

THE BEACON

A newsletter of Seaside Home, Inc., Cape May, NJ
Providing Christian vacations for 145 years

2024



Come, ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. - Isaiah 2:5

Remembering those we loved

*My flesh and my heart faileth: But God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
- Psalm 73:26*

Despite amazing promises from our Heavenly Father, some things are hard to handle, such as the death of a loved one. So when that loss is multiplied several times, we can feel that sting. In 2023, the Board of Managers of Seaside Home said goodbye to five beautiful women who gave their time and talents through the years to make Seaside Home a better place.



Ruth with her sister, Hester.

On March 22, **Ruth Curtin** went to be with the Lord. She was a manager at Seaside Home for more than 30 years and loved every week that she served. She volunteered, alongside her husband, children, and even grandchildren, making many long-time friends along the way.

“She cried the first time we went on duty together at the home,” says her sister, current manager Hester Boyer. “From the time she was a little girl until she was married, she never had her own room or bed!” It was Ruth’s honor to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and to give families the opportunity to make memories at the shore, one of her favorite places.



Jane Hanley passed away on April 25. She gave unselfishly to many church and community programs, and was a member of the board of managers for several years, serving as the registrar for some of that time. Her kindness and hospitality affected many lives.

“Jane was one of the first managers I met at Seaside Home in the mid-80s,” says current manager Darlene Schoenwald. “She was very compassionate and showed much love to us single moms. I’ll never forget how Jane made me feel that I could actually relax for a week.”



Ruth Scott passed away on May 8 at the age of 90. Ruth was a woman of very deep faith and lived her life in service to the Lord. She served as a very active member of the board for many years, and her husband served as a chaplain for several summers.

“Ruth was very faithful,” says current manager Chris Creager. “She brought her children to Seaside Home, and later, even her grandchildren. During her weeks serving as manager she planned lots of activities for the kids including door decorating contests, Bible stories, and even pajama night.”



On May 22 **Elizabeth “Betty” Doerr** passed away peacefully at her home. Seaside Home was a very important part of her life. Betty spent many years as a manager which included five years as the board president, and several years as its payroll accountant.

“Betty was a wonderful friend,” said previous board member Catherine Parrillo about Betty’s passing. “I will never forget how much she loved her family and friends, especially those from Seaside Home.” Even though she had to retire from the board due to health reasons, Seaside Home always remained an important part of Betty’s life and prayers.



Ruth Miller died peacefully, also on May 22, after several months of failing health. She spent many years as a manager at Seaside Home, as well as spending much time playing the organ and piano at various churches. “My memories of Ruth are often of her playing the piano at Seaside Home,” says current manager Carolyn

Doerr. “Whether she was playing hymns for daily devotions or accompanying a group of children on talent show night, her love of music, paired with her love of Seaside Home and its mission, was the perfect combination to bring joy to many guests throughout the years.”

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The mission of Seaside Home is to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to give spiritual as well as physical refreshment to our guests.

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We are looking for your old Seaside Home photos and stories

In an attempt to document the history of Seaside Home, we would be interested in your old photos, stories, and memories of time spent vacationing at Seaside Home. Old photos of Seaside Home, Cape May Point, or those from the early years at Grant Street are especially needed. For more information, please contact Pat Smith at psmith610@gmail.com, or 117 Old Pennell Road, Media, PA 19063. (610) 494-4707.



Dear Guests,

Summer is a few months away yet, but the Seaside Home Board of Managers has been busy year-round to ensure that your stay with us is a great one. Doing repairs, painting, refinishing the second- and third-floor hallway floors and many other things. A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped.

Last year we were blessed to serve many guests, chaplains and their families, managers and staff. We received notes of thanks from many of you telling us what a blessing it had been to spend time at Seaside Home, saying that when you left you felt refreshed and rejuvenated in the Lord. We look forward to seeing you again this summer.

If you or anyone you know is interested in working at Seaside Home, a Christian, non-profit organization, we are currently looking for motivated Christians to live and work at Seaside Home for the summer.

As always it is my pleasure to serve as President of the Board of Managers of this great organization.



In Christian Love,
Barbara Boyer
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We will always hold strong to the memories of these special loved ones. They served tirelessly to bring love, compassion, and the good news of their Lord and Savior to the women, children and families that sought respite at Seaside Home.

