

Steere House

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Norma J. Owens

Autumn's Promise Honoree

Two-term Steere House Board President and eleven-year Board member, Norma J. Owens, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP will be honored at this year's Autumn's Promise Dinner & Auction, taking place October 1st. After announcing her retirement as Board President earlier this year, Norma was asked by the Board and has agreed to continue serving in a newly created capacity: Immediate Past President. In light of these changes, Steere House welcomes this opportunity to celebrate Norma's accomplishments and recognize her tireless efforts on our behalf.

Reflecting on her years serving Steere House, Norma characterizes herself as a pharmacy clinician and academic at heart, but concedes that "we all need to give back to make our world work in a better fashion." Citing that her motivation "to serve" propelled her to become a member of the Steere House Board, Norma jumped in before fully understanding the role she was expected or would come to play. However, to hear her colleagues tell it, her intelligence and understanding of the Rhode Island healthcare community, combined with her calm yet determined demeanor, has served both her and Steere House well.

"Norma is an extremely bright and experienced professional," says Board President-Elect Andrew Spacone. "Her ability to build interpersonal relationships made her the ideal Board President for Steere House." As Norma tells it, she was strongly influenced by her unique childhood. "My father was born and raised in China, serving in the Army for his entire career. And that meant living in many places and interacting with many different types of people," she recalls. To Executive Director, Julie Richard, it is Norma's warmth that makes a critical difference. "Her warmth and support helped to make me feel so welcome when I joined Steere House in December, 2007 and has continued unabated to this day."

Norma is also credited with maintaining focus and a long-term vision through the many changes and challenges Steere House has encountered over the years ~ playing a powerful role in keeping Steere House a leader in elder care services in Rhode Island and fulfilling the promise made so many years ago.

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An Invitation From The Executive Director

Julie H. Richard, NHA, MA



Webster defines “dog days” as the period between early July and early September, when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere. This period is also one characterized by stagnation or inactivity, but not true

at Steere House. Now is the time that we begin planning with great anticipation our annual Autumn’s Promise Dinner & Auction.

We can’t deny that we’re just a little bit anxious for the cooler weather to take the edge off the summer heat. However, for us, October will offer something more and if you joined us last year, you know that Autumn’s Promise is an evening well spent with friends who want to support Steere House and the life offered here.

And because we have this in common, Steere House would like to invite you to join us on Friday, October 1st at 7 o’clock at the Renaissance Providence Hotel, a venue worthy of an evening spent celebrating the lives well lived and served by the entire Steere House community.

One of our most important fundraisers of the year, this event will be particularly significant as we will honor Norma J. Owens, who recently retired as Board President. We will take time to recognize and celebrate her tenure, highlighted by her thoughtful, generous and gracious leadership. The night, complete with wonderful food, a terrific selection of raffle and auction items as well as complimentary valet parking, promises to be a festive occasion ~ all to support Steere House.

Everything you need to know about Autumn’s Promise is included in the enclosed invite. The 2010 event dollars raised will support the activity and quality of life programs so important to Steere House residents.

Your continued and growing participation is important to us. So come and say goodbye to the “dog days” of summer. Besides, Oscar thinks we’re all cat people anyway.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie H. Richard".

Resident Spotlight Joseph R. Moore

Joseph Moore was born on St. Joseph’s Day in 1942. The third of four children of Helen and Stephen Moore, Joseph (Joe) is described as a loving and devoted son. Growing up in Fall River, Massachusetts, Joe had what he remembers as a fun



childhood. One filled with time spent playing sports in local parks, enjoying dances and other social events. An easy going, fun-loving boy, Joe treasured time spent with his brother and sisters. “Maybe because Joe enjoyed teasing us so much,” remarked sister, Beverly recently.

Joe graduated from BMCDurfee High School and then worked full-time at a local Stop & Shop while attending Bryant College. He graduated and pursued a career in accounting. Along the way, Joe met and married Therese Cote. Living in Rhode Island, Joe and Therese made a life here, including growing their family with the adoption of their son, Scott, from Vietnam. Joe remembers this time as one of the happiest in his life.

When describing Joe, people use words like friendly, kind and compassionate. His social nature is apparent in his love for live musical performances, dining out at Twin Oaks, playing cards with friends and family and no one can miss Joe’s avid enthusiasm for the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

In 2002, Joe had a stroke. Subsequent strokes left him paralyzed on his right side. Today Joe enjoys Steere House life, making friends easily and offering an understanding ear. And time has not dulled Joe’s sense of humor. You can hear it in his amused chuckle and by the twinkle in his eye.

