

# Heartline

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Vince and Priscilla Eisamen

*"You'll feel safe here. It's a little compound of security and safety during a scary time in your lives."*

## BMT Notes and Musings

written by former guests Priscilla and Vince Eisamen

### Appreciate Kevin Guest House

You may not want to be here, because it means you've had to mentally and physically sign out of your own home for at least two months, which seems incredibly impossible and foreverish. Most likely you have to be here because you live outside the safety boundaries set up for Bone Marrow Transplant patients. We know—we live only 55 minutes away, but 30 minutes is Roswell's cut-off—no ifs, ands, or buts!

You've probably already had to swallow more pride and accept more help than ever before. It's hard and humbling—believe me, we know that, too. We would much rather be on the giving end. But do yourselves a big favor. Just say "thank you" when people offer to help. It may not be easy, but it will get easier, and it's okay. There will be a time for you to pay it forward, but take advantage of the help offered to you now.

The good news is that you are in for a wonderful blessing at KGH. After spending 30 or so days in the hospital wondering if you'll ever get better, you'll find that KGH is a haven of rest and restoration—for your body and soul. You will get immeasurably better. Look out your front window, Roswell is right there. You can walk to your clinic appointments when the weather is good or call for a ride when it isn't. You don't have to get in your car, park in the ramp, or pay your \$3. There really is a peace of mind knowing that Roswell is right next door "just in case..." If you are feeling up to the walk to your clinic visit, Roswell's gardens are beautiful. Landscapers have designed plants to bloom at various times throughout spring, summer and fall so there is always something to appreciate.

Look out your back window if you don't want to see Roswell... KGH's yards and gardens are gorgeous. I am writing this in warm weather, after two months of seeing birds and buds blossom and bloom in this gorgeous environment. I've no idea about winter months, but it has to be peaceful. Your caregiver will be able to cook the foods that will actually taste good AND help you regain some much needed weight. Take advantage of the meals provided for you in what we affectionately refer to as the "Big House". These meals are prepared by volunteers from all walks of life and are meant to give you and your caregiver a break. At first we were apprehensive about sitting around a large table eating with strangers. No one stays strangers for long though. It's a GOOD thing. You'll benefit from all the help you can get. And eating at the Big House allows you to eat a delicious meal prepared with love and care for you, converse with fellow BMT patients and other lodgers, and guess what? You don't even have to clean up! Let others help you help yourself.

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## Greetings!

Summer is a wonderful time of the year! And, in Buffalo that is no exception.

This year we have been greeted with plenty of sunshine and hot, almost Miami type hot weather, along with plenty of humidity. And, for the first time the Kevin Guest House Gardens, front and back have been noted as part of "Buffalo in Bloom". Visit their website at [www.buffaloinbloom.com](http://www.buffaloinbloom.com) and see the photos. Of course this couldn't have been

accomplished without the dedication of Diane Smith, a member of our Claudia Garvey Memorial Guild and the team leader of our gardens. Diane and volunteer Barbara Moscati have worked endlessly since April making sure our gardens are welcoming to everyone who passes our home or those coming to us for comfort. I would be remiss not to mention that we have had several dedicated volunteers and groups that have helped with our gardens and some gardening work from our own Jeff (Building and Grounds) and Francis (Resident Manager). Thank you one and all!

We also held our 14th Annual Golf Outing hosted by Kevyn Adams. To see all the details check out pages 8 and 9 for photos and the story, and thank you to the Golf committee, chaired this year by KGH board member, Kevin Durawa...what a great job they did.

Following the Golf Outing and in honor of our 38th Anniversary, we hosted our annual Open House. Before, I go on I would like to say thank you to John and Debbie Zimmerman and family, Rosina Food Products, Inc., Mike Patti, Kathleen Grait and TOPS Markets for serving up a wonderful lunch time meal and amazing desserts to help with the celebration. It truly made for a great afternoon. And, what a great day it was, Suzy Garvey was in attendance along with her nephew Tom Garvey, Jr. (see his story on page 5). We also had some notable visitors, besides many of the members of the board of directors we also enjoyed seeing Richard and Ann Beer (home from a tour of duty in Russia), Richard's dad - Robert was born at Kevin Guest House. Richard's sister Claudia Beer Rodgers was also here for the celebration. Every time we see them we are greeted with open arms, their wonderful stories of the house and all the love that has always been plentiful in this home. We continue this love and warmth every day of the year as we remember their family stories and the love of Mr. and Mrs. Garvey and how they felt being able to offer this home away from home to so many families.

