



SUMMERVILLE NEWSLETTER

Issue 10

July August 2010

THE
SUMMERVILLE
NEWSLETTER

In this Month's
Edition:

*The Nursing Home
Ireland
Care Awards*

*Getting to know you
Patricia Ruane*

*Celebrations for
Patricia*

*Reflection
Creativity*

10 Questions

Ha Ha Ha

*Unanswered
Questions!*

NEWS OF THE MONTH



THE NURSING HOME IRELAND CARE AWARDS

The NHI Care Awards, In Association with Homecare Medical Supplies, Celebrating Excellence in Care.

Valuing and acknowledging the highly skilled and dedicated individuals who work closest to our older persons in rewarding albeit demanding, challenging and specialised work is very important. They deserve the opportunity to shine and to have their invaluable work recognised and celebrated.

That is why NHI has decided to create this annual awards ceremony. They believe there is a fundamental need for a standards-orientated annual

awards system to recognise achievement and excellence in the Irish nursing home sector. And that is why they are hosting the first NHI Care Awards 2010

The NHI Care Awards in association with Homecare Medical Supplies will be the definitive celebration of excellence across the sector.

The purpose of the awards will be to promote best practice within the sector and pay tribute to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding excellence and dedication within their field of work.

Continues on page 5

FACT OF LIFE

How often is once in a blue moon?

A blue moon is defined as a second full moon within a calendar month. Since a lunar cycle lasts 29.5 days and a calendar month 30.5 days, it occurs only once every two and a half years or so.

Astronomers have borrowed the phrase “blue moon” to describe this phenomenon from the traditional expression meaning rarely or never.

A second full moon in a month is not actually blue in colour, yet there have been a number of occasions when the moon did appear to be blue. Dust from the Indonesian volcano Krakatoa turned the moon blue in 1883, as did smoke from western Canadian forest fires in 1951.

10 QUESTIONS!

1. Brock is a nickname for which animal?
2. What is the name of the RAF's aerobatics team?
3. What type of creature is an alewife?
4. What is the metal or plastic end of a shoelace called?
5. What was Lancelot Brown famous for designing?
6. Apart from London name one other city in Britain that have an underground railway system?
7. What is the main vegetable ingredient in the dish Borscht?
8. How many players are there in an Australian Rules football team?
9. Who invented the lift/elevator in 1853?
10. At which ski resort would you see the Cresta Run?

Answers at bottom of page

REFLECTION

Creativity.

The Jesuit theologian Teilhard de Chardin sees our entire world, indeed the entire universe, as a great evolutionary movement towards perfection. He sees us all creating a universe that is more and more related in unity. This vast dream is thrilling, but it leaves each one of us with an intense responsibility. We are each one of us called to make the world a better place. Our lives at all times must be creative. We are not talking here about making potholders; we are talking about the difficult human activities that produce a new, serious object or relationship or idea.

Just as our spiritual life is lost unless we help others, so is our emotional and psychological life a barren thing unless it is put to serious and positive purpose. The great art of Michelangelo is reflected in all the positive actions of our life. Creativity puts order into chaos, life into the inert, and beauty into the ordinary. In this scheme of things, creativity could include the gentle smile to a neighbour, saying a kind word or thank you, sweeping the footpath, honouring the dignity of all human beings, respecting nature etc.

The question for each of us is – Do our actions somehow make the world a better place?

Fr. Leo Henry

ANSWERS - 10 QUESTIONS

- 1.)** A badger, **2.)** Red Arrows, **3.)** A fish (of the herring family found off North America's Atlantic coast), **4.)** An aglet, **5.)** Gardens (a.k.a. Capability Brown), **6.)** Glasgow, Liverpool, Newcastle, **7.)** Beetroot, **8.)** 18, **9.)** Elisha Otis, **10.)** St. Moritz

HA HA HA

HOW TO GET THE POLICE TO RESPOND REALLY QUICKLY

Did you hear about the guy who called the police because he saw some people stealing things out of the shed in his back yard? The police asked him if they were in his house and he said, "No." Then the police said that all units were busy and he should lock his doors. They would send someone as soon as they could.

The guy hung up, waited 30 seconds and called back. "I just called you about the people stealing things out of my shed. Well, don't worry about it, I shot them."

