

# The Oak Leaf

*A newsletter from*  
**Trinity Oaks Retirement Community**  
**Salisbury, North Carolina**



## Now for Something Completely Different

**You don't hear John Larson's reason for moving to Salisbury very often!**

**B**efore retiring from the University of Michigan at Flint in 1994, John Larson and his late wife Phyllis went looking for a place to live. Neither had any family in Salisbury – he was from Arkansas, she was Canadian. But there were business contacts here for Phyllis' "soft goods" company. That was enough to bring the Larsons here. They moved to a townhouse on Horah Street near La Cava restaurant and remained there until John moved to Trinity Oaks in March 2010.

"Soft goods" is a polite way of saying underwear. But not any underwear! Phyllis was an engineer who worked with the Apollo astronauts. She had spun off a small company that made durable, astronaut-quality underwear for both men ("the Orbiter") and women ("Tranquility"). She found the workforce she needed in Rowan County and the company did well. It is now out of business.

The Larsons found they could adapt their church preferences within walking distance of home. It was early services at First Presbyterian Church – his denomination – and later services at St. Luke's Episcopal – her church.

Before Salisbury, John's career took him to Northwestern University in Chicago, the University of Tennessee, the University of Michigan at Ann

Arbor, the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C. and the University of Michigan at Flint.

John was well prepared for a career in academics. He has a master's degree in accounting and a doctor of philosophy in political science. Over the years, his political training and business interests merged. At Brookings, his job was to introduce highly educated government people to new ways of business. His longest tenure was at Flint where he began as the first dean of the School of Management. He then returned to the classroom toward the end of his career.



**John Larson**

In Salisbury, John's interests include his church where he served as clerk of session and as a member of the committee that oversees candidates preparing for ministry. He is also a member of the Downtown Rotary Club and the English Speaking Union, a group devoted to fostering friendship between Americans and the British.

A number of factors convinced John to move to Trinity Oaks. After two years as a widower, he did not enjoy cooking for one. And his two-story town house was getting harder to navigate. He also had a nasty fall on the ice which left him with one broken wrist and a bad sprain in the other. After spending time recuperating at a local rehab center and after a talk with Diane Hundley, marketing director at Trinity Oaks and a fellow communicant at St. Luke's, it was time for a more relaxed, cooking-free retirement.

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## Spring into Action Discounts and Bonus Packages make it Easy

**W**ith a little planning, you could enjoy the summer at Trinity Oaks. These incentives might make it a smooth move.

**10% off any apartment Entry Fee (80% Refund Entry Plan)**

**20% off any Cottage Entry Fee**

**\$2500 Bonus Package for an Apartment Move  
or**

**\$5000 Bonus Package for a Cottage Move to cover:  
Your moving costs  
Closing costs on the sale of your current home  
Upgraded countertops and/or a flat screen TV  
And the 12<sup>th</sup> month of occupancy free!**

Call Diane at 704-633-1002 Ext. 477  
for more information.

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## Who's New?

**HELLO**  
my name is

**Dorothy Taylor**

Dorothy Taylor (342C) comes to Trinity Oaks from Statesville. When she is not gardening, she cheers on the University of North Carolina basketball team. She has two daughters: Robin Taylor of McLean, Virginia, and Sheila Gunn of Charleston, South Carolina. Dorothy has been a member of St. John's Lutheran – Statesville for 25 years.

**HELLO**  
my name is

**Marcus & Dot  
Smith**

Marcus and Dot Smith (101A) are retired educators from Salisbury. They have also served as Sunday school teachers at St. John's Lutheran Church, where they have been members for 41 years. Marcus enjoys travel, gardening, and reading. Dot shares his love of travel and reading. Their children are Carol Beaver of Salisbury, Tim Smith of Atlanta, and Melanie Simon of Newton, North Carolina.