I can go on, but I need to remember this is a message and not a short story.

## Our Expansion:

As you know if you follow our newsletter, Heartline, we are expanding! We have conceptual drawings; we have the space needed to execute our plan; we have our Civil Engineers, Clough, Harbour and Associates working to complete their detailed land and topographical surveys; we continue formal and informal reviews with City of Buffalo project manager, John Bidell, and we have \$500,000 raised via the Garvey Family and Friends campaign. We have been approved for a \$25,000 grant from The James Cummings Foundation, and sizable gifts

given by the National Hockey League and Gina and David Carpenter.

Everyone who receives this newsletter is welcome to participate. The most important tasks to follow are raising more money and hiring an architectural firm to do the construction drawings. Our fundraising goal is \$1.2 million. I know...take a deep breath...I do...it seems daunting but I believe in those reading this newsletter and in our hard work with local foundations to come through and make this much needed expansion happen.

It must, as we continue to have a regular waiting list, turning on average of 20 families away each month. As some of you may know, we have no space available for those that need a ramp, elevator or other amenities for individuals with mobility challenges. We don't have enough apartments for those being released from Roswell Park Cancer Institute whose extended stays must offer them the comforts of home in an environment conducive to healing.

We are proud at Kevin Guest House to have served over 40,000 families since our beginnings in 1972. We have never expanded like this in the 38 years of serving those in need. It is time, time for us to care for more and more guests everyday and it is you that will make this dream, our expansion, a reality.

Within the next several months and well into next year (and maybe the year after) you will receive mailings from me asking for your financial help. But you don't have to wait, because the more we raise via our newsletters, the less we have to spend on future mailings. It's been known that groups hire a Capital Campaign Team, an expensive endeavor for most. We are hopeful and counting on our readers to prepare for their gift, to send the gift in on their own and certainly to strongly consider that gift when a specialized mailing comes to your door...We must do this for you and for the tens of thousands of others that will benefit directly from your gift.

I am available to you, our guests, our readers and to our donors. So please don't hesitate to call me to talk about your plans in giving to our Expansion Campaign. All gifts are tax deductible (receipts will be issued) and know that your gift will be permanently recognized on our donor wall in the new community space of our first of three new buildings.

We are working to add a page to our web site for you to view the drawings of the new KGH campus and the wonderful atmosphere you will help us build.

In closing, I'd like to thank you all for taking the time to read this message all the way through, and know in my heart I have much appreciation for the kindness you have shown to Kevin Guest House and those we serve. It is your on-going confidence and support that have made us successful and I look forward to many more years of providing this service to you, your friends, family and neighbors.

Enjoy the autumn season and I hope to hear from you or see you soon at one of our events.

*Sincerely,  
Wayne*

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The staff at KGH is caring and courteous. We've needed documents printed, no problem. Lost keys (and found keys), no problem. Medicines signed for, no problem. You get the idea. They are here to help and serve. Let them do the job they love.

Take advantage of hanging with other BMT'ers and their caregivers. It's amazing how much better both of you will feel when you realize you aren't alone in this process. We've been on both ends—the newbies and now the veterans. Let others take care of you so you can heal.

### **You're Here, Now What?**

I tend to be more of a couch potato than my husband so I was somewhat surprised when he, Mr. BMT, started planning things to do around Buffalo during our exile from home. We have done more these past two plus months than most Buffalonians have done in a life time, and have had a good time doing them! I realize we are a captive audience, but that makes the healing process even better. Seriously, you are stuck in a place not your own, so make the best of it. If you were home, you'd be trying to do the things you usually do, which would be too much, then you'd beat yourselves up, then you wouldn't relax, and you'd struggle getting better. Relax here and take advantage of the cool stuff available to you.

