

The Oak Leaf

A newsletter from
Trinity Oaks Retirement Community
Salisbury, North Carolina

School Tools assembled by Trinity Oaks volunteers

Residents help non-profit get back-to-school supplies to needy children

Just before the beginning of the new school year, Communities in Schools (CIS), a United Way supported non-profit, needed a production line. They had collected hundreds of donated school supplies for needy children. Now they needed a place to sort and bag notebooks, book covers, crayons, markers, glue sticks, erasers, scissors, pens, pencils and calculators.

When Activities & Wellness Director Karen Leonard learned of the need, she offered unoccupied cottage 109. That solved a big problem for CIS Executive Director Vicky Slusser. "Previously we had two or three locations. One location was a huge help."

Trinity Oaks residents (see below) took up the challenge. They not only bought and donated supplies, they also sorted the items, organized them by grade level and bagged them. There were enough goodies for 343 bags. Donated pre-boxed supplies were also included. Trinity Oaks volunteers provided "a great service," said Slusser.



St. John's Lutheran Church supplied a classroom for the next stage of the process. Notices were sent to parents that there were free bags of school supplies available on August 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each child that received a bag had to be accompanied by a parent.

Demand was so heavy that distribution ended at 11:30 a.m.

Some school supplies were donated to CIS after August 25. These were collected and distributed to schools on the United Way's Day of Caring, September 13.

"This was our first year at Trinity Oaks," said Slusser. "It worked out so great!" To learn more about CIS, visit their Web site, ww.cisrowan.org.



The finished product

Trinity Oaks Volunteers for the Community in Schools "School Tools" project:

Elda Buxton, Chair
Shirlene Wytenbach
Enid Kehoe
Carolyn Wilkerson
Catherine Hall

Johnsie Brown
Mary Hart
Doris Baker
Char Molrine
Gussie & Mack Ryan

Lois Buckspan
Doris Miller
Jean Johnson
Margaret Sloop
Tussey Williams

Della Alexander
Carolyn Myers
Ruth Woodburn
Harriett Bolstad

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Special thanks to Trinity Oaks employee Don Wooten, his wife, Louise and their daughter Valerie for transporting supplies to St. John's.

Trinity Oaks Staff

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Program Coordinator

You are invited to a reception and discussion of the four books in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Waterwork Visual Arts Center on October 16.

The 6:30 p.m. reception is sponsored by Trinity Oaks Retirement Community.

Plans are tentative. Updates to follow.



Next year: September 2008
Join us for an adventure cruise aboard luxury barges on the Upper Mississippi, Cumberland and Ohio Rivers. Interested? Call Mary Messinger at 704-636-9019.

Five reasons for choosing Trinity Oaks

Pat and Mary Fahey knew this was the right place for them

One of the reasons the Faheys decided on Trinity Oaks was its Lutheran connection. While browsing the Internet for retirement communities, Pat found the Lutheran Services for the Aging Web site. They were living in Naples, Florida at the time and wanted to be closer to their children in North and South Carolina (Reason #3). After their arrival in August, they were welcomed to the family at St. John's-Salisbury.

But their first and second reasons had more to do with the physical, not spiritual, side of life. "If a community did not have an indoor pool we went elsewhere," said Mary. "Tennis" topped Pat's priority list and he not only found a group at Trinity Oaks who play, but the City Park courts as well.

Their final reason is one transplants from Charlotte would understand.

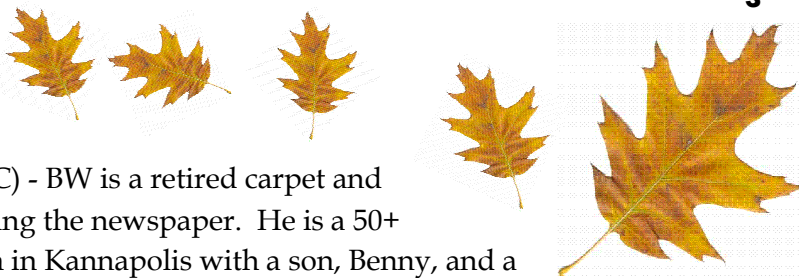
After living in the Queen City for 14 years, the couple wanted to live where traffic was not bumper-to-bumper most of the day.

