

Killingsworth Calling

Join Us for the Eleventh Annual Killingsworth Holiday Gala

By: Flo Johnson

Pull out those calendars, ladies, and circle Thursday, November 13 in red! Make your plans now to gather with your friends for the eleventh annual Killingsworth Holiday Gala!

Usher in the 2003 holiday season with us at Seawell's on Rosewood



Drive across from the entrance to the South Carolina State Fairgrounds. The doors will open for this season's extravaganza at 6:00 P.M.

You will enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and beautiful fashions. Before feasting on a delicious dinner you will have time to preview many silent auction items. This will be a perfect time to begin your Christmas shopping, so be sure and bring plenty of cash or your checkbook! We promise to have a wide selection of arts, crafts, gifts, services, and weekend getaways at the mountains or beach and other special items contributed by local merchants, UMW groups, and individual supporters of Killingsworth. Of course we will also have the popular Killingsworth Women Pins for you to purchase. They make great stocking stuffers or special gifts for women friends on your list.

SteinMart will have an array of casual, career, sportswear, and holiday fashions modeled by your United Methodist Women friends. Dinner will be seated and served so you will have time to enjoy your friends and of course defend those silent auction bids!

The ever-popular Dick Goodwin's jazz combo will provide beautiful holiday music for your dining entertainment and for the fashion show.

Santa will be back to listen to your every wish and to pose for photos.

All seats must be reserved and are assigned in order as prepaid reservations are received. Sponsored tables for 10 are available for \$400 and include preferred runway seating and program recognition. A reserved table for 8 is also available for \$250. Individual tickets may also be purchased for \$30. Ample parking is available adjacent to the building.

Co-chairs of this year's Gala are Flo Johnson of West Columbia and Faye Horton Stewart of Lexington. The Gala committee predicts another sellout of this very popular holiday event for friends of Killingsworth. Make plans now to be part of it! A ticket order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

A Killingsworth Christmas

by: Molly Day

The holidays are upon us again! And the residents of Killingsworth are eagerly anticipating this joyful time of year. For many residents, Killingsworth will provide the first happy, healthy holiday they have seen in many years.



Residents of Killingsworth celebrate the season in many ways each year.

The staff and residents rejoice in decorating Killingsworth for the holidays in preparation for the

Christmas Drop-In. The house is at its most beautiful when neighbors, residents, families of residents and others visit to enjoy sumptuous cookies and treats prepared by generous volunteers and donors. A good time is had by all on this evening of friendship and love.

In the past few years, Killingsworth has been fortunate to feel the blessings of the season from kind hearted people in this community. Last year, residents were

fortunate to attend the Killingsworth Gala thanks to generous donors who purchased tickets for that purpose. The Gala and the Drop-In were not the best Christmas surprise, however. Donated funds allowed for a trip to the Christmas tree farm where residents and staff chose the best Christmas tree possible and participated in cutting it for the house. Hay rides and cocoa were a part of that fine day of fellowship in the great outdoors.

Killingsworth is indeed blessed to be the home of so many women during this happy season. At this time of year, we wish to thank all of those who have opened their hearts to assist our mission and wish you a happy and safe holiday.

If you are interested in helping with the Gala this year call Killingsworth Home and volunteer.



Killingsworth Golf Tournament

By: Tom Furse

Well, the 14th Annual Killingsworth Golf Tournament is now history. No one won the car with a hole-in-one, but all the golfers did enjoy the beautiful and challenging Windermere Golf Club. The food catered by Carrabba's Italian Grille was excellent.

We have heard lots of positive comments about using the large in-door dining facility at Windermere, where we ate dinner and gave out awards. If you missed the tournament this year, you will definitely want to mark your calendar for June 14, 2004 when we will again use the Windermere facility for our 15th Annual Killingsworth Golf Tournament.

Look for application forms in the Spring 2004 Killingsworth Newsletter.