### **Places to Eat**

Obviously, this is contingent on whether or not you have regained your appetite and your taste buds are somewhat back to normal. Crazy enough, it was during the 30 day hospital stay while my husband's taste buds were whacked out and he had no appetite that he watched TV's Food Network and craved random foods. He took note of Guy Fieri's choice of restaurants as shown on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, three of which happen to be right here in KGH's own back yard. They are: Lake Effect Diner, Sophia's and Pizza Junction.

Other restaurants to take note of are: Anchor Bar, La Nova Pizza, Saigon Café, India Gate, Louie's Hot Dogs, Café de Pizza, Chef's,

Anderson's, Spot Coffee, Romeo and Juliet's, Pano's, and Elmwood Taco and Sub.

### **Things to See**

You may think all we did was stuff our faces---soooo not true! We were just working up our appetites by visiting the following:

Botanical Gardens of Buffalo and Erie County, City Hall, Darwin Martin House, Parkside Community Association tours, Church of the Good Shepherd, Delaware Baptist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady of Angels Basilica, Elbert Hubbard's Roycroft Arts and Crafts Community, Carousel Museum, Karpeles Manuscript Museums, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, Broadway Market, New York Central Railroad Terminal, Veteran's Park, Shea's Performing Arts Center, Delaware Park, Tiff Nature Preserves, Niagara Falls, Erie Basin Marina, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo Bisons baseball games at Coca-Cola Field, Albright Knox Art Gallery, Burchfield Penney Art Museum, ChocoLoco Chocolate Factory,

Enjoy the view. Wherever you go, enjoy it. If you've lost your way, turn around and head back. We were downtown during rush hour and I inadvertently turned left onto a street going one way the OTHER way. In front of a police officer. I had to do a 4 point turn around to go the correct way with my husband all the while crossing himself thinking we were headed to glory, or at least the police station!

### **Key Streets to Remember**

Look at the main streets of Buffalo as though spokes on a wheel, Buffalo's downtown being the center.

- Furthest south is Seneca Street which travels west to east/southeast
- William Street travels west to east
- Genesee Street travels west to east/northeast
- Main Street (Route 5) travels south/north then a distinct east
- Delaware Avenue travels south/north
- Military Road travels south/north



### **Patrick Kane and the Stanley Cup Visit Kevin Guest House!**

Kevin Guest House had a wonderful surprise one sunny day in August. Our guests and volunteers were treated to a visit from Patrick Kane and the Stanley Cup. Patrick found time in a very hectic day to stop at KGH and pose for photos. He was most gracious and everyone enjoyed their own "15 minutes of fame" with the cup. Patrick is a Forward with the Chicago Blackhawks and has been a celebrity golfer at our golf outing.

Thank you Patrick!

# SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, November 12th @ 7pm • Illio DiPaolo's Restaurant


Please mark your calendar to join us at our 19th Annual Affaire of the Heart presented by M&T Bank. Enjoy wonderful food selections, cocktails, music, silent and live auctions, basket raffles and more! **TRY YOUR LUCK** in our Heart and Soul raffle for just \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Grand Prize: Samsung 50" Class 1080p Plasma HDTV Second Prize: Heart and Soul Package. **BRING ON YOUR BIDS** Some items to be included in the auctions and raffles include: A Herman Miller Aeron Chair, a Lake Tahoe Condo with accommodations for 12, a weekend get-away in Ellicottville, UB Bulls package, a Disney package for 4; a Buffalo Bisons package, signed sports memorabilia, original art, cooking classes, spa packages, golf packages, and lots more! Every Autumn Kevin Guest House hosts this event to raise funds so we may continue to serve as a home away from home for people traveling to the Buffalo area for medical treatment.

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### Suggestions for products you might already be buying:

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- Have a college student without a car? Order from Staples.com or OfficeMax.com and have bottled water delivered right to their dorm room with free shipping and earn cash back!
- Home project? Purchase an electronic gift card from HomeDepot.com before going to the store. Earn cash back on these certificates and support KGH!



