



THE BRIDGE

Let H.O.P.E. be the bridge to a better tomorrow for you.

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A Message From Our Chairman

How has your life changed as a result of H.O.P.E.? In many ways, each H.O.P.E. graduate's experience is unique, and yet new participants frequently find strength in their journey as they draw upon the experiences of those who preceded them. A committee of board members and directors is presently collecting H.O.P.E. success stories in the anticipation of sharing them with those whose journey toward greater strength and independence has just begun. Perhaps you have a story you could share. If so, just call the H.O.P.E. office at (856) 234-2200, and a member of the committee would be pleased to speak with you.

Also, once again, we are renewing our call for H.O.P.E. participants who have contacts with the business or corporate community. In addition to the benefits H.O.P.E. provides to its participants, there is often another benefit

that goes unrecognized, and that is the very practical benefit to the community at large when H.O.P.E. graduates return to their work renewed and restored after a devastating loss. Many businesses and corporations recognize this and become H.O.P.E. supporters and friends. You can help H.O.P.E. identify these individuals, so that we may encourage them to help us in support of our mission, once again by calling the office with this information.

Finally, if you are an active supporter of H.O.P.E., many thanks for your efforts and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

**Wayne Thomas, Chairman,
Board of Trustees**

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Directors' Dispatch

Barbara Kassekert, Program Director
Barbara Winiarski, Executive Director

Another year has ended. We want to wish all of you a wonderful New Year filled with health, peace, laughter, and lots of good things! Just to review the year, we have been busy brainstorming ways to raise awareness of our program not only through the media, but also by attending health fairs, going to senior/nutrition centers, speaking at church gatherings, and being available for any other place that will have us. There are many support groups out there, however, there is no other program like ours, where the facilitators have gone through the program, walked the walk and are so willing to

share their experiences to help others through one of the most difficult times of their lives. We continue to be determined to look for opportunities to get the H.O.P.E. message out.

As always, we want to thank everyone for donating their talent, time and treasure for the success of H.O.P.E.

Many Thanks Barbara!

Barbara Kassekert, whose leadership in the H.O.P.E. program has spanned more than 20 years, recently tendered her resignation as Program Director to permit time for other pursuits.

Over these 20 years, Barbara has applied her own experience with the bereavement process, coupled with her experience as teacher and counselor, to effective leadership in the program. She has served variously as group leader, chapter coordinator, member of the Board of Trustees, and most recently as Program Director. Her sensitivity when dealing with the needs of others, her realistic expectations and common sense approach to problems, her sense of humor, and her commitment to the mission of our organization will be greatly missed.



Meeting Times and Locations

Ten (10) week sessions begin January, April, July and October. There is a modest registration fee for each ten-week session.

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Smithville Chapter

Emmaus United Methodist Church
Wednesdays: Morning Chapter—11:00 a.m.
Evening Chapter— 7:00 p.m.

Linwood Chapter

Central United Methodist Church - Mondays: 3:30 p.m.

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Marlton Chapter

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m.

Moorestown Chapter

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.

Pemberton Chapter

Calvary Baptist Church - Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.

Willingboro Chapter

Alpha Baptist Church - Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m.

CAMDEN COUNTY

Berlin Chapter

Virtua Health Hospital - Mondays: 7:00 p.m.

Cherry Hill Chapter

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Collingswood Chapter

Camden County Division of Senior Services
Thursdays: 10:00 a.m.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Swainton Chapter

Holy Redeemer VNA Hospice
Thursdays: 10:00 a.m.

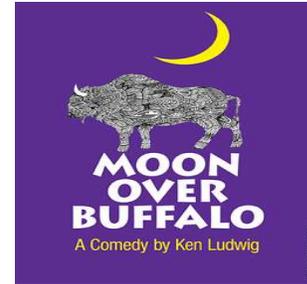
GLOUCESTER COUNTY - Mantua Chapter

Mantua United Methodist Church
Thursdays: 7:00 p.m.

MERCER COUNTY - Hamilton Square Chapter

Resurrection Lutheran Church - Mondays: 7:00 p.m.

H.O.P.E. Day at the Ritz



A dysfunctional theater group and an equally dysfunctional couple provide the laughs in this jam-packed, side-splitting comedy filled with fussing, fighting, mishaps, and mayhem. Come join other H.O.P.E. graduates and friends for a rollicking afternoon at the Ritz Theater in Oaklyn on Sunday, September 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets at \$30, with a portion of the ticket price benefiting H.O.P.E., are available at the H.O.P.E. office or by calling (856) 234-2200.

