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## 10th Annual It's A Wonderful Life Gala Raises \$198,000 for Michigan Seniors!

PVM's 10th Annual *It's A Wonderful Life* (IAWL) Gala on November 1st was a success, raising \$198,000 for Michigan seniors! Nearly 450 guests celebrated the *Somewhere In Time* theme at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn. The event featured **Thomas E. Kimble**, State President of AARP Michigan, who delivered the keynote presentation; **The Honorable Judge James Alexander**, who served as Master of Ceremonies when Charlie Langton could not be present; a magician; photo booth; and a piano vocal entertainer. To honor this milestone, guests enjoyed a video montage of past IAWL Galas and a toast with commemorative champagne glasses.

In keeping with the theme to celebrate life's moments, PVM residents shared some of their greatest memories through an essay contest. Five winners were pre-selected and their complete stories were featured in the program and throughout the event, along with excerpts from the many other residents who shared moments from their lives. Congratulations to the winners – **Caroline Parker**, First Place, The Village of Spring Meadows; **Bill Wreford**, Second Place, The Village of Westland; **Fred Pankow**, Third Place, The Village of East Harbor; **Pearl Koning**, Honorable Mention, The Village of Sage Grove; and **Kathy Palmero**, Honorable Mention, The Village of Holly Woodlands!

Over the last ten years, the gala has netted over \$1.5 million to benefit the greatest needs of PVM residents, including quality senior living and many innovative services such as Benevolence, wellness, technology, transportation and many other life-enhancing programs.

*This event was such a success because of the support of our sponsors, guests, donors, volunteers and staff, so a very big THANK YOU to all of you!*



L to R: Fred Pankow, Caroline Parker, Bill Wreford, Kathy Palmero. Not pictured: Pearl Koning



Above - L to R: Burney Johnson, Roger Myers, Tammy Myers  
Left - L to R: Diandria Kimble, Tom Kimble, Kristin Miller, Paul Miller



Please visit our website at [www.pvmfoundation.org](http://www.pvmfoundation.org) to view photos from the event.

## Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Announces Community Connections in Greater Midtown Detroit

### PVM Welcomes Karen Love as New Initiative's Coordinator



Karen Love

Community Connections of Greater Midtown Detroit was launched with an open house on October 24th at the Hannan Café where its headquarters are located.

Many community leaders were in attendance including: Paul Bridgewater, President and CEO of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging; Patrick Lindsey, V.P of Government and Community Affairs at Wayne State University; and Wayne County Commissioner, Jewel Ware. Also, Lieutenant LaShanna Potts represented Detroit Police Chief, James Craig. State Representative Rashida Tlaib was also represented.

Welcoming remarks were given by Roger Myers, President and CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and Tim Wintermute, Executive Director of the Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation. Karen Love, Community Connections Coordinator, emceed the program and thanked the many partners who have brought this exciting initiative to life in Greater Midtown. As a community-based, member driven network, this program will connect those ages 50-plus who live and work in Greater Midtown. To find out about the many upcoming events hosted by Community Connections go [www.CCMidtown.org](http://www.CCMidtown.org).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 7, 2014**

**The Village of Peace Manor Anniversary**

**February 14, 2014**

**The Village of Oakman Manor Anniversary**

**March 24, 2014**

**The Village of Our Saviour's Manor Anniversary**

**April 1, 2014**

**The Village of Gibraltar Manor Anniversary**

**April 1-30, 2014**

**Annual Friends & Family Campaign**

**May**

**Older Americans Month**

**May 8, 2014**

**4th Annual Inspire Possibilities Breakfast  
Hilton Garden Inn, Southfield**

**May 19, 2014**

**Gompers, Couillard & Wolfe Golf Outing**

**Supporting The Village of East Harbor's Health & Wellness Center**

*Sycamore Hills Golf Club, Macomb*

## New Health & Wellness Center Capital Project Totaling \$2 Million to be Raised By 2016

The Health & Wellness Center at **The Village of East Harbor** (Chesterfield Township) addresses a critical need in the community and on the campus. The current rehabilitation space is only 800 square feet, which is challenging for the seniors as well as the staff. The new state of the art center will provide 8,000 square feet of space, which will serve more seniors, allow for more effective treatment and provide a more spacious and comfortable setting for therapy and rehabilitation. Specialized rehabilitation and therapy services will be provided to resident and community seniors with the latest equipment available and highly-trained staff. The Center will also offer general exercise and gym amenities, allowing residents and community seniors to stay healthy and maintain their rehabilitation, including a therapy pool, exercise room, weight room and specialized exercise equipment for walking, running or riding.

