

# Spotlight

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## Music and celebrations at Inglis House



The Inglis House Resident Choir's **Spring Concert** featured selections from *The Sound of Music*, *Cats*, *Oklahoma*, *Annie*, *Carousel* and others (April 29, 2009).



The annual **Spring Fling** held on May 30, 2009, gave residents a chance to welcome spring with a party. **Dawn Waller** and **Deb Hayward** warm up the dance floor.

## Congratulations, Yvette!



"Learning is a very important part of my make-up. Just like I have to feed and nurture my body, my brain must be fed and nurtured, too," remarks **Yvette Green**, who recently completed her Liberal Arts degree at **Neumann College**.

"The different subjects I studied have given me a continued interest in finding out more. I learned that I should always keep on learning because it affords more opportunities."

"Enrolling in Neumann College is a worthy challenge that all Inglis residents should consider taking. With Mike Northen and the rest of the Therapeutic Education Department behind you, you'll have the assurance of complete support."

## Inglis Employment Services creates new jobs

**Inglis Community Employment Services** recently employed six more people with disabilities, thanks to a contract to provide janitorial services at the **Willow Grove Naval Air Station** in Montgomery County.

Even without the visibility of the Inglis logo on their work van, these new Inglis staff members are being noticed for their excellent work. They have received high praise from the base's administrative officer.



(left to right) **John Partlowe** with **Andrew Martin** and Andrew's job coach **Carmella Sharp** from PATH (People Acting to Help People), Inc. Inglis partners with PATH to find qualified workers with disabilities.



During a recent site visit, base staff praised the Inglis team and raved about the sparkling clean floors.

The custodial staff (pictured left) burnishes the floors until their reflections are visible.

Director of Inglis Community Employment Services **Barry Bussell** said, "While I am proud of our success in Willow Grove, I am even more proud of the hard work and determination from each individual member of our team."

The cleaning crew is supervised by Employment Specialist **John Partlowe**. The crew has implemented a program to use environmentally safe, "green" cleaning products in their work. One example is the Nobles Autoscrubber that uses no chemicals, only water, to clean and strip floors.

## Art Gallery hosts special exhibit

**Thaddeus Robinson's** photographs were featured at a special **Inglis Art Gallery** reception on April 3, 2009.

His photos have been exhibited at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, the University Medical Center at Princeton and with Nuvisions for Disabled Artists.

Besides photography, Thaddeus is also an advocate for people with disabilities and is a member of the Inglis Consumer Advisory Committee, SEPTA Advisory Committee for Accessible Transportation and the Citizens Advisory Committee of SEPTA.



## Inglis nurses recognized for work well done!

As part of **National Nurses Week** (May 6-12, 2009), three staff members received the **2009 Inglis Nurse of the Year Award**. Criteria for winning the Award include “excellence in quality of care, leadership, teamwork, positive attitude, mentoring, promotion of the Inglis House mission and vision, customer service, attendance and thorough documentation.”



**Marcia Tolliferreo,**  
RN (1N)

Weekend Administrator John McClafferty describes Marcia as “**efficient, thorough and diplomatic.**” Bob Parvin adds that Marcia is, “**sensitive to the needs of residents and always puts the quality of their care first.**”



**Winsome Dixon,**  
LPN (2S)

“Winsome possesses **excellent clinical skills,**” says Assistant Director of Nursing Denise Friel. “She is a **team-builder and leader** on her floor. Winsome is **consistent and follows through** to insure the best possible care for residents.”



**Ivy Fraser,**  
CNA (2S)

Denise praises Ivy as “very **caring and patient.** She **anticipates residents’ needs,** works well with other staff and **provides an example** to others. Residents look to Ivy for comfort and complete attention to their clinical needs.”

## Staff honored for years of service

At the **Employee Recognition Luncheon** on May 15, 2009, Wheelchair Cleaner **Constance Neal** — who joined Inglis 35 years ago — was honored as Inglis’ currently longest serving employee. An additional 100 people were honored for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service at the annual Luncheon.

**Constance Neal** (pictured in red) was one of 101 people honored at the Employee Luncheon. Distributing the awards were (left to right) Director of Operations Gwen Partlowe, Vice President, Human Resources Cheryl Whitfield and Inglis House Executive Director Bob Parvin.



# Inglis Five Race raises funds for resident programs



Runners, handcyclers, wheelchair users and walkers line up for the start of the race. Handcyclers participated in the event for the first time.



Inglis House resident **Marilyn Fredendall** rides alongside A-May-Zing Committee member **John Gregg** and Board member **Dr. Marisa Rogers**.

On Sunday, April 26, 2009, over 200 people gathered in Fairmount Park to participate in the **27th Annual Inglis Five Race**. The event was organized by the A-May-Zing Committee and the Inglis Five Task Force. Proceeds go toward the annual A-May-Zing Party for Inglis residents as well as toward the purchase of equipment for Inglis House social, therapeutic and recreational programs.



Resident Mike Hall and his family race through the finish line.



Many Inglis staff showed their support for Inglis residents. Pictured (left to right) are Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant **Nicole Anders**, Speech Therapy Clinical Specialist **Kate Harbeson**, Engineer **Rob Watson** and daughter **Nicole** and Director of Engineering Services **Marc Forte** and his daughters **Janine** and **Avery**.

## Inglis Golf Outing raises friends and funds



The **8th Annual Inglis Golf Outing**, held June 1, 2009, drew golfers from around the Delaware Valley. Along with an enjoyable day outdoors, many of the 88 golfers learned for the first time about how Inglis serves people with physical disabilities.

