

Pleasant Views



Pleasant View, Inc.

2016 Annual Report Edition

What You Do Today Matters

Each one of you can impact the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. Together, we make it possible for each individual we support to make an impact in his or her communities. Pleasant View is thankful for each person who follows their calling to work with people at Pleasant View, dreams of what Pleasant View, Inc. and our service can become, volunteers in our programs, and donates to help us provide new services and meet the needs of the people we support. ★



Musaic: A Mosaic of Music

In October 2017 a unique concert was held at the Park View Mennonite Church.

Pleasant View, Inc.'s

Worship Team participated in a Musaic: A Mosaic of Music concert. Donna Jenkins, Worship Team Member, still remembers the excitement of the first song, "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor", played by John Fast on organ. She was sitting on stage, in front of the (Continued on page 2)



Pleasant View's Fall Banquet: Living in and Enriching our Community

By Pam Miller



This Fall the individuals served by Pleasant View's Supported Employment program, Faith & Light members, the Worship Team, and those who support them, let our friends in attendance

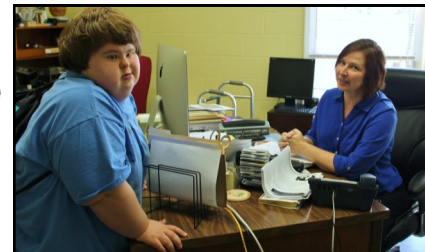
know what it means to be part of the community.

Peggy Secrist, Day Support Services Director, and Donna Click, Supported Employment and In-Home Services Coordinator, explained how the Supported Employment Program works. Peggy explained



that, from the beginning, it was important to Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, Executive Director, that anyone we support in employment be an employee of the business where they work. (Continue on page 2)

Life Side By Side Benefits Everyone



On February 26, 1987, Ronald Reagan declared March Disability

Awareness Month. Each

year Pastor Dave Gullman, and Pam Miller, Development Director, create bulletin inserts to make available to churches to raise awareness. This year we decided to talk with some community (Continue on page 2)

Spring 2017



Celebrating 45 Years Supporting

(Mosaic Continued) organ pipes, and was surprised by the big sound of the first note. Ashley Shoemaker, Music Director for the Worship Team, said she was happy to be included in such a wonderful musical



experience. “Not only did it allow our individuals to show who they are and their musical abilities, but they were able to work side by side with professional musicians.”

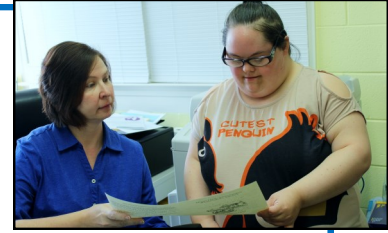
Curtis Nolley, Music Director of the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, said it was a “magical experience. The worship team not only represented Pleasant View, but also the musical societies in Virginia, very well.”

How could we have known that the benefit concert dreamed up by Virginia Redhead Bethune and presented to Pleasant View, Inc. Executive Director, Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, in the spring of 2015 would gross over \$6,859.50 in monetary donations? I specify monetary donations, because we cannot measure the great amount of volunteer hours, in-kind donations of food, flowers, talents, and expertise donated through the Park View Mennonite and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. We were overwhelmed by the support of the community. Pleasant View, Inc. would like to thank all who participated in and attended the Mosaic: A Mosaic of Music concert. We would like to extend recognition to Mrs. Hannah Hochstetler, who passed away January 2017, for her beautiful poster and event program designs.

Virginia Bethune continues to sell her cd “To God Be the Glory” for \$10 to benefit Pleasant View, Inc. <http://www.healingharp melodies.org/Music.html> ●



(Side by Side Continued) members to find out their thoughts on our theme that life side by side benefits everyone.



Mary Garber, of Trinity Presbyterian Church, spends time with Hannah Gullman and Melissa Hartley, volunteers from Community Connections, every Friday when they fold bulletins. Mary said, “Living side by side with people with disabilities in our community is a positive experience as we all learn, grow, and help each other.” She added, “Everyone can contribute to our community in some way. Working with people with disabilities has been a rewarding experience.”

I asked Samantha Lewellen, Girl Scout and volunteer who helped support a trip to the Rockingham County Fair last August, if she had any thoughts on our theme. She immediately responded, “It’s always rewarding to be around new people, and I feel like we can teach each other a lot. Crystal (Carr) brought such a fun spirit, and really helped me have a great time at the fair. She was so kind and curious that just being around her made me feel happier.”



(Banquet Continued) The individuals go through the same orientation and training as their fellow employees, but get personalized support from our Supported Employment Job Coaches. Nathan Lam and Pam Lynn were then interviewed by their job coaches about their jobs and responsibilities. It was clear that they take pride in their work. Each person approaches his or her job seriously, but adds their own pizzazz.

Ann Yoder spoke about another way the individuals we support are in community through the faith community, Faith & Light. Ann’s brother, Jerry Diener, enjoys attending Faith & Light, and

Thank-you for your support.

