Anna Harralson** stand with golfer **Charles McGhee** after filling up his soft chest-sided ice chest.



A continental breakfast was provided to the morning players, and the morning and afternoon players came together to enjoy a hearty lunch.



The putting green, sponsored by *Ross & Yerger*, was a popular place as players warmed up for their round of play.



Kevin Mcgee of *Service Printers* laughs with **Angie Doss** and **Kim Gray** of *Hospice Ministries* when asked about the number of "mulligans" wanted.



Crystal Fuqua and Bob Schroeder of Hospice Ministries kept the cart full.

Beverage carts sponsored by *Blue Cross/Blue Shield* and *Ergon* were kept busy as drinks provided by *Southern Beverage*, water by *Elite*, and snacks were distributed to the players. Beverage stations provided by *BankPlus*, *Foreman, Perry, Watkins, Krutz & Tardy LLP*, and *Regions Bank* were strategically

placed for a refreshing break, if needed, when the beverage cart was not in sight.

Displayed in the foyer of the club house were prizes, which included a 1st place package containing, a *Ruth Chris Steakhouse* \$100 gift certificate, *Mississippi Prison Industries* grill, a cookbook and spices provided by *Luis Bruno*, and wine from *McDade's Wine & Spirit*.



On the course, competition got stiff for the **Closest to the Pin** and **Longest Drive** prizes. Closest to the Pin winner received a *Cellular South HTC Touch phone* and one year contract. Longest drive winner received a \$100 gift certificate from *Edwin Watts* provided by *Home Instead*, Golf shoes provided by *Annandale* and a SkyCaddie SG5 GPS Rangefinder provided by *Hospice Ministries*.

Unfortunately the beautiful new Cadillac provided by *Barksdale Cadillac* as the hole in one prize went unclaimed this year, but several golfers came close and think next year that Cadillac may find a home.

Hole sponsors for the tournament included **Broadway Linen, Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, First Commercial Bank, Jackson Oncology Associates PLLC, Pileum Corporation, Protel** and **Stan's Pest Control**.

Rounding out the day was an Awards Reception featuring a delicious meal provided by famous chef **Luis Bruno**.



Golfers lined up to receive their dinner with great anticipation. Serving up the delicious meal were Executive Director **Belinda Patterson**, Volunteer **Robbie Carmichael**, Director of Support Services **Isabel Cordua** and Referral Liaison **Karen Denham**.



Staff and volunteers had the treat of working along side **Chef Luis Bruno**. At the right Customer Service Coordinator **Kim Gray** proudly poses with **Chef Luis**



Bruno, while Dietary Coordinator **Crystal Fuqua** and Referral Liaison **Kevin Jones** grill vegetables for the dinner. Staff agreed it was an honor to work along side the great chef and learn a few tips

along the way.

Excitement filled the room as golfers placed their names in the basket for door prizes. The door prizes were provided by **P. F. Chang's, Renaissance at Colony Park, MS Prison Industries**, and **Shapley's**.



Darron Byrd (left) and **Martin Quick** (right) were winners of some of the door prizes.



Tournament Awards



We were very grateful to **John Nordan** from **Celluar South** for being the MC for the awards program. He was a wonderful MC and hope he will join us again.



Barry Hassell was the *closest to the pin* winner and **Robert Walker** claimed *longest drive* honors



John Nordan from Celluar South presents prize to Barry Hassell



Robert Walker receiving his prize for Longest Drive.



Baptist Health Systems placed first in the tournament. Their team members included **Wayne Walters, Shane Humphries, Jack Muirhead** and **Glen Burns**.

Accepting the 1st place team trophy for **Baptist Health Systems** was **Wayne Walters** with **Isabel Cordua** and **Belinda Patterson** of Hospice Ministries.

The Second place team was made up of **Kevin Hann, Barry Hassle, Barton Lampton** and **Paul Loyacano**. Each player received a \$75 gift certificate from **AJ's on the Lake**, a \$25 gift certificate from **Biaggi's**, Vodka from **Mike's Liquor** and Bloody Mary mix from **Joe T's**.

Third place honors went to **Service Printers'** team members **Derrl Palmer, Duke Simmons, Kevin McGee** and **Donny Holman**. Each player received a \$50 gift certificate from **Tico's**, a \$25 gift certificate from **Steam Room Grille**, a complimentary appetizer from **P. F. Chang's**, and wine from **Mike's Liquor**.



Duke Simmon, Kevin McGee & fellow member receiving prize.

Next year's tournament is slated for **Tuesday, April 20** at Annandale, and reservations are already being accepted for sponsor and player spots. Anyone interested in participating should mark their calendars now and contact **Janie Asher Reynolds** at **Hospice Ministries** at **601-898-1053**, Extension **207** for information.



