



ADC Update

News for Friends of the Adult Day Center of Somerset County

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ETHICON Supports ADC's Future

When Francis April walks through the door, a friend takes her hand, gives her a hug, and takes her coat. Francis takes a seat next to her friends and is handed a cup of warm tea. She settles into a friendly dialogue knowing that the morning meeting for the members of the Adult Day Center will start soon followed by a day full of activity, conversation and companionship.

Francis's morning routine gives her comfort and a sense of belonging. She knows she can rely on the Center's daily routine and her friends to greet her every weekday morning. Francis and her family are completely aware that without this lifestyle offered by the Adult Day Center, their lives could be very different.

ADC's members and their caregivers highly value the services offered by the Center. It is a comfort to all involved when a local corporation shows that they understand the value of this special place too. ETHICON, Inc. has shown their support for the Center and for the community by providing generous support to the ADC.

ETHICON, Inc. has expressed their support by pledging \$100,000, over a two-year period, toward the ADC's "Growing a Community of Care and Acceptance" Capital Campaign. ETHICON Inc.'s gift will assist the ADC with their plans to enhance and expand the superior services that affect so many families in our community.

ETHICON's Director of Community and Public Affairs, Sandy Kiser, presented ADC's Jeff Macaulay, with a ceremonial

check during a special presentation ceremony held at the Center.

"ETHICON, Inc. is proud to be a long-time partner of the Adult Day Center - an organization whose mission aligns with our desire to improve the quality of life for citizens in our area," said Ms. Kiser. "The expansion and enhancement of the ADC's programs and facilities is important to our community and will enable the ADC to better serve our growing senior population and their families. Thanks to all of you at ADC for providing compassionate, affordable, and quality care which helps our seniors remain in community life while at the same time providing peace of mind to their caregivers."

Headquartered in Somerville, N.J., ETHICON, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, develops and markets products for surgery, wound management and advanced wound care treatment. Products are marketed through four divisions: Ethicon Products for precise wound closure and tissue repair; Johnson & Johnson Wound Management for hemostasis and advanced wound care; Ethicon Women's Health & Urology for minimally invasive women's health procedures; and Cardioventions for minimally invasive cardiac procedures.

Thirty Years of Caring

How do you define success? Some would say a person is successful if they have a long, fulfilling career. Others say a person is successful if they have an impact on others, changing the lives of those in need for the better. Many would agree that a sign of success is being surrounded by people who have nothing but good to say about you. By all of these definitions, Jeff Macaulay's last thirty years have been successful.

On February 20, 2006, a surprise party was held to recognize the thirty years that Jeff, ADC's Executive Director, has dedicated to caring for the elderly and disabled citizens of Somerset County. The Center's day room was filled with family, friends, county and agency leaders, former and current staff, members and caregivers, who gathered to pay tribute to Jeff's contribution to their lives.

Jeff was ready to commit himself to serving others as he graduated from Montclair State College at the age of 23. While he waited for his assignment for a term with the Peace Corps, Jeff

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Sandy Kiser of ETHICON, Inc. presents a check for \$100,000 to Jeff Macaulay of the ADC.

Doodles “Draw” a Crowd

There was no red carpet, but what drew the crowd in were celebrities, or at least, the artwork of celebrities. “Doodle for Alzheimer’s 2006” was a special fundraising event hosted by the ADC on March 9, at the Neshanic Valley Golf Course Clubhouse. “Doodle for Alzheimer’s” is an art auction featuring hand-crafted doodles donated to the ADC by famous celebrities. Each one-of-a-kind, signed drawing was beautifully matted and framed with the celebrity artist’s publicity photo.

