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Richard Segnit

The Story of Richie

Richard Segnit is a vibrant man of 71 who loves life and lives every moment to its fullest. Richie came to Kevin Guest House after learning that he had stage four lung cancer. Although Richie is from Peekskill, NY, he decided to come for treatment to Roswell Park Cancer Institute because 20-some years ago his friend was cured of cancer at RPCI – so Richie knows that he is receiving the best care by coming to Buffalo. Richie began his chemo treatments almost immediately – but the side effects don't keep him down – he has become very involved in the Buffalo city life. He loved attending "Thursdays in the Square" and began making lots of friends!

First a little bit about Richie – he was born and raised in Peekskill, NY.

He is the second oldest of four brothers and one sister – six in all. His family was "dirt poor", as Richie says, and so his mother canned everything they could grow on their modest farm. Hunting, fishing, and bartering became their way of life. They lived off the land and his mom cooked on a wood burning stove – making everything homemade – bread, macaroni, etc. From this I'm sure came Richie's love of cooking. Since Richie has been at Kevin Guest House, he has enjoyed cooking for other guests – he has made us "Richies' Chicken". He also made us spare ribs, "mile high apple pie", berry pies and peach pie. Besides cooking, Richie also enjoys golf, fishing, snowmobiling and is an avid deer hunter.

Richie tells the stories of his childhood remembering how the children would pick up coal from the railroad tracks to be used as their source of heat in the living room. Feeding the animals, picking up coal and going to school were his life. At about the age of 10 he and his brother, John, began working in a bowling alley setting up pins. Richie would also hang around his uncle's body shop when he was about 12 and would often watch the welding being done on the cars. Eventually he learned this trade. Richie and John were born during the depression, and so they had to pitch in to help the family and couldn't play any sports. John quit school at 16 and Richie shortly followed by also quitting school at 16. John became a carpenter, and Richie became a laborer in construction. At the age of seventeen, Richie joined the Navy. He served from 1955 – 1959. After getting out of the navy, Richie worked as a truck driver, a short order cook, and managed a bar and restaurant. It was during this time that he met his wife. They had their daughter in 1961 and their son in 1965. Around this time, Richie joined the Laborers Union and worked on the first nuclear power plant in Verplanks, NY.

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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

What a summer, monsoon-like rains, gorgeous sunny days, humidity, hail and plenty of warm hearts to quickly pass the months away.

As you know, the summer season is a time to visit family, travel the country and spend time with friends. On each of these occasions tragedy struck and we opened our doors to the weary travelers not knowing what would come next. Imagine visiting Buffalo for your grandson's college graduation and your husband suffers a heart attack. Not only is it scary and life threatening, but imagine if you didn't have hotel reservations and you didn't know anyone else in town to turn to for help... Kevin Guest House was here to provide a warm heart and a comfortable bed for them to lay their head and gather their thoughts as they made plans for open heart surgery, recovery and the eventual trip home. Or you and your family are traveling to visit Niagara Falls as part of a group bus tour and your aunt slips and hits her head... the bus leaves with the other travelers and you're left alone to find lodging while your aunt recovers from severe head trauma. Thankfully, these stories have happy endings and everyone recovered and traveled back home. The one thing in common for all of them is that Kevin Guest House was here to help during their time of need.

But, we also ran a waiting list of folks that we couldn't provide for, and that truthfully is against the grain of our mission. So, over the last several months we have been meeting with a team from Roswell Park Cancer Institute to help us move forward with our goals of an expansion in order to serve more guests than ever before. With the help of our RPCI friends and colleagues, we believe we have come up with a dynamic plan to do just that. I don't have a sketch to share or a dollar amount that we'll need to raise but we are hopeful to have a fully developed plan ready to execute in the very near future. The idea of an expansion has been developing for several years now as we have been collecting data to share with our potential grant funders and have had preliminary meetings with several representatives of local foundations, all of whom are interested in our plans and have supported us in the past. We'll be counting on them and you to help with our fundraising efforts, but more about that after we dot all the i's and cross all the t's. I'd also like to mention, and say thank you to the Garvey Family and their friends for helping to kick off the fundraising with their Family and Friends Campaign that has raised a significant amount to help us get the ball rolling.

There is always so much to share: we have our Oktoberfest quickly approaching, another Affaire of the Heart just around the corner, and yes, believe it or not, another holiday season. Our issue has all of the details for our upcoming events and I hope you'll join us at all or one of them! We have also included the wrap up on our golf outing which was another great success thanks to you our readers, supporters, the committee and our golf enthusiasts.

And a big apology—in our last issue of Heartline we were missing our friends and donors whose last names begin with "Cat..." through "Leb". We very much appreciate your support and were very unhappy when this error was discovered. We have included a special section in this issue, and again with heart felt appreciation, thank you. Enjoy the beauty of the season!