Quilt donation raises funds



Dawn Hanson was the happy recipient of a beautiful quilt created just for Seaside Home. Long-time Seaside Home guests, sisters Nan Kapper and Janet Preston, donated their special art two years in a row to help raise money for the home.

Seaside Home, Inc. 2024 Policies

1. **RESERVATION REQUESTS**

All reservations must be made using a written reservation form. A self-addressed stamped envelope is required if you do not have access to an email account. Forms will be accepted by the Registrar **beginning March 15, 2024**. You will receive a receipt to confirm the reservation, either by email or US Postal Mail. Please bring the receipt to check-in.
2. **DEPOSITS**

A \$50.00 Deposit for each guest, 11 years and older, must accompany reservation requests.
All Deposits are non-refundable and may not be transferred to another guest reservation. Deposits are forfeited when a reservation is cancelled.
3. **CANCELLATIONS**

Hopefully you do not have to cancel, but if you do, cancellations must be made in writing (email is acceptable) to the Registrar at least **10 days before you are expected to arrive**. When a cancellation is not made with the required notice, you must pay the full balance due on the reservation. Since Deposits are non-refundable, they will be forfeited from all canceled reservations. Travel Insurance is always recommended.
4. **FINAL BALANCE DUE**

Payments may be mailed to the Registrar prior to your week. Balance due is payable at the desk upon arrival. Payments may be made by check, money order or cash. Post-dated checks are not accepted. Seaside Home, Inc does not accept credit cards or debit cards. Reservation Receipts should be brought to check-in.
5. **FIRST FLOOR ROOMS**

Only guests who cannot use the stairs, for medical reasons, should request first floor rooms.
6. **FIRST TIME GUESTS**

All First Time Guests must submit a completed Reference Form **before a reservation can be accepted**.
7. **PRIVATE ROOMS**

All guests are encouraged to reserve a room to share with a family member or friend. This allows more rooms to be available for guests. Seaside Home, Inc understands there may be times when a guest requires a private room. An additional fee in the amount of \$50.00 will be added to your reservation if you request a private room and the Home is full. That fee is non-refundable and cannot be applied to another reservation.
8. **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The cost of a week at Seaside Home, Inc is never covered by the rates charged to guests. Donations are relied on to augment the difference. Seaside Home, Inc understands that extreme circumstances may require some guests to need assistance. If you need this assistance, you may request a Scholarship Form. Contact the Registrar for more details.
contact@seasidehomenj.org
9. **CHILDREN**

You are responsible for the children you bring with you. You are responsible for their care and their behavior. **If you are coming with a child, under 18, and you are not the parent or legal guardian**, you must bring **signed permission** from the parent/guardian authorizing you to obtain medical treatment for the child in the case of an emergency. The form must include emergency contact information for the child. A copy of this form will be required for the desk.
10. **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

All guests must provide the name, address and phone number of an emergency contact person. The contact person must be someone not traveling with the guest, but someone at home or another location.
11. **MEDICAL ISSUES**

Seaside Home, Inc is not equipped to accommodate guests with disabilities or special diets. All medications brought to Seaside Home, Inc must be secured and out of reach of other guests and children. Rooms do not have locks. Prescription medications and over-the-counter medications must be in their original containers.
12. **ROOM ASSIGNMENTS & CLEANING**

Every effort is made to accommodate guests as comfortably as possible. Individual requests are always considered but are never guaranteed. Room assignments are not first come first served.
You are responsible for the cleanliness of your assigned rooms; rooms are to be cleaned before you leave. Cleaning products are supplied.
13. **RESERVATIONS FOR MORE THAN ONE WEEK**

Requests for a second week stay at Seaside Home will be **accepted after Memorial Day**. Mail the reservation form, with another deposit, to the Registrar any time after Memorial Day. If there is availability, the reservation will be confirmed upon receipt.

Registration Procedures

Reservation requests will be processed beginning March 15. Enclosed you will find four forms:

1. Submit the **First Time Guest Reference Form** if you have not been a guest with us before. Remember to have your pastor complete and sign the reference area. You can send this form before, or with, the request form.
2. Please read the **2024 Policies**. They are very important, and you really do need to know them.
3. Fill out the **Reservation Request Form**. Each adult must submit his or her own form. This helps keep our records accurate and up to date. If you are bringing your children and Grandma, and Grandma has a different address, please send us a form with her information in addition to the form for yourself and children. If you are bringing adult, unmarried children, and they live at your address, you can list them on your request; please include individual email addresses. Married couples should submit one form, include individual email addresses, but designate one email address as primary.
4. The 4th form, the **Temporary Caretaker and Medical Authorization Form**, is required when you bring a child, under the age of 18, who is not your child or legal ward. The form should be submitted with the reservation request. The form must be submitted before the child is confirmed on the reservation. Contact the Registrar if you have any questions. NOTE: Some medical facilities may require a notarized form.

