

The Oak Leaf

A newsletter from
Trinity Oaks Retirement Community
Salisbury, North Carolina



Search and Ye Shall Find

U. S. News & World Report and the Internet guided Ed Yazijian to Trinity Oaks

According to Ed Yazijian, it took his children years before they could pronounce their own last name. "It is Armenian for son of a scribe," said Ed, one of Trinity Oaks' newest residents. He is accustomed to breaking down the name for his children and the curious: Ya-Zidge-John. Repeat that quickly three times and you'll have it.

Yazijian is a snap compared to Ed's quest to find a place to call home. Ed was one of many people who did not know the difference between a nursing home, assisted living or a retirement community. So in looking for a place to live, he did a computer search on his laptop for "Best Nursing Homes." One study by U.S. News and World Report looked credible. The magazine ranked more than 15,000 of the nation's nursing homes on a variety of criteria.

Ed made a list of states where he would enjoy living: Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. The nursing home where he settled had to be church-related and a not-for-profit.

When he found Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks among the U.S. News best, he discovered that Trinity Oaks was next door. He reasoned that an

organization that ran a quality nursing home would also run a good retirement community.

Ed asked his son Matthew, who lives in Monroe, North Carolina, to check out Trinity Oaks. "Matthew liked it," said Ed, who then corresponded by e-mail with Director of Marketing and Sales Diane Hundley. Ed moved in September without ever visiting Trinity Oaks himself.



Ed Yazijian

Ed says of Trinity Oaks: "If I get sick I have 59,000,000 people here checking on me! This place corners the market on employees. They are all willing to please."

Ed was born in New York City, raised in nearby Freeport, Long Island, and enlisted in the infantry during World War II. After the war, he graduated from the University of Miami and then attained his master's degree in history at Michigan State. His marriage to Mary Hogan and the need to support four children trumped his goal to be a history teacher with a Ph.D. Two of his children, Kathleen and Edward Jr., did become teachers at the university level. Both have their doctorates. After Mary died in a car accident, Ed never remarried.

Ed's career paths extended through the for-profit world – insurance and printing – and the non-profit. He supervised a sheltered workshop for people with cerebral palsy and led an agency devoted to preventing child abuse. He is also a marvelous conversationalist.

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A Special Opportunity

This may benefit you and the causes you support

Find out how making a planned gift can have beneficial effects and financial rewards not only for you and your family, but also for the charitable organizations you care about and support, including your congregation.

Join Christine Post-Duncan, MBA, a regional director of planned giving for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Foundation, for an informative program to learn about the basics of planned giving and the different types of gifts that are available.

You will also learn how a planned gift can provide a steady lifetime income even during these unstable economic times.

Note: This is an educational opportunity and there will be no solicitation on behalf of any particular cause or organization.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011
10 a.m.**

**Trinity Oaks Retirement Community
2nd Floor Special Events Room
728 Klumac Rd., Salisbury**

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to Kristen Kitchen, Development Associate at Lutheran Services for the Aging, at (704) 754-8229 or kkitchen@lsanc.net by February 15.

This free event is sponsored by Lutheran Services for the Aging, the parent organization for Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks, Trinity Oaks, and Abundant Living Adult Day Services.

Michigan Couple Comes Back to Four Seasons Youngest daughter asks the \$64 question

Twenty years ago, dentist Bill Barone sold his practice in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and retired. He and Marian had traveled extensively – Italy five times, England and Ireland, three. Now was a good time to move out of the Rust Belt and travel South to the Sun Belt.

They chose a home in Spring Hill, a small community north of Tampa, Florida. Most of their seven children remained in Michigan. In Florida, they were active playing golf, tennis and bridge.

Then eight years ago, Bill had a stroke that affected the right side of his body. Their home was difficult to navigate in a wheelchair, so they downsized and relocated to a nearby retirement community.



Marian & Bill Barone

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Trinity Oaks @ Your Service

Are you a member of a senior's group at your church or in your community? Maybe a program on the many choices in senior housing would be of interest to your members. The Trinity Oaks Marketing team would love to have you come join us for a tour and lunch here or we would be happy to come to your regular meeting place. Just give us a call at 704-633-1002, ext. 225.

