

"Top of the Line"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter

Oct. 1, 2014

Bergamo Shadow

In the past few weeks our Executive Director, Brent Devitt has worked side by side with three more staff members to get further experience in how the Bergamo Center operates.

First, Brent shadowed **Brian Thomas** - night Custodian. It was a big night for set up of conference rooms and the assembly in preparation for high school retreats in the coming days. Brent also had a hand in cleaning the ten public restrooms throughout the building.

Brent also spent a day with **Ginny Snead** - Accounting, Payroll/Benefits Clerk. Activities included an orientation to the Center's accounting system, going over financials since the new fiscal year, depositing checks electronically, and learning how to operate the Energy Management System.

Most recently a day was spent with **Gene Ketter** - Custodial/Housekeeping Supervisor. After a walk-through of the whole building the pair assisted Bro. Jeff in "snaking" out a clogged urinal, fetched a Frisbee and football off the roof, vacuumed the Roncalli Assembly, stripped a dozen beds, and developed a task sheet for the custodial staff.

The next shadowing experience will be sometime soon with **Kevin Kozlowski** - Director of Youth Formation for one of the overnight high school junior retreats. This continues to be weekly learning experience for all and an opportunity to work as equals with co-workers at Bergamo.

Bergamo Welcomes Beaver Creek HS Students

Students in the Careers 3 Class from Beaver Creek High School, **Cadin Liles**, **Nathan Nevels** and **Mathew Fosnaugh**, work daily out in the community under the guidance of **Marcy Harris**, BHS Job Coach. They enjoy working at Bergamo on Tuesdays, in the kitchen and dining room areas. The crew helps to set up the tables for lunch and dinner. They have learned to roll silverware, wash dishes, use the sweeper, fill salt and pepper shakers and the like. The BHS class has had a great relationship with Bergamo for many years. In fact one of the graduates of the program **Leah Strukamp** is now employed with the Bergamo Center.



This past week has been an exciting week for these young men. Caden passed his driver's examination and received his driver's license. And Nathan was given the honor of becoming the Homecoming King for Beaver Creek at the dance on Saturday. Here is the highlight film of Nathan!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=E91i9_rOwVw&feature=youtu.be

General Administration Visit

Members of the General Administration of the Marianists are spending two weeks in the United States Province this month. They have just 4 hours on Fri. Oct. 10 at Mount St. John to visit the ministries here on the property including the Marianist Mission, Marianist Environmental Education Center, Gallery St. John, Queen of Apostles Parish, Mt. St. John Facilities, and North American Center for Marianist Studies. Members of the General Administration team are: **Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM**, Superior General; **Fr. André Fétis, SM**, Assistant General for Religious Life; **Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM**, Assistant General for Education; **Bro. Michael McAward, SM**, Assistant General for Temporalities. The Bergamo Center staff will welcome the General Administration to a tour and lunch at noon on the 10th.

Executive Director Ramblings

Executive Director Brent Devitt will be travelling to two conferences during the month of October to meet with Retreat Directors of the Midwest on Oct. 6-8 and with other Marianist Administrators of Retreat Centers, High Schools and Universities on Oct. 26-29. Brent looks forward to networking and learning from other retreat directors.

Prayers

- For Nikky Leasher's mother recovery
- Please pray for our high school retreatants and guests through the month of October that they find comfort and inspiration during their visits to Bergamo.

Prayers are a regular feature of this bulletin. If you would like to share a prayer or ask for prayers just send a note or email to Brent Devitt - brentd@bergamocenter.org.

Invitation to topics and articles.

Next publication of the *Top of the Line* will be Nov. 1. If anyone has anything to contribute to this communication please submit items by the 25th of the month to: brentd@bergamocenter.org



Marianist Feast Days in October

Foundation of the Soc. Of Mary - Oct. 2
Our Lady of the Rosary - Oct. 7
Our Lady of the Pillar - Oct. 12

Sorry - there are no Oct. birthdays for staff!

Upcoming Retreats/Events and (Approx. # of Participants)

CJ HS (55) - Oct. 1-3
Ascension Church Women (50) - Oct. 4-5
Alter HS (55) - Oct. 5-6
Journal of Curriculum Theory (120) - Oct. 8-12
Carroll HS (50) - Oct. 12-13
Bergamo Staff Retreat (25) - Oct. 15
Trinity Presbyterian (20) - Oct. 17-18
Goldsmith Group (10) - Oct. 17-19
Yoga (30) - Oct. 17-21
Alter HS (55) - Oct. 19-20
Marianist General Administration Visit (4) - Oct. 20
Marianist State Visitation (20) - Oct. 24-26
ISP Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (20) - Oct. 25-26
Hartley HS (55) - Oct. 26-27
Cincinnati Seton HS (50) - Oct. 28-29

Quote

"Union without confusion"

Bl. William Chaminade