The Health & Wellness Center will not be possible without the kindness of donors who value the project. Philanthropy will cover \$2 million of the overall \$3 million for the project. To show their support for this project, **Gompers, Couillard & Wolfe, Inc.** (GCW) hosted a golf outing on September 9th to benefit the new center. Nearly 100 golfers, sponsors, volunteers and donors participated in the inaugural outing, helping to net over \$14,500. A big thank you to GCW for coordinating this event and supporting the new Health & Wellness Center. *Save the date for next year's golf outing on May 19th at the Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Macomb!*

In another philanthropic gesture, one donor paid tribute to his friend through a legacy gift. A shared passion to bring a chapel to The Village of East Harbor is what united resident **Andrew (Andy) Lonyo** and **Eugene (Gene) Kleemann** in friendship. Both Andy and Gene made pivotal contributions, and in honor of Gene's parents, The Karl and Frieda Kleemann Chapel became a reality in 2010. Gene appreciated Andy's consistently generous philanthropy, and how much he valued the PVM mission. "I'm always amazed that Andy didn't look for recognition. All he wanted was for his fellow residents to have fulfilled lives at East Harbor," said Gene.

As the need for a more robust Health & Wellness Center arose, Gene decided to support it. Sadly, Andy passed away in May 2013, just a few days before Gene made his gift for the Health & Wellness Center. Upon hearing the news, he thought, "What better way to finally give Andy some overdue and well-deserved recognition?" Gene made a gift to name the therapy pool, The Andrew Lonyo Therapy Pool. He said, "Andy's probably up there saying, 'Don't do that, just give the money!'"

The PVM Foundation and The Village of East Harbor Health & Wellness Center Campaign Steering Committee are very grateful to Gene for his dedication, generosity and touching gesture in memory of his friend, Andy Lonyo.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Paul Miller, President, PVM Foundation at [pmiller@pvm.org](mailto:pmiller@pvm.org) or 248.281.2040.



L to R: David Miller, The Village of East Harbor & Mark Hackel, Macomb County Executive



L to R: Andy Lonyo & Gene Kleemann at 2010 Chapel Dedication

## James Gompers Appointed as Chair of the PVM Foundation

James Gompers, a well-known figure at PVM, has been appointed as the Chair of the PVM Foundation beginning January 1, 2014. Having served as PVM board member and Chair of the Finance Committee, Jim brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his new role. He has also served on the board and Finance Committee for Caring Communities, our insurer.



Jim is president of Gompers, Couillard & Wolfe, Inc., an insurance agency in the Greater Detroit area. A graduate of the Wayne State University Law School, Jim is also a veteran and enjoys aviation, boating, history, motorhoming and skiing. He has graciously hosted many guests on his boat to assist PVM with entertaining and auction donations.

We will be well served during Jim's tenure due to his leadership skills, financial expertise and dedication to the PVM Foundation mission. Congratulations Jim! On another note, we would like to thank Bob Peterson for his many years of service as the PVM Foundation Chair. With his leadership the Foundation has provided exceptional stewardship and support of all involved in our mission.

## Lynn Alexander Tapped for Key Statewide Appointment

Lynn Alexander, PVM's Vice President of Public Affairs, was recently appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the newly created Michigan Health Endowment Fund Board, whose mission is to improve the health and wellness of Michiganders. Significant focus will be placed on programs for minor children and seniors throughout the state.



Snyder and legislative partners named members to the nine-person board created through the passage of Public Act 4 of 2013, which authorized certain changes to how Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) operates in the state. The law requires BCBSM to contribute up to \$1.56 billion over 18 years to the Health Endowment Fund. Governor Snyder stated, "This fund and work of the board represent unprecedented investments in and opportunities to enhance the health and wellness of Michigan families... These highly talented and respected individuals bring a broad range of approaches and expertise that I am confident will be vital to supporting the efforts to improve the quality of health care while reducing costs. I'm honored that they've agreed to serve on behalf of our seniors and youth."

*For further information, visit our website at [www.pvm.org](http://www.pvm.org)*

## George Millush Elected as New PVM Board Chairman



George B. Millush, Jr. was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan effective January 1, 2013. In more than nine years with the organization, George has served on The Village of Oakland Woods Board of Trustees for more than seven years, including six as Chairman. He also continues to serve on the Finance Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Governance Committee.

