Fall 2013 Newsletter



Methodist Home



Sunday September 29th was a joy filled occasion here at the Methodist Home. The children of residents Pauline Americo and Nettie Maffei decided to unite in holy matrimony, after initially meeting and falling in love while separately visiting their parents here at the Methodist home. The wedding took place in the chapel and the guests ranged from family members, friends, as well as many residents who chose to attend this special occasion.

The wedding resonated especially deeply with one resident in attendance, Roberta Davis, as the two lovebirds brought back loving memories of her late husband. Roberta explained that her late husband is always close to her heart, since his ashes were spread throughout the Methodist home backyard garden. Roberta explained that Linda and Michael's wedding was "absolutely fabulous" and described how delightful the music was, provided by the Methodist Home's very own recreational therapist, David. Roberta recalls how

the minister read poems of grace and sensation. A specific moment from the wedding ceremony that she remembers fondly was during the vows of the bride and groom, as Roberta explained "they smiled broadly as if they knew that the world was theirs. The groom's poem to the bride was magnificent, and felt by all. Congrats to Linda and Michael, we all wish them a life of happiness together!

Dreams Do Come True Línda & Míchael 9/29/13







Special points of interest:

- Klezmer Music Concert
- Residents favorite Halloween memories
- Family BBQ
- Fall Recipes
- Halloween Party!

Klezmer Music Concert

The sounds of Klezmer Music filled the halls of the Methodist Home Sunday October 13th, from the Dave Levitt Klezmer Trio. Klezmer Music is a unique sound that was brought to the U.S. in the early twentieth century by Eastern European Jews that were seeking a new life for themselves. The music was preformed at celebrations and weddings and bar mitzvahs. Klezmer music remained popular throughout the 1940s, but by the 1950s, interest began to dwindle. The late1970s sparked a renewed interest in Klezmer music, as well as its origins and history. Dave Levitt is a 4th generation Klezmer musician. Max Levitt, his grandfather, is said to have come to

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/3 teaspoon ground cloves

1 can 100% pure pumpkin

1 can evaporated milk

the U.S. in 1907 straight from Kiev, his violin in hand. Max's eldest son, Jack, worked in the Yiddish Theaters of Second Avenue and was a member of the



legendary Klezmer orchestra, Boibriker Kapelie. Dave Levitt is Jack's youngest son and is continuing the legacy of his family. Dave has preformed and lectured at the National Yiddish Book center. The Eldridge Street Museum and Synagogue, and the Center for Jewish History. The main purpose of the trio Dave Levitt has formed is to authentically represent and revive this great art form. The concert here featured both Klezmer music and Yiddish Theatre songs. Mike Cohen played the Clarinet, Christine Crowder the Accordion, and Dave Levitt played the Trombone. Some of the jazz age Klezmer classics were actually written down and compiled by Dave's grandfather Jack Levitt. It was a very wonderful concert, and we're extremely lucky to have experienced this historic music.



Pumpkin Pie

MIX sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves in a small bowl. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar -spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk

POUR into pie shell

Bake in oven preheated to 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees; bake for 40-50 minutes or until knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate. Top with whipped cream before serving if desired. Enjoy!!!





The Annual Family Barbecue at the Methodist Home has become a highly anticipated tradition. This year was no exception, with nearly all the families of residents joining them for delicious food and live music by Celeste Belletti. Luckily the BBQ took place on one of the most beautiful days of the year, adding to the celebratory spirit that filled the air. The food was delicious, and we are already looking forward to next year!



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Halloween Memories!

Halloween hasn't always been about dressing up in a costume and trick or treating . In fact, many of our residents recall a time when celebrating Halloween didn't center around the practice of trick or treating at all. One resident recalls celebrating Halloween nearly 80 years ago. She tells the story of her and her siblings waiting patiently on the front steps of their home anticipating a Halloween party every year, but on one condition- if they behaved! The party was a "bobbing for apples "contest, and the winner received a single piece of candy as a prize.

At this year's party we had 4 seasons, witches and vampires and ninjas all having a wonderful time enjoying the music and "treats". Happy Halloween!





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Notable Events at Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation

ANNUAL GALA

The Methodist Home annual Gala "An Evening Under the Stars" was held on October 24th at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle. The evening honored The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bauman, Senior Minister, Christ Church, and Melissa Bauman, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Chief of Medicine at New York-Presbyterian-The Allen Hospital and Dr. Evelyn Granieri, Chief of Geriatric Medicine and Aging Division at New York-Presbyterian-The Allen Hospital.

It was a wonderful evening and a great success! We would like to extend our gratitude to all of our friends who supported our most important fundraiser of the year. We could not continue to do the important work we do without the love and support of everyone who so generously supported this event.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner for residents and families will be held this year on November 23rd. We look forward to seeing everyone there as we gather together to express our gratitude for the many blessings bestowed on us.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Iraida Deaza from Environmental Service for winning Employee of the Quarter. We appreciate all the excellent work you do throughout the year!