Pat and Mary are Midwesterners — he's from Cincinnati; she from the Chicago suburbs. They met in Chicago and have been happily married for 50+ years. Pat's jobs in quality control took them to Munich, Germany and Louisville, Kentucky as well as Charlotte, Chicago and Cincinnati. Retirement brings them to Salisbury



Mary and Pat Fahey

Welcome Neighbors!



BW and Virginia Rainwater - (Apt. 236C) - BW is a retired carpet and tile installer who enjoys playing guitar and reading the newspaper. He is a 50+ year member at Franklin Heights Baptist Church in Kannapolis with a son, Benny, and a daughter, Barbara Lentz, both of Rowan County. Virginia retired as a hospital telephone operator and is also a long-time member of Franklin Heights Baptist (43 years). She enjoys gardening and cooking, and she has three children (Brenda Rogers of S.C., William Hill of S.C., and Cynthia Burnett of Charlotte).

John Burdette (Apt. 231C) is retired postal employee and a long time (70 years) member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury. He enjoys walking, reading, and church. He has two sons – John Jr. of Advance and Boyd of Clayton.

David Douglas "Doug" Jones, Sr. - (Apt. 139C) retired in 2005 as owner of Dixie Radio & TV Service in Salisbury. He is a member of Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church and likes walking and watching baseball. He has two sons: David Jr. of Wake Forest, N.C. and Gerald of Salisbury.

Betty Hale - (104A) moved from Greensboro where she worked in public relations, but lived in Winston-Salem most of her life. She enjoys painting, and has three children (Diane Byrne of Salisbury, Shannon Hale of Greensboro, and Steve Hale of Cary).

Albert and Janis Dowd - (316 Majestic Heights Drive) are from Concord. He retired from IBM as design engineer, and she is a retired homemaker. They have three children (Diana Greene of Las Vegas, Albert III of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Alice Dowd of Rochester, N.Y.). The Dowds have been members at Epworth United Methodist Church for 25 years. He enjoys woodworking and tennis and she likes to garden.



Trinity Oaks volunteer Char Molrine talks with a WSOC-Channel 9 interviewer at the Communities in Schools School Tools collection area. The effort helped 343 students with supplies for the beginning of the school year.



Barbara Setzer is the driving force behind the 3rd annual community-wide Summer Reading Challenge. Trinity Oaks residents are participating in the October 16 event.

Discovering Different Worlds

Books for the Summer Reading Challenge:

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

The Known World by Edward P. Jones

The Great Escape by Kati Marton

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For stories, see Bill and Emmy

There's the Brown Derby, the German Army, painting, dancing and more

Forget Ali Baba and Sinbad. Bill and Emmy Terheun, Apartment 201A, can tell more stories in one day than Scheherazade could in a 1001 nights.

Here are a few tidbits. The curious should go to the source for the details.

Bill: One year after enlisting in the Navy in 1942, he was doing the Boogie Woogie with Lana Turner at the Stage Door Canteen in LA and having dinner with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello at the Brown Derby. At sea, he and his buddies on the carrier USS Monterey got down to business. They sank 21 Japanese ships, downed 494 Japanese aircraft and survived a typhoon. In 1968, as a police officer for the Philadelphia Port Authority, he was injured when his police car, traveling 90 miles an hour, went airborne over a hill. It landed hard compressing Bill's neck and spinal column. In recovery, he

taught himself to paint. His art work decorates their apartment.

Emmy: Spent four years in the German Army as a radar operator for an anti-aircraft unit. After the war, she met her first husband, an American citizen living in Germany, who was also drafted into the German Army. They moved to Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where they had family. She is a self-taught painter and her art work also decorates their apartment.

Bill and Emmy: They met in 1988 at Parents Without Partners and found that they liked ballroom dancing especially the Cha Cha, polka and Boogie Woogie. (Remember Lana Turner?)

In retirement they wanted someplace warmer than Philly, so they moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina. It was not a good choice. Their first year it snowed ten inches. After investigating other retirement communities with



Bill & Emmy Terheun

warmer weather and nearer to Emmy's daughter in Monroe, they found Trinity Oaks.

If that isn't enough to stimulate conversation, ask Emmy about her trip to Germany in September. It was her first time home in five years. Bill's health kept him stateside.