

# Volunteer Matters

HOSPICE MINISTRIES, INC.

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Winter 2008



## A fantastic 'Cookie Exchange' for 2007

We may have only a brief show of "snow" this winter, but our hearts were full of sunshine for the *Cookie Exchange* in December. A **BIG Thank you** goes out to all who participated.

Once again Chairman of the Cookie Exchange, **Linda Chase**, pulled together a fantastic event with over 200



Ella & Larry Weston as Mr. & Mrs. Claus

dozen cookies and plenty of volunteer support. We had a wonderful time filling up the boxes with goodies, and a good laugh with Mr. & Mrs. Claus (**Larry & Ella Weston**). This event is truly one of the favorites with the volunteers and the patients. I hope you will be able to join us next December.

Aaron Acker and Linda Chase Chairman, stayed to help with the clean up and return Hospice Ministries' dining room back to normal.



L to R: Kathy Hilton, Colleen Halloway, Kay Driskill, Brenda Wheatstone, Julie Cockayne, Ella Weston, Nancy Batson, Mary Jones, Cathy Vernon, Iva Shelton, Linda Chase, Patrick Butler, Gloria Butler, Aaron Acker, Nellie Mitchell, Denise Nicodemus, Cheryl Mitchell and seated in front, Woodrow Jones and Larry Weston.



Laughing while they stuffed cookies, brownies and other goodies into our decorative boxes were (L to R) Brenda Wheatstone, Julie Cockayne, Kathy Hilton and Nancy Batson.

## Holiday Singers and donations at Ridgeland Hospice Ministries.



### Caroling at Hospice Ministries

Ladies from the **WMU Roundtable** group from **First Baptist Church of Madison**, came by one afternoon to sing to us and our patients during the Christmas season. They brought and delivered Christmas cups filled with candy to our patients and delighted us with their beautiful voices.

Left to right) Sarah Wilson, Mary McLaurin, Pauline Spencer, Mary Henderson, Louise Polk, Mary Buckner, Teresa Dickens (back), Cathy Phillips (front), Barbara Burden, Bonava Shelby (back), Rea Guthrie (front), Sue Smithhart, Cissa Richardson (back), Jeanette Prescott (front), Elizabeth Young, Hilda Westbrook, and Bette Flowers.

**David Jacobs of Jarix Plant Farm** donated beautiful red poinsettias to our patients in the inpatient facility. **Bob Jones, from Christ United Methodist Church** also brought donated yellow poinsettias to line the halls of Hospice Ministries.



Students from **Ridgeland High School** dropped by during the Holidays to sing carols to our patients and staff.



Front row (r to l): Cassie Winship, Casey Wilkinson, Noelle Avenmarg. 2nd row: Carly Jo Winship, Rebecca Kim, Kelsey Givan, Becca MacNeill, Ramsay MacNeill Back row: Craig Winship, Robert Jackson, Jardy Simmons, Alan Marett, Franklin Simmons



## Ridgeland Winter Happenings

Taking down the Christmas decorations is usually not as much fun as putting them up, but this fun loving group of volunteers in Ridgeland had a fine time dismantling all three of our Christmas trees. This was the first year volunteers have taken on this responsibility and we deeply appreciate their organizational skills in storing the decorations for next year. Taking down Hospice Ministries' Christmas decorations were volunteers, **Marilyn Collins, Nancy Batson, Barbara Laign, Kathy Hilton, LeAnne Neely, Rene and Betsy Bodin. Thanks Guys!**



### The Rule of King Richard...



The Ridgeland Staff celebrated the 70th birthday of our *Chaplain, and Faith in Action Coordinator*, **Brother Richard Brogan** one Friday afternoon in January. Surrounded by friends and staff members, **King Richard** had a royal time where he decreed that, *"All must enjoy the day, ... Meeting? ... What Meeting?"*

### Volunteer Training at Ridgeland in February

February's training class was full of motivated trainees ready to work with



the Ridgeland volunteer team. Professional and laymen alike, this wonderful group of trainees are an excellent and needed addition to our volunteer team. Whether their interest lies with working directly with patients or administratively, they are very welcomed.



