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JOAN GELCH

**Autumn's Promise Honoree
and Steere House Legacy
Award Winner**

Community activist and philanthropist, Joan Gelch is this year's Autumn's Promise Honoree and first Steere House Legacy Award Winner. Daughter of long-time Steere House resident, the late Pearl Kameny and wife of the late Melvyn M. Gelch, MD, Joan has built her personal and professional life around the City of Providence and the people and organizations so important to her here.

Originally a New York native, Joan left her hometown of Brooklyn to attend Brandeis University, just outside Boston. After graduating, she married Melvyn Gelch and together they decided that Rhode Island would be the place that enabled them to pursue their professional careers while affording them a supportive environment to bring up their family – ultimately four children and seven grandchildren. Professionally, Joan went on to obtain her Masters at Emerson College and worked as a speech/language pathologist in the Providence school system for 17 years. She then became a mediator in the mid-nineties, mediating special education cases for the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Over the years, both Joan and her husband wanted to give back to the community with which they forged such a bond. Their philanthropic efforts span healthcare, education and adult literacy programs, local and national politics, support for the arts and most recently, the Providence Community Library. Joan has generously supported a variety of Steere House programs and events. Most notably, she and Dr. Gelch established the Pearl Kameny Lectureship in Geriatric Medicine at Steere House.



“The aging population requires well-trained clinicians,” states Joan. “The original motivation of the Lectureship was to provide Steere House aides and staff members who work directly with residents and patients additional professional insight into understanding the needs of those in their care.”

As the first Steere House Legacy Award winner, Joan admits to being honored and shares that she hopes the Award encourages others to become interested and active in Steere House. “Steere House is unique in its commitment and its execution of services to the elderly and disabled,” says Joan. “Our support over the years is indicative of our desire to want to help ensure the continuation of both the Steere House mission and its enforcement.”

Steere House
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Alzheimer's Association 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sunday, October 2

Join us or sponsor our Walk Team by contacting

Jill Fallon, Development Director

401-454-7970 ext. 557 or jfallon@steerehouse.org for details.

The Walk takes place at Slater Memorial Park, Pawtucket.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. | Walk starts at 9:00 a.m.



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 education and research experiences that enhance the care of those we serve.

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A Letter from the Executive Director

Julie H. Richard
NHA, MA

Let the Sunshine In

Speaking to you at the height of summer, I am mindful of blooming flowers all around us, particularly sunflowers. Gifts of radiant warmth, sunflowers are said to be “the happiest of flowers,” and their meanings include loyalty and longevity. It seems so fitting then that Steere House has adopted the sunflower as a symbol of our annual Autumn’s Promise Dinner & Auction.

The sunflower, with its tall and thick stem, is crowned by what seems like a single giant flower. I’ve learned, however, that this flower is no flower at all but a collection of hundreds of small flowers called the head. Although the sunflower head resembles a huge flower with yellow petals and a brown center, it is actually the brown that is the constellation of flowers, with the yellow leaves acting as a protectant. At Steere House, we offer contemporary health care services in a safe and compassionate living environment and we feature plenty of windows to “let the sunshine in.” We realize that we depend on you as part of our greater Steere House community, which includes families, corporate partners, staff and volunteers, to make life here as fulfilling as possible.

Autumn’s Promise is in recognition of this fact. This event has become very important to us, not only for the gifts of generosity from those who attend, but also for the opportunity to come together and share our passion for Steere House and its mission. This year will prove to be particularly significant as we will recognize Joan Gelch, our first Steere House Legacy Award Winner. Please take a moment to learn more about Joan and the treasure she is to Steere House and to the advancement of medicine in our community.

I hope you will share this special evening with me on Friday, September 30th at 7 o’clock at the Renaissance Providence Hotel.

Kameny Lectureship Set for October 18th



Laurence Z. Rubenstein MD, MPH

*Professor and Chairman
of the Donald W. Reynolds
Department of Geriatric Medicine at the
University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine.*

Steere House announces the 2011 Pearl Kameny Lectureship in Geriatric Medicine to be held on Tuesday, October 18th. Now in its 11th year, 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.

Featured speaker Laurence Z. Rubenstein MD, MPH will present. Dr. Rubenstein is the Professor and Chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine, preventative medicine, and geriatrics.

An international leader in geriatrics, he is the author of over 200 peer-reviewed papers, as well as 29 books and 100 book chapters. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York.

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 this educational program to promote training of clinicians who serve the needs of the aging population. Additional details on the lecture and schedule will be posted at www.steerehouse.org soon.



2011 LeadingAge™ RI Quality of Life Award

Honors Johnson & Wales Feinstein Community Service Center

Steere House recognized the Johnson & Wales University (JWU) Feinstein Community Service Center and the students affiliated with it for their outstanding volunteer efforts with the 2011 LeadingAge™ RI Quality of Life Award. LeadingAge RI (formerly RIAFSA) is an association of non-profit facilities and services, primarily for the elderly. LeadingAge RI members include senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services. 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 in May.

Steere House has enjoyed a five-year relationship with the JWU Feinstein Community Service Center. The student volunteers, representing a variety of academic areas, come to Steere House to help residents with a variety of activities, as well as to be a friend. Whether it is sharing stories or helping someone find that winning bingo number, these students offer a priceless additional dimension to a resident’s daily life. And the experience has affected student life too. A group of students used their Steere House experience as a basis for a play—earning them an A and providing a forum to share their understanding of Steere House life.

Steere House welcomes the opportunity to work with the Feinstein Community Service Center and values the involvement and vitality of this generation of students.



*Executive Director Julie Richard with Deirdre Newbold
Service-Learning Coordinator*

Ocean State Charities Trust Awards Grant

Recently, Steere House was awarded a \$4,630 grant from Ocean State Charities Trust. The grant will provide funding for two Detecto 6550 Folding Wheelchair Scales. Steere House has been able to finance the purchase of one of these scales previously, which serves our third floor Safe Haven Advanced Care residents. These scales are particularly useful for residents who have a difficult time stepping onto a conventional scale and staying still while the nursing staff tries to obtain an accurate weight reading. The additional scales will equip our first and second floors to serve anyone who may be wheelchair bound, unsteady on their feet or recovering from surgery. Our thanks go to Ocean State Charities Trust for their support.

AUTUMN’S PROMISE

Dinner & Auction
Friday, September 31

RHODE ISLAND ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

Walk to End Alzheimer’s
Sunday, October 2

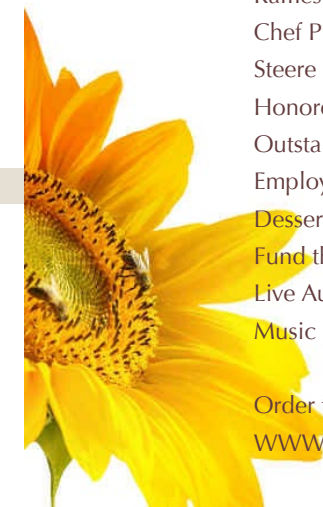
KAMENY LECTURESHIP
Tuesday, October 18

JOIN US!

Steere House AUTUMN’S PROMISE

- Raffles | Silent Auction
- Chef Prepared Entrées
- Steere House Legacy Award
- Honoree Recognition
- Outstanding Steere House Employee Recognition
- Dessert
- Fund the Need
- Live Auction
- Music until 11:00 pm

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