Killingsworth Executive Director's Report

By: Diane Moseley

On Being Well-Connected

One of the strengths of the United Methodist Church is our emphasis on being a connectional community. Individuals are connected to one another and through their congregation to the Church at various levels; local churches are bonded together in common calling; mission projects work together in raising awareness of service needs; and together all the members contribute to the whole body of Christ.

The residents of Killingsworth reap the benefits of our Connection in many ways. Up and down the Connection we are able to tell the story of the needs of women in crisis. And up and down the connection the people of God respond. From Sunday school classes in Georgetown to UMW units in Easley, from churches in the Peedee and Mission Fairs in the Low Country -- United Methodists are generous in their support.

However, there are other ways in which we enjoy the advantages of being "well connected". For example, in August the women of Killingsworth were invited by John's Island Rural Mission, another United Methodist Mission project, to visit for their last Seafood Jamboree of the summer. That's an invitation we couldn't refuse!

On a hot Tuesday afternoon in August a dozen women from Killingsworth headed toward the ocean, toward the bottomless pots of seafood, and toward a serendipity connection with a former resident who had returned to her home near the marshland.

What fun we had -- cracking crabs and peeling shrimp, visiting with folks from John's Island, and talking with a woman who had lived at Killingsworth several years ago. She stayed with us then for over a year. The better news is that she has stayed with her sobriety and new found responsible life style for several years, and has now regained

custody of her children. She has been connected to Rural Mission for years, and is now connected to Killingsworth also.

As we shared a meal, prayed and sang together under the live oaks there on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, it felt like we were in church; it felt like home. "As it is, there are many members, yet one body." (I Cor. 12:20). In the Body of Christ, we are at home; we are, indeed, well-connected.

Make Your List and Check it Twice!

by: Molly Day

As the end of the calendar year fast approaches, many of us begin to make our plans for year-end charitable contributions. Please consider putting Killingsworth Home at the top of your gift list and give generously to help support this important ministry for women in crisis.

Make your list today and send your contribution using the form on page 3 which has been provided for your convenience. Be a friend to Killingsworth and help make our Christmas wishes for residents come true!

The Killingsworth Holiday Gala Committee is looking for contributions of handcrafted items, gift items, restaurant gift certificates, holiday decorations, and beach, mountain and lake houses for the silent auction. If you have something to offer, please call Killingsworth at 771-6359. Thank you for supporting the Holiday Gala!

Woman "Pin-itis"

By: Karen Ross-Grant

"I just love mine."
 "How did I miss that one?"
 "Ahhhhh, oooh, look at that one!"
 "I like them all!"
 "Lady, you look too good in that pin."
 "You go girl! Wear that pin proudly."
 "No two are alike."
 "Let me see them first."
 "They are absolutely beautiful!"
 "You can't get that one. That one's for me."
 "My family and friends just love them

and they make great gifts."

"When will the next shipment come in? Let me know as soon as they do."

"Each pin is as unique as the women who wear them!"

Sounds familiar? These are just a few of the expressions shared by many who are proud owners of "Woman Pins." The pins were introduced several years ago as an on-going fundraiser to support the operation of Killingsworth Home (KH) by Faye Horton-Stewart (ex-officio board member). Lucinda, Inc., designs and makes the pins and allows KH as a non-profit mission project to purchase and sell them to benefit the Home.

We owe a huge thank you to Lucinda for her wonderful work of art and to Faye Horton-Stewart who learned of the initiative while representing KH at a National United Methodist Church conference. As a result, many other ambassadors for KH have sold a "gazillion" pins. At my local church, United Methodist Women and a few faithful customers, affectionately, now call me the "Woman Pin Pusher" and I don't mind. For I know that for every pin sold, the women of Killingsworth benefit. "There she goes again with those pins," I hear them say while I proceed to share the pins with much enthusiasm -- "you just got to see these!"