Longtime volunteer **Charlotte Robinson**, dropped by during our Saturday afternoon class to discuss her volunteer job and adventures while volunteering with Hospice. Her "impromptu talk" was so popular with the class, that I have asked her to give a repeat performance at our next training class on April 26th. Other wonderful speakers were **In-Home RN, Sandi Phillips; S.W., Donna Evans; Chaplain Nash Nobel;** and our wonderful volunteer panel, **Hobson McGehee, Jeanette & Bob Prescott, James Chapman, and Bill Kopp.** We would like to give a very special **thank you** to our volunteer nurses, **Betty Simpson and Bonnie Zimmerer** for helping with our health assessments & TB test.

### Come to the Mardi-Gras...

Once again Facility Coordinator, **Bob Schroeder** and Dietary Coordinator, **Crystal Fuqua** brought a little of *New Orleans* to Ridgeland for **Fat Tuesday**.



Donating their time, money, and talents they created the wonderful New Orleans styled **Beignets** and **Cafe-au-Lait** for the staff and visitors at the Ridgeland office, lifting everyone's spirits in *New Orleans style*.

Crystal is seen here creating the fluffy beignets given out for free to everyone celebrating the New Orleans' holiday



while nurses and Hospice staff are seen enjoying the fruits of Bob's & Crystals labors.



### Pearl High School's Robotics Club give of their hearts...

We would like to thank the very gifted students from **Pearl High School's** Physics' club **The Robotics** for collecting, creating and stuffing our Valentine Goodie Bags to be given to our patients for Valentines' Day. We were very impressed by their creative creations.



**Jubilee Mennonite Church Junior Group** from Lawrence, MS donated these colorful hand made Christmas cards to our patients in the inpatient facility for the holidays. Thank You for thinking of our patients during this holiday season.



## It's just impossible... to say Goodbye ... to June

It was with great sorrow that we have to say "good bye" to Hospice's Master gardener **June Stevens**. June and her husband, Dr. Tom Stevens, were instrumental in the formation of Hospice Ministries and our gardens. June, a Master Gardener, led Hospice's gardeners at *Whispering Pines* and was the driving force in the design of our beautiful and peaceful court yards that Hospice Ministries is now known for. She has stated she will still be available for consulting, but we will miss her creative eye and perennial source of energy.



Executive Director Belinda Patterson at the left, is seen here giving June a "heart felt" letter of appreciation from all of us at Hospice Ministries, and in the photo to the right June is showing off a gift from the Board of Hospice Ministries to her sister and fellow gardener, Rebecca Allen and gardening friend, Bob Jones.



In the group photo to the right, our regular gardeners are enjoying a special lunch during June's party. (L to R) **Bethan Read, Rebecca Allen, June Stevens, Jo Jones, and Bob Jones**.



Our feeble endeavors to say thank you to this wonderful group of dedicated gardeners seems so inadequate, for they have done much by giving of their hearts to our patient and families the gift of a beautiful and peaceful place to spend their last days. All we can say with a deep felt appreciation ...Thank you for all that you do and all of your very hard work in the gardens.

### *8th Annual Regions Bank /Morgan Keegan Trust Hospice Ministries Golf Tournament is set for April 22nd, 2008*



This popular tournament began in 2000 at the **Annandale Golf Club**.

Continuing in the tournament's popular tradition, this year's tournament at Annandale is honored to have **Regions Bank** and **Morgan Keegan Trust** as our title sponsors. To date our key sponsors for this highly regarded tournament at Annandale include **Baptist Health Systems, Blue Cross Blue Shield, AT&T and Wise Carter Child & Company and Ergon**.

Taking top honors in last year's tournament was the **Madison Heart Clinic** team made up of **Dr. Gene Hutcheson, David Sinclair, Adam Hand, and Wayne Whitley**. Each received a reservation to participate in a "Bushy Tail Down" Redneck Adventures Squirrel Hunt at Vidalia Landing River Park in Natchez.

The competition gets tougher every year as the tournament day goes on. Between the hot sun's rays and the beverage cart, teams start to feel the pressure of winning. But after all the rounds are over, everyone enjoys a delicious dinner at the club house while awards are given.

Please join us for this popular and competitive golf tournament benefiting Hospice Ministries on **April 22nd, 2008 at the Annandale Golf Club**.

For information on the tournament, just call **601-898-1053, ext. 207** to receive information about the tournament or sponsorship. Check our website at [www.hospiceministries.org](http://www.hospiceministries.org) under *Up-Coming Events*.