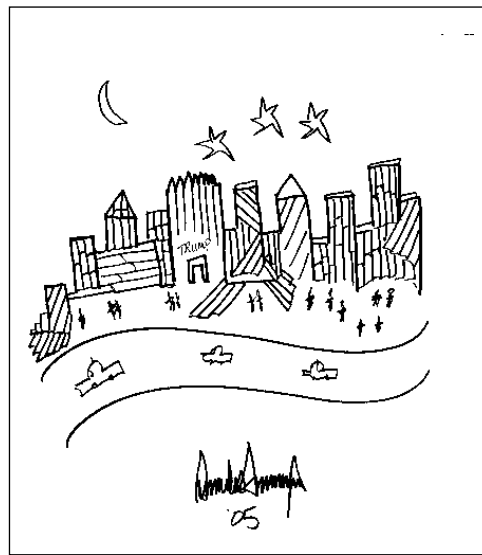
Excited bidders wandered through a maze of frames while indulging on shrimp, portabello puffs, and other gourmet treats. The highest bids came in for both Donald Trump’s and Joe Torre’s contributions. The event itself raised nearly \$40,000 supporting the construction of a new

facility for the ADC.

Celebrity Doodle contributors to “Doodle for Alzheimer’s 2006” included the following list of celebrities:

Martin Sheen
Donald Trump
Whoopi Goldberg
Alec Baldwin
Glen Close
Joe Torre
Felicity Huffman
Mike Wallace
Itzak Perlman
Regis Philbin
Kelly Ripa

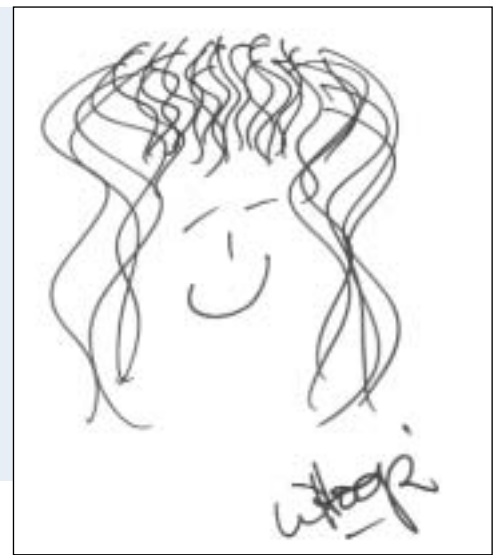
David Hyde Pierce
Tim Curry
Hank Azaria
Mena Suvari
John Starks
Sparky Lyle
Richard Simmons
Rick Cerone
Carol Alt
Mickey Dolenz



“Oodles of Doodles”

—that was the headline in the May issue of the *AARP Bulletin*. The newspaper, which reaches 22 million people, picked up on the unique “Doodle for Alzheimer’s” event, noting that “the charity auction raised nearly \$40,000 for the Adult Day Center of Somerset County (N.J).” What’s more, they posted the celebrity doodles on their website. Thanks for the attention, AARP!

Donald Trump donated his doodle of a cityscape (left) while Whoopi Goldberg provided a self-portrait (right).



Love, Renewed

Instead of the traditional mock wedding the ADC usually hosts to honor Valentine’s Day, this year the Center decided to host a real wedding. The wedding ceremony was a renewal of marriage vows between ADC member and groom Bill Radice and his wife, Jean. The Radices were married 53 years ago. The renewal ceremony was conducted by John Graf, who is not only the president of the United Way of Somerset County but also an ordained minister.

The ADC Day Room was decorated with crepe wedding bells, red hearts and streamers. ADC members attended the romantic occasion wearing mostly red to honor the holiday and the love shared between the wedding couple.

The bride wore an ivory lace ensemble, carried a floral arrangement of fresh white flowers and was accompanied by her matron of honor, Mary Grecco. Mary, Jean’s sister, was

the maid of honor at Jean and Bill’s original marriage ceremony. Rocky Tito, ADC Activity Assistant, stood up for Bill. The Radice’s daughter, Lisa Giranda, was also there to support her parents.



As the bride stepped onto the rice-paper-lined aisle, the tune of the wedding march filled the room heightening the emotional setting. Mr. Graf’s ceremony was a touching tribute to the lasting love of Bill and Jean, and by the time the groom was encouraged to kiss the bride, tears and tissues were in abundance.

The ceremony was followed by a wedding reception held in the cafeteria, complete with a sweetheart table, dancing to a live DJ and a wedding-cake-cutting ceremony.

