



# MASONIC HOME OF DELAWARE

## Mary Ann Needles Retires

Mary Ann Needles began her career at Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware as a weekend receptionist. Soon after, she took the position of full time receptionist. As admissions increased there arose a need for a full time Admissions Director. Mary Ann was a perfect candidate for the job because of her extensive ties to the Masonic community, including being Past Matron of St. John's Chapter No. 4 O.E.S. She knew everybody! Mary Ann also began assisting the Executive Director, which in turn led to her becoming the Administrative Assistant. Mary Ann retired after serving the residents of Highfield for nearly 15 years. We wish her all the best in her well deserved retirement.



Mary Ann Needles receives a plaque of appreciation from Executive Director Marion Taggart

## Reminder!!

Grand Lodge Day is scheduled for June 11, 2005. This is the annual event where Freemasons and their families come together at Highfield, the Masonic Home of Delaware for refreshments and good fellowship. Contact your lodge secretary for further details.

## “Highfield Highlights”

Temple Lodge hosted a Luau on January 15th and Granite-Corinthian Lodge hosted a beer testing social on January 25th.

The residents of Highfield would like to thank members of these lodges for sponsoring Highfield Highlight Programs. Residents would also like to thank members of Ionic Lodge No. 31 for inviting them to attend and providing transportation to monthly meetings. The involvement and support of the Masonic Community is greatly appreciated by Highfield residents and staff.

## Host a “Highfield Highlight”

### Suggested Activities:

- Host a musical group such as a piano player, choir or singer.
- Host an Afternoon Tea, Ice Cream Sundae Party or Pie tasting event.
- Host Bingo or Bunco.
- Host Trivia Hour.
- Host a movie: rent a video and provide snacks.
- Show slides from a vacation, narrate and share experiences.
- Arrange for a speaker from an organization that would interest our residents.
- Host and organize a trip off-site for able-bodied residents.
  - Three Little Bakers, Blue Rock games, nearby restaurants.
- Health Care residents enjoy one to one visits, especially in the morning or after 3:30 PM.

### Suggestions for a visit with a Health Care resident:

- Read highlights from a magazine or local newspaper – discuss.
- Play cards.
- Escort them on a walk.
- Share news of your lodge.
- Ask them about themselves, engage them in conversation.