In less than five minutes, police cars screeched into his driveway, sirens blaring, and caught the thieves red-handed.

"I thought you said you shot them," said the officer.

"Thought you said no one was available," he replied.

THOSE QUESTIONS NO ONE CAN ANSWER

- What's the difference between unique and very unique?
- When do you become important enough to be considered assassinated and not just murdered?
- Can you cry under water?
- When you get to heaven, are you stuck for eternity wearing the same clothes you were buried in?
- Why did we put a man on the moon before we realized it would be a good idea to make luggage with wheels?
- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast?
- Why do we say we slept like a baby when they wake up every two hours?
- Why do we pay to get to the top of tall buildings, then pay to use binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why does Goofy stand upright and Pluto stand on all four feet? They're both dogs.
- On Gilligan's Island, the professor could make a radio out of a coconut. Why couldn't he fix the hole in the boat?
- Why does a dog get mad at you if you blow in his face, but then stick his head out the window when you take him for a car ride?
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

BIRTHDAYS

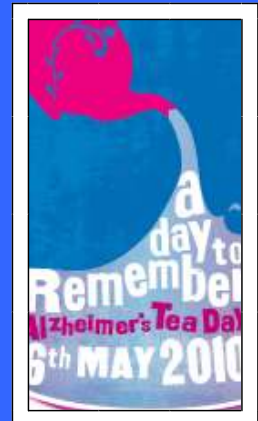
JULY

Marion Collery	1st July
John Jack kerins	10th July
Rita Barber	10th July
Mary Ward	11th July
Eamon Forde	11th July

AUGUST

John Joe Herity	5h August
Malachy Hannaway	8th August
Bridie Bree	9th August
Sheila Quinn	12th August

BIG TEA DAY



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Big Tea Day was held on Thursday 6th May last. The total collected on the day was €110. Thank you so much to everyone who participated.

DID YOU KNOW

Holders of the freedom of Dublin have the right to pasture sheep on common ground within the city boundaries. This includes College Green and St Stephen's Green. (this right was exercised as a publicity stunt by Bono when he brought sheep in to St. Stephens Green.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

PATRICIA RUANE



Born: 8th March 1920 Easkey, Co. Sligo)

School: Easkey National School, Patricia left school when she was approximately 16 years old.

Occupation: Patricia worked in the Post Office in Easkey. She passed the exam for a job with the Civil Service and waited for a post to come up. However, before she was offered a post she met her husband and did not take up the place when it was offered to her.

Family: Husband -Paddy Ruane (Ruane is an old Irish name, Irish spelling - Ruádáin). 7 Children, 4 boys - Daniel, Michael, Padraig, Shane and 3 girls - Rosemary, Ann & Patricia.

Pets: As children her sister had a white half Persian Cat

What did you want to be when you grew up: Patricia wanted to be a Nun

Favourite books during your childhood: Ann of Green Gables

Favourite sweets during your childhood: 10 a penny caramels

Favourite sports hero: Easkey Sea Blues—Patricia used to cycle to every match

Favourite Movie: Patricia didn't go to the cinema much, there was silent movies when she was a child. Her favourite movie would be 'The Life of St. Teresa (which was a silent movie)

What one word would you use to describe yourself: Reserved

PATRICIA CELEBRATES HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

On the 8th of March 2010 Patricia celebrated her 90th Birthday. Patricia received over 90 birthday cards and 'many' bouquets of flowers, her room was starting to look like a florists there were so many.

Patricia's daughter in law Ann (Padraig's wife) organised a party for Patricia in the Glass House Hotel in Sligo where she was joined by over 50 guests. Patricia said she invited all her in-laws to the birthday party as she has always kept in touch with them and they have always included her in any family gatherings.

Along with Patricia's children there were 14 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren. Also included on the guest list was life long friend Sr. Stephanie Rafter (Nickname Totty) from Easkey.

Following the party many of the guests went dancing in the Embassy but Patricia decided to come home to Summerville instead. Patricia said it was a great night and she was delighted so many people could come.

THE NURSING HOME IRELAND CARE AWARDS

Continued from page 1

NHI has deliberately structured the awards so that the nominations can come from a member of the care team, resident or relative. This is to ensure that everyone who is involved in the sector can have their say.