**HELLO**  
my name is

**Patricia "Pat"  
Kline**

Patricia Kline (136C) comes to Trinity Oaks from Whiting, New Jersey where she worked as a nurse. Reading, cooking and baking are her hobbies. Her daughter Bonnie Sue Tobias lives in Mooresville; son Bill makes his home in Georgia and son Ed resides in New Jersey. Patricia is a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church, Bridgewater,



Eloise & Ralph Sturkey with Pat and Mary Fahey



Bill Voss, Myretta Castellani, and Al Dowd singing

**Wearin' of the Green  
Gala Tuesday for March 2010**

Band leader Jerry Goodman with Hazel Basinger



**What you see is what you get**

**After a long wait, Laura Newman comes to Trinity Oaks**

**L**aura Newman had been at Trinity Oaks for one week and she already met a fellow South Carolinian. A few doors down from her apartment was Kathy Bost, who was originally from Charleston. That's where Laura was born. Small world!

Many of the significant events in Laura's early life took place in the Palmetto State. She grew up in Marion, was married to Maynard "Main" Newman in Darlington and her twin sons, Maynard Jr. and Harold, were born in Aiken.

In 1945, the Newman's relocated to Salisbury, Maynard's hometown. He had graduated from Catawba College and now worked in textiles; she was a homemaker who worked only part time outside the home.

After Maynard's death in 2008, Laura became tired of being alone. The condo she and Maynard shared on Wellington Hills Circle was too big for one. It is now for sale.

Laura is still unpacking from her move—she moved in a week before we interviewed her. Much of the furniture that remains in the condo and other family mementos are promised to grandchildren. She has seven divided between Madison, North Carolina, with son Harold and his wife and Orpington, Kent, Britain, with Maynard and his wife.



**Laura Newman**

Laura's church home is St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, where she has been a member for 64 years. She has served on the Altar Guild and as president of the Episcopal Church Women. Her hobbies are painting, knitting, reading and doing the crossword puzzle.

The Newmans discussed moving to Trinity Oaks years ago, but were not ready. Their condo nicely filled the gap between their main residence on the corner of Jackson and Monroe, Salisbury, and Trinity Oaks.

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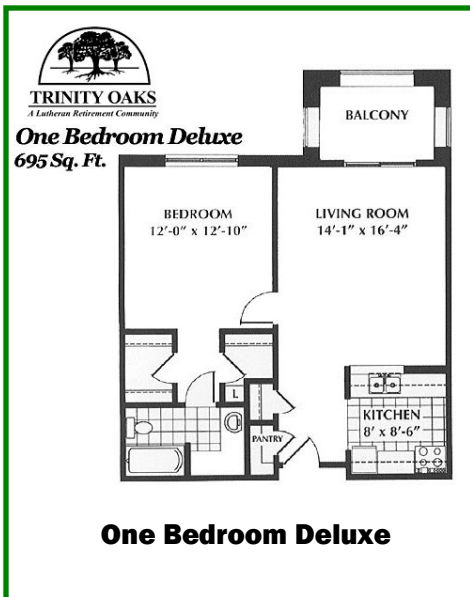


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## Floor Plans, More Plans, Your Plans

**Y**ou've probably enjoyed several homes through the years, but does your current situation provide more stress than satisfaction? Do you feel like you're managing a small staff of lawn services, cleaning people and maintenance providers? Most residents of Trinity Oaks say they wish that had made the move to their new home earlier than they did because now they can relax and enjoy themselves!

With an assortment of floor plans, you are sure to find a home that is ideal for your life-style.



Our apartments range from a 504 square foot studio to a 2 bedroom just under 1000 square feet. Our cottages are just as cozy. Cottages range from

just under 1500 square feet to 2,800 square feet and are in a secure neighborhood with rolling hills.

Both the cottages and apartments have comprehensive affordable monthly fees that include all maintenance services as well as other amenities. And as an accredited continuing care community, residents of Trinity Oaks never have to worry about availability of more care if a health issue arises. Assisted living, rehabilitation services, skilled nursing and dementia care are all available on our campus.

Trinity Oaks now has several plans in place to make you feel at home:

- ♥ **Traditional Continuing Care** which includes priority access to assisted living and the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks
- ♥ **A short term lease** on select cottages
- ♥ **A 13-month lease option**
- ♥ And we have some attractive **Discounts and Bonus** packages that may encourage you to "spring into action" now. See page 2.

Trinity Oaks is a right-sized community – large enough to enjoy a walk through the campus yet small enough to feel comfortably "at home." Enjoy this spring and summer. Moving will never get easier, so call the Marketing Office today to talk about what plan might be right for you.