# 2008 McClean Fletcher's Gala

Although the weather was gloomy it did not dampen the spirits of our **2008 Heart Strings Gala**. Once again the McClean Center Gala was an evening of festive fund-raising with over **\$85,000** raised to benefit the Children's Grief Center. Only with the help of many dedicated and loyal volunteers could an event like this occur. The 2008 Gala was



Bob & Beth Lloyd

The house was magnificent and Beth did a beautiful job with the flowers and greenery arrangements around the home.



Registration during the Gala at the entrance to the Lloyd home.

held in the lovely home of **Beth and Bob Lloyd** in the Jackson Country Club.



Mary Traquinio, Jennifer Goodwin and Lisa Ratzlaff of the McClean Center at the registration table.



Silent Auction Room before the bidding started.



This year the silent auction was a huge success. The **Friends of the McClean Center** spent weeks enlisting donations for the auction from area businesses and individuals. A week stay in a cabin in Maine, hotel rooms, spa packages, *Gail Pittman* place settings, *Mississippi Opera* season tickets, dinners in the home prepared by local chefs, along with wonderful jewelry are just a sample of the items in the silent auction. **Maggie Pooley** was Chairperson for the **Art Committee** and with the help of **Grace Buchanan** and **Scottie Russ** our art auction was the largest ever with 52 selections.



Once again this year, **Robbie Carmichael**, along with **Rosemary Clark, Kathleen Terry** and **Wendy Putt** prepared a delicious cocktail buffet. Thanks to **Jana Smith, Janice Guckert** and **Helen Carmichael** for helping in the kitchen the night of the Gala.



Each event gets bigger and better and helps the McClean Center to provide grief support services free of charge to the children and adolescents of Mississippi. The monies raised from this year's Gala will assist in the reconstruction process that will begin in March with the help of **Harrell Contracting Group**. We hope to have our new building complete by August and be able to start our next school year off in the new building. Again, many thanks to one and all for your support of The McClean Center! Volunteers are what make the Gala so spectacular each year.

## Some attendees of the Gala...



Kathy Woodliff, Advisory Board Member, and Dr. Dan Woodliff with our Hostess Beth Lloyd.

Sandy Norton, George Williams and Ginny Williams, Advisory Board Member.



Advisory Board President, Mary Anne Lefoldt, Lisa Ratzlaff, Hospice Ministries, Rhoda & Eddie Maloney.

Some of McClean's family; Charles, Johnny Fletcher, Whitney Quicik and Helen Fletcher.



Chris Savell, Tammy Savell, Cynthia Parker, and Hugh Parker.



Jean Hines, Lindsay Dehmer and artisan Gail Pittman.



Roy & Susan Hathcock.



## Volunteers come to the aid of family in need.



There are many ways in which people can volunteer. **Brother Richard Brogan** shows us one of the ways to help others in need by just using our own contacts and daily skills.

Hospice Ministries' Social Worker, **Wendy Reddick** made a request of **Brother Richard Brogan**, chaplain and coordinator of the *Faith in Action Program*, about a need of one of our families for a ramp to be built to their home. Brother Brogan discussed the problem with a fellow Church member about the project and soon **Al Sheffield** contacted contractor **Karl Viresen** from Edwards, MS to complete the project. The picture above is the finished project.

If you would like to be a contact Mentor with your church to help out with special projects for families, just give us a call at Volunteer Services and we'll set up a Mentorship program with you.

### *Benefit Concert for Hospice Ministries*

In June of last year, **Kim Moore** put together a benefit concert supporting Hospice Ministries. This concert was a wonderful act that was given for Hospice Ministries because of the support given to the Bolton community. Due to the great response from this concert, **Kim Moore** agreed to sponsor another one. The Benefit Concert for Hospice Ministries was held on **March 2nd** at the **Hill of Zion M.B. Church in Bolton, MS**. This program was surely a labor of love that gave the opportunity for different choirs and churches to sing and praise the outstanding service Hospice Ministries offers to the community.



Kevin Jones, Kim Moore and Richard Brogan



**Susie Cater, Mount Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church**, was the Mistress of Ceremony for the 2nd Annual Hospice Ministries

Benefit Concert. To the left, **Pamela Graves** gave a heart felt introduction of the Keynote speakers for the concert



Brother Richard Brogan

Our wonderful staff, **Chaplain Richard Brogan** and **Donna Evans**, Social Worker shared with the congregation what hospice can do to help families and how they can build a strong support system for those in their community that are terminally ill.

