



The Oak Leaf

A newsletter from
Trinity Oaks Retirement Community
Salisbury, North Carolina



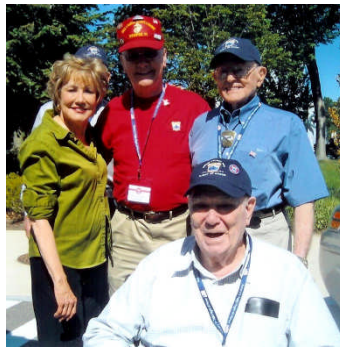
Flight of Honor Takes to the Air Again! **Seven veterans from Trinity Oaks traveled to Washington**

In April, Trinity Oaks residents Ray Simpson and Lee Bryant visited Washington, D.C. aboard the Flight of Honor. On Saturday September 19 with picture perfect weather seven more Trinity Oaks veterans made the emotional trip courtesy of the Rotary District 7680 of North Carolina.

Flight of Honor brings veterans of World War II to see the war monuments in our nation's capitol, all built to honor veterans.

Six veterans on the September trip were Trinity Oaks residents: J.C. Medlin, Ralph Seamon, Frank Skiles, Jay Buxton, Bill Voss and Wes Barnes. One was Trinity Oaks Maintenance Supervisor George Summers. They were taken to and from the Charlotte airport in the Trinity Oaks van accompanied by Activities Director Debbie Snyder.

"Most of us never got a parade in 1945," said Ralph Seamon, a Navy veteran. "But we got one Saturday." Hundreds of civilians and military personnel were at the airport to send off and welcome home the veterans. "That was the best part," said Seamon. The outpouring of appreciation brought many vets to tears. "It really



Former Senator Elizabeth Dole with Guardian Jerry Jacobus, Jay Buxton and Wes Barnes



Hundreds greeted the vets when they arrived home in Charlotte.



One third of the 124 veterans from North Carolina at the Charlotte airport.



The World War II Memorial

Photos courtesy of Debbie Snyder, George Summers and Jerry Jacobus

touched me that people were so thoughtful," said Navy vet J.C. Medlin. Wes Barnes agreed. "The way the American public responded to us at both airports was the best part. The country is still great. And Rotary did an outstanding job of getting everything organized."

The group visited memorials honoring those who participated in World War II, Vietnam, Korea and on Iwo Jima. "There were large crowds at all the memorials," said Medlin, "and yet it was quiet and respectful." Army Air Corps veteran Jay Buxton found the World War II monument "a work of art with fountains in the center. We had a wonderful time."

One of the surprises for George Summers was the fire truck at the Washington airport. It shot a plume of water over the plane. "I wanted to take a picture, but my window was drenched," said Summers, an Army Air Corps vet.

For every three veterans, Rotary assigned one volunteer guardian, usually someone with a military background. The guardian accompanied his or her trio on their entire trip. Rotary District 7680 also arranged for a flight doctor, wheelchairs, food and transportation and coordinated the receptions the vets received at the airports. For more about Flight of Honor visit www.flightofhonor.org/

Trinity Oaks Staff My Kitchen Window

Simple scene wins first place at Carolina Artists 2009 Expo

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Move-in Coordinator

Patricia Andrews
Director of Dining Services

Dianne Ashe
Security Team Leader

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Betty Earnhardt
Director of Resident
Services

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Mysti Harris
Registered Nurse

Diane Hundley
Director of Marketing &
Sales

Tim Klusman
Maintenance Team Leader

Quentin Long
Director of Transportation

JoAnn Martin
Health Services Director

The Rev. Darrell Norris
Chaplain

Deborah Snyder
Activities Director

Jeff Stach
Campus Landscaping
Director

Diane Torrence
Director of Environmental
Services

Mike Walsh
Executive Director

Photographer Polly Hubbard claims that she is an artistic late bloomer. If so, she is that rare flower that stays fresh and vibrant all four seasons.

Polly didn't discover photography until the late 1960s at the University of Maryland, 22 years after starting college in her native Oklahoma. At UM, she fell in love with photography and her Nikon camera and later took classes at the Maryland College of Art & Design and the Smithsonian Institution to further refine her skill. Today, she also appreciates her new Nikon digital camera.

With her husband Hank, a native Salisbury, she moved to Trinity Oaks two and a half years ago. "This is the right



Polly Hubbard with her first place photograph in the Special Events Room

place at the right time for us," she said. "People here are warm and friendly."

She joined the Carolina Artists, a Rowan County group of working artists dedicated to teaching and learning and has entered their annual Expo since arriving in town.

For the 2009 Expo, Polly won first place and honorable mention in photography. First place was for an arrangement of baskets and tea pots in her Silver Spring, Maryland, kitchen window; honorable mention was for an artistic shot of the tavern across the street from Trinity Oaks. She saw artistic possibilities in the ordinary, but visually appealing, pattern on the tavern's exterior.

Welcome Neighbors!

Myretta Castellani (211A) moved from Mooresville, but has spent most of her life in Palm Harbor, Florida. She is a housewife and mother who enjoys bridge, knitting, reading and canasta. Her daughters are Nadine Agliata of Davidson, North Carolina, and Nanette Neidhardt of Ostrander, Ohio.

