

Dear GN Friends,

My name is Jim Drescher and I and my wife Ardith have been members of GN since it opened in 1991. Over the years we have been blessed by the friendships of so many wonderful members. One of the blessings in our life has been our friendship with Margaret Downing. Those of you that know Margaret were always impressed by her years of service to this community and her love for children. Starting in 2004 as a county supervisor, she led the charge to get the new Lakeland School built for children with special needs and thanks to her leadership the new school was built and opened in the summer of 2008. She then turned her attention to building a place dedicated to protecting children from child abuse in Walworth County. She again had the vision and put together a group of dedicated people to raise funds to get it built. Then in 2013 the "Treehouse" opened to serve the abused children in Walworth County.

Margaret died on July 4, 2019 and plans soon got under way to honor Margaret's tireless efforts on behalf of all the children of Walworth County. A fundraiser event was planned at the Richard Driehaus Estate for the summer of 2020. Then COVID hit and the event had to be cancelled but then was rescheduled at Richard's estate for the summer of 2021. Then in March of 2021 Richard passed away so the event could no longer be held there. Determined to honor Margaret, this dedicated group of volunteers then booked the Belfry Music Theatre for a fundraiser to honor Margaret next Tuesday, Sept 20, 2022.

The problem is that after three years people tend to forget and as a result ticket sales have been slow. At the beginning of last week my very dear friend, Nancy Neshek and I became aware of the slow ticket sales and were disappointed to hear that the event to honor Margaret would be held at the Belfry with more than half of the 250 seats empty. Collectively we came up with a plan to do a \$50 match for any of the remaining \$200 VIP tickets and a \$25 match for any of the unsold \$100 Patron tickets. That seemed to help generate some additional activity, but we still have a long way to go. As of today, we still have 18 VIP tickets and about 80 Patron tickets to sell. I contacted Glenn Murray and He agreed to forward this email to the membership so we could get the word out to all the people that want to honor Margaret but were not made aware of this evening to honor her memory and raise much needed funds for the Treehouse. Nancy and I are asking all the great members and owners in Geneva National for their help to fill all the seats next Tuesday night. You can go online to [treehouseforkids.net](http://treehouseforkids.net) or contact Nancy or me directly by email, text or phone and we can make sure your ticket orders are taken.

We are all blessed to be part of the GN Community, and I believe we can collectively make this a night that truly honors Margaret's commitment of her many years of service to all in this community.

Thank You!

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