Many friends and neighbors who know that Jean and I work with Hospice are interested in what Hospice does as an organization. Many are right upfront in saying, “Oh I could never do that,” or similar remarks. I do not go into any detail, and generally end by saying, “I am just a volunteer.” That started me to thinking that maybe I should put some thoughts onto paper, having no idea what I would ever do with any of it.

**Just a Volunteer: 2010/2020**

In 2010, we had a calling. It was one session a week for six weeks. At the end, we said “We can do this.”

Brenda, Donna, Debbie, Ashley (of Hospice): all of these ladies have done, or are doing, amazing things. They, and the rest of the staff do an excellent job. They all do a good job of keeping us motivated, as well as showing us that our efforts are appreciated.

Brian and Kim were caretakers for his mother. Brian had three doctor’s appointments within the span of a little over one month and needed someone to visit with his mother. When we first arrived, she did not seem too happy. Grabbing a wheelchair and pulling it up close, I said something which broke the ice, and Virginia started talking. She had some funny stories and oftentimes would repeat the same ones. Her maiden name was Hinkle, and she lived across the alley from the Hinkle Funeral Home. She was an OB/GYN nurse for many years, and we hear all about the different doctors that she worked for. Her oft-repeated stories were a pleasure for someone who was “a good listener,” as her son said. Her birthday was on Groundhog Day, and she loved deep fried ramps and Root Beer. Her slight Irish brogue topped off the whole picture. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only son…” These words from John were among many that we read often to a little lady who was happy to be in a nursing home, away from neglect and abuse. One day, she said that the staff had gotten her up and walking. I had never seen her out of bed and asked if it would be okay to take a picture of her on one of her walks. She happily said that would be fine.

**1,100 of the “Greatest Generation”**

WWII veterans are dying each day. It has been my privilege to have visited with, and listened to, several of these heroes. Our debt to them can never be paid, but to be able to listen to them
gives them some measure of our love. I’m a good listener. Empathy is either a blessing, or a curse.

We found her sitting in one of the back rooms of a very nice house. As we walked in to meet her, all I could think of was “elegance.” She had constant care and, as was said, was “dressed to the T’s.” She spent her days with adult coloring books. Looking at her hands with advanced arthritis, one wondered how she managed. Then, she showed us some of her knitting. Just a volunteer.

He was house bound. His COPD kept him close to his constant use of oxygen. His love was card games. He would entertain us with hours of 500 Rummy. Once one game ended, another would begin. A farmer's life is sometimes simple and rewarding.

The family asked me if I could join them at the yearly celebration of Kitzmiller Days. They were going to get George out of the nursing home, and I would meet them there. It was a nice day, with plenty to eat at several locations, and George seemed happy to be home. We went to the museum, and Jackie, his wife as the manager, showed us around. Toward the end, I got them close together and took a picture, which they both liked. Years later, the call came early in the evening. The nursing home said that George had gone off the rails. They said the staff could not control him and asked how long before I could get there. Once I got to him, it took awhile to settle him down, and they were very appreciative. Parkinson’s is a strange disease; one day it took me awhile to convince him that the fish he saw jumping of the water at the lake outside of his window were not real. Just a volunteer.

Kay did not know it, but she was living in her daughter’s home, which happened to be right next to her own home. We visited with her while she was on Hospice, and continued during the periods when she was not. Her caregivers needed a break, regardless. For the better part of three years, we had the honor of sitting with this sweet lady. In that period of time, you get to know the extended family, and all of the grandkids know your name.

He had white hair – always had it. Even as a kid. He was stationed on an aircraft carrier during WWII. His ship was bombed more than once; those were some of his stories. His stories were legendary. He had hours-worth of stories, and would tell them to anyone nice enough to listen. He lived in a cabin he had built up north on Pigs Ear Road. All of my patients are special. I guess you could say he was extra special. His daughter said she loved me – the feeling was mutual for both of them. Just a volunteer.