The award categories have been chosen with equal care to reflect not just on the professionals delivering services but also on the achievements of residents, part time staff as well as how well the nursing home integrates into its surrounding community.

CATEGORIES

- The NHI Registered Nurse of the Year Award
- The NHI Nursing Home Carer of the Year Award
- The NHI Nursing Home Activities Co-Ordinator Award
- The NHI Nursing Home Ancillary Worker Award
- The NHI Nursing Home Catering and Nutrition Award
- The NHI Nursing Home Resident Achievement Award
- The NHI Community Initiative Award



Three nominees in each category will go forward to the awards night where the winners will be announced at a Gala Black Tie Dinner on 11th November 2010 in City West Hotel, Dublin.

Awards to be presented by President of Ireland, Mary McAleese.

So, please take your time to browse through the categories and nominate whoever you believe has made outstanding contributions in the last year. For more information or for a nomination form please contact Laura at Reception **Deadline 5pm on Friday 16th July 2010**

R.I.P.

Viola Sheridan

20th January 1936

14th April 2010



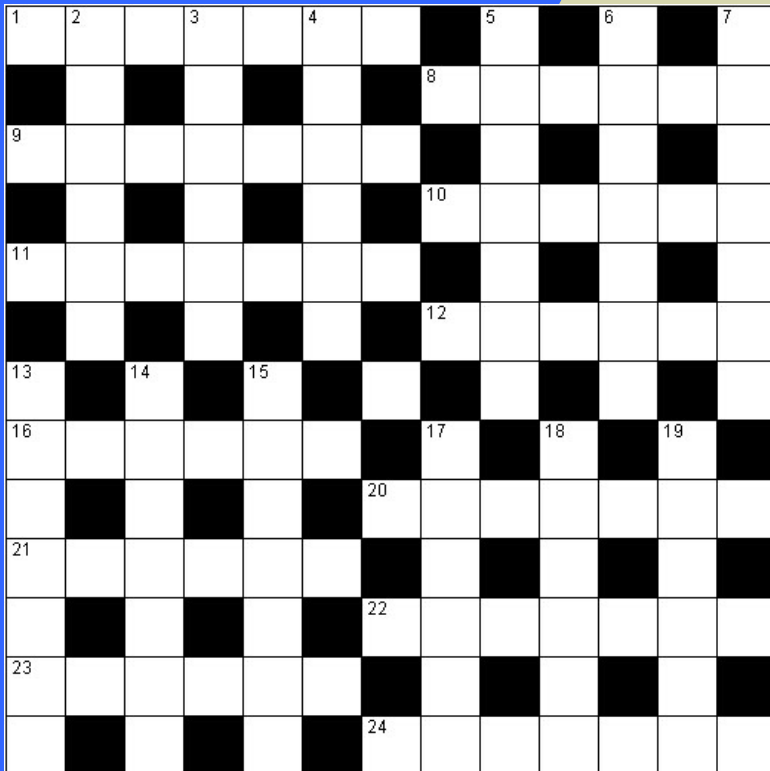
Maura Bresnihan

4th October 1914

16th May 2010



We'll miss you dearly



Across

- 1. Colourful arc (7)
- 8. Simian animal (6)
- 9. There's awaiting in the sky, David Bowie lyrics (7)
- 10. Voting paper (6)
- 11. Dickens character (7)
- 12. Yell (6)
- 16. Elaborately decorated (6)
- 20. Thirsty (7)
- 21. Head (6)
- 22. Careful with money (7)
- 23. Come out (6)
- 24. Declaring (7)

Down

- 2. Bombard (6)
- 3. Thin (6)
- 4. Citrus fruit (6)
- 5. Smoking material (7)
- 6. Frying pan (7)
- 7. Networks, processes (7)
- 13. Not as old as (7)
- 14. Laugh behind someone's back (7)
- 15. Fibrous (7)
- 17. Packet (6)
- 18. Document, e.g. for a play (6)
- 19. Pulverized (6)

Comment Card

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Any comments you may have are important to us.
Please detach and return to Laura at reception

LAST MONTHS

ANSWERS

