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*News of interest to the residents, families and extended families of all our Retirement Communities*

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### Do You Know?

*"Parades on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, are not originally Irish. They are an American invention. The first parade honoring Ireland's Patron Saint was organized in 1737 by the Charitable Society of Boston."*

— Author unknown

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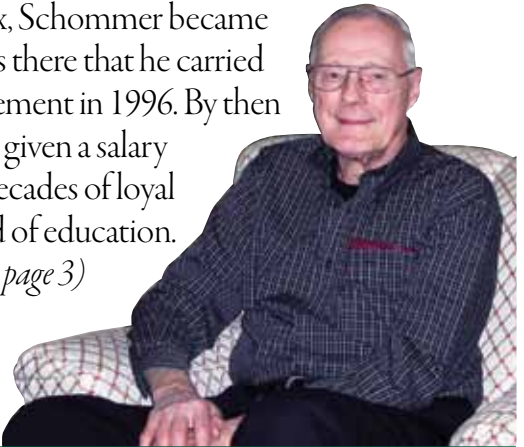
*Designer: Sherry Hardiman*

*Wants to be known as someone who "made a difference"*

## Park Crescent Resident Noted for His Lifetime of Giving

There's winners and losers; givers and takers. Count Tom Schommer among the givers. Throughout his adult life the 80-year-old Park Crescent resident has devoted an incredible amount of time and energy to community service organizations in his adopted hometown of Greece.

One of Tom's greatest passions has been the work he has done for the Greece Chamber of Commerce. This began in 1958 when he set up shop in his own home on a voluntary basis. Then, in the late Eighties, when the office moved into the DiMarzo-owned Country Village complex, Schommer became the organization's first paid employee. It was there that he carried on the organization's business until his retirement in 1996. By then he had earned the title of president and was given a salary increase in recognition of his nearly three decades of loyal service. Tom has also been active in the field of education. He has been a member and (Continued on page 3)



*Tom Schommer has been a happy resident at our Greece Legacy since last November.*



*There's no point in trying to identify these disguised Fairways Legacy residents. They, along with many others at our Victor site and throughout our other Retirement Communities, celebrated Mardi Gras in their own ways.*

## Legacies Give Lift to Haitian Survivors

Quick to lend a helping hand to survivors of one of the hemisphere's most destructive earthquakes were our Retirement Communities which served as collection points for donations to help save the lives of surviving Haitian children.

More than \$2,600 was raised from money given by residents and others in neighborhoods surrounding each of our seven Legacies. An anonymous but generous donor covered all administrative costs incurred by the local grass roots campaign organized by Mark IV Vice President Don Riley and Erie Station Executive Director Paul Ryan.

Said Ryan: "We are very pleased with the ongoing generosity of our Legacy residents and friends. We know the problems in Haiti will take a long time to solve and we hope to continue our assistance to this worthy cause." ■



*On January 31 donors were treated to a soup supper put on by each Legacy Retirement Community. In total, some 200 people donated to the cause including a good number who showed up here at our Erie Station Legacy. All Proceeds were forwarded to UNICEF.*

*How are we doin' folks?*

## Legacies Solicit Feedback from Residents' Grown Children



*Shown above are several members of the most recent focus group held at our Cranberry Landing Legacy. Conducting this gathering was Don Riley (not shown) and Executive Director Bill Lista (not shown). Also present among the audience of 16 were two staff members: Marlene La Course and Receptionist Sarah Mormino.*

"How're things going" asks a friend. "Super," you reply. "Our staff is the greatest. Our residents adore us. The social programs are fantastic, and the food ... *the food* ... is just out of this world. Things couldn't be better."

Maybe so. Maybe no. But there's an easy way to find out. ASK THEM. And so we do through regularly scheduled focus groups held at each of our seven Legacies.

According to Mark IV Vice President Don Riley, "Our purpose here is to get a less biased opinion — even ideas — from family members and others who have a vested interest in seeing that their loved ones are safe, well nourished, and enjoying every minute of their stay with us. Fortunately, far more often than not, that turns out to be the case." ■

## Staff PROFILE

### Father Bill Graf, A Man of Many Interests



Chaplain, pastor, professor, student and world traveler. That's Father Bill Graf, the 75-year-old Fairways Legacy resident who is so much on the go that he barely has time to think about retiring. Father Bill also serves as chaplain at the Victor site where he celebrates weekly mass, visits the sick, tends to special occasions, and provides personal counseling when asked. He also has a full-time teaching job as Chairman of Religious Studies at St. John Fisher College.

Incredible as it may sound, Father Bill claims to have "either taught or attended classes for 71 consecutive years." This June he'll be celebrating his 50th year since his ordination and, by summer, plans to take two more classes at Duke University and doing some teaching at the University of Rochester again this summer.

During his five decades of service Father Bill has been awarded nearly a dozen degrees from several notable

*In this issue of Legacy Living we begin a new series of articles devoted to the chaplains who so ably meet the spiritual needs of residents in each of our Retirement Communities. All seven clergymen are Legacy residents.*

institutions of higher learning... Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorates in philosophy, English, history, education, theology, counseling, and education.

The Brockport native has been pastor of three different congregations, the last of which was the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport. ■

*Father Bill reads 45 to 50 books a year, enjoys summertime walks, and documentary movies. He's also traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia and, because of its religious significance, likes Israel best which he has visited six times.*



## Biggest Deal in Town For Legacy Residents Only

Without doubt, you know the great value you get from living in a Legacy Retirement Community. Now there's one more perk to perk you up: A Golf Club membership at the fabulous new Champion Hills Country Club for just \$200. That's almost (but not) too good to be true. Compare that to the \$1,500 non-residents pay along with monthly dues and you can see what a real bargain is! ■

Become  
a member  
for only  
**\$200!**

## Park Crescent Resident (Continued from page 1)

president of the Greece Central School District's Board of Education, and for 10 years served as the board-appointed district treasurer.

Aside from the Chamber position,

all Tom's services to more than a dozen organizations has been as a volunteer. At the same time, this husband and father of three managed to keep up with various demanding jobs at Kodak until he retired in 1986 after 28 years of service. The Appleton, Wisconsin native and

his late wife, Dorothea, have lived in Rochester since 1958. Schommer graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and then served four years in the Air Force, achieving the rank of Tech. Sgt. in Ground Communications. ■

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