George is my hero; a WWII Army vet. He was severely wounded and received three Purple Heart medals. He said he thought he should have received four. His throat was damaged, and it is difficult to understand everything he says. He wanted me to take some of his books depicting his war. He signed one of them with his name and added “1st Platoon, Co. B, 82nd RCN BN, 2nd Armored Div., 1942-1947.” He was moved to a nursing home recently, joining his wife, Mildred. They celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary, with Hospice providing much of the festivities. Hospice sponsors an appreciation dinner each fall for the staff, board members and volunteers. At the dinner in 2019, Jean and I were called up front for special recognition. We were given several gifts, and Ashley read a list of my accomplishments for that year:

2019 totals: visits made – 66; number of patients – 11; total hours – 192; number of miles traveled – 2,841.

The notes that we have received expressing gratitude for our care and efforts are heart-warming. It’s nice to know that things one does are appreciated.

In October 2020, we will celebrate 10 years with Hospice. I tell everyone that working with Hospice is the best thing I have ever done. Thank God for giving Jean and me the grace to become “Just a Volunteer.”

“SOME COMMENTS FROM OUR FAMILIES”

• “Words cannot adequately express how grateful we are for the wonderful care and support you have provided”
• “Your tender care meant more to him and his family than words can ever express”
• “Our family was truly blessed to have the loving care of hospice during our Dad’s last summer on Deep Creek Lake”
• “The hospice nurses who took care of my brother-in-law were truly amazing. Our families appreciate them more than words can say”
• “Your kindness will remain with me forever”

WishList
REQUESTED ITEMS
Baby Wipes, Baby Wipes and More Baby Wipes!
Ensure Regular & Juices (any brand)
Extra Long Twin Fitted Sheets • Bandages all sizes
Exam Gloves-Large • Baby Monitors
8.5” by 11” Copy Paper- (White and all Colors)
Pill Crushers • Gallon Size Freezer Bags
AAA and AA Batteries • Paper Towels and Kleenex

2
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (Philippians 4:8, NIV)

2019 HOSPICE GRATITUDE BOARD

Thank you for your messages of gratitude and support that truly lifted all of the staff’s spirits throughout 2019. We are honored to receive and share each note that you conveyed and all your gracious words of support! Simply said, we cherish your kindness!

Hospice of Garrett County Staff is recognized at the banquet.

Ernie Gregg, Board President, presents Sue Fulmer with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Grantsville Senior Center Quilters with the beautiful quilt they, along with the Heritage Quilters, handmade and donated to Hospice of Garrett County to raffle off.

2019-2020 HOSPICE OF GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS:
Linda Sherbin - Vice President
Ernie Gregg - President
Helen Bittinger - Secretary
Pauline Faucett - Treasurer

Hospice of Garrett County Staff is recognized at the banquet.

Ernie Gregg, Board President, presents Sue Fulmer with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Grantsville Senior Center Quilters with the beautiful quilt they, along with the Heritage Quilters, handmade and donated to Hospice of Garrett County to raffle off.
In Memory

VIOLET “MAXINE” GROVES
Chuck, Kerry, Cade & Ryleigh English
Frances Becker
William & Sandra Carlson
Ron & Joyce Heginbotham

MIKE FONTAINE
Bernadette Daly

DONALD “RED” WILKINSON
Linda Smith
Nancy Holmwood
Christopher Hofe
JoAnne Knapp
Dave Vidmar
David Chambers
Barbara Stork
Dean, Tina, Abby & Grace Wilkinson
Dr. Faith Mauro-Huse
Linda Retton
Francis & Rita Grimm
Helen Hofe
Jo & Debbie Raynovich
Jack & Jean Malunney
Jim & Karen Knight
Stephen Adams
Linda Walton
Brian Bartels
Susan Bartels
Carl Stewart
Judy Juniper
Rick Watro
Phyllis Wilkinson
Pam, Tony, Taylor & Caitlyn Brosan
Montgomery County Public Schools, Speech/Language Social Committee
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bennett
Ellen Wachter
Bill & Shelley McAuliffe
The Metz Family

