

# Harbor House

Spring 2010

## Coming events

### June 2010

- 1 — Volunteer Training begins.
- 6 — Bull's BBQ fundraiser
- 7 — Fundraising committee mtg
- 10 — Beef O'Brady fundraiser
- 16 — Board of Directors Meeting

### July 2010

- 5 — Fundraising Committee Mtg.
- 21 — Board of Directors Meeting

### August 2010

- 2 — Fundraising Committee Mtg.
- 6 — Spice of Life
- 7 — Spice of Life
- 14 — Walk with Jim fundraiser
- 18 — Board of Directors Meeting

### September 2010

- 6 — Fundraising Committee Mtg.
- 15 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 — Empowerment Walk

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## Shelter observes 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Thirty years of service to domestic violence victims in Kankakee and

Iroquois counties was commemorated by Harbor House April 8 during its Amethyst Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kankakee.

More than 120 people celebrated the event, held every five years, by helping to raise \$8,600 through ticket sales and donated auction and raffle items.

U.S. Representative Debbie Halvorson, D-Crete, was the featured speaker for the dinner. She said that not all communities have the foresight to help sponsor a shelter, but in this area when someone calls her office about domestic violence, "We know where they can get help." Representative Halvorson also founded the Rosie Fund.

A dramatic video, "Shelter from the Storm," produced by Tinker Parker, featured real life testimony from a victim and abuser starkly demonstrated how the cycle of violence is perpetuated. A woman who had been emotionally abused finally left her husband only to find that her daughter had stepped into his place and was verbally abusing her, A man who had been abused as a child found, years later, that he had mirrored his father's actions by abusing his own wife and children. "I turned myself into my father," he said with tears in his eyes.

A song, "It's Not Love" written by Ron Jackson and sung by his wife Lisa Jackson, emphasized that when there's

physical violence in a relationship, "It's not love. It's just wrong."

During the evening, Robin Savage, Executive Director of Harbor House, introduced the staff and members of the board. Several groups and individuals also were honored for their support in the battle against domestic violence.

### Recognition plaques were presented to:

Kankakee County Sheriff Tim Bukowski for emphasizing training for officers answering domestic violence calls and forming a domestic violence task force.

Zonta Club of Kankakee for collaborating with Harbor House on the annual purple ribbon campaign to

raise awareness of domestic violence. Zonta also has contributed \$35,000 to the shelter since 2004.

Mileen Joines for serving as treasurer and financial adviser as a Board of Director Harbor House officer for 20 years and for her other volunteer services to the agency.

Bonnie Brewer for directing the annual *Spice of Life* variety show since 2004. The event has raised \$200,000 since its inception more than 25 years ago.



Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson was the keynote speaker at the 30th Anniversary Amethyst Dinner.



## **B**oard of Directors

### Officers

President..... Diane Jurina  
1st Vice President... Char Sims  
2nd Vice President. Cheryl Herberger  
Treasurer ..... Mileen Joines  
Secretary ..... W. Gerry Morgan

### Directors

Nick Allen                      Mary Bricker  
Jacyn Dugan-Roof            Susan Feller  
Ellie Guenette                Dr. Marven Jones  
Jan Krizik-Schmidt          John Keigher  
Matt McAllister

### Honorary

Dr. Jim Simone

## **C**lient Statistics

### December 2009 through March 2010

#### Nights of shelter:

Adults 322; Children 902

#### Number of clients served:

Adults 302; Children 133

#### Service hours:

Adults 2,753.75; Children 1,392.00

#### Hotline calls: 2,093

#### Volunteer hours: 5179.50

#### Enrolled in Pathways:

Dec. 85, Jan. 90, Feb. 82, March 79

#### Turned away for lack of room:

Adults 1, Children 1, Families 1

## **M**embership

Become a Harbor House Member. Dues are \$15—individuals; \$5—students/senior citizens; \$50—organizations; \$100—Silver Membership, and \$1,000—Gold Membership.

Your membership includes the Harbor House newsletter, an invitation to the Annual Meeting, voting privileges, a membership card for individuals, and a certificate for organizations, silver, and gold contributions. Call 815-932-5814. for membership envelopes.

### Harbor House Resale Store

#### HOURS

Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri.

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Sat. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

#### Donations Accepted

Tues./Weds. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

100 E. Walnut St.                      Contact Deb  
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Ellie Guenette for serving as a volunteer for six years and a Board Director for five. She has helped with many projects including outside maintenance.

Dr. James Simone, an honorary board director, for raising more than \$30,000 for Harbor House by obtaining pledges for his challenging endurance athletic events. He is a certified drug/alcohol counselor.