The ADC regrets to announce that Bill Radice passed away in May. We express our deepest sympathies to his family. They will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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became interested in the plight of the elderly and their lack of care options. He developed a relationship with a local priest in Bound Brook and they created a program that was run in a church basement. Forgoing the Peace Corps, Jeff instead directed all of his youthful energy and vision into serving the needs of those who joined the adult daycare program.

Jeff's vision was to change the attitude toward elders and eldercare in this country. Instead of families and care practitioners dismissing elders and putting them aside somewhere out of the way, Jeff wanted to see elder citizens retain their dignity and independence and continue to live with their families as long as possible, forestalling, or even eliminating the need for institutional care.

Participation in the program increased dramatically, both in staff and in membership and The Adult Day Center of Somerset County was born. They soon had to move to a larger space in the PeopleCare Building in Bridgewater.

Word of mouth has spread about the magical loving care offered by the ADC staff. The Center never has a shortage of members, yet space is limited. Jeff's expanded vision of the Center involves creating a new home for all of this loving care to take place. Thirty years later, it is obvious that the ADC has outgrown its current surroundings. The many people who attended Jeff's thirty year anniversary party sat elbow to elbow to fit into the Day Room.

As Jeff passed around slices of congratulatory cake to his guests, people stood up, one by one, many with tears in their eyes, and told personal stories of how Jeff and the services of the ADC had changed their lives.

Caregiver, Lisa Siccone, could not say enough about Jeff. "Most of us guide our kids with an emphasis on financial success," said Lisa, "but in the end, will money truly make them happy? Jeff has spent his life doing something more meaningful than the pursuit of financial gain. He has changed the lives of so many people. To me, he has really made it."

Jeff's humble "aw, shucks" attitude does not mask what everyone else sees as a unique, selfless and passionate dedication for the people he serves. The Board and Staff of the ADC toast his success.



MEET OUR STAFF



Katherine Cole

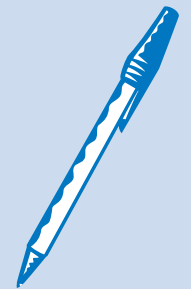
Katherine is a part-time typist, working every Monday at the ADC. The staff has depended on her skills for nearly 18 years. After retiring from her secretarial job at Research Cottrell in 1986, she decided to utilize her abilities as a volunteer at the Center. Six months later, she joined the ADC staff. Her late husband, Bob, was also an ADC volunteer. "He always helped when there was food around," said Katherine. "He especially liked the spaghetti dinner fundraisers we used to host."

When she is not working at the ADC, Katherine rarely has idle hands. She spends much of her time knitting for several non-profit agencies. She knits sweaters for the Merchant Seamen, afghan squares for "Warm Up America," and children's sweaters for "Knit for Kids." Katherine is also an avid reader of historical novels and an ardent gardener.

With all of these commitments in her life, she is most passionate about her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "My two grandchildren are the apples of my eyes," she says with a smile. Katherine is a mother to two, a grandmother to four and a great-grandmother to two.



A MESSAGE FROM Jeff



Spring at the ADC always brings new activities and initiatives. One of the most exciting of these will be the provision of rehabilitation services at the Center. In agreement with Fox Rehabilitation Services of Cherry Hill, Center members are eligible to receive physical and occupational therapy services with a doctor's order. Fox Rehabilitation Services are geriatric specialists and we are excited about the opportunity it will provide for our members.

Also in the months to come, we expect to receive funding to be dedicated to the development of creative arts programs for our participants. I'll keep you posted on the progress of this dynamic project.

Save the Dates!

September 18

2nd Annual Golf & Culinary Event *Golf Fundraiser*



November 10

"Getting Better with Age 2006" *Wine Tasting Event*



Mission: The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is a nonprofit agency committed to providing high quality, affordable medical and social day care services for disabled and elderly residents of Somerset County and support for caregiving families. In this compassionate community of acceptance, the frail elderly can continue living with their families, maintaining their dignity and independence, and forestalling, or even eliminating, the need for institutional care.

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