They also informed the congregation about all the services of Hospice Ministries, Inc. and The McClean Fletcher Center.

#### *The Youth Choir of Hill of Zion Missionary Baptist Church*

opened the program with the song, "I Pray for You".



Youth Choir, Hill of Zion M.B. Church



Several local Churches and choirs participated in the program:

Hill of Zion M.B. Church, Mt. Olive M.B. Church, Society Ridge M.B. Church, Brownsville M.B. Church, Mt. Elizabeth M.B. Church, First Church of Deliverance and Westhaven Funeral Home Choir.



Male Choir of Brownsville M.B. lifts up their voices singing "I Recommend Jesus".

Kim Moore is so passionate about the services of Hospice Ministries, that she is in the process of planning for next year's concert. I hope you will be able to join us for the next Benefit Concert.



Wednesday, December 5 added another wonderful chapter to the Hospice Ministries' Book of Great Happenings with the opening of our McComb office at 1405 Aston Avenue. The Mayor of McComb, Zach Patterson and over 100 other community members joined Executive Dir. Belinda Patterson and local director Suzannah Britt, RN, to officially cut the ribbon, opening the office doors.

Donations of furniture and labor from local businesses have helped the new office open. Referral Liaison, Tina Brumfield, said that Lott Furniture owner, Alan Smith and his family donated more than \$6,000 worth of foyer and conference room furniture, rugs and lamps. Trendway, a national office furnishings company donated 6 desk chairs and local carpenter Joe Blailock gave his services to renovate the space.

"It's a worthwhile cause," said Alan Smith, owner of Lott Furniture. "My grandmother passed away at hospice years ago in Jackson, and I recognize and appreciate their work. It's not something I dwelled on, but I know it takes a special type of person to work with that kind of patient and I admire the people who do that."

## McComb's Hospice Ministries' Grand Opening

McComb's Medical Director is Dr. Robert Middleton, who is triple boarded in Pulmonology, Critical Care Medicine and Internal Medicine. He has been an integral part of the success of the McComb office. A true believer in Hospice and particularly Hospice Ministries, Dr. Middleton has been an active voice for the program. His father and father-in-law were both hospice patients in other states.

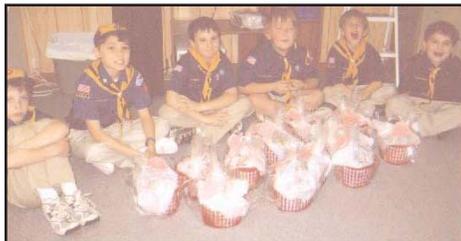
McComb office's new Medical Director, Dr. Robert Middleton (left) with Tina Brumfield, Referral Liaison with



McComb office; Mayor of McComb, Zach Patterson; Belinda Patterson, Executive Director of Hospice Ministries; and Suzannah Britt, Patient Care Coordinator of Brookhaven all stand for a picture.

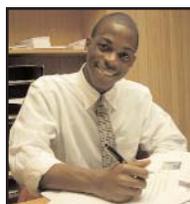
Since the December opening, the community is learning more about Hospice Ministries and its message of hope and quality of life. Please call 601.249.3852 for more information or if you would like someone to speak to your organization or group.

**McComb's first Volunteer Training** for Hospice Ministries will be held on **April 22nd**. Call Iris in Brookhaven at **601- 835-1063 or 1-800-210-7775**.



Wolf Scouts Troop 168 made Valentine baskets for the patients of Hospice Ministries in the Natchez area. Scouts are from L to R: Jack Hossford, Bailey Wesselman, Mark McGraw, Zachary Dick, Trevor Sours and Max Bartha. Not pictured are the Den Leaders; Den Leader, Barbara Jager-Sours, Asst. Leaders: Erica Dick and Christine Bartha

We would like to welcome **Barbara Jager-Sours** as the new **Volunteer Coordinator** for the Natchez office. She will be handling administrative duties along with assigning volunteers to help with patients' needs.



We would also like to welcome **Timothy Quinn** to our Volunteer staff. Timothy comes to us from the Memphis area. He is looking forward to working with patients and their families in the Natchez area.

**Next Training** class will be **April 5th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** call 601-446-8000 for more information.