**Please support KGH while shopping online!**



*Barb Fraser and Tom Garvey*

## My Visit to Kevin Guest House

written by Tom Garvey, Jr.

A few weeks ago, I was privileged enough to spend some time at Kevin Guest House. As the nephew of Kevin, I have grown up hearing about the Guest House, have seen my brothers and sisters depart to spend time there, and return with a changed attitude. And while I knew of the house and its purpose, I could have never imagined the way it could have affected me.

As we drove through Buffalo on the way to the house, I marveled at the concentration of health care facilities in the area. We drove through the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and could see several hospitals in the vicinity, which my father pointed out. As we turned into the parking lot, several things registered in my mind, the first of which were the hearts. On the fence railing, in the porch furniture, on the sidewalk, they were engraved, embossed, and emblazoned everywhere. Next, I noticed the pineapples, on the flag out front and several inside, symbolizing the hospitality that the house offers. Then I noticed the quiet. Even in the middle of a major city, the property is peaceful and serene.

Be it the peace and quiet, or the love expressed on every object big enough to support an engraved heart, Kevin Guest House seemed to me a home. Moreover, I soon found out that how ever welcoming I found the house, it was nothing to the people inside. The first person I met was Wayne, who, as everyone knows, is friendly, outgoing, and easy for anyone to get along with. Next, I met the volunteer resident managers, Anita and Dave, who are surely two of the sweetest, selfless people I have ever met. In Anita's words, they seek, "to serve." Next came the guests, Jeff and Trina. I was struck not by sadness or misery, but laughter. All the guests seemed determined, despite their daunting hardships, to remain strong and happy. I doubt I'll ever meet someone who laughs more than Trina does, be it a small chuckle or a long lasting laugh.

I spent the week working odd jobs and trying mostly to be helpful, whether that be helping to make dinner (Swiss steak was my favorite), or making beds, I tried to work as quietly as possible and to maintain an open ear to the guests. And I was amazed at the stories and backgrounds many shared with me. Suffice it to say that every guest at the house has felt tragedy, and all come together not to wallow in it, but to share and lighten the burden of their tragedy.

That is the true gift of the Guest House. More than the accommodations that take your mind of the basic question of shelter, more than the easy access to the hospitals, it is the atmosphere of Kevin Guest House that is felt. Guests know that every person around can relate to their struggles, that each one of us will treat them with the respect and kindness they deserve. And looking up at Kevin's smiling face, I know that my family would be proud.



*Tim and Nora O'Neill, two dinner volunteers, share a laugh with KGH Executive Director Wayne M. Zimmerman*



*Joanne Janicki and Susan Oakley*

## Guest Dinner Volunteers Honored

The Claudia Garvey Memorial Guild launched the Guest Dinner Program under the leadership of Joanne Janicki and Nora O'Neill during 2009. Last year over 73 dinners were prepared by a wide range of volunteers. That's over a meal a week for our guests to enjoy.

A thank you reception was held in late August to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who help prepare and serve guest meals. Pictured here are Joanne Janicki, and her sister, Susan Oakley, who is a regular "cook" at KGH.

If you or your organization is interested in participating in our Guest Dinner Program, please contact Wayne M. Zimmerman at [wzimmerman@kevinguesthouse.org](mailto:wzimmerman@kevinguesthouse.org).

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## HELP OUR "HEART" & HAVE A CLASS OF WINE @ JUST VINO

Just Vino at 846 Main Street in Buffalo continues 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 months of October and November. 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. Thank you Jeff and Ken!

