

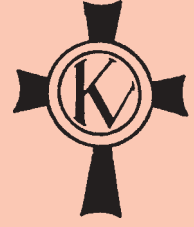
Kemmerer Voices



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Summer Olympics Held at Kemmerer Village on the First Day of School

(Reprint from Kemmerer Village resident's newsletter - by Mike. We are very proud of our students' newsletter: *"News You Can use From the Middle of Nowhere"*)

On August 23, 2010, not only did school start, but so did Kemmerer Village's Annual Summer Olympics. The recreation department was in charge of planning for the event. There were numerous events that took place. For example, a softball throw, soccer shootout, hotshot competition, a water balloon toss, a football throw and many other events. At each event you could win a prize. There were several handed out throughout the day, ranging from extra privileges, to soccer balls, even t-shirts. The wonderful kitchen staff held a cookout for everyone as well. All in all, it was a very good day and fun was had by everyone. Thank you Kemmerer Village and staff for all you do for us.



A variety of sports opportunities are available to the youth at Kemmerer Village. Our young people compete with other child care agencies in basketball, volleyball, softball, track, swimming. Above are photos of the Kemmerer Village girls teams the Knights who won trophies in volleyball and basketball.

From the Director's Desk



Unlike Thomas Wolfe's book title, many of Kemmerer Village's former residents did return to Kemmerer Village, a place they all once called home. On August 14th, Kemmerer Village again hosted a reunion for former residents, Village staff and friends.

The reunion was a huge success with lunch being served, guided tours of the campus and a day of getting together with the Kemmerer Family. Many wanted to visit the old orphanage building which brought back many childhood memories. The old kitchen remains the same, but much of the rest of the building has been converted into office space. Someone made the comment in the kitchen, "boy, how many dishes did I dry in here." It was very gratifying for me, current staff and residents to see and hear many of these now adults, embracing their fellow Kemmerer brothers and sisters. They shared many stories from the past as well as catching up on current lives. They were quick to give credit to Kemmerer Village and their caretakers from those past years for who they are today. Many of them shared that the present young people at Kemmerer Village would understand someday that this was the best place for them at this time of their life.

Former residents and staff traveled from Kentucky, Washington, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina and Illinois. We were also happy to have former classmates, teachers and staff from the local communities attend and reconnect with old friends.

Pat Hill McLaughlin helped organize the reunion with the helpful support of fellow residents who have all stayed in touch. They visited campus several times sifting through old photos and newsletters in an effort to add names to the invitation list and make displays for the reunion.

Two of the oldest residents returning were Dorman "Mush" Shirey of Sullivan, IL and John Grammer of Oklahoma City, OK. Both were adopted from Kemmerer Orphan's Home in the early 1920's. Mr. Shirey is quick to state that he was adopted by the best parents in the world and married the best woman in the world. Mr. Grammer has traveled from Oklahoma more than once with his family to visit Kemmerer Village. We are very grateful to these two gentlemen and all of the attendees who chose to participate in this very memorable day.

This was an inspiring day for all of us at Kemmerer Village to get to know this special group who are living proof that Kemmerer Village is making a difference in the lives of young people. I would also like to give tribute to all the congregations and individuals who have been a vital part of this ministry of the past 96 years. It is because of those prayers, friendships and support that Kemmerer Orphan's Home and now Kemmerer Village are here still making a difference in children and families' lives. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to those who joined us on this day and to those who throughout the years have made all of this possible.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Havera
Executive Director

Kemmerer Village Web Site

These things are available on the Kemmerer Village web site - kemmerervillage.org:

1. You can now easily make credit card donations with any of the following: MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express.

2. The site also gives the option of making your single donation on-line through your bank or setting up a schedule of gifts for the year.

Both of these options save the time involved in mailing and writing out a check.

If your gift is a memorial or honor gift you can go to contacts on the home page and send the following information to alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us.

Who is making the gift (name, address and phone number)

Please give the name of a person the gift is for and if it is an honor or memorial.

Please give address for anyone to be acknowledged, appropriate card will be mailed.

You can also find a virtual video tour of Kemmerer Village with information on what programs are offered to help the youth in our care.

On the Kemmerer Village Web Site you can also access recent issues of our newsletter the *Kemmerer Voices*. Inside the latest issue you will find the birthday list for all youth at the Village.