NAOMI GRIFFITH
Carol Edmiston
Nina Rae Laudermilk
The Griffith Family – Debbie, Sherry, Tracey & Hobe
Mary Frantz
Mayor & Town Council of Friendsville

KENNETH BOSLEY
Jim & Mary Lynn Bosley

TOM MCDONALD
Rosemary Kessberger
Mary Jo Lesko
Charles & Pamela Degasperi
Jill Tetsell

ELEANOR ANN ENGLANDER
Ellen C. Williams
John & Elizabeth Forrester

REV. DR. LAWRENCE SHERWOOD
Jane A. Rippey
Jacqueline Shirer
Jon Roneslacis
Donna Bryant & Family
Dorothy Ford
Dallas United Methodist Church
John C. Sherwood
Mary Weaver
Terry Weaver
Becky Fallon
Hazel Sherwood
Linda & William Freymann
Sand Hill United Methodist Church
Joan Bolyard
Rev. Frank Shomo
Charlene & CJ Bennett
Betty Shaffer
Tom & Debbie Woods
Rich & Julie Fratz-Orr
Sam & Mary Lee Moore

BETTY BITTINGER
Helen Hetrick
Donna Glotfelty

JAMES E. MICHAEL
Margie Menges & Family

JEANNETTE KEEFER
Mike & Debbie Royster
Frank & Edith Carney
Flossie Roy
Marjorie Wanzer

JOHN “PAT” FOSTER
Doris Choate
Kelly Barron

BARBARA HOLTSCHNEIDER
Jarlath Hight-Fitzwater
Dr. Thomas Sheahen
Glady's Faherty

RICHARD ROELKE
Harry Biggs

THOMAS GLOTFELTY
Esther Glotfelty

CAROLYN RILEY
Vesta Liller
Donald Riley

RUTH FITZPATRICK WILLIAMS
Nancy Gehman
Kym Millhouse
Jessica & Andrea Calvosa
Nancy & Tim Whitesell
Donna McClintock-Fost
Donna Damico
Garrett County Board of Education,
Social Welfare Committee
Mike, Jeannie & Amy Leasure
Margie Menges & Family
Dean & JoAnne Durst
Attorneys & Staff of Buchanan,
Ingersoll & Rooney, PC

ROBERT SPEICHER
Helen Hetrick
Lynn & Donna Brenneman
Kevin & Jeanane Beachy
Tammy, Betty & Tim Beachy
Tom & Becky Hresko
Eugene Kinsinger
Paul Dean & Zona Brenneman

MIKE FRIEND
Richard & Betty Friend

MARTHA YODER
Cheryl Lannon
Lynn & Donna Brenneman
John Baer
Betty Jo Swauger
Shirley Konz
Pat & Linda Butler
Cheryl Taylor
Martha's Friends at Goodwill
Sue Farrell
Sylvester & Mary Lynn & Mark Yoder
Raymond & Alta Bender
Norman Yoder
Helen Bissett
John Maurer

MARIE SKIPPER
Clifford C. DeWitt

CRISSE BEZAK
George Bezak

FRANCES PATTERSON
Pat Filsinger

ANN DILGARD
Pat Filsinger

JUDY WILT
Wayne Wilt

WALTER & CRAIG WOTHERSPOON
Cheryl, Gary & Thalia Wotherspoon

LEWIS MARKS
David A. Thorn

BETTIE M. CALVERT
Gary & Lisa Davis

GERALD GLASS
Sondra Buckel

ELEANOR ROBINSON
Barbara Herbert Tasker

CAROLE PECK
Barbara Herbert Tasker

DOUG HERBERT
Barbara Herbert Tasker

DELMAS TASKER
Barbara Herbert Tasker

FRANK LANCELOTTA, JR.
Linda Lancelotta

LOIS HINES
“The Willows”
Charlie & Leah Leadbetter
Linda Murr

JEAN M. WILT
Brenda Beckman

LOVED ONES
Wayne & Barbara Johnson

JOHN MASH
Patty Mash

ED FEIGHERY
John & Jean Feighery
Jim & Pat Feighery
Mary Feighery

PEARL B. BRENNEMAN
William I. Brenneman

RUTH ANN KNOTTS
James Knotts, Sr.

