Resident Spotlight: Tony Gallina

Tony Gallina moved to Legacy Place in August of 2018. The Lehigh Valley has been Tony’s home for his entire life. He was born in the family’s home, on July 4, 1922 in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. He was the seventh of eight children.

Tony began to study with Jehovah’s Witnesses in 1937 and was baptized on August 23, 1942. From that time on Tony lived his life demonstrating that Jehovah came first. His first test of faith came early. He was sentenced to 5 years in prison for refusing to fight in World War II. He served 2 ½ years of that sentence. What a courageous stand for someone so young and new to Jehovah’s organization!

In 1946, he met his future wife, Hilda Drumheller, at a convention in Cleveland, Ohio. They were married on June 21, 1947. Together they had two children, Donna and Phillip. The family grew to include five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Tony recalls how wonderfully Hilda balanced life as a mother and being the wife of an elder. He said many times she was an “elder’s widow,” but she never complained. In fact, Tony said he doesn’t think she even knew how to complain. As parents, they successfully raised both of their children to serve Jehovah. Tony joked that he had his fair share of assembly parts, but his son has him beat. What a blessing for him to see his children, and their children, put Jehovah first.

Staying busy in Jehovah’s service has always been Tony’s way of life. Tony has served on the elder body in five different congregations. He was the presiding overseer in three of those congregations. He was the assistant assembly overseer and then the assembly overseer for many years. He also spent many years conducting Bible studies at Graterford prison. He was in charge of the remodel at the Chew Street Kingdom Hall and served as the maintenance director of the Emmaus congregation for 20 years. As a very beloved brother to many, he has given 29 funeral and 29 wedding talks. What a testament to the respect he has earned over his theocratic career!

At 97 years of age, Tony is our oldest resident. No one would ever know though! He keeps himself very busy! Tony is often outside of the community in field service, attending meetings and associating with friends. When here at Legacy he is always looking for ways to help others. His humor, respect for others, and deep love for Jehovah have made him well loved and appreciated. He is truly what the Bible refers to as “gifts in men.”
Congratulations to Susan! Her humor and positive personality are appreciated by our residents and staff.

Happy Legacy Anniversary!

The month of August appeared to be a busy month for admissions! August marked an anniversary for 6 of our residents!

1 Year
- Joyce Shoemaker
- Tony Gallina
- Peter and Lou Ella Lydon

2 Years
- Carol Allen
- Geraldine Walker

Is Legacy Place a Nonprofit Organization?

Yes, Legacy Place Cottages is a nonprofit organization. We opened in 2014 with a commitment to providing quality care in a spiritually edifying environment. The goal is to care for our elderly friends, not to profit from their need for care.

What does it really mean to run as a nonprofit? Isn’t Legacy Place a business? Don’t all businesses hope to make a profit? In short, a nonprofit is a business that works for the benefit of others. With a for-profit business, the owners and shareholders generally receive the profits. As a nonprofit, there are no owners and any money that’s left, after the organization has paid its bills, is put back into the organization.

A nonprofit may be eligible for certain benefits, such as sales, property and income tax exemptions. Nonprofits are incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are established. The IRS identifies the different types of nonprofit organizations by the tax code by which they qualify for exempt status. The most common form is a 501(c)(3) based on the fact that those who qualify provide a “public benefit”.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, Legacy is governed by a Board of Directors. Our Board is comprised of five volunteers who dedicate countless hours to ensuring Legacy accomplishes our goals. All major decisions go before the Board. They hold meetings to review resident applications, charitable fund requests, major expenditures, the spiritual program, and much more!

The Board of Directors and Legacy Place Management operate with the goal of having funds remaining at the end of the year. When this is the case, remaining funds would be used to assist our current residents or prospective residents through our Charitable Care Fund. Our next newsletter will feature an article explaining this unique provision.

Spotlight on Alzheimer’s

September is “World Alzheimer’s Month.” “World Alzheimer’s Month” is the international campaign by Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI) every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia. Visit alz.org for more information about Alzheimer’s and Dementia.

Activities

There are many benefits to staying socially, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually active. Our activities staff strives to plan a variety of activities to meet the needs and interest level of all of our residents. Our van gives us the opportunity to get our residents outside of the home. This newsletter features pictures of a recent trip to Crystal Spring Farm. Check one of our upcoming newsletters for pictures of our next outing to The Allentown Art Museum.
Maggie brightened Iris and Donald’s day.

Lynne and Lillian enjoy their daily chats.

Visiting with Jean

Craig and Marie getting ready for a movie.

Ice cream makes everyone smile!

Mickey chose a banana split!

Chester and Frank

Joyce, Margaret and Marilyn

Pictures!

Employment Opportunities
Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Stop by for an application or contact employment@legacyplace.org.

Resident Applications
We are full in both Personal Care and Memory Care! However, we will continue to accept applications for our waiting list. Please contact Meghan at meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org for more information.

Volunteering
Legacy Place appreciates what our volunteers do for our residents. We couldn’t do it without you! If you are interested in donating your time and/or talents, send an email to marie.scully@legacyplace.org.

Mailing List
If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please email meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org. You can request to receive your newsletter through the mail, electronically, or both!

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Annual Resident Picnic

Legacy will host a picnic for our residents and their families on September 7, 2019. The picnic will start at 12:00 PM with lunch being served buffet style. Glenn Miller will perform after lunch. The picnic will end at 3:00 PM, giving us enough time to clean up and care for our residents before dinner.

All of our residents, and their families, are invited to attend. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Marie Scully (marie.scully@legacyplace.org or 484.860.3914). We hope to see you on the 7th!