David & Lorraine Lee (320B) are moving to Trinity Oaks in late October from Arizona. He is a retired Lutheran pastor who enjoys music, travel, and camping. She is a retired teacher. Her joys are music and reading. Together they have lived in Hong Kong; David has been on assignments in China. Their children are Richard from Hanover, Pennsylvania and daughters Betsy Lee of Golden Valley, Minnesota, Maribeth Holliman of N. Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jennifer Peterson of Seattle, Washington.

T. Burt Harris (220B) is moving in this fall from Salisbury. He is a retired X-ray engineer who enjoys photography, home building and repairs. He has been an active member of St. John's Lutheran since 1944. Burt's daughters are Montye Furr of Salisbury, Marcia Echerd of Charlotte, and Renee Bradshaw of Salisbury.

Top Five Reasons to Move to Trinity Oaks:

5. **20% Discount on Cottage Entry Fees**
4. **Lease for up to a year until you sell your home**
3. **\$5000 Bonus Package for New Cottage Move-ins**
2. **\$2500 Bonus Package for New Apartment Move-ins**
and the #1 reason to move to Trinity Oaks:
1. **Live longer, healthier and happier with access to continuing care**



Learn more at our next luncheon **“How to Live to be 100—The Continuing Care Advantage”** on Tuesday October 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call Linda Agner at 704-633-1002, ext. 225 to RSVP.

Wellness information will be provided by SunDance Rehabilitation followed by lunch



“This was better than any Wednesday night movie” said more than one resident on September 23 “Current events, missionary work and family ties all rolled into one!” The talk by Pat and Jim McGeorge focused on the health, education and environmental projects they worked on last spring in Liberia. The couple, now retired, met in Liberia 39 years ago. Trinity Oaks resident Ralph Seamon is Pat’s father. She said, “It is only because Dad now lives at Trinity Oaks that we felt like we could go on this trip.”

From the Greatest Generation to the Next Generation

Since 2003, residents have provided educational opportunities to staff

There’s always been a soft spot in resident’s hearts for the young people who work at Trinity Oaks. In October 2003, residents put feelings into action. They funded a scholarship program to encourage employees to continue their education and help Trinity Oaks retain responsible staff personnel.

“Scholarship amounts depend on the cost of their courses,” said Mary Hart, chair of the scholarship committee. “We go up to \$500.” Book expenses are an extra \$100 for full time employees and \$50 for part time. Employees have to work at least 20 hours per week and be employed at Trinity Oaks for six

months to qualify for a scholarship.

The many young employees of Trinity Oaks’ Dining Services Department have benefited from the Scholarship Fund. They include Adis Ziga, originally from Bosnia, who has finished community college and is now at Catawba College and Shannon Harris, K-La Dwigins and Sharonda Nixon who attend Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC).

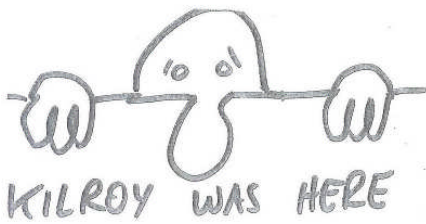


Scholarship Winners (from left) Adis Ziga, Quentin Long, Shannon Harris and K-La Dwigins

Trinity Oaks Director of Transportation Quentin Long, is using his scholarship to attend RCCC but is also pursuing studies at Southern Evangelical Seminary in

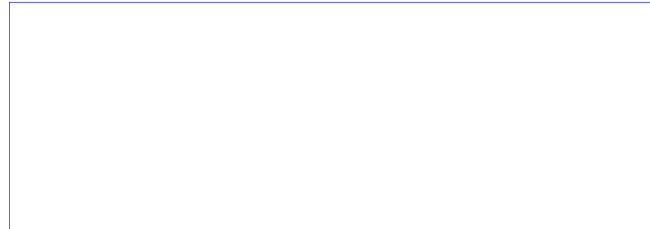
Charlotte. Quentin also serves as youth pastor at Young Memorial Baptist Church in Concord.

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WWII Vets Honored. See page 1.

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Gardens Welcome Visitors

Stach Gateway Garden and the J. Cullen Hall Wellness Garden Dedicated

The man responsible for the lovely grounds at Trinity Oaks was recently honored by residents and the Trinity Oaks Garden Club with a garden named for him. Campus Landscaping Director Jeff Stach said that creating the Stach Gateway Garden was a labor of love. Having it named for him was “just overwhelming,” he said at the July 31 dedication. “Every day someone thanks me or tells me how much they appreciate what we’ve done. Thank you all.”

“This is my legacy,” said Stach, Trinity Oaks landscape director for the past 12 years. “It will always be there for my kids and grandkids. It gives me a wonderful feeling.” The Stach Gateway Garden extends across the entire entranceway to Trinity Oaks from the fitness center to the dining patio. Funds for the fountain and area surrounding it were provided by Trinity Oaks resident Catherine Hall and her children in memory of the late Dr. J. Cullen Hall. Plaques inside the front entrance and in the Wellness Garden include the names of all who contributed to this collection of plants and flowers.



Trinity Oaks B&B

Learn more about the Continuing Care Advantage by staying with us.

- ♥ Spend two delightful days at Trinity Oaks in our fully furnished guest cottage or two-bedroom apartment
- ♥ Meet staff and residents, sample our food, enjoy our hospitality and experience our community in action.
- ♥ Call Diane at 704-633-1002, ext. 225 for details and reservations.