## our WISHLIST

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Decaf coffee  
Powder Coffee Creamer  
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Quick Release Foil  
Plastic Wrap  
Parchment Paper  
1qt/1 gal freezer bags

### Other

Gift Cards for Tops and Wegmans  
Supermarkets  
Home Depot

### Laundry Supplies

Liquid detergent  
Liquid clorox ll  
Liquid fabric Softener  
Bleach  
Dryer sheets  
Spray starch

### Cleaning Supplies

Liquid Hand Soap

Liquid Dishwasher Detergent  
Clorox Anywhere Spray  
Tilex Daily Shower Spray  
Air Wick Solid Room Freshener  
Pledge Furniture Polish  
Window Cleaner  
Swiffer Wet and Dry Sheets  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
All Purpose Spray Cleaner  
Spic and Span Liquid Floor Cleaner  
Kitchen Sponges  
Dish Detergent  
Handiwipes

### Light Bulbs

3 Way  
60 and 75 watt bulbs  
120 watt indoor flood bulbs  
60 watt Chandelier bulbs  
40 watt clear fan bulbs  
40 watt white decorative vanity bulbs

### Paper Products

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Napkins  
Dixie Cups

### Linens

*(please, new in package only. we are in need of Twin & Queen bedding)*  
Mattress Pads (twin & queen)  
Zipper pillow covers  
Standard  
(hypo-allergenic)  
Sheet Sets-Twin & Queen  
(neutrals-beige, cream, tan, & ecru)  
Fleece Blankets -Twin & Queen  
Towel Sets -

(white, beige, & tan, bleachable)  
Kitchen towel sets  
Dish cloths

### Miscellaneous

Postage Stamps  
Under Bed plastic boxes  
Printer & Copier paper white & pastels  
Card stock  
white, off-white, beige & cream

### Computer Supplies

CD-RW disks  
Printer Cartridges-  
HP #11-magenta, cyan, and yellow  
HP #10 - black

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[www.kevinguesthouse.org](http://www.kevinguesthouse.org) for more items on our wish list.  
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### Our Event Volunteers

Barb Moscati  
Carol and Matt Flaughner  
Diane Adams  
Diane Carr  
Diane Smith  
Leo and Kollin Schultz  
Nancy Martin  
Paul McAfee  
Suzy Garvey

### 2010 Golf Committee

Kevin Durawa, Chair  
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## KEVIN GUEST HOUSE A GREAT



Patrick Kane, Sr., Kevyn Adams, and Patrick Kane, Jr.



Kevin O'Connell from WGRZ-TV auctions off a framed photo of Patrick Kane, Jr.



Patrick Kane, Jr.



# HOUSE GOLF TOURNEY AT SUCCESS

Kevin Guest House held its 14th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic on July 19 raising over \$43,000 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, Patrick Kane, Jr., Kevin O'Connell, Terry Martin, Jeff Quinn, Dave Smith, and Derek Smith. The Kevin Guest House Corporate Cup was presented to golfers in the Upstate Pharmacy foursome who took top honors in the Low Gross category. The golfers were: Cory McAllister, Mike Carrig, Dave Batt, and Joe Waleszczak.

Thank you to all our donors, sponsors, volunteers and golfers! We could not run a successful event without your continued support.



## 2010 Winners!

**Low Gross Foursome:** Upstate Pharmacy  
(pictured at left)

Cory McAllister, Mike Carrig, Dave Batt, Kevin O'Connell  
from Channel 2 and Joe Waleszczak

**Longest Drive Ladies:** Shantelle Porack

**Longest Drive Men:** Corey Smith

**Closest to Pin Men:** Cory McAllister

### **Roll-a-Putt Winners:**

**First Place:** Greg Tobias

**Second Place:** Paul LoVullo

**Third Place:** Greg Braun



takes time to autograph an auction item for Paul LoVullo.



The "infamous" Roll-a-Putt volunteers (l to r) Barb Moscati, Nancy Martin, Diane Smith and Suzy Garvey



Pictured here are: Dave Geraci, Mike Patti, Sam Patti, John Zimmerman, Jeff Quinn and Kevyn Adams. These golfers played with the Tops foursome. Jeff is the UB Bulls Football Team Head Coach.

# MANY HEARTS MAKE A HOUSE WARMER!



*Wegmans Volunteers stain Healing Garden Gazebo*



*Cheektowaga Youth Engaged Service Help  
Around Kevin Guest House*



*Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kersher Volunteer around  
Kevin Guest House*

During the summer months, KGH always enjoys visits by various volunteer groups. These volunteers help us with gardening, maintenance, housekeeping, to name just a few. Above are some photo highlights from the various visits.