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Welcome Home - Kemmerer Kids!



August 14, 2010 photo of former residents at reunion.



Kemmerer Village Residents - 1960's

SUMMER HAPPENINGS



Desirea spoke to the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary about her art projects in the Therapeutic Recreation program.



First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, IL, donated items for summer activities.



Kemmerer Village High School Graduation 2010.



Thank you to Pepsi for the new Hansen Field sign. The site of a few really fun games this summer, go Kemmerer Village Knights!

Speaks to Group About Equine Therapy Program



Pictured at right are Lynn Cleverdon, Amber Miller and Sue Baker. Amber Miller spoke to the Westminster Presbyterian Women in Springfield, IL this summer. Amber shared information on the new Equine Therapy Program and its progress. She also shared how the program is helping reach the young people participating and how this type of therapy is making a difference. We would like to thank the Elizabeth Circle for all of their support and friendship.

Thank you so much to all the mission groups who helped us out this summer!

We truly appreciated all the work that was done on our campus this summer. This time of year is always very busy for our staff. Your helping hands made a tremendous difference in caring for our 60-acre campus. We especially thank you for helping with the Indoor Riding Arena. We also enjoyed getting to know all of you and letting you get to know us. Hope to see you on campus again.



Decatur Presbyterian Church - Decatur, IL



Freeport Presbyterian & Gibson City First Presbyterian



First Presbyterian Church Monticello, IL

Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church also visited us this summer. We regret that we did not get a picture of their group.



La Porte, IN Presbyterian Church



First Presbyterian Church - Jacksonville, IL



First Presbyterian Church - Morris, IL



Mattoon Presbyterian youth visited the campus.

In Memory & Honor of Those We Love

(Gifts received June 19th, 2010 — September 17th, 2010)

There are occasions of joy and sorrow in the lives of our family and friends that call for a response from us. A Memorial Gift or an Honor Gift to Kemmerer Village is a way to express love and respect at appropriate times.

Your gift, large or small, is an investment in the lives of troubled

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Gift Cards (JC Penney), Sears, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, etc.)
 Playing Cards
 Card Games (can use a couple each): Phase 10, Uno, Skip Bo
 Movies up to PG 13 but not the really young kids' movies
 Examples: Love Song, The Notebook
 Phone Cards
 Beads (alphabet and colors)
 Paint by Numbers
 Construction Paper
 Chicken Soup Books
 Sudoku, Crosswords, or Word Search Books
 Stencils
 Glue or Glue Sticks
 Glitter Glue Pens
 Gel Pens
 Oil Pastels
 Pajamas for both male and female teens
 Sweat Outfits

Board Games (can use a couple of each) Monopoly,
 Electric Monopoly, Trouble, Life Twist & Turns, Trivial
 Pursuit, Scene It, Rummikub, Apples to Apples, Yahtzee
 Turbo, Scattergories
 Jump Ropes
 Hemp (dark and light brown)
 String
 Foam Numbers & Letters
 Colored Poster Board
 Embroidery String
 How to Draw or Make Bracelets Books
 Puffy Paint, Paint Brushes, Water Based Paint
 PlayStation 2 Games and Memory Cards
 Glitter
 Sketch Pads
 Tennis Shoes (adult sizes, both male & female) (NEW)
 Slippers

Kemmerer Village 17th Annual Charity Golf Classic

The 17th Annual KV Charity Golf Tournament was held on September 10, 2010 at Oak Terrace Golf Course in Pana. One hundred twenty four golfers participated in a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Entry fee of \$75.00 included 18 holes, cart, lunch and prizes. All proceeds go to benefit the children of Kemmerer Village. We give a big thank you to all the golfers who participated in this year's tournament.