Given the rising cost of postage, the next issue of the newsletter will be distributed by e-mail. We ask that if you have an e-mail address, you contact us at hopesnj@verizon.net with this information. Please include your full name and mailing address as well. Current participants will continue to receive a copy of the newsletter at their chapter meetings. The newsletter will also be available on our website, www.hopesnj.org.

If you do not wish to receive mailings from H.O.P.E., kindly contact the office at (888) 920-2201 or (856) 234-2200 and we will ensure that you are removed from the mailing list.



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Chapter Chat

Browns Mills: The chapter collected food, money, and toys for a needy family. The family is part of Browns Mills United Methodist Church where the H.O.P.E. meetings are held.

Smithville AM: A Holiday Party was held for their current and former members in December. They had a wonderful time with a nice turnout of present and former members. Some members generously donated money to H.O.P.E.

Moorestown: Barbara Ericson, a group leader for many years, is retiring from her H.O.P.E. work. We thank Barbara for the time and energy she gave to us.

Chuck Mullen, a group member, supplied his beautiful home and good food for a Christmas party for the members of the Moorestown chapter. The party goes did augment the refreshments, and a good time was had by all!

Marlton: Chapter Coordinator Susan Friedman has some warm plans for the winter. She is going on an extended trip through Florida and Arizona that caps off with 5 weeks in Hawaii!

Swainton: Chapter Coordinator Bud Stein initiated and organized a table for H.O.P.E. at a Health Fair held at the Avalon Community Center. Bud, along with his wife Eileen, group leader Mae Ott, and member Jack Reid, attended and distributed our materials.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Bud Stein, Swainton Chapter Coordinator

I owe such a debt of gratitude to Bud. After driving to Swainton from Berlin every Thursday morning for a couple of years to run the Swainton Chapter, I became tired of the drive. I told the group that we would not be having a winter session as I needed a break. Then, wonderfully, Bud offered to take my place and lead the group. I am not sure whether he realized he was getting the job permanently or not (I didn't want to tell him). Since that time, Bud has been a faithful group coordinator. The group continues to be successful as Bud devotes his time and energy to the members. His paper work is always done and he goes out of his way to promote the program. He has initiated social events for his members and volunteered to man a table at a Health Fair he had seen advertised. And, last but certainly not least, he met a lovely lady through the group and remarried. Thanks, Bud.

Barbara Kassekert



Spring is in the Air Luncheon

H.O.P.E. will host a fundraiser luncheon at Lucien's Manor on Saturday, March 19, 2011, from Noon until 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit H.O.P.E. programs. So, why not invite your friends and relatives and come on out to Lucien's on the 19th and support H.O.P.E. In addition to a delicious lunch and good company, there will be numerous Chinese Auction items. Complete the attendance form included in the newsletter and return it by March 1, 2011.

Raffle Tickets



H.O.P.E. is currently selling raffle tickets for a two-night stay at Trump Plaza and for a basket of cheer (valued at \$300). Casino tickets are \$2.00 each and basket of cheer tickets are \$1.00 each. The winning tickets will be drawn at the luncheon on March 19. You need not be present to win. If you haven't already purchased your raffle tickets, contact the H.O.P.E. office at 888-920-2201.



Luncheon Program

If you would like to purchase an ad in the luncheon program, complete the section at the bottom of or on the back of the attendance form. You can advertise your business or take the opportunity to recognize a friend's or relative's milestone event.

The following rates apply:

Full page - \$100 (5" x 8")

Half-page - \$50 (5" x 4")

Quarter-page or business card - \$25 (5" x 2")

You can also take a Friend of H.O.P.E ad (one line). For only \$5, you can thank a friend, send birthday, get well, retirement or anniversary wishes, or place an In Memoriam ad. **Closing deadline for ads is February 20, 2011**

**SPRING IS IN THE AIR
LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY - MARCH 19, 2011

COST: \$30 PER PERSON

PLACE: LUCIEN'S MANOR
81 WEST WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ

TIME: NOON - 3:00 P.M.



IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN, BY MARCH 1, 2011, WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$30 PER ATTENDEE, TO:

H.O.P.E., Inc.
Moorestown Community House
16 E. Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Attendance Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ Amount of Check: _____

If you are purchasing a program ad, you may also include that payment in your check.