*Sincerely,
Wayne*

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After working a short time as a laborer Richie's wife met another woman whose husband was a bridge and structural iron worker – Richie began working as an apprentice for Ingalls Steal and after five years while working in Woodberry, Connecticut he was given a Journeyman Iron Workers Book without going to apprentice school because he already knew the trade so well. Six years later, while working on a site, Richie fell 65 feet, landing on steel rods. Among other injuries, he broke his heels, sacrum and six discs and vertebrae; putting him in a body cast for a couple months, followed by a stay in a rehab center. Two years later, while working on a railroad bridge, he was knocked off the scaffold plank when a piece of the structure slipped off and swung back hitting the scaffold and nearly knocking him into the Saybrook River. Injuries once again were to the vertebrae in his neck. Richie is no stranger to suffering but his remarkable attitude about his present illness is what lifts the spirits of other guests here at Kevin Guest House.

After recovering, Richie couldn't get a job because of his previous injuries, so he went to the Connecticut State Welding Institute to learn specialty welding – learning how to do Tig Welding -- including the welding of stainless steel, aluminum, magnesium, cast iron, and pipe. After graduating, he was a State Certified Welder. In 1975, Richie opened up his own little welding shop. Here he did all kinds of welding!

When Richie got out of the Navy, he bought his 1932 Ford Coupe. Richie still has this car -- he has rebuilt it over the years. He smiles as he tells of taking it apart and rebuilding it about five times over the fifty years. His car is his pride and

joy – his vanity license plate reads "Oohbabie". Richie is still an active hot rodder and drag racer. He attends a lot of car shows and cruises and at the Ford Nationals in Pennsylvania in 2005 he received celebrity pick and in 2006 took second class in his division. His car has no windows and no interior and everyone is amazed at the homemade stainless steel pipes made by Richie 37 years ago – and his workmanship on the car awes everyone. It has a 1965 Shelby Cobra Motor 427 Tunnel Port. Richie's car has been featured on Videos, and National Magazines. No wonder Richie takes home so many awards – even here in Buffalo at all the car shows.

Richie's grandson is very special to him. The only son of his daughter, Randy, Jr., is hard working like his grandfather, Richie, as well as his dad and mom. Randy salvages and recovers sunken boats at barges. Randy is just 20 but well on is way to being a successful entrepreneur.

The last few years have not been kind to Richie – in 2007 he had a stroke; in 2008 he had two knee surgeries and in 2009 was diagnosed with cancer. Richie's cancer does not keep him down even after learning that it has moved from his lymph nodes to his liver. Despite the prognosis, Richie shows us that no matter what disease you have, you can still live life to the fullest and enjoy every minute of it. Richie's heart is always in the right place as he gives to others in the best ways he can. Kevin Guest House has truly become "home" for Richie. I guess Richie is in the right place in his life – here at Kevin Guest House – the house with a heart.



Church Group Volunteers at KGH

Parishioners from the New Apostolic Church in Tonawanda recently spent a day volunteering at KGH.

One volunteer crew painted the upstairs hall and two stairwells while another group prepared lots of meals for our guests.

Long-time volunteers and supporters of KGH, Robert and Marlisa Kalb, suggested the KGH projects to their church. With the blessing of their pastor, Rev. Michael Wurst, and under the coordination of Larry Burns, the volunteers did an outstanding job!

Thank you one and all.

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Kevin Guest House is planning our Annual Poinsettia Sale. This year's sale dates are Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4 at Roswell Park Cancer Institute; Wednesday, December 9 in the lobby at HSBC Center; and Friday, December 11 at Buffalo General Hospital. In addition, pre-sale orders will be accepted. All pre-sale orders must be picked up at KGH on Friday, December 11 from 10 am to 3

pm. Orders over \$200 to a single location will be delivered free of charge.

Several different sizes and colors of Poinsettia plants and Cyclamen plants will be available for purchase. We accept MasterCard, Discover and Visa, checks and cash.

For ordering information or if you'd like to volunteer to help sell the Poinsettia, please contact Cathy Allen at 882-1818 or at cathy@kevinguesthouse.org. Watch your mailbox for your pre-order

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quiet and loving man, a friend to all who entered our front doors. Gerald "Jerry" Kliber lost his battle with cancer on Friday, August 21, 2009.

Those fortunate enough to know him will remember him for his love and loyalty to Kevin Guest House and its occupants, whether they be co-workers or guests.

He was a gentle soul who will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

In Memoriam:

Gerald "Jerry" Kliber

Kevin Guest House Employee 1979-2003

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Checkers Athletic Club's "Mueller Mile" a Great Success!

Buffalo's Checkers Athletic Club recently held its annual one mile run to benefit Kevin Guest House. This year's run, the "Mueller Mile", was sponsored by Mueller Services, Inc. of the City of Tonawanda. The race was held in Tonawanda with the start and finish areas hosted by The Griffin Sports Bar. Several hundred runners participated in the race.