George retired in 2004 from the Controllers Staff of DaimlerChrysler Corp., where he was director for several years of Financial Process Planning, a unique position dedicated to process, systems and organization development in pursuit of achieving best practice processes in Finance. That function crossed traditional organizational boundaries to seek innovative solutions to attain corporate objectives. This visionary, yet pragmatic, effort led the DaimlerChrysler Finance staff to be recognized as attaining benchmark levels of efficiency and effectiveness.

George held a series of increasingly responsible positions in Finance in his 36 years at DaimlerChrysler. His previous position was Director, Product Financial Analysis, providing decision support to the product platform teams. Other positions have included Director, Procurement & Supply Financial Control; Director, Vehicle Pricing; and Sr. Manager, Corporate Strategic Planning.

As an active member of CAM-I (the Consortium for Advanced Management – International) since 1993, he has participated in the Target Costing, Process Management and Value Quest publications.

George Millush holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Michigan and a BA in Economics from Knox College.

## Distinguished Volunteers Recognized at National Philanthropy Day Celebration



On November 13th, fundraisers, philanthropists and volunteers from the metro-Detroit area gathered to celebrate The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Detroit Chapter's National Philanthropy Day (NPD) celebration. This special day honors the philanthropic action and community involvement of individuals and groups. This year, PVM nominated four Distinguished Volunteers, all PVM Board members: **Karin Flint** (The Village of Hillside and Perry Farm Village, Harbor Springs); **Dr. Lynda Jeffries** (PVM Corporate Board); **George Millush** (PVM Corporate Board and The Village of Oakland Woods, Pontiac); and **Jill VanAlstyne** (The Village of Hillside and Perry Farm Village, Harbor Springs). Congratulations Karin, Lynda, George and Jill for your leadership and thank you for your commitment to PVM's mission and seniors!

L to R: Distinguished Volunteers Karin Flint, George Millush, Dr. Lynda Jeffries.  
Not pictured: Jill VanAlstyne

## The Village of Westland Offers Enhanced Living



The Village of Westland is pleased to offer its Enhanced Living services. Sometimes a little extra help makes all the difference! Enhanced Living at The Village of Westland can make all the difference for seniors, who need that extra bit of care and security.

There are three Enhanced Living “neighborhoods” at The Village of Westland. Each features a variety of apartment layouts, including studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom. Each neighborhood has a private dining room and pocket lounge—great for seniors with mobility limitations. Of course, Enhanced Living neighborhood residents have complete access to all the resources and activities of The Village of Westland.

If a resident’s care needs ever change, they have priority access to all of the resources at The Village of Westland and throughout the PVM system.

Enhanced Living offers support for older adults, with a package of services to keep them as independent as possible, while providing the assistance they need.

All apartment rates include:

- 24-hour security
- Personal emergency response system
- Three nutritious meals each day
- Bi-weekly housekeeping
- Free use of laundry facilities
- Planned social and recreational activities
- Use of the state-of-the art gym and exercise room
- Bus transportation for scheduled shopping and banking

- Heat
- Unlimited local and long-distance phone service
- One small pet is allowed in accordance with pet policy rules
- Computer lab
- Library and exercise facilities

Options are available, including additional housekeeping, beauty/barber shop, main dining room service, carport, assistance with medications and personal care, and cable TV.

Licensed in-home care services are provided by Homestead. Section-8 housing and Medicaid waivers are available.

Enhanced Living services provide the peace of mind that a resident maintains the highest level of independence, with the services and assistance they need.

Statistics show that when a senior receives 9 or more hours of private-duty care in their home each week, it’s more cost-effective in an Enhanced Living setting.

The Village of East Harbor and its fellow Villages at PVM are creating innovative solutions for aging in community. Most people want to be as independent as possible; and Enhanced Living options allow them to do just that. For further information contact The Village of Westland at (734) 728-5222 or check out our website at [www.pvm.org](http://www.pvm.org)

### “I Have A Dream” Anniversary

Making news recently were the children of Tomika Trice, Administrative Assistant at The Villa of Redford. They are the grandchildren of Edith Payne whose photo was taken during Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963 when she was 12 years old. Her photo has graced countless publications since that time.

The family traveled to Washington, D.C. for the 50th anniversary of this momentous event and were featured on *Good Morning America*. Congratulations to Tomika and her family on being such an important part of these events, far apart in years but so alike in honor!



Edith Payne photo courtesy of [www.blackpast.org](http://www.blackpast.org).

### The David M. Gehm Fireside Lounge Named at Reception

PVM and The Village of Redford hosted a reception in honor of David M. Gehm, president and CEO of Wellspring Lutheran Services, prior to the November PVM Board meeting. Mr. Gehm recently assumed the role of Chair for LeadingAge, our national association. His tenure will be for 2014-2015.