Now the pins have expanded to include Breast Cancer and Holidays themes (Halloween and Christmas). Other non-holiday pins are also available. Each still depict the marvelous splendor, style and diversity of women. The cost remains at least \$15.00 per pin. Contributions serve to support, empower, and advocate for women recovering from various life crises at KH. Because of the kind expressions of many, the women of KH are recovering within a safe and nurturing Christian setting. To purchase pins or for additional information, contact Killingsworth at 1831 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 or call (803) 771-6369.

If you are a proud owner of a "Woman Pin," we hope you enjoy your pin; wear it often, and remember that we can all make a difference, one pin at a time. The women, staff and the board of Killingsworth all thank you for getting "Woman Pin-itis!" to support this worthy cause.



Rev. Diane Moseley

Contributors

We express deep gratitude to our April 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003 contributors. Killingsworth depends on the good will and generosity of individuals and groups who care and share. While we have tried to include all cash and significant "in-kind" contributions, we apologize if anyone is left out.

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Thank You



Pictures from the Rivers of Life Event (see on page 3)

Businesses

R. L. Bryan Company
Buffalo's Cafe/ Lexington



You are invited
To our Eleventh Annual
HOLIDAY FASHION GALA
for Killingsworth



Fashions by Stein Mart

Music by the Dick Goodwin Quartet

November 13, 2003 6:00– 9:00 PM

Seawell's

1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC
(Across from SC State Fairground)



6:00 Silent Auction Preview
 6:45 Seated Dinner and Entertainment
 7:30 Silent Auction, Fashions and Door Prizes

Seating for the Gala is assigned and is limited; therefore we encourage you to register as soon as possible. **Reservations are required and must include payment in the form of a check payable to Killingsworth.** We are unable to process credit cards. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. Tables assignments are made in the order in which paid reservations are received. Tickets will be mailed beginning November 1 to the contact person noted on the reservation form below. We regret that because of catering guarantees we cannot provide refunds if you are unable to attend.

_____ **Gala Sponsor Table for \$400** \$ _____
 (Number) Sponsored by _____ Amount Enclosed
 Includes reserved table for ten (10), preferential seating near the runway and special recognition in the program.

_____ **Patron Reserved Table for eight (8) for \$250** \$ _____
 (Number) If participants are paying individually for seats at Sponsor and Patron tables, all checks **must** be included at the time the registration form is submitted. Amount Enclosed

_____ **Individual ticket (s) at \$30 per ticket** \$ _____
 (Number) Every effort will be made to seat parties of up to seven (7) individual tickets holders together but cannot be guaranteed. Amount Enclosed

_____ **Resident Benefactor at \$30 per ticket** \$ _____
 (Number) This will enable a Killingsworth Resident to attend the Gala. Amount Enclosed

I am unable to attend the Gala this year, but want to support Killingsworth and have included a contribution. \$ _____
 Amount Enclosed

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Amount Enclosed

Please mail or deliver this form and your payment to:

Killingsworth Home
 1831 Pendleton Street
 Columbia, SC 29201

Questions? Phone (803) 771-6359

Tickets should be mailed to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number : _____
 (In case we have questions about your reservation request)

L's Letter to Her Addiction

A number of our residents participate in IOP (Intensive Outpatient Treatment) as a requirement of their residency. Sometimes they are required by a judge or a parole officer, and sometimes by our staff. This therapeutic program last twelve weeks and one of the final tasks they are given is to write a letter to their addiction. These are L's words to her disease.

Letter to My Addiction:

.....I've written to you before, but I'm more hip to you now. The last time I wrote I said that I hated you, and I still do. But at the time I still loved dope (crack), your closest ally.

See, now that I know a little bit more about you, I understand that it's not all about just the dope. You used dope too - to steal my rational thinking and to try to kill me. You did an excellent job, too.....for a while.

Now I know that dope was just a pawn in your game. And when the dope was gone, you still used your rook (MY JOB) and even your knight (NATHAN) to try to beat me. I understand how devious and desperate you were to have my soul because you even put your bishop (MY CAREER) and your queen (MY CHILDREN) in danger to have me! What were you going to do next? Use your king (MY PARENTS) for my life?!