Put Trinity Oaks on your calendar

- ♥ **February 10** – St. John's Lutheran, Salisbury, Golden Opportunity Club at Trinity Oaks
- ♥ **February 14** – Trinity Oaks catering Business after Hours at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
- ♥ **February 17** – Trinity Oaks Lunch and Learn at St. Mark's Lutheran, Mooresville
- ♥ **February 22** – Planned Giving Workshop at Trinity Oaks
- ♥ **March 17** – Dr. Elliott Engel, NCSU, Charles Dickens Authority, at Trinity Oaks
- ♥ **March 22** – Easing into Your New Home: A Downsizing Workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dogs, Cats and Movies

Parker Hatchett knows his films and furry friends

The television screen in Parker Hatchett's apartment is large enough to make a twenty-something envious. It has to be big. This is a man who loves movies. But not just any movie. He discontinued Home Box Office because "the profanity was so bad." His solution: collect his own movies. How many does he have on CD, DVD or VHS? "I never counted them. I'm scared to!"

Add old television shows to the mix but only those that have been recorded without interruption. "I don't like commercials," said Parker. And the four remotes by his TV? They're too confusing.

Parker hales from Chattanooga, Tennessee, where, like his father, he worked as a veterinarian. He graduated from Auburn University and began his practice with both large and small animals. After returning from a stint in the Army, he limited his practice to small animals – dogs, cats and the



Parker Hatchett

occasional monkey, lion cub and South American anteater. He met his first wife, Eleanor, when she came in with her sick dog, Pal.

Eleanor and Parker married and had one son, Parker Hatchett III, who lives in Salisbury and works for Performance Fibers. The younger Hatchett has been after his father to move here since Trinity Oaks opened. It has only been in the last year that the elder Parker saw the wisdom of that idea. "I was by myself in a five-level house and I could feel myself getting weaker," he said.

Parker retired in 1982. Eleanor had a stroke that left her in need of care. He quit his practice to look after her.

After Eleanor's death, Parker met and married Willodeene, a widow who was his niece's mother-in-law. Today Willodeene resides in an Alzheimer's unit in Chattanooga; she is bedfast and unable to recognize her husband. At 87, Parker Hatchett knows there are times in life when you need to be around other people. Thanks to his son's prodding, he is where that need can be satisfied.

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Two Programs March 17 Renowned Scholar to Visit Trinity Oaks

Internationally known scholar Elliott Engel will present two programs on the Trinity Oaks campus, Thursday, March 17. A Dickens scholar currently living in Raleigh who has taught at Duke University, N.C. State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Engel now speaks on a variety of authors, historic figures and topics.



A program on Winston Churchill will take place at Trinity Oaks Retirement Community at 2 p.m. That evening at 6 p.m., Dr. Engel will discuss Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind* at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks. CDs, DVDs and books will be available for purchase after each talk. There is no charge for these performances, but seating is limited so reservations are recommended.

We hope you will join us for one or both of these exciting opportunities. For more information, please call the Marketing Office at 704-633-1002, ext. 225.



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Last year their youngest daughter, Lori, asked them why they were in Florida where they had no relatives. Move to North Carolina and they could be near her and three of their grandchildren.

Lori found Trinity Oaks and the Barones moved in December. Like her mother, Lori and her children take advantage of the pool at Trinity Oaks. "They love it over here," said Marian. In December, the Barones saw snow for the first time in 20 years.

The couple's seven children have given them 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They wisely chose a two-bedroom apartment so that their large family could visit in small doses. Like most people with enough kinfolk for two football teams, they learned that when everyone comes to visit, you get far too little time with anyone.

Who's New?

Emma Moore, a Salisbury homemaker, is a member of First United Methodist

Church. She and her husband

Sam, a retired executive of Moore Brothers Transportation and a resident of the Bill Hefner Veterans Administration Medical Center, Salisbury, have two children, Jane Breeding of Winston-Salem and Glenn who lives in Salisbury.