



# The Oak Leaf

*A newsletter from  
Trinity Oaks Retirement Community  
Salisbury, North Carolina  
Right time, right place, right now*

## Places where everybody knows your name Few traveled the care continuum as far as Hazel and Tom Stevenson

**T**he Stevensons are batting three-for-three when it comes to what Lutheran Services for the Aging has to offer in Salisbury.

From 2005 to mid-2007, Tom Stevenson was a five-day-a-week participant at Abundant Living Adult Day Services. After a stroke in the 1990s, Tom needed something to do and according to his wife Hazel, "There is something going on there all the time" at Abundant Living. Tom looked forward to the day care center and the special attention he received from Activities Director Doris Bassett.

In August of 2007, Tom suffered another stroke that led to further vascular degeneration. He went on the waiting list for the new Virginia Casey Alzheimer Center at the same time Hazel applied for an apartment at Trinity Oaks. They moved in 18 days apart. The Cen-



**Hazel Stevenson (right) and daughter Rebecca Jennings**

ter is the "best place he could possibly be," said Hazel. I can't say enough good about them." Her move to Trinity Oaks made being with Tom easier. She is able to drive up the hill to visit and feed him lunch everyday.

The Stevenson's daughter, Rebecca Jennings and her husband moved to her parent's home in Salisbury's Eagle Heights subdivision. She likes the "Cheers" way of life here: "Everybody at

Abundant Living, Lutheran Home and Trinity Oaks knows our name!"

The Stevenson's will celebrate 60 years of married life in October. Tom often asks Hazel where she is living. "In a room down the hill, she replies. When Tom continues, "Is it expensive?" Hazel's answer is always, "You're worth it."

**E**very Wednesday the Special Events Room is transformed into a golf course, bowling alley or tennis court. Welcome to Sports of the Computer Age! Trinity Oaks has two Wii (pronounced Whee) sports venues — a large screen projector system and a television version. Holding and swinging a remote sends a bowling ball down a virtual alley, a tennis ball over a virtual net or a golf ball on a virtual hook.

"This is wonderful," said resident George Coury (photo, right) despite six strokes on a virtual par three hole. When he switched to bowling, he converted one spare after another. "Amazing gadget!"



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## Trinity Oaks Confidential

**F**ourteen prospective residents visited three of the 42 cottages at Trinity Oaks on May 15. They received an insider's view of life at Trinity Oaks. Telling all were residents Mary and Pat Fahey and Char and Ron Molrine.

It got personal when Rev. Molrine told his toilet story: A running toilet at 9 a.m., Trinity Oaks staff inspecting the toilet at 10 a.m. and a new toilet at 1:30 p.m. "It's hard to beat such good service," said Molrine, who with his wife Char live "in the first (Trinity Oaks) cottage past the second speed bump."

The Faheys spoke of their love of the easy-going camaraderie of apartment and condo living. Although unfamiliar with Salisbury, they quickly met new friends among apartment and cottage dwellers. "Our kids (in Charlotte) say we get to do more than they do," said Mary. "And this place is conducive to longer living. You



**Diane Hundley, director of marketing and sales at Trinity Oaks Confidential**

are around other people; it is stimulating." She told of friends who lived in a two-room addition built onto the home of one of their children. "They were isolated."

Visitors asked about costs, continuing care when they are sick, pets, transportation to churches, and a typical day. "You get to play husband," said Mary Fahey. "Someone cooks for you!"

Char Molrine added, "I've never used my vacuum cleaner. The trouble at Trinity Oaks is that there is no one here to buy it!"



**The Molrines**

Editor's Note: At press time, Ron Molrine was at Rowan Regional. The Trinity Oaks family extends its prayers to the Molrines.

**Trinity Oaks was recently reaccredited by CARF-CCAC, the national accreditation organization. Inspectors noted our family friendly environment and high level of health care at all stages of the care continuum.**

**Check out the new Trinity Oaks Web site: [www.trinityoaks.net](http://www.trinityoaks.net)**

## Welcome Neighbors!



**Evelyn & Beverly Barnette** moved into apartment 127C from Salisbury on May 1. Evelyn, a retired Social Security Administration clerk, enjoys reading and raising African violets. Daughter Beverly, who assists her mother, enjoys growing cacti. Both have been members for the past 11 years at Franklin Presbyterian Church where they help with yard sales.