### Party Down with the Brookhaven office

By Iris Waldrop

If you have ever been told that the staff of Hospice Ministries does not know how to have fun, you tell them they are wrong! Our staff Christmas party was a blast and the "Dirty Santa" game got really SERIOUS for some of our staff.

Jane and Mr. Joe fight over a gift we all wanted.

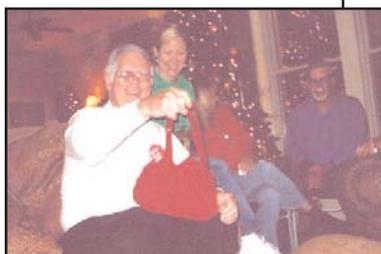


Host and Hostess for our Christmas party were Anthony and Suzannah Britt.

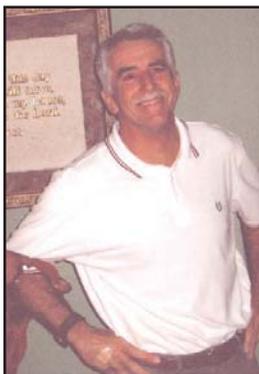
Pictured are Glenda Cameron SW, Kathy Sutton RN and Angie McKenzie RN enjoying the delicious food.



Fannie Williams and Pat Banks, both RN's and Chaplain Charles Guy got their share of the food.



Brother Guy seems very happy with his red purse, however he did not get to keep it because Mr. Joe (at right) wanted it more.



We asked for soup in February and you responded. We had soup in jars, soup in bags, soup in bowls, and soup in cars. Yes, we had a little spill but thank you, thank you, thank you. We were able to provide soup and cornbread to patients in Brookhaven, Natchez and McComb. They Loved It!

We also provided beautiful, homemade cakes to our referral sources on the area on Valentines Day. You are an incredible group; not only did you bring or send, but volunteered to bring more if needed. It doesn't get any better than that. Our Volunteers hours are on the increase thanks to you efforts. I cannot begin to tell you the difference you are making in the lives of our patients. I am blessed to hear from families that you minister to in so many ways.

### Up-coming Events

#### March

**March 3rd-17th:** Please be reminded that we will start accepting items to be donated for the Easter Baskets. Please bring items by office.

**March 17:** Quarterly meeting - 10:00am. After the meeting we will be making the Easter Baskets then have lunch together. Lunch will be provided. Please call Iris for more information.

#### April

**April 9th** - Annual TB Skin test and file update for all records. Required by all so please plan to be at the office by 9:30 a.m. If you can not come please call Iris to reschedule.

**April 29th** - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Please make plans to join us at 11:30 a.m. for the luncheon honoring our volunteers.

#### May

**May 2nd**- Annual Relay for Life. Watch our website for more details.



### Forest's Hospice News



Office Manager Chanelle McBeath and Volunteer Coordinator, Kay Dryskill have been busy in February sending out information on the **Volunteer Training Course** for the Forest office set for **March 14th**, from **8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in attending should call **601-469-2141** to register.

# Volunteer Services Up-Coming Events

## March Up-Coming Events

### Forest:

**March 14th:** *Volunteer Training* 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Call 601-469-2141 for more information.

### Ridgeland:

**Saturday - March 15th:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*Easter Baskets Creations*  
Chocolate Bunnies and Easter goodies are needed to stuff baskets for patients and their families and volunteers to help create baskets. Call 601-898-1053, ext. 258

**Monday - March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day  
Be sure to wear your green!

### Brookhaven:

**March 17:** *Quarterly meeting* - 10:00am. After meeting we will be making the Easter Baskets then have lunch together. Lunch will be provided.  
Please call 601-835-1020, Iris for more information.

### Natchez:

**March 19th:** *Easter Basket creations*- 1:00 p.m.  
Volunteers are needed to help create Easter treats and stuff baskets.  
Call 601-446-8000 for more information

## April Up-Coming Events

### Natchez:

**Saturday - April 5th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
*Volunteer training* in Natchez  
Class starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs till 5:00 p.m.  
Call 601-446-8000 for more information

**April 30th, 12:30 p.m.**  
*Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon*, Natchez Office

### Brookhaven:

**Wednesday, April 9th 9:30** , Brookhaven Office  
*Mandatory Annual TB Skin Test* and file update.

**April Tuesday, April 29th - 11:30 a.m.**  
*Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.*  
Brookhaven Office



### Ridgeland:

**April 12th -10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
*Volunteer In-Service- Making Memory Books*  
with professional scrapbooker, **Jackie Kuriger.**  
Registration required, call 601-898-1053, ext. 258

**Tuesday- April 22nd. Hospice Ministries Golf Tournament.** If you are interested in participating please call , 898-1053, ext. 207.