Dave and Cheryl Herberger of Herberger Construction for remodeling the shelter's kitchen and helping to raise funds for Harbor House. They also have been instrumental in planning for the shelter's expansion. Cheryl is second vice president of the Harbor House Board of Director's officers.



Sherriff Tim Bukowski; Cheryl Trudeau, Zonta Club of Kankakee President; Mileen Joines, Harbor House Board of Directors; Bonnie Brewer, Director of Spice of Life; Ellie Guenette, Board Director; Jim Simone, Honorary Board Director; Dave Herberger, Volunteer; Cheryl Herberger, Harbor House Director

The Kankakee County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which established Harbor House, was formed in the late 1970s by a few people who felt domestic violence services were needed in the area. Volunteers operated a hotline from their homes and set up a network of safe homes. Later a church offered members a house for a shelter. When the Kankakee City Council refused to pass an ordinance allowing the house to be used, DV victims were again serviced in homes until a more acceptable facility was finally found. In 1986, the current shelter was opened. A counseling office was opened in Watseka in 1987 and is still in operation. A shelter there was opened in 1999 but later closed because of funding cuts. There also is a resale shop in Watseka.

The agency now has 10 full-time and 11 part-time staff members. It provides a 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling, support groups, legal and system advocacy, transitional housing and domestic violence education classes. It also serves victims from other counties on an as-needed basis, participates in a Domestic Violence Court in Kankakee, Iroquois and Grundy counties and offers a Pathways program for abusers in Kankakee and Grundy counties.

Harbor House, which gets the majority of its funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services, had funds cut last year and expects more cuts this year. Halvorson is working toward better funding for the Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act which helps shelters across the country. But in the meantime, Harbor House will need funds and volunteers from the community to help keep the shelter and its services intact.



Deb & Gerry Morgan won the Ahhh.....Massage gift certificate from Koehler Chiropractic at the Amethyst Dinner.

## Services

### Emergency Shelter

815-932-5800 or 815-432-3500

### 24-Hour Hotline

815-932-5800 or 815-432-3500

**Support Groups** 815-932-5800 or 815-432-3500

**Abuser Program, Call Karen** 815-929-0383

### Administration, Call Robin or Diann

815-932-5814

### Court Advocacy, Call Tiheasha

815-932-5800

**Adult Counseling, Call Becky** 815-932-5800

**Children's Counseling, Call Nan** 815-932-5800

**Community Services, Call Nancy** 815-932-5814

# Volunteer of the Year 2010

Bonnie Householter began volunteering for Harbor House in March of 2009. She has become an invaluable part of our agency and regularly donates 30 to 40 hours a week to our mission.

Bonnie originally came to us with the desire to teach computer classes one-on-one to our clients to enhance their marketable skills in today's economy. She completed the required 60 hours of training to allow her to work directly with clients in September 2008.

She wasn't idle during the time she waited for the training to begin. After a few conversations, she saw needs and began to fulfill them. Bonnie implemented a new donation intake procedure and works very hard to ensure that it stays running smoothly. She has also put in many hours in our Resale Store setting up displays and areas of interest that have brought in additional revenue which in turn helps our clients.

When she saw the pantry in need

of re-organization, she stepped in and completed the task. Bonnie has become synonymous with the



Bonnie, Volunteer of the Year, with her husband, Greg, at the Junior League Volunteer of the Year Luncheon.

word "Organized." Recently she stepped up and put in many long hours helping staff retype and organize our Procedural Manual.

Once she received her 60-hour training, Bonnie was able to help several clients get past their fear and intimidation of computers. She

worked with the Legal Advocates at Harbor House to assist clients with Orders of Protection. She has transported clients to our Resale Store and other places to meet their goals to become independent and empowered.

Because of her enthusiasm and dedication, Bonnie has been an inspiration to others to volunteer for Harbor House. Her husband, retired Judge Greg Householter, has also donated many hours working on loading and transporting donations, yard maintenance, and other things that have come up throughout the year. Other volunteers have been caught up in the excitement of her spirit as well and many projects have been completed. Recently she was asked to be team leader for one of the volunteer teams and she graciously accepted.

Bonnie Householter has been an exemplary volunteer and was our nominee to the Junior League for Volunteer of the Year.

## Volunteer training begins June 1st

Harbor House volunteers have always been an essential factor in the battle against domestic violence in Kankakee and Iroquois counties. Whether sorting donations, making snacks for support groups or mentoring clients with day to day life skills, volunteers are an integral part of the Harbor House team.

