

The Oak Leaf

A newsletter from
Trinity Oaks Retirement Community
Salisbury, North Carolina



Playing in the Governor's Mansion

Elizabeth (Lib) Cooper moves to Trinity Oaks with stories galore

Yes, Lib Cooper played in the Governor's mansion as a child, but it wasn't the piano or violin. She played hide and seek with the son of Governor Oliver Max Gardner, a boy her age. Her parent's home was across the street from the mansion and there were no fences around either property.

Lib had other connections with high office. She was executive secretary to bank President Jim Reid in Raleigh. When Reid left the bank to run for mayor and won, Lib went with him as his executive secretary. "A lot of interesting people came through that office," said Lib.

Lib graduated from Peace College in Raleigh when it was a two-year school. "I was anxious to get a job and get married," she said. "It's amazing how your perspective changes on those two subjects as you get older."

She moved to the town she loves, Salisbury, in the late 1960s after marrying her second husband, Dr. Frank Benton Cooper. Cooper practiced in Salisbury and was cousin to a Raleigh friend of Lib's.

She immediately joined the Preface Book Club and remains a member. Members read a lot of books without the hassle of reviewing them. The 12 members buy a book they like and loan it to the others. That's a year of reading.



Lib Cooper

Lib is also an active member of First Presbyterian Church, but has given up some of her responsibilities.

When she remarked to her children that she was tired of cooking, they strongly encouraged a move to Trinity Oaks. These are children skilled at encouraging! Daughter Anna Mills Wagoner is an attorney currently running for Superior Court judge in Rowan County. Son Greg Scarborough works for Wallace Realty. And son Dr. John Benton ("Chip") Cooper is a member of the psychology faculty at Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia.

Lib's move to Trinity Oaks was not without its ups and downs. She has still not sold her condo in Corbin Hills and she misses her large porch and deck. There are compensations, though. Her deck at Trinity Oaks overlooks a beautiful magnolia and she loves the friendly people here. With wonderful meals prepared by Trinity Oaks she now uses the drop-leaf dining room table she brought from Corbin Hills to sort the mail.



With the help of 50 employees from Trinity Oaks, the campaign to build, rebuild and improve senior housing for Lutheran Services for the Aging has now reached \$1.455 million. The campaign, Keeping the Promise, hopes to raise at least \$5 million by June 2013.

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Trinity Oaks Campus Golf Tournament raises \$10,000 for Projects

An all time high of 103 golfers participated in the 4th Annual Campus Golf Tournament at Corbin Hills on Sep. 24 in a day of early fall fun, fellowship and fabulous competition. Dollars raised will be used to furnish patio furniture at the Dr. J. Cullen Hall Wellness Gardens at Trinity Oaks and for additional resident furnishings at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks. Gerti Davis and Donna Barnes of the Trinity Oaks Business Office led the organizing efforts

and executed the best tourney so far. Many thanks to all the sponsors, donors and of course, our golfers.



From left: In pink, Sundance's Kathleen Conway, Ann Pressly, Jamie Eudy with Bill Johnson of Lutheran Home, Debbie Mathis of LSA and Mike Walsh of Trinity Oaks



Who's New

Anne Rink (239C) is a retired school teacher from Salisbury. She is a member of Christiana Lutheran Church in Granite Quarry and has two children, Jennifer Craft of Salisbury and John Rink Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Anne enjoys crosswords, singing in choir and Tar Heels basketball.

Carolyn Corriher (216B) hails from Mooresville where she was a registered nurse. She has been a member of Centenary United Methodist Church for 50 years. Her daughter, Marilyn McClamrock, lives in Mocksville. She is a music lover who also loves to travel, cook and engage in church activities.

Edward Yazijian (142C) lived in Clinton, Connecticut before coming to Trinity Oaks. He retired from the insurance and publishing industries. Ed has two daughters, Kathleen Whitbread and Susan Zweifach, one son (Edward) in Greenville, S.C., and another (Matt) from Monroe, N.C. Ed is an avid reader.

Harry Hart (243A) was a raw cotton merchant from Mooresville in his working life. In his leisure, he is a quail hunter and fisherman. He is a member of Prospect Presbyterian Church. Harry has two sons – John and Stephen – and two daughters – Betty and Harriet.