A group of Wegmans volunteers worked at KGH as part of the United Way's Business Meets Community Project. The volunteers did gardening and lots of other maintenance on the KGH grounds. They also served a wonderful meal to our guests and they even had time to stain our Healing Garden gazebo and deck. And, all funds needed for the project were donated by Wegmans. The volunteers were: Lindsay Brooks, Dick Road; Jennifer Robinson, Alberta Drive, Patsy Siggia, Erie West; Debbie Dehlinger, Sheridan Drive, Adam Pearson, Jamestown; Ryan Salvo, Erie Peach; Chris Moore, Alberta Drive; Charlie Hasty, Niagara Falls Blvd.; and Jeremy Horbett, Erie West.

KGH also hosted a group of young adults from the Cheektowaga Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Group. The group spent the day doing lots of helpful things around KGH. The volunteers were: Bradon Fye, Robert Pulkownik, Nick Parucki, Chloe Hirschfeldt, Kaitlyn Kraebel, Morgan Miecznikowski, Natalie Stack, Annie Maran, Justin Tomczyk, Zachary Mezza, Jenn Zelaski and their leader, Laura Munson.

A group of volunteers from the CPA firm of Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kersher also volunteered a day at KGH. The group was inspired by our own KGH garden volunteers, Diane Smith and Barb Moscati. They did a variety of tasks and their time and talents are greatly appreciated. The volunteers were: Candace Kuechler, Pam Dekarz, Terri O'Brien, Lisa Heiler, Gina McDonough, Jessica Cousins, Josh Burnham, Matt DiFasi and Brian Long.

## 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 hosted by The Griffin Sports Bar. Several hundred runners participated in this year's race.

## 2010 winners were:

Open Division:

1st Place Male, (tie), Scott Pernick and Ryan Candia, 5:12  
1st Place Female, Amanda Skorupski, 5:57

Elite Men: 1st Place, Dan Giza, 4:20.

Elite Women: 1st Place, Sarah Mosser, 5:01.

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



## Kevin Guest House Welcomes Two New Board Members



*Paul Bostaph*

Paul Bostaph and Dave McIntyre were recently selected to serve on the Kevin Guest House Board of Directors. Paul is the Facility Manager at Fidelis Care New York in Amherst. He has held similar positions with a variety of companies throughout his career. He is also a member of the Town of Tonawanda Aquettes Booster Board.



*Dave McIntyre*

Dave is General Manager of Unilock, Inc. Dave started with Unilock in Southern Ontario and eventually moved to Western New York to open the first Unilock US operation. Dave has also served on several landscape and nursery boards, and also served as the interim Executive Director of the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens while they searched for a new director.

## KEVIN GUEST HOUSE OPEN HOUSE



Guests enjoyed the Annual Kevin Guest House Open House held in July during National Hospital Hospitality House Week. 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.

In this photo, Roz Annuziato, a volunteer who always dresses in period costume for the tours on Open House day, poses with Richard and Ann Beer. Richard's father, Robert, was born at Kevin Guest House! Richard shared many memories and stories about Kevin Guest House. It was a wonderful day!

# HOST A FUND RAISING EVENT FOR KEVIN GUEST HOUSE

Through the years, Kevin Guest House has been the fortunate beneficiary of funds raised by different organizations and companies that help support our mission to provide safe, compassionate and affordable accommodations to patients and their loved ones who travel from their homes for medical treatment in Buffalo.

In the past, groups have held dress down days, golf tournaments, auctions, etc. to raise money for KGH. We welcome any ideas for third party fund raising events and can assist with publicity, KGH informational brochures, receipts, etc.

A few ideas for fund raising events include: dunk tank, car wash, basket auctions, concession stand proceeds, car drive, talent show, ice cream social, yard sales, and lemonade stands to name just a few.

If you are interested in conducting a fund raiser for KGH, please contact Cathy Allen at 716-882-1818 or at [cathy@kevinguesthouse.org](mailto:cathy@kevinguesthouse.org). Thanks for your consideration!





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