

The BRIDGE to HOPE



A Newsletter from the Division of Pastoral Care at Roswell Park Cancer Institute

SUMMER 2009

Retreat

Nurture Your Hope

Retreat for Cancer Patients and Caregivers

October 16 & 17, 2009

Chautauqua Institution

Sponsored by the Department of Pastoral Care.

For additional information, call 716-845-8051.

Courses

Pastoral Care Visitors Training Program

Pastoral Care Lecture Series

22-Week Course on Pastoral Care
Beginning September 14, 2009

Brochures now available.

Conferences

Baby Boomers Face Grief: Survival & Recovery

Speaker: Jane Gailbraith

Friday, September 11, 2009

Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Brochure enclosed.

National Association of Catholic Chaplains - Buffalo Conference

Living a Healing Ministry of Presence: Reflection and Resources

Speaker: David A. Lichter, DMin.

Friday, October 9, 2009

Millennium Hotel

Health Care Ministry Education Day

Speaker: Paul Alexander

Friday, November 6, 2009

Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Saturday, November 7, 2009

St. Bonaventure University

Brochures will be available after Labor Day.

Dear Friend of Pastoral Care:

June 14th marked my tenth anniversary as Director of Pastoral Care at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. It has been my joy ministering with the men and women who come to Roswell each day to share their faith with our patients and families. It has also been my pleasure working with all of you in the various educational programs offered as well as your presence here with members of your faith congregation. It is my hope that we will minister together for ten more years.



Currently the staff is in the process of planning for the 2009-2010 Pastoral Care Program year. Once again this fall, the staff of the Department of Pastoral Care will sponsor an over night retreat for cancer patients and caregivers. The *Nurture Your Hope* retreat will be held at Chautauqua Institution on October 16th and 17th. The weekend will include sessions on Prayer, Spirituality and Healing, The Patient and Caregiver Journey, Gentle Yoga, Meditation and Humor. Speakers for *Nurture Your Hope* will include Rev. Dale Stanley, Nancy Weil and members of the Psychosocial Oncology Team and medical staff of Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Please let members of your faith communities know of this opportunity. Brochures are available from the Pastoral Care Office, by calling 716-845-8051.

The 22-week *Pastoral Care Visitors Training Program* is scheduled to begin once again this fall. Brochures describing the lecture series and the clinical component of the program were mailed out in the spring. You and/or members of your faith communities and institutions are welcome to apply for either or both of the programs. Registrations will be taken from now through September 1st. This program is intended to offer basic pastoral care training that would enable individuals to serve as pastoral care volunteers in churches, temples, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. If you need more information or brochures, you can call the Pastoral Care office at 716-845-8051.

Two educational days will be held this fall at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. On Friday, September 11, 2009 a workshop titled *Baby Boomers Face Grief: Survival and Recovery* is scheduled from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Jane Gailbraith will be the speaker for the morning. Enclosed in this mailing is a brochure describing the workshop. This workshop is co-sponsored by Office of Family Ministries, Diocese of Buffalo, Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Buffalo, Mount Calvary Cemetery and Dengler, Roberts, Perna Funeral Home.

On November 6, 2009 at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and again on November 7, 2009 at St. Bonaventure University, Paul Alexander will be the speaker for the *Health Care Ministry Education Day* conference. Brochures will be mailed out in September, but be sure to mark your calendars.



Resources

For information about Pastoral Care services and programs at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, please visit our website www.roswellpark.org/pastoralcare.

• **The Community Cancer Resource Center (CCRC)**, located on the first floor of the Hospital, serves as a “clearinghouse” of vital, timely and easily accessible information on all topics relating to cancer. The CCRC is open to the public Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm. For additional information, call 716-845-8659. The CCRC is made possible, in part, through the generosity of West-Herr Automotive Group, Inc.

• **The Western New York Breast Resource Center** is located on the second floor of the Hospital, and offers resources and information on breast health and disease. For additional information, call 716-845-4432.

• **The Information Center** assists cancer patients, friends and family of patients, the general public, health professionals and students who need answers to questions about cancer, tips for preventing cancer, publications and community referrals. Call the toll-free telephone service to speak with a trained Cancer Information Specialist who will answer your questions in English or Spanish. Call 1-877-ASK-RPCI (1-877-275-7724) Monday through Thursday, 9 am-8 pm or Friday, 9 am-5 pm.

• **Gilda’s Club of WNY**, 1140 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY, is a meeting place where men, women and children living with cancer, their families and friends, can join together to build emotional and social support as a supplement to medical care. Free of charge and non-profit, the Gilda’s Club program includes support and networking groups, lectures, workshops, seminars and social activities in a non-residential, homelike environment. For additional information, call 716-332-5900.



Finally, please let me know if the Pastoral Care Staff can be of further assistance to you in providing counsel to members of your faith community. Please remember you are welcome to visit members of your community at any time when patients at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Parking is validated at the Information Desk on the ground floor.

Wishing you a blessed and healthy summer.

Sincerely,



Beth Lenegan, PhD
Director of Pastoral Care
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Please note: Parking will only be validated if you are visiting someone at Roswell Park or if you are attending a meeting with Beth Lenegan, PhD in the Pastoral Care Office. In order to secure the safety and privacy of our patients, this process is necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

How to get your parking ticket validated:

1. Identify yourself as a member of the clergy to the staff at the Information Desk. If no one is present, you may stop at the security office located at the front door.
2. Fill out the form found in the clergy book at the Information Desk (including the room number of the person you are visiting and the parking ticket number).

Save the Date

It has been my pleasure to work with area chaplains to plan the Buffalo National Association of Catholic Chaplains Education Day to be held at the Millennium Hotel on Friday, October 9, 2009. David A. Lichter, DMin., Executive Director of the NACC will be the keynote speaker addressing – *Living a Healing Ministry of Presence: Reflections and Resources*. Additional workshops and opportunity for sharing with your colleagues will be a part of the day. All are welcome to attend. Brochures will be available in late summer.

Roswell Park Alliance Foundation

As you begin to plan your summer and fall programs, please consider including a Roswell Park Alliance Foundation Team Cure community event benefitting Pastoral Care at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. All donations received for Pastoral Care through community events and the Team Cure program are all used to enhance the pastoral services to our patients and families.



Call Misha Russo at 716-845-8788 or misha.russo@roswellpark.org for more information!

Visit www.roswellpark.org for information about pastoral care services and programs at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.