In spite of the current economic downturn, their support raised nearly \$80,000 for Inglis. Proceeds from the day help fund Inglis House resident programs and purchase equipment and adaptive technology.

Golfers line up their carts prior to the start of the 2009 Golf Outing.

## Funds from 2008 Inglis Five buy new pool table

Each year, the A-May-Zing Committee uses funds from the Inglis Five Race to host a theme party for residents in February. Remaining funds are used to enhance residents' quality of life through equipment purchases and support for resident programs. Recently, they purchased a **pool table for the Resident Lounge** located on the ground floor of the Therapy Building.



Wheelchair Mechanic — and avid pool player — **Jim Harrington** adapted the table for people with limited hand dexterity by attaching Velcro® to the pool cues and to a glove. Jim, who regularly plays pool with other wheelchair users, also coached residents, helping them find the best shooting angle based on their height and dexterity.



(above right) **Jim Harrington** adapts a pool cue for people with limited hand dexterity. (below right) **Naheem Garner** (foreground) and **Walter Trebing** (above right) test out the new table.

## Richard Auerbach is 2009 Inglis Volunteer of the Year

**Richard Auerbach** was named Volunteer of the Year at the **Annual Recognition Luncheon** on April 23, 2009.

For nearly two years, Rich has worked in the resident lounge developing an electronic database for the resident library and training residents to use the system.

In addition, he tutors residents taking college level courses and volunteers in the Adult Day Program. He is also a member of the Inglis Consumer Advisory Committee.

“Rich has not only given his time, but has developed a passion for his work,” said Volunteer Coordinator Robert Pomeranke. “We are very fortunate to have him.”



**Donna Monique Johnson** was named Resident Volunteer of the Year. A resident since 2006, Donna greets volunteer groups and assists with their orientation at Inglis House. Others honored at the luncheon were **Helen Cooney** (Outstanding Nook Volunteer), Inglis House Admissions Director **Cass Cronin** (Staff Volunteer), St. Joseph’s University student **Larry Devinney** (Outstanding Group Leader), the Christian ministry **Points to Ponder** (Outstanding Group Award) and **Anita Walker** (Outstanding Parent Support Award).



**Richard Auerbach** (center) is shown with Volunteer Coordinator **Bob Pomeranke** and Director of Social Enrichment **Janet Turner**.



On May 13, 2009, members of the **Scattered Seeds Garden Club** helped beautify the flower beds on Inglis’ grounds. Volunteers planted rose bushes outside Founders’ Hall and two magnolias in the Courtyard. They also added various plants to the flower beds near the resident garden boxes and outside the North Entrance.

## Residents make pillowcases for kids with cancer



**Patricia DeLorenzo** and **Cindy Kerr** choose fabric for a pillowcase.

**Cindy Kerr**, wife of Inglis CEO Gavin Kerr, brought the work of her non-profit **ConKerr Cancer** to Inglis. ConKerr engages volunteers to create pillowcases for chronically ill children. Inglis residents and ConKerr volunteers came together at Inglis to create over 50 brightly colored pillowcases.



**Robert Cox** operates the sewing machine's foot pedal while a ConKerr volunteer guides the material under the needle.

## 2009 Inglis Poetry Contest

**Inglis House Poetry Workshop** members recently completed judging their fifth annual Poetry Contest. The contest was created to raise awareness of writing about disability and to help promote the work of writers with disabilities.

Instruction Coordinator **Mike Northen** describes what he and resident judges **Yvette Green**, **Stuart Sanderson**, **Dana Hirsch** and **Steve Parker** look for in an entry.

“Artistic quality is an essential characteristic, but we also look for poems that don’t promote standard conceptions of people with disabilities. We don’t want poems that depict people with disabilities as self-pitying or that portray them simply as recipients of charity. We want poems that are unconventional and fresh.”

Winners are selected in two categories: 1) poems about disability (open to all writers) and 2) poems on any subject (open only to writers with disabilities). Jimmy Burns of Conroe, Texas, received first place in category two (see below).

### “TRANSMOGRIFICATION” — by Jimmy Burns

The poet stared at the hospital ceiling  
dust genies and dreams

collide  
fade  
aware of

things that were  
could not be again

but accepted

joyful noise  
could evolve  
into anthems

from blends of frustrations  
and fresh experience.

The poetry in his head  
continued.

## Inglis Living expands Inglis mission



**Tim Murphy**

After three years serving as Executive Director of Inglis House, **Tim Murphy** has been appointed **Vice President of Inglis Living Operations**. In this broadened role, he will oversee all of Inglis' consumer services and programs. The Inglis Living concept grows from the Inglis Board of Directors' strategic visioning which recommended expanding Inglis' mission to reduce the barriers encountered by all people with physical disabilities **wherever they choose to live**.

Inglis already has programs and services in place to develop, support and promote individual choice in places to live and to assure a range of support services for people with physical disabilities and their families. These include the Inglis adult day program, care management, community employment and wheelchair accessible housing.

"In my new role, I'll be looking at how we can continue to successfully provide current Inglis House residents and community consumers with the highest quality care and quality of life," said Tim Murphy. "We also want to broaden our services to meet the needs of more consumers."

**Bob Parvin**, who has been Assistant Executive Director of Inglis House since 2006, steps into the position of **Inglis House Administrator and Executive Director**, directing day-to-day operations. Bob has over 15 years of healthcare industry experience.

Bob Parvin said, "I am committed to Inglis' goal of quality care and service to residents and look forward to a continued partnership with Inglis House residents and staff."



**Bob Parvin**

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