Please take a look at our website at www.SeasideHomeNJ.org. for helpful information, or to contact the Registrar via email. All forms can be downloaded and printed from the website for your convenience.

Seaside Home Temporary Caretaker & Medical Authorization Form - 2024

Child's name:	
Age:	
Date of birth:	

Home Address:	
Home Phone #:	

Family doctor:	
Doctor's phone:	
Known Allergies:	

Parent's/guardian's name:	
Home phone:	
Work phone:	
Cell phone:	
Alternate contact's name:	
Home phone:	
Work phone:	
Cell phone:	
Alternate contact's name:	
Home phone:	
Work phone:	
Cell phone:	

The following named person shall act as Temporary Caretaker and may seek emergency medical treatment for this child:

Name:	
Relationship:	
Phone:	
Effective Dates of Authority:	
Signature & Date	

I accept full responsibility as Temporary Caretaker for the care and behavior of the minor child named above:

Signature & Date	
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SEASIDE HOME, INC – 2024 RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

*A First Time Guest Reference form is required for any new guest before a reservation can be accepted.
Anyone over 18 must have their own form. Husband & Wife can share one form.*

Name on Reservation: _____

Spouse on Reservation: _____

Children under 18 on reservation	M/F	Relationship	Age	Date of Birth
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Address: Is this a new address? { }yes { }no

Street: _____

City: _____

State and Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: (required for each adult or couple)

*You will receive a reservation confirmation by email. No email? Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for Confirmation Receipt.

Emergency Contact (name and number of someone not traveling with you):

<u>ALL GUESTS</u>	
July 6-13	August 10-17
July 13-20	August 24-31
July 20-27	
August 3-10	

<u>Women & Children Only</u>
(boys 13 and under at check-in)
June 29 - July 6
July 27- August 3
August 17-August 24

<u>Weekly Rates</u>	
Age 14 - Adult	\$275
Children 10-13	\$150
Children 5-9	\$75
Children 1-4	\$25
Infants	\$0

I want to request the following week: _____

I want to request this week if my 1st choice is unavailable: _____

If you are sending a reservation after June 1, 2024, please check our website for availability.

Notes to Registrar:

***Submit a \$50 deposit for each guest age 11 and older**

*Make all checks payable to SEASIDE HOME INC.

Balance due payable at desk upon check-in. Checks or cash only.

*Mail this request and deposit check to: Heather Chellew c/o Seaside Home

PO Box 654, Swedesboro, NJ 08085

I have read and accept the reservation policies of Seaside Home, Inc:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



First Time Guest Reference Form Seaside Home, Inc 2024

Part I to be completed by applicant (1 form per adult)

Guest Applicant's Name

Name of Church Applicant Attends

Applicant's Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone #

Date

Email Address

Guest referred by:

Part II To be completed by Pastor or Seaside Home Board Member

Name

How long have you known the applicant?

How do you know the applicant?

Seaside Home is a non-profit Christian home in Cape May, NJ. For over a century our Mission has been to:

- Spread the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Provide a time of Christian retreat for people who cannot afford any other vacation, especially women and children.
- Share Christian fellowship and daily Devotions.

Check each of the following statements that you know to be true of the applicant:

- New Christian
- Exhibits Good Christian character.
- Attends church services, bible study, Sunday school and/or small group on a regular basis.
- Active in Christian Service/Ministry.
- Limited in financial resources to go anywhere on vacation.
- Would benefit from a week of Christian devotion time and fellowship.
- Children/Grandchildren will benefit from a Christian vacation environment.
- Capable of living in a small space with other people; polite; considerate; able to follow house rules and policies. (Curfew, Quiet Hours, Family Dining, Devotions)

I recommend this applicant to be a guest at Seaside Home, Cape May, NJ. I believe this applicant will be an appropriate guest and will benefit from the Christian fellowship, devotions and subsidized vacation at the shore.

