

## Life without Volunteers By Erma Bombeck

I had a dream the other night that every volunteer in this country disillusioned with the lack of compassion, had set sail for another country.

As I stood smiling on the pier, I shouted, "Goodbye, creamed chick. Goodbye, phone committees. So long, Disease of the Month. No more saving old egg cartons. No more getting out the vote. Au revoir, playground duty, bake sales, and three hour meetings"...

The hospital was quiet as I passed it. Rooms were void of books, flowers and voices. The children's wing held no clowns, no laughter. The reception desk was vacant. The home for the aged was like a tomb. The blind listened for a voice that never came. The infirm were imprisoned by wheels on a chair that never moved. Food grew cold on trays that would never reach the mouths of the hungry... The health agencies had a sign in the window: "Cures for cancer, muscular dystrophy, birth defects, multiple sclerosis, emphysema, sickle cell anemia, kidney disorders, heart disease, etc. have been canceled due to the lack of interest.

The flowers on church altars withered and died. Children in day nurseries lifted their arms but there was no one to hold them in love. Alcoholics cried out in despair, but no one answered, and the poor had no recourse for health care of legal aid.

I fought in my sleep to regain a glimpse of the ship of volunteers just one more time. It was to be my last glimpse of civilization... as we were meant to be!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cutlerville Chamber Golf Outing

The CCC is looking for golfers of any ability to join us on **Friday, September 8, 2006** for a day on the course. Teams will play 18 holes of golf on the exclusive and challenging course at Crystal Springs Country Club. Reservations must be made soon, so let Andy Cove, event chairman, know you plan to be there (616-656-3242). There are cash prizes for the top 3 teams, hole-in-one awards including \$5,000 cash, long drive, closest to the pin, and the "Bent Club" award for the highest score! The day includes:

- 18 holes with cart
- Range balls to warm up
- Hole prizes
- Door prizes
- Goodie bag for each golfer
- Cook out lunch buffet

There are many sponsorship opportunities including tee sponsorship, prize donor, or goodie bag items. This is a great networking opportunity and a great way to introduce others to the CCC, while enjoying a day in the sun, rather than the office. For flyer and information, check out our website at [www.cutlervillechamber.org](http://www.cutlervillechamber.org).

## News & Notes

**Saturday, August 19 – Community Safety Days at Spectrum Health South Pavilion on 68<sup>th</sup> Street at Division from 11 am – 3 pm.** *This event has something for everyone.* Bring the entire family and spread the word...

- Smoke House
- CPR demo's all day
- Kids fingerprinting & info kits
- Fire engines to explore
- Fire gear for photo shoots
- Jaws of Life demo
- Community Mobile Blood Drive
- Plan to donate
- AMR ambulance to explore :0)
- Free smoke detectors
- Smokey the Bear
- Goodie bags...
- Businesses & info regarding your health and safety...

Share the info and join us for this important day of learning and fun.

**Thursday, September 21, noon**

**CCC General Meeting**

Sponsor: Crystal Springs Country Club

**Annual Chamber Auction**

**Saturday, October 21**

**6 pm doors open**

**Gaines Twp Community Room**

Nestled on busy 68<sup>th</sup> street, the new **De Young Chiropractic** office located inside the former Twin Peak Homes not only offers postural work, but also a peaceful view into the woods behind the facility. When you look out the front windows, you see a lot of commercial activity. Looking out the back windows, you see lots of trees and a stream flowing through the property. With more than 20,000 cars passing daily in front of the building and the woods in the back, De Young Chiropractic is taking a modern approach to the traditional chiropractic care. "We are excited to be a part of the Cutlerville area and to be able to serve such a great community", Dr. DeYoung Shared.

The chiropractic team consists of Aaron and Gretchen De Young, who completed their chiropractic studies at Palmer College of Chiropractic. Both completed associate ships in an East Lansing chiropractic office. During that time, the De Young's received specialized training in spinal rehabilitation.

Both Aaron and Gretchen have roots in West Michigan. Aaron is from Jenison, while Gretchen is from Greenville. "We wanted to come back," Aaron De Young said. "We have a lot of family living in the area."

"Since opening on June 10<sup>th</sup> of this year, the practice has grown each week," Gretchen De Young said. "We have met quite a few people in the community and have really enjoyed the opportunity to provide such a unique service in this area." The doctors have been seeing patients with everything from migraines and neck pain to significant postural distortions. They not only use traditional spinal manipulation, but also instrument and light force techniques on children and other individuals requiring special care. Aaron said that structural improvements to the spine will make the spine more biomechanical sound. The long-term benefits from this type of correction are immense. A patient's care plan may include traction and exercise protocol in order to most effectively make a structural change. Additionally, De Young Chiropractic has added massage therapy to its menu of services. In addition, De Young Chiropractic is one of the first chiropractic offices in West Michigan to provide state-of-the-art digital x-rays. The x-rays are taken "in-office" and the images are visualized immediately. The De Young's are helping to raise the standard of care by adding this modern diagnostic technique to the services they offer.

De Young Chiropractic is offering a new patient promotion for all Cutlerville Chamber members. The promotion includes a new patient consultation, chiropractic exam, and x-rays (if necessary) for only \$37. This offer is good through the month of September. De Young Chiropractic is a participating provider with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Medicare. The office is located at 400 68<sup>th</sup> St SW, in Cutlerville. Appointments can be made by calling (616) 281-2500. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Barb and Ted Richardson are not new to the Cutlerville area, but Ted's business – **K & R Associates** is a new member to the Cutlerville Chamber. Barb and Ted owned a restaurant years ago in the Detroit area. They began working with a friend on promotional products and advertising specialties (i.e. pens, magnets) during that time. In 1989, they went on their own with **K & R Associates**. They moved to the Grand Rapids area in 2001 because they always liked GR and wanted to spend more time at their cottage in Reed City and with their good friends in this area. Ted has continued to service his customers regardless of distance and works to offer his new clients in the GR area excellence, quality, and service. Ted says that "promotional items advertise your business in a fun way" and he will give 10% off on any first time orders. "Advertisements are a lot more personal and direct these days", and Ted is ready to help you "key in on target markets" for your business. K & R Associates represent over 5,000 manufacturers and "can put your name or logo on anything!" Ted states that "anything" means from inexpensive key chains to lead crystal awards with hidden messages to fine china. "What happens without advertising – Nothing". Call K & R @ 249-0536 today!

## Vision for Division

No doubt you have discovered the construction happening on Division Avenue between 60<sup>th</sup> & 68<sup>th</sup> Streets, but have you take the time to walk it and begin to envision the changes? Red and grey brick has been laid, concrete is poured for bench setting areas, the electrical and bases have been put in for the new lighting. It is so very exciting to be a part of a community putting its best foot forward and pulling together to make this happen.

The Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) has been an active partner in this process, along with both townships and your Cutlerville Chamber. There is much yet to be done and fundraising continues to be needed. We are currently working to raise the \$300,000 match money for the MDOT grant received in the same amount. Several local businesses have already made commitments to help. If you are interested in partnering with us and would like to attend a special presentation ON or have us bring the presentation to your organization/business, please contact the chamber office at 890-1378 ASAP and join us for special luncheon on August 23, 2006, noon.

