INTERVAL HOUSE ALLY AND RADIO ICON RETIRES...BUT SHALL RETURN

Mary Jones first learned about Interval House, and its mission to end the cycle of domestic violence, when she was director of the State’s Info-Line, or 211 in the 1970s. “That was really my first exposure to Interval House and I can honestly say I have been an ardent supporter and advocate since then,” Jones said. “I can’t recall a week when we at Info Line (211) didn’t make referrals to Interval House.”

In December, after 10-plus years as a popular radio broadcaster in Conn., Jones retired saying goodbye to the airwaves and to the Nutmeg State, sort of. Jones and her husband, Morgan, decided it was time to enjoy New England winters from the Gulf Coast of Florida. “We said life’s too short and made the decision to finally do it,” Jones said. “So we bought a condo and here we are.” Her decision to retire was a sad one, said Cecile Enrico, Interval House’s Executive Director. Enrico said Jones created a regular segment on her show for Interval House helping raise awareness. “Her contribution to helping Interval House is invaluable. She is so knowledgeable about the issue and such a dedicated supporter. We all miss her already.”

But Jones said although she has retired, she shall return to Connecticut, Interval House, and other causes dear to her when she returns each spring. “I have a feeling I will be doing something to keep me busy” Jones said. “I’ll be back in Connecticut, promise.”

MEN CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

On Feb. 15th, State officials and local television news personalities once again delighted Central Connecticut State University basketball fans when they played in the 5th Annual Men Make a Difference, Men Against Domestic Violence™ Half-Time Celebrity Basketball Game. This year, along with Senator Richard Blumenthal and State Attorney General George Jepsen, Bobby Valentine, former pro baseball player and manager of the Texas Rangers, New York Mets and Boston Red Sox, participated. Blumenthal and Valentine served as referees. Local television news celebrities such as FoxCT Meteorologist Joe Furey; NBC CT News Anchor Brad Drazen; and WFSB Sports Director Joe Zone played. As well as WFSB News Anchor Dennis House, and FoxCT’s Rich Coppola, Jim Altman, Beau Berman, and John Charlton.

New Interval House Board of Director Mark Keise also played. Nelson Bayron, Josh Reese and Rob Blanchard and Jamie Bosworth played. CCSU Men’s Basketball Head Coach Howie Dickenman has been a longtime supporter of Interval House. Dickenman, along with Blumenthal, is a founding member. White team won 10-8.
Interval House Events Pictorial!
DENNIS HOUSE BIRTHDAY BASH A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 230 people attended the “Dennis House Turns 50” birthday bash that benefitted Interval House. In November, Dennis, and his wife, Kara Sundlun, both WFSB TV news anchors, decided to celebrate his half-century mark by giving back to the community. And as one of Interval House Men Make a Difference, Men Against Domestic Violence™ members, it was a no brainer, he said, as to which organization he wanted to support. Food was donated by Salute’, wine by Jim Donahue at Winam Wines, and a signature cocktail was crafted by Peel Liqueur. A cake (see photo) designed to look like a television, complete with a picture of Dennis from the 1970s was created by Patty Cakes. Thank you, Dennis, Kara and Kristin Ferris.

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