Please Indicate Luncheon Selection(s): Dijon Crusted Salmon _____ Chicken Parmesan _____

If you would like to purchase a Friend of H.O.P.E ad in the luncheon program (One line - Cost: \$5), indicate your message on the lines provided below. You can take the opportunity to thank a friend, send birthday, get well, retirement or anniversary wishes, or place an In Memoriam ad. See examples. For larger ads, see form on reverse side.

*Examples: In memory of Blanche Heller by Howard Heller or Happy 75th Birthday to my friend Marge Lukens from Betty Ashe.



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A Support Program for the Recently Widowed
Spring is in the Air Fundraiser Luncheon



Saturday, March 19, 2011

Lucien's Manor

Berlin, NJ

Program Advertising Contract

(CLOSING DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IS FEBRUARY 20, 2011)

_____ **Full Page** (5" x 8").....\$100

_____ **Half Page** (5" x 4").....\$50

_____ **Quarter Page/** (5" x 2").....\$25

Business Card

_____ **I HAVE ENCLOSED CAMERA READY ART (suitable for digital scanning).**

_____ **I WILL SEND ART ELECTRONICALLY.** Send .pdf, .tif, .jpg, or .eps to hopeluncheon@yahoo.com.
 Please scale to ad size (listed above) when possible.

Personal Messages: Text files may be sent electronically (.doc) or may be mailed or faxed to the H.O.P.E. office at the address or phone number at the bottom of this form.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME or COMPANY NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN PROGRAM.

Name _____ Position _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone _____

Important—in case we have a question about your ad.

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please enclose check payable to: **H.O.P.E., Inc.**

Mail contract and check to: **H.O.P.E., Inc., Moorestown Community House,**

16 E. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Contact Phone #: 888-920-2201, Fax #: 856-234-7499

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Vacancy Program Director Position

The H.O.P.E. Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the position of Program Director. The Program Director serves as the chief operating officer of the organization. She/he is responsible for all chapter activities including scheduling of meetings, chapter visitations, evaluation of group leaders and chapter coordinators, establishment of new chapters, and oversight of courses of study and materials. The Program Director attends board of trustee meetings and apprises the board and the executive director of program activities and concerns. Applicants should submit a letter of application and resume to Barbara Winiarski, Executive Director, H.O.P.E., 16 East Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Applications should be received no later than April 1, 2011.



CELEBRATE THE ONES YOU LOVE

With a Commemorative Gift to H.O.P.E.

Your gift enables us to continue to assist recently widowed men and women of all ages in our community as they evolve through the natural stages of the grieving process now and for generations to come.

All donations are tax-deductible. H.O.P.E. is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, registered in both the State of New Jersey and with the federal government and you will receive an acknowledgment for tax purposes.

Recent Donations

- In memory of Helen Quicgy and Karla A. Zinser by Eugene J. Kelly
- In memory of Liberadt Santoni by Arthur and Barbara Winiarski
- In memory of Virginia Urlick by Laurence Urlick
- In memory of Tony Calo by Carol S. Walker
- In memory of Bill Holler by Helen Holler
- In memory of Nicholas Sayles by Jody A. Sales
- In memory of Carol Weiss by Norman Weiss
- In memory of Ed Varevice by Ellie Leavenworth
- In memory of William R. Leonard by Connie Magnini
- In memory off Donald DeNight by Sue Gambardello
- In memory of the Beloved mother of Maria Larmanis by Betzy Abraham and Irv Lazar
- In honor of Jean Troop's 80th Birthday by Doris Schmidt
- In memory at Christmas: Raymond Mackey Jr., Jennifer Eileen Mackey, Joseph and Helen Leib, and Raymond and Elizabeth Mackey by Sharon Mackey
- In memory of Samuel Ardito's one year passing by Norma Ardito
- In memory of George Sylvester by Theresa Sylvester
- In memory of Kataryna Kokorudz by Pat Larrabee
- In memory of husband Frank E. Soukup by Jeanette L. Soukup
- In memory of Ro and Bob by William Eddleman and Katherine Hunter
- In memory of husband Lee Milloy by Barbara Milloy
- In memory of Jacqueline Sauro by Sunny Lawrence
- In memory of Sylvia and Sam Brandt by the Hanover Family
- In memory of Sid Greenblatt by Susan Friedman
- In memory of Anita Lyons by Susan Friedman and Paul Sobolewski
- In memory of Mildred Mazzei by Michael DiFilippo
- In honor of Jean Throop by Sunny Lawrence
- In honor of Maryann Burhart by Rudolph Burhart
- In honor of Chattin-Roedig wedding by Kathleen Knight
- In honor of my H.O.P.E. friends in lieu of Christmas cards by Sharon Mackey



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