A very special thank you to the following businesses and individuals who contributed to offset the tournament cost:

Major Sponsors were: The Kemmerer Village Board of Directors, Wood & Co. Investments of Denver, CO, Pana News Palladium, First National Bank all of Pana, Hickory Point Bank Agricultural Services, McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman & Buckley, P.C., The Burdick Plumbing and Heating Co., Craftmasters all of Decatur, 1st National Bank and GAB Electric all of Assumption, J.P. Construction, Moweaqua, Diss, Inc./Neikes Floor Covering and Meyer, Austin & Romano all of Taylorville, Hurford Architects, Inc., Glen Carbon, Hunzeker Service Agency and Central States Media all of Peoria, Drummond Company of Birmingham, Alabama, Sysco Food Services, St. Louis Blues, St. Louis Cardinals, Mutual of America all of St. Louis, Wright Automotive, Hillsboro Energy, MaRyan Mining all of Hillsboro, Bill and Marilyn Hopper of Taylorville, The Illinois coal Association, American Central Insurance all of Springfield, Consolidated Communications of Mattoon.

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Winners in the Championship flight were: First Place: Steve Spinner, Mike Havera Jr., Pete Noble, Jared Beckham. Second Place: Brian Barnes, Tyler Bramley, Anthony Sloan, Derrick Sloan. Third Place: Myrel Simmons, Lester Holmes, Ralph Mason, Greg Akers (determined by score card playoff).

Winners in the "A" flight were: First Place: Chad Zimmerman, Greg Lipe, Bob Noise, Greg Zimmerman. Second Place: Shawn Damery, Tracy Denton, Vincent Zuber, Doug Meyer. Third Place: Matt Burdick, Brent Riba, Tate Clark, Kevin German (determined by score card playoff).

Ed Gonet won the 50/50 drawing and Our Early Bird Drawing Winners were: Rod Phillips, Jim Giles, Kurt Schinzler, and Whitey Patton.

Edith Rever Retires from Kemmerer Village after 19^{1/2} Years



*Mike Havera, Executive Director
and Edith Rever*

Interview With Pastor Tom

by Breanna

(Reprint from Kemmerer Village resident's newsletter - by Breanna. We are very proud of our students' newsletter: "News You Can use From the Middle of Nowhere")

Almost everyone knows Pastor Tom Mulch. Of course we know he comes out here to share with us what he knows about God on Sundays and Wednesdays. He also comes on Fridays to teach choir to us. What some do not know is how Pastor Tom spends his time when he is not here. Tom is a farmer. He spends a lot of time working in the fields when he is not preaching the word of God. Tom went to college at ISU, U of I, and Lincoln Trails. He got his degree in Art. He states that he has been preaching for 8 years and that this is something that he felt led to do. In his free time he enjoys cooking, spending time with family, and landscaping. Pastor Tom - thank you for all that you do for us. You are much appreciated.

A reception was held in the Campus dining room for Edith Rever to celebrate her years as a cook for the youth and staff at Kemmerer Village. "Edith, we appreciate all the good meals you helped prepare and the cooking tips and recipes that you shared." We wish Edith and her husband Tom the very best in retirement.

Happy Birthday!

Our young people truly appreciate receiving cards from all of you on their birthday. Thank you for thinking of them. Please put the name of the church and/or organization in the return address area of the envelope. All mail to students is monitored. Thank you.

OCTOBER

Katrina F.	F	Oct. 6, 1994
Craig O.	M	Oct. 25, 1992
Benjamin B.	M	Oct. 27, 1992

NOVEMBER

Austin C.	M	Nov. 3, 1993
Barbara C.	F	Nov. 26, 1996

DECEMBER

Steven C.	M	Dec. 14, 1992
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JANUARY

Johnathan F.	M	Jan 1, 1996
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FEBRUARY

Dustin D.	M	Feb. 1, 1993
Marissa B.	F	Feb. 1, 1994
Brittany H.	F	Feb. 2, 1994
Shawn W.	M	Feb. 6, 1998
Andrea C.	F	Feb. 8, 1995
Kojo B.	M	Feb. 8, 1993
Nicole R.	F	Feb. 8, 1993
Trivia L.	F	Feb. 23, 1997
Brenden S.	M	Feb. 29, 1996



Fall is traditionally a time when we express thanks for the blessings we have received - and we often take time to pause and make plans for the future. For many, it can also be an opportunity to share with others through charitable gifts.

Thinking carefully about what to give - and when to give - can help magnify the impact of your gifts. In addition to gifts of cash and securities, there are a number of other options you might wish to consider in today's environment.

We will be pleased to provide more information to you and/or your advisors as you act to complete your plans. To request more information please contact: Alice Christenberry (217) 226-2132 alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us Director of Development.

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