RICK THAYER
Sull McCartney
— In Memory —

JOANN KAMP
Pat Miller

MICHAEL FULMER
Michael & Kelli Fulmer

EDWARD DeWITT
Michael & Kelli Fulmer

LOIS WEBB HINES
Lynn & Cinda Boyer
Pamela Viner
Robert & Susan Leadbetter
Stillwater Property Owners Association
Kenneth Garrison
Allen & Barbara Leadbetter
Theodore & Deborah Blaskinsky
Randy & Orna Reiner
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Smith
Wayne & Theresa Morris
Paul & Judy Gaudelli
Letha Webb
Dalton & Kathy Garrett
Waterfront Greens POA, Board of Directors
Michael Swarr
Julia Cipu
Christine Magisto

STEVE & GLORIA STROMWELL
Donald & Anne Forrester
Nancy-Elizabeth Nimmich

NANCY KIGHT
Thomas D. Kight

PAUL R. McKENZIE
Larry Wilson
Helen Hetrick
The McFarland Family
Shirley A. McKenzie
The David J. (Dan) & Emma Wilson Family
William & Barbara Wilson

SCOTT THRASHER
Robert & Beverly Thrasher

CURTIS RAY FRIEND
Crelin Elementary School Staff

DOROTHY “DOTTIE” BITTINGER
John & Debbie Carter

MARIE SKIPPER
Sherry Skipper

DALE COSNER
Jeremy S. Bolyard
Construction LLC
Francis Cosner & Family

TERRY LUXFORD
Ruth Luxford

EUGENE KINSINGER
SMI Snowmaker Family
Elena Feighery
James & Melinda Gibson

ROGER & ELAINE TIMMERMAN
Gayle Richter

PECK ELLIS
Douglas Ellis

GENEVIEVE ELLIS
Douglas Ellis

DAN UPOLE
Douglas Ellis

DAVE STEPHENS
Douglas Ellis

VALERIE L. NAYLOR
Milton Naylor

JOHNNY RAY HERSBERGER
William & Sandra Carlson

PHYLLIS KNEPP
Steve & Janet Cosner
Stephen & Amy Knepp

ARVETA SAVAGE
Donald Lee Savage

MARY FLANAGAN
Roscoe & Diane Beall

BILL McLAUGHLIN
Rita McLaughlin

ANN ELLIS
Leslie Ellis

WALLACE EVANS
Elaine Evans

IN MEMORY OF PAST MEMBERS
State Line Methodist Church

EDWARD WAGNER
Lucy G. Wagner

CATHERINE GIBBARD
James Brashears
Bonnie Gollup
Melissa Kelly
Donna Featherston

RITA ROBINSON
Jeremy Robinson

MARY VIRGINIA FLANAGAN
Don & Barbara Cussins

PHILIP DICE
Helen Hetrick

DALE EVANS
Sam & Mary Lee Moore

REV. JOHN S. PARK
Sam & Mary Lee Moore

ALBERT C. EVERD
Dianna Everd

ERMAL RUMER
Howard & Barbara Janoske

GLENN FRAZEE
Alisa, Kyle & Tracey Gill

EDWIN B. WARNICK
Carol Warnick

HOPWOD WOODELL
Karen Woodell

PATRICIA ANN WEILER
Judith Bertsch

NORMA & MASON MADIGAN
Madigan’s Auto Sales
Sticks & Stones Construction

BETTY & JOHN KURILLA
Madigan’s Auto Sales
Sticks & Stones Construction

WILLIAM M. CASEY
Gloria Casey

GEORGE PERRINE
Scott & Nicole Perrine
The Sisler Family
Wayne & Donna Callis

MADALINE WHEELER
Lew Wheeler

RAYMOND & ALTA SCHLOSNAGLE
Frank & Rebecca Vitez

JIM & HELEN VITEZ
Frank & Rebecca Vitez

BRIAN B. WOLFE
George & Barbara Tichnell

LINDA LOU RESH
Morris & Nancy Resh

CHARLES RESH