Kameny Lecture to Feature Dr. C. Seth Landefeld



Now marking its 10th year, the Pearl Kameny Lectureship in Geriatric Medicine will be held on Tuesday, October 19th. The Lectureship is held every year for medical staff and clinicians at Lifespan hospitals; Steere House staff; students, residents and fellows of Brown University School of Medicine; and Carelink members.

This year's featured speaker, C. Seth Landefeld, MD will present "Predicting the Future for Older People." Dr. Landefeld holds the following positions: Professor of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California San Francisco; Chief, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine; Director, UCSF/Mt. Zion Center on Aging; and Associate Chair for Strategic Planning and Implementation, Department of Medicine.

He is the author of a number of publications focusing on his areas of specialization and scholarly interest, including: Improving functional outcomes of hospitalized older persons; Pharmacotherapy in older persons; Financial conflicts of interest; Faculty development; The effectiveness and efficiency of health care.

Established in the name of long-time Steere House resident Pearl Kameny by her daughter, Joan Gelch, and the late Dr. Melvyn Gelch, the Kameny Lectureship provides an educational program to promote training of clinicians who serve the needs of the aging population. The lecture schedule will be posted on our website, www.steerehouse.org soon.

2010 RIAFSA Quality of Life Award Honors Unique Mother-Daughter Team



RIAFSA Board President Kevin McKay with Steere House volunteers, Doris Read and her daughter, Betty Farnum

In May, Steere House recognized Doris Read and her daughter, Betty Farnum for their outstanding volunteer efforts here with the 2010 Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging (RIAFSA) Quality of Life Award. Awarded annually, the Quality of Life Award is presented to those special people who have enhanced the quality of life for a facility's residents. Those selected exhibit qualities of unselfish, consistent giving of time, energy and talents. Tribute to the honorees was made at a luncheon held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

At Steere House, volunteerism comes in many forms and usually taps into an individual's strengths and creativity. In the case of this unique mother – daughter duo, their creativity flourishes in the form of handmade crafts. Pillows, stuffed animals or seasonal themed crafts are

just a few examples of what they've made. But we're not talking about a token item on a side table or in one lucky person's room but enough for every resident.

The idea came to Doris as she visited a dear friend living in our Safe Haven Advance Care Unit. And what started out as a one time seasonal gift grew as Doris decided she wanted to give even more of her time and talent. Now, after eliciting the help of her daughter, Betty, Doris ensures that Steere House residents receive various items from January through December ~ a big commitment and a wonderful addition to every day Steere House life.

Also attending the luncheon festivities was Steere House employee, Pat Michaud. Pat was nominated for the John Hedderson Award For Exceptional Employee Excellence. Pat, who started as a Steere House CNA, joined the Activities Department in 2002. "She earned the nomination because of her caring ways towards Steere House residents," said Activities Director, Gina Williamson. "Pat's unique relationships with residents go far beyond being a caregiver. Instead she provides quality of life by building true friendships."



Pat Michaud (l) sharing a laugh with resident, Eva Poirier,(r)



Mission Statement - Steere House is an independent non-profit organization, serving adults who require skilled, restorative and long-term care services within a secure and caring environment. Steere House also provides educational and research experiences that enhance the care of those we serve.

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*Steere House is a proud Corporate Sponsor of the
Alzheimer's Association 2010 Memory Walk.*

If you would like to sponsor or join our
Walk Team on Sunday, September 26th, contact
Jill Fallon, Development Director, at ext. 557
or jfallon@steerehouse.org for more information.

Providence area walk location and time:
Slater Memorial Park, 401 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket.
Registration: 9:00 a.m. – Walk starts at 10:00 a.m.

Calendar *of* Events

**Rhode Island Alzheimer's Association
Memory Walk**

Sunday, September 26th

Autumn's Promise Dinner & Auction

Friday, October 1st

Kameny Lectureship

Tuesday, October 19th

Monthly Parkinson Support Groups

Friday, September 24th

Friday, October 29th

ADMISSIONS

If you or someone you know is interested in placement at Steere House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, please call for an admission packet at 401-454-7970.

Visit www.steerehouse.org for more information and to download an admission application.

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