Well, guess what? "Just for today" I've got you in checkmate. See, I have some very experienced coaches -- Narcotics Anonymous and LRADAC (Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) -- that teach me all of your strategies. I know which

direction you're coming from, and my knight (MY SPONSOR) is always guarding me.

My bishop (KILLINGSWORTH) provides the spiritual wisdom and guidance to outmaneuver your every move. **Check.** I have your queen; I take back my children. **Checkmate.** My King, my Higher Power, God as I understand Him, has taken over my life, and "just for today" this game is over.

KILLINGSWORTH SUPPORTERS PADDLE SALUDA RIVER

by:Lill Mood

On July 12, 2003, fifty-five eager paddlers met at the Canoeing for Kids site on the Saluda River for the first ever Killingsworth Rivers of Life event. The group varied from children and youth to seniors and family groups, novices to experienced paddlers, and included four of our Killingsworth residents. The weather was glorious, sunny but not too warm. The river was high so most rocks were safely submerged. The group was enthusiastic, and we were in the capable hands of Jay Alley and his staff.

After receiving life jackets and choosing our equipment—canoe, kayak, or raft—we were transported up river to Hope's Ferry Landing. After the guides gave us safety instructions and basic paddling tips, we took deep breaths and

set out on the swiftly moving river for several hours of fun. We found that the river carried us and all we needed to do was keep ourselves in the middle, away from hanging branches. It was awesome to be in the midst of such a beautiful, quiet setting just a few steps away from the bustle of the city and our daily lives. We enjoyed the scenery, the birds, conversation and laughter.

All too quickly we arrived at the Canoeing for Kids landing, came ashore without mishap, and found a bountiful picnic lunch awaiting us. We met new friends as we shared our lunch, our stories of this unique experience, and lots of smiles.

Jay announced that river conditions were just right for an extension of the trip to the Gervais Street landing, and a number of the group took up that offer and returned to the river. The Killingsworth residents were guests of a family who used this event for a family reunion.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of Jay Alley in donating the site, equipment, and guides, and to the volunteers' contribution of the lunch, more than \$1200 was raised for the Killingsworth ministry. We started out to raise funds, but we found so much more—a joy-filled experience in a gorgeous natural setting and new friends to share it. That is how God works.

We left committed to making this experience an annual event. Watch for next year's dates and come join us! You will be blessed!

Giving Opportunities

I would like to support the mission of Killingsworth with a donation in the amount of \$ _____, which I have enclosed.

I would like to make this donation in the name of: _____ OR

I would like to make this donation in memory of: _____

Please provide information where a receipt for tax purposes might be sent:

Name: _____ Address: _____

I would like information about other giving opportunities or the endowment: _____

Mail to: Killingsworth
1831 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Needs List

Sponsor for HAC maintenance annual contract -- \$800
 Cleaning Supplies
 55-gallon trash bags
 Gift cards to: Wal-Mart, Office Max, Lowe's
 Paper Products
 20 Bibles (RSV)
 Coffee, cream and sugar
 Fresh fruits and vegetables
 20 pair warm gloves
 Kitchen knives
 Kitchen storage containers
 Small step stool
 Front porch furniture
 New fax machine
 Vacuum cleaner

Whatever you use in your home to make it work, we also need to help this family of women who are working together to make our home flow smoothly as well.

Killingsworth Mission Statement

To support, empower, and advocate for women recovering from various life crises within a safe, nurturing, Christian environment.

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Eureka! Killingsworth NOW has it's own web site!
www.killingsworthhome.org
 Now you can learn about the Killingsworth story—how it began, see who is on the Board of Directors, read the latest Newsletter, see Killingsworth Strategic Plan, read stories about several residents, learn of the Killingsworth Program, explore opportunities at Killingsworth, and easily contact us.



Web Site
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 Special people who fill
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