### Saturday - April 26th & 27th

*Volunteer Training for Ridgeland*  
Class starts at 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday then continues on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Call for more information, 601-898-1053, ext. 258

### Forest:

**April 29th, 12:00 p.m.**  
*Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon*, Forest Office

## May Up-Coming Events

### Ridgeland:

**May 1st, Thursday ,**  
*Volunteer Awards Party*  
6:00 p.m. *Dayroom*  
Ridgeland

### Brookhaven:

**May 2nd, Friday- Annual Relay for Life**  
for Lincoln County.  
Call 601-835-1020 if you are interested in attending.



*Please join us for  
Hospice Ministries'  
2007 Volunteer Awards Gala  
on May 1st, 2008  
at 450 Towne Center Blvd. in the Chapel  
with a reception following in the Dayroom.  
Call 898-1053, ext. 258 for more information*

## *A healthier Hospice Volunteer Taking care of Self...Inservice*

Hospice Ministries has partnered with The American Heart Association in promoting healthy activities for our employees and volunteers. We are inviting you to join the *Start* campaign and begin creating a new healthier you.

### *Start moving!*

*Come join our team ... Just start walking...*

#### Why Walking?

Walking has the lowest dropout rate of any physical activity, and is the simplest positive change you can make to effectively improve your heart health.

Research has shown that the benefits of walking and moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week or every day can help you:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease
- Improve blood pressure and blood sugar levels
- Improve blood lipid profile
- Maintain body weight and lower the risk of obesity
- Enhance mental well being
- Reduce the risk of osteoporosis
- Reduce the risk of breast and colon cancer
- Reduce the risk of non insulin dependent (type 2 ) diabetes

#### *Exercise:*

### *A Healthy Prescription for Many with Cancer*

(Baptist HealthSource/Winter 2008)

Exercise is good medicine for the body and mind, even for people with cancer. Aerobic activity can help in many ways:

- Relieve pain
- Reduce fatigue and have more energy
- Keep muscles strong
- Ease an upset stomach and diarrhea
- Gain a sense of control over their life
- Prevent weight gain
- Improve their appetite
- Reduce anger and tension
- Ease anxiety and depression
- Improve self-esteem and confidence
- Enhance well-being and quality of life



**Walking is good medicine for your heart. In fact it's great medicine. Did you know that for every hour of regular, vigorous exercises we do, like brisk walking, we can live two hours longer?**

By participating in Start! you are taking the first step toward a healthier lifestyle, in and out of the workplace. And with our tools, tips and resources below, eating right and living well have never been so easy.



Check out the American Heart Association's website [www. americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) for more information on the Start program.

“Still, exercise may not be right for everyone with cancer,” cautions **Gerry Ann Houston, M.D., Medical Director of Hospice Ministries and Baptist ‘s Breast Health Center.** “So check with your doctor first. Ask your doctor how much exercise and what kinds of activities are right for you.” Your doctor may suggest exercising for 20 to 30 minutes, three to five times a week. Moderately intense workouts , such as walking , biking, or swimming, are your best bets.

In China, walking and biking are common ways of commute. A recent study suggests that the Chinese may have the right idea. Women and men who rode their bikes or walked to work had half the risk for colon cancer, compared with people who took another type of transportation.

*\*From Skagit Hospice, LLC*

To let go is to fear less and love more.  
To let go is not to regret the past, but to grow and live for the future.  
To let go is not to criticize or regulate anybody, but to try to become what I dream I can be.  
To let go is not to expect miracles, but to take each day as it comes and cherish myself in it.  
To let go is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.  
To let go is not to fix, but to be supportive.  
To let go is not to care for, but to care about.  
To let go is to recognize when the outcome is not in my hands.  
To let go is to allow someone to learn from natural consequences.  
To let go is not to cut myself off. It's the realization I can't control another.  
To let go does not mean to stop caring. It means I can't do it for someone else.

### *Letting Go*



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**<sup>SM</sup>*