The Village of Redford and David Gehm have a shared history. He was initially a pharmacist there (through a local pharmacy) and then served as Assistant Administrator. He left in 1990 to join Lutheran Homes of Michigan. The organization changed its name to Wellspring Lutheran Services in October of 2013. There are still nine staff members at The Village of Redford who were employed during David’s time at the Village.

PVM is pleased to name the Fireside Lounge in honor of David and wish him all the best as the Chair of LeadingAge. We know he will not only provide outstanding leadership for the organization but will also represent Michigan in a fine manner.



TOP, L TO R: Joyce King, Chair for Village of Redford; Dr. Lynda Jeffries, PVM Board Chair; and guest of honor, David Gehm



**COMING SOON!**

**Independent Living at Rivertown**

Welcome to Rivertown Neighborhood, an innovative senior community. Overlooking the Detroit Riverfront, the all-inclusive campus meets the varying needs of seniors. It is close to the abundant resources of the city, to keep you connected. Designed for seniors 62 and older, Rivertown Neighborhood offers affordable assisted living, subsidized senior apartments and the Center for Senior Independence. There is a place for you to call home, at Rivertown Neighborhood!

Rivertown is a popular regional destination and a great place to live. The Rivertown Neighborhood senior community is just steps away from the spectacular Detroit RiverWalk. The campus is close to hospitals, restaurants and shopping, cultural attractions, and public transportation.

Rivertown Neighborhood is a partnership between United Methodist Retirement Communities, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, Henry Ford Health System and the Center for Senior Independence.

Rivertown Neighborhood is more than just a beautiful place to live – it’s a place of opportunities and options. You can enjoy planned social events and community gardens, or explore the new shopping and entertainment options of Downtown and Midtown. It’s a place to celebrate the quality of life you’ve earned and enjoy family, friends, and peace of mind. Rivertown is welcoming and distinctive – a place to call home.

Rivertown Neighborhood offers many levels of care: Independent-living apartments, assisted living and skilled nursing. It is the first model of affordable assisted living in Detroit. Rivertown Neighborhood makes it possible for seniors to live a comfortable, home-centered lifestyle. The Center for Senior Independence (CSI) offers the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

(PACE). CSI provides care and services in the home, the community and the Day Health Center. An interdisciplinary team of professionals will provide coordinated care.

Our Residents, 62 and better, will enjoy affordable apartment homes with services and programs tailored to provide the very best in senior living. Providing you meet the specified income limits, your rent will be based on 30% of your adjusted gross annual income.

Detroit’s Rivertown Neighborhood is a continuing care campus senior community. Depending on the option you choose, you can enjoy all these amenities at an address you call home!

- Fully equipped kitchens
- Personal 24-hour emergency call system
- Central air conditioning
- Cable ready
- Activity center
- Wellness room
- Planned social events
- Beauty/Barber shop
- Garden
- Pet friendly
- Barrier-free apartments available
- Central laundry area
- Transportation available
- Personal and light medical care available for individual needs
- Health and wellness services available at Center for Senior Independence
- Housekeeping and maintenance available
- Meal options available

For further information visit our website at [www.RivertownSeniorLiving.org](http://www.RivertownSeniorLiving.org) or call 313.259.9000.



**Jannie Scott Appointed Chair of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council**

Congratulations to Jannie Scott, administrator at The Village of Brush Park Manor Paradise Valley and a long-time employee of PVM, on her appointment as Chair of the Detroit Area



**Jannie Scott**

Agency on Aging Advisory Council. She has long been a dedicated advocate for seniors and will continue her passion in this new role. Jannie also remains dedicated to her important role at The Village of Brush Park Manor Paradise Valley.



**IMPORTANT FRAUD ALERT**

**Be Smart and Savvy Online!**

An international fraud ring may have their sights set on you and your accounts. You may receive the latest in cleverly disguised scam messages via an official looking e-mail supposedly from your credit card company. It will look official with a fake version of your credit card logo on it. The message will state that someone had tried to use your account to charge a high ticket item such as an international airline ticket “without the card present which is usually a sign of fraudulent usage”. The message will then ask you to click on a link which is included in the message if you did not make this purchase. **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK!** Instead call the number on the back of your credit card; and they will tell you how to report it to their offices. Please report!

Many credit card companies have sophisticated mechanisms in place now to combat even international fraud. You may be able to protect someone else by doing so. Be smart and savvy!

**Thanks for Giving!**

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