People with Disabilities



sometimes hums along with the songs as he strolls about the meeting. To further illustrate community, the Worship Team

taught those interested in participating, The Community Song (Roll it Over the Ocean) along with fun and sometimes difficult hand motions. This song is one that is sung frequently in our Faith & Light meetings. Each verse, begins with “It’s me”, “It’s you”, “It’s us”, “It’s Christ” or “It’s love”, answers the question, “Who builds community?” The end of the refrain is, **“Go and do your part and build community.”** There was a lot of laughter and smiles while we were singing together. One person I called the following week said that she still had the words to the song on her dining room table. The Worship Team ended the Banquet surrounding our guests and singing “The Lord Lift You Up” as a



benediction. Even though the Mosaic was just over a month earlier, our Banquet still grossed over \$7,580.

We enjoyed sharing about the very programs you contribute to when you donate to Pleasant View, Inc. and including you in our community. ●

Faith and Light

AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WITH INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED PEOPLE, THEIR PARENTS, AND FRIENDS



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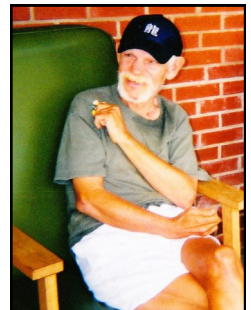
Remembering Garland Kyger and Butch Boyers

By: Dave Gullman

Late last year we said goodbye to two individuals. On October 29th, Garland Kyger died after a long battle with cancer. About two weeks later, “Butch” Boyers made his final journey home. Each of them had been a part of the Pleasant View community for many years, so the goodbyes were bittersweet. We were grateful their time of illness had ended, but saddened because they were no longer present with us. We had some good times remembering both of them, and it was clear that the impact they had on others was significant. Both of these individuals made positive contributions to our lives.

Garland

Nancy Hopkins-Garriss tells the story of Garland’s arrival at Yoder house in 1995. He wasn’t sure about moving to an unfamiliar place until he saw a seat on the back deck out in the full sun. He then made his way outside and sat there content to be in a place that would soon be his new home. He loved nothing more than to sit in the summer sun or walk in the green grass, pausing to pull clumps of grass and clutching it tightly. I like to think of Jesus having prepared a place like that for Garland. It is a custom made place with a porch swing in the sun and miles of green grass to pull in the back yard.



Butch

Butch was created to bring God glory! He did this well by living a full and vibrant life. He loved people and never knew a stranger, always wanting to shake hands and often offering a kiss. Most of all, Butch loved his family and friends. He always carried a photo album around and would show anyone who showed some interest the many pictures of himself with his sisters, with some friend or next to a racecar or motorcycle.

In Isaiah 43, God promises to be with his people and to bring them home from wherever they had been scattered. I love that this passage ends with the words, “They are my own people, and I created them to bring me glory.” ●

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Yard Sale to Benefit Pleasant View, Inc.

at the Belmont Yard Sale
May 6, 2017 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
at 3135 Old Thirty-Three Rd

All proceeds will go to Pleasant View, Inc.'s Annual Fund. Please come out and support us.

To volunteer to help with the yard sale or to donate items, please contact Pam Miller, Pleasant View Development Director, at (540)-560-1134/(540)-896-8101 or email her at pmiller@pleasantviewinc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep up to date with Pleasant View, Inc. activities on our website: www.pleasantviewinc.org or our Facebook Events: <https://www.facebook.com/pleasantviewinc/events>.

- Pleasant View's **Annual Pork BBQ** will be held at the Harrisonburg Day Support Services building Saturday September 2017 (Date TBA)
- **Annual Fall Banquet** November (Date TBA)

All events are on our Pleasant View, Inc. Facebook page and <http://pleasantviewinc.org/newsevents.html>



The Pleasant View, Inc. 20th Annual Golf Event will be held on May 12, 2017 at the Spotswood Country Club.

Call Pam (540) 896-8101 to register today with no added fees or visit <http://pleasantviewinc.org/newsevents.html> to register online.

Help individuals with intellectual disabilities to live in and enrich their communities

In May of 1998, Pleasant View, Inc. held our first charity golf tournament. Since then, through the generosity of our sponsors and golfers, over \$300,000 has been raised to help Pleasant View provide day and residential support for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Come out to Pleasant View, Inc.'s 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Spotswood Country Club, 1980 Country Club Road in Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Format: Captain's Choice
- Registration begins at 8:00 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:10 AM.
- Online Registration: \$103/golfer, or \$389/team of 4 (Before 4/27/17) \$125/golfer or \$405/team of 4 (4/28/17-5/5/17).
- Team Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams. Mulligans, Power balls, and 50/50 will be offered at registration. We will have closest to the pin and longest drive contests.
- A delicious BBQ buffet lunch, catered by Hank's Smokehouse Southern Grillery, will be provided starting at 1:00 PM. Team prizes, contest prizes, and door prize drawings will be awarded after lunch.



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