



Billy's Buzz

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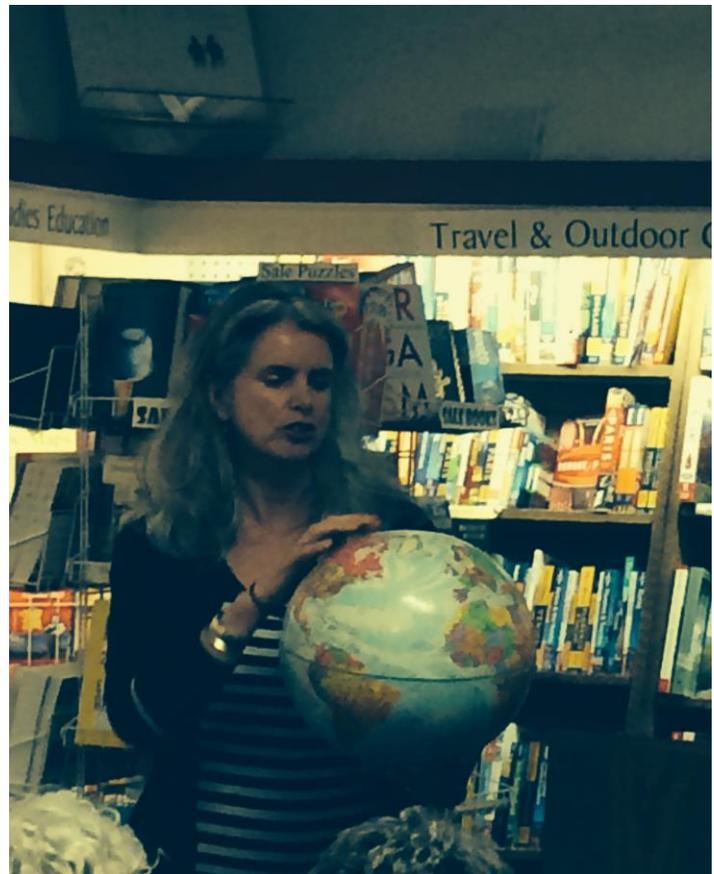
Hello Friends of Billy USA. Welcome to the first edition of Billy's Buzz! This is only one of the many new changes that the year 2014 has brought to Billy's Malawi Project USA. One major change is that of the Board of Directors. Tim Allen has resigned from his position as President and Sr. Judith Kappenman resigned as our clerk. Tim and Sr. Judy have been with the US branch of the non-profit since its inception in 2007. They both have contributed in great ways to our growth and development. We are sad to see them go and greatly appreciate all the commitment they have shown to the Project. New officers have been selected and we begin 2014 with new energy and determination.

"When one door closes another one opens".... we are excited to welcome our new board members Rosa Santiago, Kendra Meserve, Beth Ziemba and Patricia Mahoney. They all bring their own special strengths to our organization. It's wonderful to have new blood and fresh ideas! Though we are a small group we are always thinking of creative ways to raise funds.

Our most exciting news is the recent publication of *This is Paradise....An Irish mother's grief, an African Village's plight and the medical clinic that brought fresh hope to both*, written by Suzanne Strempek Shea! The first reading and book signing held at Broadside bookstore in Northampton was just wonderful! She is holding other readings at various locations. See her website for the most updated information.

<http://www.suzannestrempekshea.com/>.

We are planning to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of Billy's Malawi Clinic, with a reception and book reading with Mags and Suzanne Strempek Shea in October. More details to follow during the summer. Don't wait until then, **pick up your copy today!** It will truly convince you that any money or time you have given to Billy's Clinic has been more than a worthy investment!



Suzanne Strempek Shea demonstrates where Malawi is located, at her first reading of *This is Paradise* at Broadside Bookstore in Northampton

We are thrilled to announce that our first annual **Meals for Malawi** fundraiser took place on March 29, 2014. Mags Riordan, herself flew in to join us in this new fundraiser. Participants committed to eat a packet of oatmeal for each of our 3 meals on this 1 day, and sign on sponsors for our effort. Each participant received a Meal Bag consisting of 3 packets of instant oatmeal, along with a short biography of an individual in the village whose life we would be mirroring for the day of the fast. Participants got a “hands on” experience of what a villager in Cape Maclear experiences daily. We met our goal and raised over \$1600! We plan to triple that next time! So stay tuned for more information about when our next Meals for Malawi event will be held and how you can be involved!



Suzanne, Mags, and Mark are on their second bowl of oat meal on March 29th, during the first annual Meals for Malawi fundraiser

We send our thanks to all of you. Because of your generous donations, in February 2013 a grant of \$20,000 was given to Billy's Clinic for the purposes of providing medical care to the villagers of Cape Maclear. We ask for your continued support both financial and in spreading the word about Billy's Clinic and this wonderful work of Mags Riordan.

We send our best wishes and always our heartfelt thanks to everyone who is a friend of Billy and supports Billy's Clinic. And don't forget to pick up your copy of *"This is Paradise"*, today!