Morris & Nancy Resh

RONALD ROY
Flossie Roy
Bill & Carolyn Roy
Amy & Mikey Welch
Darn & Beulah Elliott

DAN YODER
Anna Yoder
Stephen & Megan Peters

PEARL BITTNER
Patricia Wellman
Mayor & Town Council of Friendsville
Friendsville United Methodist Women’s Group

WILLIAM REAM
The Betty Ream Family

SHERMAN DAVIS
Tracy Griffith

EUGENE CORNETT
Frederica S. Cornett

IRENE SCHROCK
Calvin E. Schrock

GARY BAKER
Ed Browning

WILLIAM M. CASEY
Gloria Casey

GEORGE PERRINE
Scott & Nicole Perrine
The Sisler Family
Wayne & Donna Callis

MADALINE WHEELER
Lew Wheeler

RAYMOND & ALTA SCHLOSNAGLE
Frank & Rebecca Vitez

JIM & HELEN VITEZ
Frank & Rebecca Vitez
Thank You!

General Donations

ADA L. MUFFETT
AMERICAN LEGION PROCTOR
KILDOW
ANN SHARPS
ANNA YODER
BARBARA STORK
BEAR CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
BEITZEL CORPORATION
BENNIE C. YODER
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BONNIE HARBOURNE
BRENT THORNTON
BRIANNA GLASS
C.S. FREDLOCK FUNERAL HOMES
CAROL MCN AIR
CHARLES & LINDA PENNINGTON
CHAWN JACKSON
CHRISTINE SISLER
CIVIC CLUB OF OAKLAND
CORinth UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CENTER
DALE & MELVA SAVAGE
DANIEL INGRAM
DIEHL’S FORD SALES
DONNA BITTINGER
DONNA LEE SHOGREN
ELLEN C. WILLIAMS
EMMANUAL WOMEN OF THE ELCA
ENGLISH-RAMSAY CHARITABLE TRUST
FIRST UNITED NATIONAL BANK
GEORGE PORTER
GILBERT E. HARVEY TRUST
HARRY & PAULINE FAUCETT
HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH
HELEN BITTINGER
HELEN HETRICK
HELEN NICKLES
HENRIETTA LEASE
HIGHLAND THRIFT SHOP
JAMES PORTER
JANET SISLER
JEAN PETERMAN
JEFFREY & SHERRY GOSNELL
JG’S PUB
JIM & LIANE PRESTON
JOHN & DONNA RODEHEAVER
JOHN & KATHY SKIPPER
JOY CAMP
KAREN & FRANK EWING
KATHERINE TONSTAD
KEN & LEE FISHER
KEVIN MARK
KRISTAL LEWIS
LEONARD & SARA POHOLSKY
LESLIE ELLIS
LINDA MOE
LINDA SHERBIN
LINDA TEAGARDEN
LISA THAYER-WELCH
LUCILLE LUDVIGSEN
LYNN & DONNA BRENNEMAN
MARTHA SANDERS
MARY SANNER
MELVIN & CAROLYN HUMBERSON
MILL RUN MERCY CHAPEL
NORTHERN GARRETT HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY
OAK GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH
OAKLAND CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP
RAY HERSHMAN & THE CARD PLAYERS AT GLASS UNLIMITED
RITTA ROUTHIER
ROBERT & MARGARET LEWIS
ROBERT & WENDY BUERGER
ROBERT SHAFFER
ROBERT SHARPS
RON BOYER & LIZ MCDOWELL
ROSE MATTHEWS
SANDRA BEERE
SANDRA NICHOLS
SHERRY METTS
ST. PAUL’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN
STEVE & VIRGINIA MCKENZIE
STEVE LEMAY
TANIA GLOTFELTY
THE JOHN W. BREMER MEMORIAL TRUST
THOMAS R. POWELL
TOM & SARA KUHN
UNO’S
VALERIE HODGE-WILLIAMS
WALTER & KAREN MALECKI
WILLIAM POPE