Signature

Date

Church Name and Address

Phone #

You will be contacted by the Registrar

Mail application to: Seaside Home- Registrar

Email: contact@seasidehomenj.org

Heather Chellew c/o Seaside Home PO Box 654, Swedesboro, NJ 08085



On the porch with the registrar

I would like to thank all of you for welcoming me last year as the new Seaside Home Registrar. Your kind notes made me smile. I am looking forward to the 2024 season and helping you all to enjoy a relaxing vacation at the shore with encouragement from the Lord every day. I pray that your time at Seaside Home will provide you a renewed walk with the Lord, that you would receive the respite from daily life that you need, and that you would find fellowship with other Christians. And, of course, have a great vacation at the shore!

Please note - our website and email have changed. Our new website is www.SeasideHomeNJ.org and the new email is contact@SeasideHomeNJ.org.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone of a few things that will help with the reservation process and help make check-in easier for you and your family:

- Please complete the reservation form in its entirety. Only the official SSH form will be accepted.
- Anyone over 18 on your reservation is required to have their own reservation form. Husband and wife can use one form. It is okay to send them all in one envelope.
- If you have multiple rooms on your reservation, it will help to let me know who you would like to have in each room.

Last year we offered the option to make payments in full before you arrived. It was a success, and we will be offering this again. You will receive details when your reservation is confirmed.

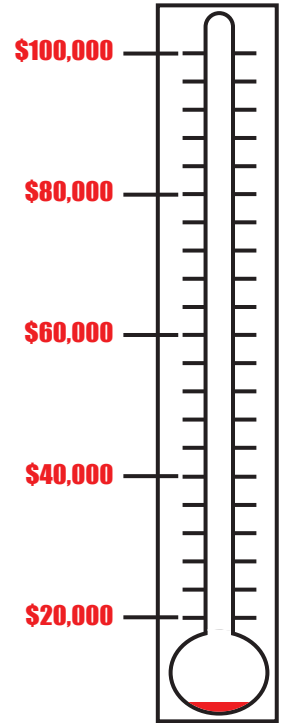
Remember, God is good all the time, all the time God is good! Please keep Seaside Home in your prayers as we start to plan the 2024 season!

Blessings to you and your family!

Heather Chellew
Heather Chellew, Registrar

Your help is needed

The electrical wiring at Seaside Home must be updated very soon. This project will cost in excess of \$100,000. Please make a donation toward this current need so we can make these important upgrades. Donations can be sent to Seaside Home, c/o Barbara Boyer, 3 Old Spruce Lane, Levittown, PA 19055; made online at www.SeasideHomeNJ.org; or given to the manager on duty during your summer stay. We have currently raised \$590 toward this need. ***We can no longer accept donations of bags, paper towels, soaps, toilet paper, etc., or items of any kind.*



Cape May 2024 beach tag prices

DAILY	\$ 10
3-DAY	\$ 20
WEEKLY	\$ 25 (Saturday to Saturday)
SEASONAL	\$ 40 (\$30 before April 30)

Beach tags are required for ages 12 and up. For a mail order form or to order online (before April 30 only), visit CapeMayCity.com, email beachtag@capemaycity.com or call 609-884-9522. Tags can also be purchased at beach entrances.

HELP WANTED

Spend your summer at the shore, serving in a great ministry! Seaside Home is now hiring for multiple positions for the 2024 summer season. For more information, email contact@SeasideHomeNJ.org.



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Remember Seaside Home in your will and for all your memorial, tribute giving

Please consider Seaside Home during your estate planning. A bequest to the Home will ensure that you leave behind a gift that will continue to help others for many years to come. See your attorney for more information.

Additionally, honoring a loved one through a memorial or tribute gift is an especially meaningful act. Memorial and tribute gifts allow you to thoughtfully remember family members and friends who have been an important part of your life. Some occasions for such gifts include the arrival of a new child, the passing of a friend or family member, or the celebration of a birthday, wedding, or anniversary. Your loved one, or his or her family, will receive a letter from Seaside Home saying that a gift was made in his or her honor or memory. Please send your gifts to Seaside Home, c/o Barbara Boyer, 3 Old Spruce Lane, Levittown, PA 19055.

Seaside Home has new website and email

Please visit our new website for everything you need to register for your summer at the shore!

www.SeasideHomeNJ.org

email: contact@SeasideHomeNJ.org