Margarita O'Brien (110A) is a retired educator from Greensboro who was born in London, England. She has three children: Teresa Bradley of Virginia, Marian Holt of Charlotte and William Scott Bradley of Moore, S.C.

Laura Frazier (113 Covenant Woods Drive) is a retired realtor from Salisbury who enjoys golf, reading and bridge. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury. Her daughter, Laura Norman, resides in Greensboro; her son, John Frazier III, lives in Burlington, North Carolina.

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The Magic of a Full Service Retirement Community featuring Magician Glen Yost

November 9: 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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Carolyn Corriher's Hobbies are Talking and Working

Not surprisingly, she is also a people person.

To her great-granddaughter, Maddie, Carolyn Corriher is "Mamoo." Some of the doctors she worked with at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville, even called her "Miss Mamoo." Correction. That should be Nurse Mamoo.

For 45 years Carolyn Corriher, a woman with an amazing memory for people, places, dates and names, was an obstetrics nurse at LNRMC. She took her three-year nurses training there in the 1950s when it was Lowrance Hospital. She retired from the hospital in 2002, but it didn't take long for the hospital to ask her to come back and fill in. "I was a Jack of all trades working in the ER, out patient and admissions as well as OB," she said. Carolyn retired a second time from Lake Norman at age 76 in 2006.

Carolyn did not stray far from home. She was born on a farm in Iredell County, but her father was a supervisor at Burlington Industries, not a farmer. He rented out the property to others.



Carolyn Corriher

Carolyn married Grady Clinton Corriher and traveled extensively with him to every state in the USA. To fill the place Grady left when he died in 1994, Carolyn redoubled her work enthusiasm. "My hobby was working," she said. She is quick to point out that "I didn't work for the money. When you love something, it's not work."

Carolyn may be the only person at Trinity Oaks to have helped with the delivery of all three of her grandchildren. "I saw them before their Dad," she bragged.

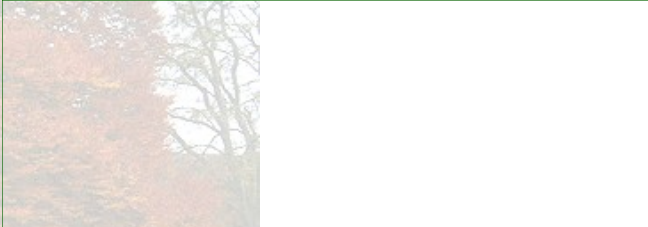
She sold the home she and Grady bought 56 years ago to move to Trinity Oaks. She had attended a Trinity Oaks get-acquainted meeting in Mooresville and then visited the campus. Carolyn's daughter, Marilyn McClamrock, Maddie's grandmother, thought it was time for Carolyn to find a place where she could be around people more.

Carolyn is open about her love of the spoken word. "My friends think I'm sick when they catch me listening instead of talking," she joked.

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It Takes a Village Crafty Friends + Kindergarten Kids

When Jane Creech, elementary curriculum specialist for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools needed “cloth discovery kits” for the county’s 1500 kindergarten students, she called on the Trinity Oaks’ Crafty Friends.

The group began meeting Tuesday afternoons in September for the year-long project. Each of the 1500 kits contains a burlap square with its edges bound with masking tape, yarn and a big needle. The kit is then packed in a plastic bag.

Other artists and volunteers are creating kits for clay, wood and paper projects. Funding was provided by the Robertson Foundation. Kindergarteners spend a morning at the Civic Center working on the various projects. The Crafty Friends plan to attend one of the special days to see their efforts put to use.



Laura Newman, Georgina Ryon and Debbie Snyder work on the cloth discovery kits for Rowan-Salisbury Schools.

Come stay for a night and a day to see what your future at Trinity Oaks could feel like:

- ♥ Join the fun
- ♥ Meet our residents
- ♥ Savor the lifestyle that awaits you

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Way to go Trinity Oaks! Assisted Living Earns State’s Highest Rating

JoAnn Martin, Health Services Director and her Assisted Living team recently earned a four star rating, the state’s highest. The rating required two consecutive years of inspections with a grade of 100 points or more. Trinity Oaks actually attained back-to-back scores of 105.5!

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services established the Star Rated Certificate program in response to requests for more information on the care provided in adult care facilities. The grading system was developed with input from consumers and their families.

Trinity Oaks residents have always known that our assisted living was fabulous, but now we have proof!