**Alice Hoskins** moved to Apartment 200A on May 17, from Huntington, West Virginia. She's a retired homemaker who enjoys bridge and games. Son Tom lives in Cleveland, Tennessee; daughters are Patty Smith (Indianapolis), Kathy Aigner (Salisbury), and Judith Hoskins (Belgium).

**William Voss**, who moved to Apartment 228C on May 21, from Salisbury, is a retired Bellsouth employee. For the past 50 years, he has been a member at Salisbury's First Baptist Church. Bill enjoys fishing, hunting, and gardening.

**David Arey**, a North Carolina native who moved to Apartment 211A from Hobe Sound, Florida, is a retired airline pilot. He enjoys blue water fishing and was a member of Peace Presbyterian in Salerno, FL.

**Gene & Pat Bruce** are moving to apartment 140C on June 15 from Statesville, N.C. Rev. Bruce is retiring this summer as Pastor of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church. He enjoys spectator sports and travel. Pat is a retired executive administrative assistant who enjoys reading, cross-stitch, handcrafts, travel, and UNC Tarheels. Their children are David (Mt. Pleasant, SC), Daniel (Albuquerque, NM), and Elizabeth (Asheville, NC).

**Albert & Helen Hambrick-Boyd** are coming to 109 Covenant Woods Drive on July 1 from Mooresville. He is retired department manager from RJR and enjoys coin collecting, travel, and reading. His sons are Thomas of East Bend, N.C., and James of Arden, N.C. Helen is a retired teacher and likes to travel, read and shop for antiques. The couple are members of First Presbyterian in Mooresville. Her children are David Hambrick (Pensacola), J. Stephen Hambrick (Arden, N.C.) and Mary Katherine Sullivan (Waxhaw, N.C.).

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After three Wii doubles matches with her husband Pat, Mary Fahey (photo, right) switched to bowling. Mary's best game in real bowling was a 206. Against her teacher, East Rowan High School junior Coleton Boone, she bowled a virtual 206. Coleton, who has progressed to expert in many Wii games, made a 176. "I love this game!" said Mary triumphantly. Alex Lawson and Coleton Boone are volunteer teachers with the new Wii. Mary proved that they can be beaten!



The Trinity Oaks Team Wins *Best in Show* at the Rowan Chamber's Business Show. They understand the value of the Umbrella of Continuing Care. Residents Doris Miller and Frank Skiles join the Staff at the Show to share stories of the good life.

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**I**n this election year, Salisbury's Libretto Book Club has voted *Prose and Politics* as the theme for their fourth annual Summer Reading Challenge:



**The Best Man** by Gore Vidal  
June 18-21 & 25-28 at Catawba College

**Divided America** by Earl Black and Merle Black (non-fiction)

**Black Men Built the Capitol** by Jesse Holland (non-fiction)

**The Appeal** by John Grisham

**The Zero Game** by Brad Meltzer

All summer readers will come together on October 16 at Waterworks for a panel discussion led by professors at Catawba College and Livingstone College. **Trinity Oaks is a Presenting Sponsor of the challenge and will be providing refreshments for the end-of-summer discussion.**

## Computer Generations

**R**ay Simpson wanted to see what a building he had photographed in 1946 looked like today. His computer teacher, eighth grader Allan Liebowitz varied the lesson plan — they were learning how to attach files to an e-mail — and fired up Google Earth. That's a computer program that isolates individual buildings from anywhere on earth. In 56 seconds Liebowitz had found the building — General Eisenhower's headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. "It took me two weeks by ship to get there in 1946," said Simpson.

Liebowitz and Betty and Ray Simpson are part of a seven-week one-on-one basic computer and e-mail course. Eighteen eighth graders from Salisbury Acad-



**Photos top: The Simpsons with Allan Liebowitz. Bottom: Ruth Woodburn (left) & teacher Hunter Latimer**

emy meet for two hours once a week with 15 computer neophytes from Trinity Oaks.

The general consensus among the residents is that the Salisbury Academy students are terrific teachers. "They are patient and fun to be with," said resident Ruth Woodburn.

One of Woodburn's instructors, Hunter Latimer, related to her as any good supportive teacher. After reviewing e-mail

attachments, Latimer said, "Now try it by yourself without the instructions." Woodburn did it on her first try.