IN HONOR DONATIONS

D A V E M cLA U G HIN
Jim & Mary Lynn Bosley

A L L VIETNAM VETERANS
John J. Jankalski, Jr.

L U C I L L E L U D V I G S E N
James J. Lupis, Jr.

A L L HOSPICE WORKERS
Mildred Wucik

A L L HOSPICE EMPLOYEES
Donald Lee Savage

G L O R I A  W I L S O N
Gary W. Wilson
Robert Wilson

D O U G E LLIS
Darlene Glotfelter
Joyce Middleton

D O N E L L I S
Darlene Glotfelter

S TA F F & M A N A G E M E N T O F HOSPICE
Darlene Glotfelter

A L L T H A T HOSPICE DOES
Shawn Patterson

L Y N N & L I N D A PATTO N
Mayor & Town Council of Friendsville
Thank you to our Auxiliary Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!
You are all such an important part of Hospice of Garrett Co., Inc.

Jean Peterman
John Jankalski, Jr.
Flossie Roy
Lela Paugh
Mary Frantz
Mary Frazee
Beverly Beard
Dolly Liller
Tammy Lewis
Vi Walker
Anita Russell
Elaine Marple
Mason Callis Jr.
Gary Schrock

IN MEMORY OF
DARIUS “BUZZ” & RUTH FIKE AND THEIR INFANT LAVONNE SHARLENE

IN MEMORY OF LEONARD & MABEL HAENFTLING

IN MEMORY OF TROY & MARY JANE FIKE

Love,
Jim & Helen, Allen, Tammy, Gary, Candi, Linda, & Earl

Goodwill Retirement Community
891 Dorsey Hotel Rd, Grantsville, MD 21536
Office – 301.895.4021
Fax – 301.895.3958
www.goodwillhome.org

Deep Creek Pharmacy
301-387-5300
McHenry Plaza • 24465 Garrett Hwy.
• Delivery Services
• Medical Compliance Service
• Vitamin & Herbal Supplements
• Conveniently Located
• Friendly Staff
• McFarland Candies’
Follow Us on Facebook
@ Deep Creek Pharmacy
www.deepcreekpharmacy.com

WVU Medicine
Health & Wellness Services of GARRETT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Walk-in Clients Welcome, Mon-Fri.
301-533-2190
69 Wolf Acres Oakland, MD
SPONSORS

Fox's Pizza Den
259 N. 3rd Street
Oakland, MD
Pizza, Subs, Salads, Strombolis, Wings
Wedge and more!
301-334-3212

C & S Fredlock
FUNERAL HOMES
Oakland Chapel 301-334-3388
Kitzmiller Chapel 301-453-3397

TRI-STATE MEMORIAL

OAKLAND, MD 301-334-1139
PIEDMONT, WV 304-355-8033
Frank & Amy Custer, Owners

Gregg's Pharmacy
Your Health is Our Business
— 2 LOCATIONS —
20 North Third Street, Oakland, MD
301-334-2197
101 Gregg Memorial Drive, Terra Alta, WV
304-789-2200

Trust Us to Care for
All of Your Health Needs

- Online Prescription Refill Service
  @ www.greggspharmacy.com
- Automatic Prescription Refill Program
- Prescription Refill Synchronization Program
- Medication Organizer Boxes
- Vaccinations
- Hospital Beds, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Canes
- Oxygen, Diabetic, Ostomy, Wound Care Supplies