Gospel Fest 2009

The 3rd Annual Gospel Benefit

Program for Hospice Ministries was held on Sunday March 8th, 2009 at *Hill of Zion M.B. Church*.

Once again Hospice Volunteer **Kim Moore** pulled together an outstanding Festival. The artistic groups, accompanied by guitar and drums performed toe tapping and hand clapping music. Sitting still in one's pew was impossible.



Brownsville Male Choir with band accompaniment.

Richard Brogan,



Chaplain at *Hospice Ministries*, gave the scripture reading and prayer.

Participants were; *Brownsville Male Choir, Angelic of Hill of Zion M.B. Church, Mt. Olive Community Choir, Conquerors For Christ Greater Antioch Baptist Church, T.R.I.P; The Righteously Inspired*

Chaplain, Richard Brogan

Praisers of Mt. Elizabeth Baptist Church, and Westhaven Funeral Home Choir from Jackson.

Marketing & Referral Liaison **Kevin Jones** expressed how grateful Hospice Ministries is for this event. He emphasized Hospice Ministries commitment to the community.



An inspiring mime ministry from *Conquerors For Christ of Greater Antioch Baptist Church* gave a very entertaining mime of "Let It Rain".



Young ladies from the *Righteously Inspired Praisers of Mt. Elizabeth M.B. Church* demonstrated an interpretive dance number.

The final performances by the *Westhaven Funeral Home Choir of Jackson* was the Festival's crowning glory.



start of the festival.

Hospice Volunteer **Barbara Thompson** and her helper **Cidarius Jacobs** gave out programs before the



Barbara Thompson with Cidarius Jacobs from Hill of Zion



Festival guests were moved by the toe tapping and hand clapping music that was the norm of the evening.



Kim Moore, Festival Organizer, thanks everyone for making the Festival so successful, and hopes that you will join us next year.

Kim Moore Festival Organizer, Cidarius Jacobs, helper, Kevin Jones Hospice Ministries' representative, and Hospice Ministries' volunteer Barbara Thompson.

Volunteer springtime happenings for Ridgeland



St Patrick's Day

Volunteers gathered in March to make Happy St Patty's Day Bags for our patients to brighten up their day. (L to R); Patrick Butler, Kathy Hilton, Gloria Butler, Debra Collins, Bob Perry, Carol Richardson and Savannah Thorpe.

Volunteers' Susie Cook and Colleen Simmons got into the spirit of the day when they gave out the bags in all the suites.



Thank You

This spring several groups and individuals have given their talents to Hospice Ministries.

Kathy Maze

Kathy Maze from **Madison**

Central's Middle School 6th Grade Beta Club is seen holding up a special "Thank You Award" for the club's help during the year. **Students from Old Towne Middle School of Ridgeland** also helped by sending us handmade placemats for our in-patients.



Laney Phillips from **North West Rankin H.S.** created these cozy fleece lap blankets for our patients as her senior school project.

He will be Missed...

Volunteer **Ronald Green** died on Saturday May 9th, 2009 while visiting relatives in Portland.

Thank you, Ronnie, for your sweet voice, kind heart, understanding nature and gentle ways, not to mention your fantastic cookies which would melt one's heart with just one bite.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Virginia and family.

We'll miss you Ronnie...



Easter in Ridgeland



Our Easter Bunnies included: (L to R) Patrick Butler, Charles Dear, Kathleen Nutt, Gloria Butler, Bob Perry, Karen Delatte, Morgan Dixon, Ronald Green, Vangie Hughes,

Aaron Akers, Martha Jones, Colleen Simmons and Jolly Sahu in front. Not pictured are Denise Nicodemus and Kathy Hilton. It was hard work putting everything together to make the Easter baskets. In the photo to the right Denise wipes her head as Karen, Colleen, Martha & Kathleen put in the eggs.



Volunteers Susie Cook and Jolly Sahu delivered the baskets to our inpatients, and nurses delivered the baskets to inhome patients.

Up Coming Summer Events in Ridgeland

VOLUNTEER PARTY & POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday July 26th

4:30 -6:00 - Day Room

A Get-Together for fun
Summer Quarterly Meeting

RSVP 898-1053, 258

Hospice Ministries' 2009 Memorial Service

April 08 - March 09

Sunday June 28th
2:00 p.m.

Chapel
Hospice Ministries.

The Volunteers of Brookhaven

Bring In the Clowns...

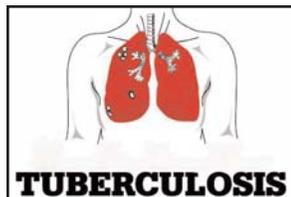


don't
bother
they're
here.

(L to R): Lawrence Co. Activity Director Sarah White, Mary Ann McMahon, Patrick McMahon, & Sherry Britt, R.N.

