

Pine Tree Hospice

Volunteer Bulletin

Trivia Night

PTH is hosting **Trivia Night at 7 p.m. on March 8th at The Commons in Dover-Foxcroft.**

This event is being sponsored by Will's Shop 'n Save and Rowell's Garage.

Trivia night is all about breaking up a cold winter's evening with a fun competition and perhaps learning a thing or two in the process. Teams will be competing against one another for the grand prize as well as bragging rights as Central Maine Quiz Masters. The grand prize is a Whitewater Rafting trip with Northeast Whitewater. Second place is an 18-hole round

of Golf at Foxcroft Golf Club. Along with raffles throughout the evening, we will also be having several "Silent" Auction items available for people to bid on. In addition to prizes and the auction, there will be 50/50 raffles, snacks for team tables, a cash bar and more to make up the evening's festivities. Spectators are encouraged to attend. Each table will consist of teams of six participants. If you have less than six team members, individual participants can join together to form a team that night or teams may pay the full table price of \$90 for up to 6 players.



Admission is \$15 per person and \$5.00 for spectators. There will be a limited number of tables available, so we encourage you to get your friends together and reserve your table today!

Birthday Wishes to our March Volunteers

Priscilla Higgins

Suzanne Stacey

Dodie Curtis

Pam Tower

Andrea Koltai-Price



Educational Opportunities

Advance Care Planning.

Advance Care Planning (ACP) isn't just for those with life-limiting illnesses – but for all of us. PTH is offering a FREE informative seminar at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on **Saturday, March 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.** For more information and to register, call PTH at 564-4346 or email wecare@pinetreehospice.org



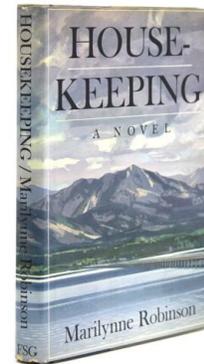
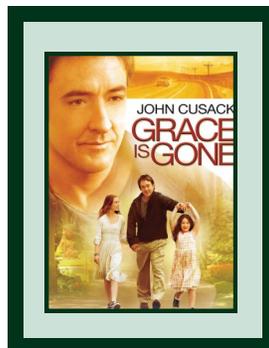
Spring Volunteer Training.

A new direct care and bereavement volunteer training will be starting on March 21st. **This training is not just for brand new volunteers!** Whether you are an indirect care volunteer, do direct care with clients, or are a bereavement facilitator, and whether you have been volunteering for a year or 15 years, this is for you!! The schedule is always posted on the website. Look it over, decide which session(s) you are interested in or would benefit

from, and sign up by calling the office. This is a super easy way to get continuing education and having veteran volunteers in with the new trainees always makes the training more fulfilling for everyone! Sign up today!

Winter Movies & Discussion.

PTH volunteers and previous book club members are invited to be part of our third Winter Movie & Discussion. For PTH volunteers, attendance will count towards continuing education hours. The next movie will be on **March 24th, at 6:00pm, at the PTH office.** The movie selection is *Grace Is Gone* which dramatizes the quiet crisis that befalls Stanley (John Cusack), a young husband of a female marine stationed in Iraq, and a father of two girls, who is suddenly and unexpectedly widowed when his wife, Grace, is killed on the battlefield. This movie is a “heartfelt, finely acted portrayal of grief and healing” according to rottentomatoes.com. Please RSVP by March 21st, as space is limited.



Caregiver's Book Group, sponsored by Maine Humanities Council and PTH.

Experience something new and thought-provoking this winter with our Caregivers Book Group. This group offers readings that will broaden and deepen your understanding of loss, injustices and the American experience. Join us once a month on a **Monday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.,** at the Thompson Free Library in Dover-Foxcroft to delve into the works of some amazing American writers. The group will meet again on **April 8th.** Reading materials may be picked up at the Thompson Free Library and include: *Housekeeping* a novel by Marilynne Robinson and *American Journal*, ed. Tracy K. Smith (selected poems).

PTH Team Meeting for Direct Care Volunteers

Our next Team Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, March 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the PTH office.**

If you are a direct care volunteer, you are encouraged to attend whether or not you are currently providing direct care to a Client.

Team meetings are a great way to share information and provide support to one another.

We hope to see you there! And remember, you can count up to 4 hours of team meeting toward your continuing education!



A Gingham Dress

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard & probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge...

"We'd like to see the president," the man said softly. "He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped. "We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted. "Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said to him! He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits

cluttering up his outer office. The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus." The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. "Madam," he said, gruffly, "We can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery." "Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard." The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, and then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now.

The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it cost to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?" Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. And Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California, where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

A TRUE STORY by Malcolm Forbes