2009 winners were:

Open Division: 1st Place Male, Robert Duggan in 4:59; 1st Place Female, Carrie Wert in 5:47.

Elite Men: 1st Place, Chris Muldoun in 4:26.

Elite Women: 1st Place, Allison Carr in 5:05.

Our sincere thanks are extended to all the runners and to this year's race director, Wendy Guyker, for all her hard work!



Runners get ready to participate in this year's "Mueller Mile" presented by Checkers Athletic Club.

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 Power hand tools

2009 Annual GMR Golf Outing to benefit Kevin Guest House



Due to bad weather, the tournament was rescheduled from August to this new September date. Support GMR and KGH by participating in this golf outing...it may be the last tournament you play in this season!

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date: **9/22/09** registration: **9am**
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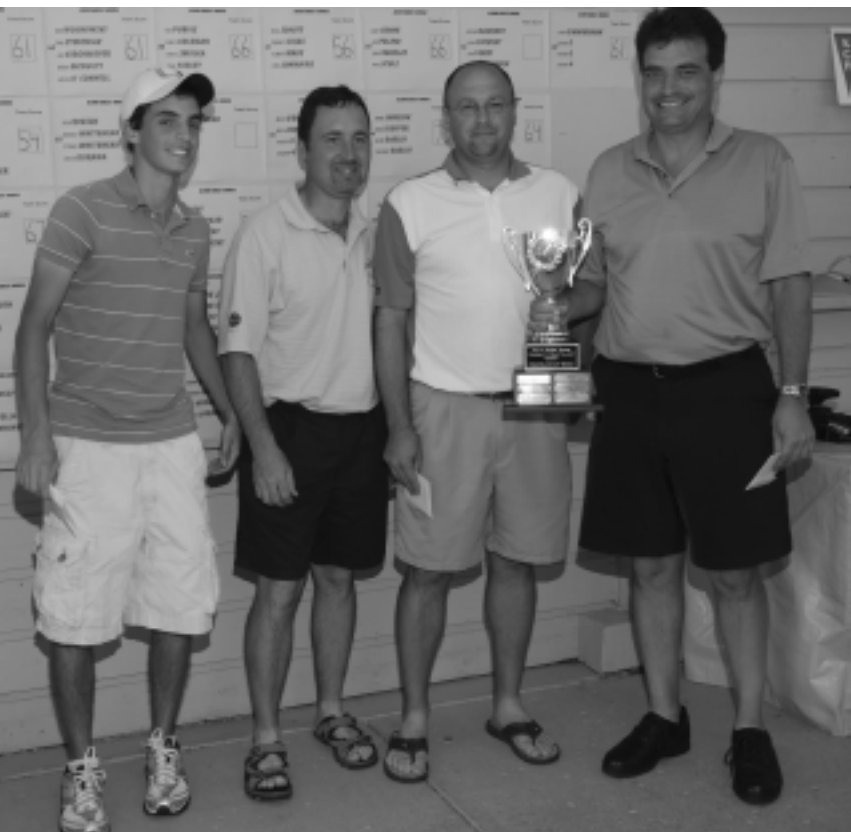
HOUSE GOLF TOURNEY AT SUCCESS

Kevin Guest House held its 13th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic on July 20 raising over \$45,000 to support our mission. We are also so happy to report that the event completely sold out this year!!

Kevyn Adams, a former NHL player and a native Western New Yorker, was the tournament's celebrity host. Joining Kevyn were such notables as Scotty Bowman, Harry Neale, Patrick Kane, Jr., Kevin O'Connell, Terry Martin, and Dave Burkholder. The Kevin Guest House Corporate Cup was presented to golfers in the Clough Harbour foursome who took top honors in the Low Gross category.

Thank you to all our donors, sponsors, volunteers and golfers! We could run a successful event without your continued support.

**Save the date for next year's tourney:
Monday, July 19, 2010 at Glen Oak Golf Course.**



2009 Winners!

Low Gross Foursome:
(pictured to left)

Clough Harbour foursome of Darren Delsignore, Dan Higgins Mark Jarmuz, and Frank Delsignore,

2nd Low Gross Foursome:

Upstate Pharmacy foursome of Gary Matteson, Joe Walaczeck, Bryant Moore and Mike Carrig

Longest Drive Ladies: Chris Lorenz

Longest Drive Men: Mark Jarmuz

Closest to Pin Men: Kevin McNulty

Closest to Pin Women: Lisa Docherty

Highest Score Foursome: Madonna Bonitatibus, Lisa Docherty, Shari Cappellion and Sally Frizzell



Brother David lends a hand to Adam in the second floor bathroom

Eagle Scout Project Benefits KGH

Adam Lloyd recently completed two projects at Kevin Guest House as part of his Eagle Scout project. Adam spent countless hours on a landscape project in front of the main house and spent more time painting and updating on of the second floor bathrooms.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit, service and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

Thank you Adam and crew!!



