

Cornwall Manor Society 75th Anniversary
September 18, 2025
Zerr Chapel

Welcome

President Carol Holt welcomed all attending with joy and thanks for the society and all the accomplishments of the last 75 years.

Invocation

Reverend Rick Andrews opened with a moment of silence to remember those affected by events the previous day in York County. He presented an invocation acknowledging the spirit of love and caring that has guided the society for the past 75 years. He prayed for the present and past leaders of the society.

Secretary's Report

Carol Holt noted the report was online and could be accessed at the website.

Treasurer's Report

The financial reports were distributed to those at the meeting and Debby Tanico highlighted some of the reports. She noted that the Treasure Trove was ahead of last year's income this year, in spite of being closed for six weeks, with \$44,219.11 . The Manor Shoppe is also ahead of its projected budget and Bingo has become a greater fundraiser for the Benevolent Fund. The Society donated \$85,000 to the Benevolent Fund in June and will again donate \$65,000 at the November meeting. The Luminary Project will be a December. The Health Center received as special gifts this year, 2 Flat screen tvs., 2 video bird feeders, 2 sleeper lounge chairs for overnight visitors, and smart speakers.

Nominating Committee

Mary Ann Hoffman reported that the following people have accepted nominations: Linda Van Dreumel for Treasurer, Rick Andrews for Nominating Committee representing the Buckingham Campus, and Margery Gardner for Nominating Committee representing the Woods. These people will be elected at the November CMS meeting and installed with their terms being effective January 1 2026. The Nominating Committee is working on the remaining positions of Second Vice President and Assistant Treasurer. Prospective nominees are being interviewed. Those who accept will also be elected and installed at the November meeting. Mary Ann urged anyone who is asked , to just say "Yes".

Celebration Program

Oldies Music - Pat Walter's led us in singing songs that were popular when the Society began. Heather Buffington played the piano accompaniment.

Historical Moments - Rick Borger introduced two past presidents, Joan Sowers and Jim Work, who then shared memories of their time serving the society as presidents. The both spoke of the unity of the members and the changes of the society over the years. Joan joined the society as a 20 year old, when most of the members were from church congregations and only a few were residents. Jim was the first male president of the society. It was noted that many of the society's ministries to residents are still functioning today.

Special speaker. CEO Harry McConnell

Harry began by noting that he accepted the invitation to speak at this event in 2023, the Cornwall Manor Society does plan ahead. He stated that he was honored to learn the history of the Society and how it impacts residents in all areas, Health Care, Corson, and Endowment Funds. There are over 400 members of the society and it is the largest volunteer organization and is now mostly residents. It is not just an organization that raises funds for benevolent care, but also provides activities that allow residents to volunteer in various capacities to serve the residents of Cornwall Manor and those outside of the community. Activities such as the Treasure Trove and Blooms are often the first exposure to Cornwall Manor that those outside of the community experience and are run by volunteers. Many residents have told him that the Society provides help to many and gives a purpose to life. Giving of yourself to something that has a meaningful purpose keeps one active and involved. Making a difference in the lives of others and caring for your neighbor is the way of the Society. He spoke of the time during Covid when the society kept the Manor Shoppe functioning in order to meet residents needs, but to also allow the administration to focus on other priorities. The society is more than a fundraising group. He listed five things the society provides:

The society:

1. Creates friendships
2. Gives purpose
3. Involves those outside the community
4. Is a marketing asset
5. Highlights how important volunteering is

There will be future changes in how healthcare is provided, leadership may change, but the Cornwall Manor Society and its mission of love and caring will remain.

Announcements

A special letter of thanks from the Cornwall Manor Board of Trustees was read by Carol Holt .

A recognition of all past and present presidents was made as Carol Holt read their names and when they served.

Luminaries Project (December 4-7)

Pat O'Neill encouraged members to sponsor a luminary in honor or remembrance of someone. The opening ceremony and dedication will take place December 4 in the Zerr chapel. The luminaries will be lighted from Dec 4-7, 4pm-10pm in the area of the Freeman Community Center.

Margery Gardner gave directions for the luncheon following the meeting.

Adjournment

Carol Holt adjourned the meeting at 11:30am

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fenstermaker,
Secretary