On March 12th, Hospice Ministries had the pleasure of providing entertainment for the residents of *Lawrence Co. Nursing Home* during their activity time. Volunteers *Elroy and Susie Too*, (Patrick and Mary Ann McMahon) provided an hour of fun, laughter, and literally clowning around for the residents.

Sherry and Susie Too (pictured to the right), participated in a skit that was enjoyed by residents and staff of *Lawrence Co. Nursing Home*.



Volunteers' Annual Screening

Thank you to everyone who gathered on the morning of April 7th for our annual screenings. If you missed coming for the screenings, please contact Iris about setting up a time as soon as possible to have your screening done.

Easter Baskets 2009



A great group of volunteers helped with Easter baskets this year. I received a note from one of our families that read, "It was so thoughtful of you to fill it with useful items as well as some goodies. We enjoyed going through it to see what was all in it." Pictured below are our Easter helpers: **Faye Watts, Garland Fort, Annie Tillman, Travis Tadlock, Joyce Hughes, Mary Clark, Peggy Castilaw, Diane Herring, Faye Tarver, Marie Gray, M.J. McGee, Robert Berry and Billy Hughes.** Thanks for all your hard work.



Brookhaven volunteers busy adding all the goodies for the Easter baskets to give to our patients.



Thank You Volunteers

Many of you, and you know who you are, go above and beyond in assisting patients and their families during this difficult time. I cannot tell you enough how you are the only way that our ministry not only survives, but thrives in this community.

Iris



A New Influenza Virus

Novel influenza A (H1N1) is a new flu virus of swine origin that was first detected in April, 2009. The virus is infecting people and is spreading from person-to-person, sparking a growing outbreak of illness in the United States. An increasing number of cases are being reported internationally as well.

It's thought that novel influenza A (H1N1) flu spreads in the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread; mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus.

It's uncertain at this time how severe this novel H1N1 outbreak will be in terms of illness and death compared with other influenza viruses. Because this is a new virus, most people will not have immunity to it, and illness may be more severe and widespread as a result. In addition, currently there is no vaccine to protect against this novel H1N1 virus. CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalization and more deaths associated with this new virus in the coming days and weeks.

Symptoms

This novel H1N1 flu virus is causing illness in infected persons in the United States and countries around the world. CDC expects that illnesses may continue for some time. As a result, you or people around you may become ill. If so, you need to recognize the symptoms and know what to do.



The symptoms of this new H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include: **fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.**

A significant number of people who have been infected with this new H1N1 virus also have reported **diarrhea and vomiting.** The high risk groups for novel H1N1 flu are not known at this time but it's possible that they may be the same as for seasonal influenza.

Avoid Contact With Others

If you are sick, you may be ill for a week or longer. You should stay home and avoid contact with other persons, except to seek medical care. If you leave the house to seek medical care, wear a mask or cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. In general you should avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness. At the current time, CDC believes that this virus has the same properties in terms of spread as seasonal flu viruses. *With seasonal flu, studies have shown that people may be contagious from one day before they develop symptoms to up to 7 days after they get sick.* Children, especially younger children, might potentially be contagious for longer periods.

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy



Stay informed. This website will be updated regularly as information becomes available.

Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

Take everyday actions to stay healthy.

- o **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue** when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- o **Wash your hands often with soap and water**, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- o **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs spread that way.
- o **Stay home if you get sick.** CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

Find healthy ways to deal with stress and anxiety.

Call **1-800-CDC-INFO** for more information.
<http://www.cdc.gov>

A Moment of Silence

Tea Time With God,

Honor Books, 1998

A man named Alex was having some major difficulties in his life. His first inclination was to call his good friend, Peter. He poured out his heart and shared his pain with a person he knew he could trust.

What did Peter say while Alex unburdened himself? Almost nothing. He knew he couldn't wave a magic wand and solve Alex's problems. For Alex, spending a short time with a friend who simply listened was all the therapy he needed.

When Alex ran out of words, Peter's silence helped him to find a silence of his own-- and some of the peace and quiet and stillness he so desperately needed.

The American philosopher Eugene Kennedy has said: *"We can master the art of being quiet in order to be able to hear clearly what others are saying... to cut off the garbled static of our own preoccupations to give to people who want our quiet attention."*

Thoughtful silence can help us find solutions, or it can simply remind us that sometimes words are not sufficient. The simple love of God is always sufficient.

The God of peace be with you all.



450 Towne Center Boulevard
Ridgeland, MS 39157

*Life is a gift
given to share with others
but for a brief moment.
Through sharing this gift,
we learn about the process of dying.
We learn what is most important in life.
Our conversations take on new meaning.
Our body, mind and soul
bond in companionship.
And the process of living and dying
touches us and those around us, forever.*

*At Hospice Ministries we believe that every human being has the right to a quality end-of-life experience.
For each person, no matter the time left, **Life Matters**SM*