A beautiful day for our open house

2009 Kevin Guest House

Guests enjoyed the Annual Kevin Guest House Open House held on July 22. Tours of the Main House and gardens were conducted by volunteers and guests enjoyed food courtesy of Tops Friendly Markets and Rosina Food Products, Inc.



Volunteers busy with guests attending the "Wake"

Goodbye "Aud"

On Sunday, June 7th, an Irish Wake for the Aud was held on the fourth floor patio of the Pearl Street Grill. Proceeds from the event were donated to Kevin Guest House.

Since its cornerstone was laid in 1939, the Aud held many memories for those who grew up in the Buffalo area. We've laughed, we've cheered and we've cried, but the inevitable reality is that the Aud has died.

The fundraiser included celebrity bartenders, favorite Buffalo food, complimentary pints of Labatt, a 50/50 raffle and live entertainment from local favorites The Leftovers, David Moore of Jackdaw fame and Geno McManus. An Irish Toast and send off was held at 7 pm to the beloved building. Local artist, Bob Gregg, was also in attendance showcasing his well-known "The Aud - Memories Past & Present" Plaque.

The event was coordinated by a group of volunteers who included: Lindsay Gregg, Erin Meegan, Katie Pillich, Bob Gregg and Frank Crowe. Thank you!



In Memoriam

Kevin Guest House is very sad to report that M.G. "Jerry" O'Neil passed away recently at his home. Jerry was Kevin Garvey's Uncle and his endless support of KGH and our mission will be forever remembered. Jerry formed a foundation that supported charities he believed in and, of course, KGH was at the top of the list.

M.G. "Jerry" O'Neil
January 29, 1922 –
August 18, 2009

Over the past 12 years or so, Jerry has made financial contributions of \$120,000 to us.

We thank him for his kindness and generosity.

Help our "Heart" have a class of wine @ Just Vino



Just Vino co-owners, Jeff Borsuk, and Wayne Zimmerman enjoy a toast to the new partnership formed by Just Vino and KGH.

Just Vino at 846 Main Street in Buffalo has joined forces with KGH to help raise money to support our mission. Just Vino is owned by Jeff Borsuk and Ken Wood.

Just Vino is a European style wine bar which offers 80 wines by the glass, wine flights and a selection of reserve wines by the bottle. The simple food menu consists of cured meats and cheeses and other tapas style plates to complement the wines. The wine list continually changes as each month they focus on a special wine region and feature a different grape varietal.

Just Vino will feature a Kevin Guest House wine flight (a mini wine tasting) during the month of September. The featured wines will be Zardetto Prosecco, Chateau Lamothe 2008, Ruca Malen 2006 and Quinta Infantade Tawny Porto. A flight costs \$12 and \$2 of every flight ordered during September will be donated to KGH. Also, we will receive 10 percent of Just Vino profits EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. And that's not it.....for every \$1 membership in the Just Vino Varietal Club, KGH will receive \$1.

Stop by Just Vino, enjoy some wine and support Kevin Guest House.

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Dr. Donald Trump
Jeffrey Walker
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Laura Shoemaker
Craig Coyne



TEMPT FATE

2009 Affaire of the Heart
Friday, November 13, 2009

Kevin Guest House will hold its 17th Annual Affaire of the Heart, "Tempt Fate" in the Bella Amore Ballroom at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant.

The evening will include, wonderful food selections, silent and live auctions, raffles, live entertainment by Babik, a specialty martini bar with hand painted keepsake glasses, strolling entertainers and more!

Dr. Donald Trump, President & CEO of Roswell Park Cancer Institute, is this year's Honorary Chair and the event's Presenting Sponsor is M & T Bank.

Tickets are \$125 each and corporate sponsorships are available at a variety of levels. Raffle tickets for the chance to win \$1,000 CASH are 1 for \$20, 2 for \$30 or 3 for \$50. Another highlight of the evening will be Tom and Denis Garvey serving as our live auctioneers.

Also, we are looking for people to host a Gift Gathering Party for the Affaire of the Heart. A Gift Gathering Party is an opportunity for people to get together, have fun, and bring a gift to be used as an auction item at the Affaire of the Heart. It can be as simple or elaborate as you like. It can be a theme party or a friendly gathering. Gift Gathering Parties have proven to be an integral part of the past success of the Affaire of the Heart and play an important role in the gathering of donations for the event.

If you would like more information about sponsorships, tickets, or Gift Gathering Parties, please contact Cathy Allen at 716.882.1818 or at cathy@kevinguesthouse.org



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