**One of the requirements for working directly with clients is the Illinois Domestic Violence Act 40-hour domestic violence training. This year it is being offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m.-9:15 p.m. June 1 through July 20.**

The location of classes will be disclosed after the required registration. All applicants also will be screened and are subject to a background check.

The sessions will cover the dynamics of domestic violence, victim and children's issues, legal advocacy and Orders of Protection and abuser services. Other classes will discuss how abusers use tactics of power and control, why the victim stays, and how the issue is influenced by our culture.

The information volunteers garner through the training is invaluable

because it gives them the tools to understand why domestic violence exists, what perpetrates it and appropriate ways to empower victims to live full and happy lives.

Following the classes, a 20-hour job shadowing is required to work directly with clients. Volunteers will then be able to do things such as help with transportation, child care, mentoring clients, answering the crisis line and assisting with holiday, and other special events.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy at 815-932-5814 or email [nancy@harborhousedv.org](mailto:nancy@harborhousedv.org).

# From the Board Room.....

## Thank you

The Board of Directors and staff of Harbor House offer their sincere appreciation to Diane Jurina for serving as president of the Board of Directors for the past four years. Ms. Jurina, a board member since 2002, will continue to serve as a Director.

## New Member

**John Keigher**, the newest member of the Harbor House Board of Directors, is director of Systems & Human Resources at Midwest Transit Equipment. He also serves as a board member for Millennium Insurance Company.

Keigher has shown a desire and commitment to help others with his community work. He serves on the United Way of Kankakee County Board of Directors, is chairman of its 2010/2011 Public Relations Committee and has been instrumental in helping United Way with both marketing and

fundraising.

Keigher and his wife, Shanon, have two children. Their home was one of those featured in the Harbor House Christmas Walk of Homes. He also helped plan and market the shelter's Steak Fry fundraiser held May 22.

## Annual Meeting

Harbor House held its Annual Business Meeting of 2010 at the Homestead Restaurant on Thursday, May 22, 2010. Dr. Marven Jones, Diane Jurina, and Char Sims were re-elected for two-year terms and Nick Allen and Matt McAllister were voted in for two-year terms. Continuing members whose terms are up for renewal in 2011 are Mary Bricker, Jaclyn Dugan-Roof, Susan Feller, Ellie Guenette, Cheryl Herberger, Janice Krizik-Schmidt, Mileen Joines and W. Gerry Morgan.

## Fundraising...

### Steak Fry & Auction

Harbor House had a Steak Fry and Auction on Saturday, May 22nd at the Aroma Park Boat Club. Proceeds for the event were over \$4800. The food was delicious and the auction was fun and a great success. Sincere thanks go out to the community for their support and to the Aroma Park Boat Club for all their help with the event.

### Bull's BBQ

On **Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 12 PM to 7 PM**, Bull's BBQ will donate 15% of their proceeds from meals to Harbor House. Come out and enjoy some great BBQ and support Harbor House.

### Beef O'Brady's

On **Thursday, June 20, 2010 from 4 PM to 11 PM**, Beef O'Brady's will have a spirit night to benefit Harbor House. Tell your waitress you are there for Harbor House and 20% of your meal cost will be donated to Harbor House.

### Spice of Life benefit for Harbor House enters it's 27th year

The ever entertaining variety show, *Spice of Life*, will be held on **Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th** at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. For more details, go to [www.thespiceoflife.org](http://www.thespiceoflife.org). You won't want to miss this show!

### Impact Domestic Violence: Walk with Jim

Dr. Jim Simone will be doing a treadmill endurance event to benefit Harbor House. This time it will be in our own local community. On **Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 7 AM until Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 7 AM**, Dr. Simone will be on a treadmill at Impact Fitness Club at 710 W Broadway in Bradley walking to promote awareness about domestic violence and generate funds for Harbor House.

He is looking for sponsorships for his own time on the treadmill and walkers to keep him company throughout his 24 hour ordeal. Anyone else who would like to walk is encouraged to get their own team and sponsors as well. For more information, contact Nancy at 815-932-5814, [harbor@harborhousedv.org](mailto:harbor@harborhousedv.org) or see [www.harborhousedv.org](http://www.harborhousedv.org).

## Other ways to find Harbor House



Harbor House is pleased to announce that we now have a Facebook fan page. A search for Harbor House will produce two results. Pick the one with the lavender lighthouse logo as the picture and become a fan of Harbor House.

Our website is at <http://www.harborhousedv.org>. There is more information there about our mission, services, wish list of items needed, and special events coming up. There is a link to the Facebook page, and the ability to pay for special events or donate money to Harbor House via credit card on our website.

