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From left to right: Janet Staunton, Gloria Hodges, Bede Burr, Carol Howard and Beverly Williams

President Gloria Hodges, a Board member since 2002, has served as Vice President and has been active on the admissions and social committees.

Vice President Carol Howard, on the Board since 2003, coordinates activities for the ladies. She has also been active in fund raising.

Recording Secretary Beverly Williams, joined the Board in 2003 and is in her 4th year as secretary. She also serves as co-editor of the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Bede Burr, on the Board since 1987, has held numerous positions including President. She edits the by-laws and is an expert on protocol and procedure.

Financial Officer Janet Staunton joined the board in 2006. She has a background in banking and a long connection to Mary Galloway through her mother, who had been a resident.

Mission Statement

Our continuing goal is to provide "protection, comfort and support in a harmonious and dignified setting for retirement-aged women with financial needs" - the purpose stated over one hundred years ago.

From Our Archives...

How it all started over one hundred years ago.

From an Annual Report, 1901.

The Home for Aged Women of Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the Willing Hands Circle of the King's Daughters. The Circle had for some time felt that a Home for aged women was much needed in Memphis, and after thorough discussion decided to undertake the founding of such an institution.

An entertainment was given to raise money for the contemplated Home, from which about \$500 was realized. With this sum in bank, the Circle, led by its president, Miss Mamie Looney (who was most earnest and enthusiastic in her efforts), completed all arrangements and the Home was opened in December, 1896, a house having been rented for the purpose, and furnished entirely with articles contributed by the Circle and its friends.

The Home, having accommodations for ten persons only, the limit of its capacity was soon reached, and the Circle realized that it must have a building of its own. In the autumn of 1899 a lot was purchased and paid for

at a cost of \$2,000, the money having been raised through the efforts of the Circle, its President, Mrs. J. W. Falls, having been indefatigable in her efforts to this end.

Plans were at once made for the erection of a building. Not until a year had elapsed were these plans matured, for the Circle felt that it must adopt for its motto, "Pay as you go," completing the building without debt if possible. The Circle asked, through the columns of the daily papers, that every woman in Memphis who felt able to do so, would give one dollar or more toward the building fund.

Early in December, 1900, ground was broken for the foundation of the building. Addresses were delivered by Dean Green of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and other clergymen of the city representing churches of different denominations. Mr. Metcalf, lawyer for the Home, also made a short address.

The foundation having been completed and paid for, the problem of raising the money necessary to complete the building seemed almost insurmountable. Trusting in God and having faith in the generosity of friends of the institution and the public, the Circle decided to go forward with the building. The sum of \$8,500 was borrowed for one year.

The building was completed in July, 1901, and the family was installed in its new home, each lady in a cozy room of her own, which had been furnished and made beautiful by friends of the institution. A reception was held on November 30th, at which time the entire building was thrown open for the inspection of friends and the public.

During the five years that have elapsed since "The Home for Aged Women" was founded, there have been received into the Home thirty-two ladies. Of this number, three have passed to their heavenly home. Eleven have gone out to the homes of friends or relatives. There are at present in the Home eighteen ladies.

The Circle feels that God is blessing its efforts to make the closing years of these aged ones peaceful and happy. Its work is "In His Name" who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



The Mary Galloway Home at 759 Monroe Ave. - 1901 to 1961

Resident Profile

Mickey Whitmore



Many Southerners would love to say they grew up on a plantation but few can actually lay claim to it. Mickey Whitmore can. She was raised on Southdown Plantation in Houma, Louisiana, in a lovely plantation house that looked like it was right out of “Gone With the Wind.” It was owned by the large sugar cane company that Mickey’s father worked for; he was in charge of seven stores on plantations around Louisiana.

Mickey’s family consisted of her parents and four brothers. She says, “My mother liked boys and my daddy liked me.” A daddy’s girl, she would call him to “come home and see about this woman” when she got into trouble with her mother.

After growing up in Houma, Mickey went to Southwestern Louisiana College, where she met her future husband on the first day. The other girls had warned her to ignore the boys who hung out looking at the new girls, and Mickey tried. When a

handsome young man came out of the crowd and put his arms around her and kissed her, Mickey was shocked and refused to go out with him. But Bob, who was fun-loving and popular, soon won her over and they became a couple. They married in 1949, right after Mickey’s twenty-first birthday.



Mickey and Faith Grinder

Bob Whitmore was from New Orleans and that is where they lived. It was a shock to Mickey, who was a shy, small-town girl, but eventually she grew to love New Orleans and she became more outgoing. Bob, who had left college to go in the Army, went back to school at Loyola and Tulane and Mickey took courses at Tulane also. They had five children, two boys and three girls. Bob worked in the mortgage business and Mickey taught fifth grade in a private school.



A recent visit with family members

When Mickey was teaching school, the children were able to go to school with her. The principal had a strict rule that teachers were to be called “Miss” followed by their given name, so when at school, Mickey’s children had to call her Miss Mickey. It carried over to home, where her children called her “Mother Miss Mickey.”

Mickey and Bob lived in the French Quarter. Mickey enjoyed tennis and golf and they were active in the life of the city. They loved Mardi Gras and they and their children participated in the krewes. One of their daughters was queen of the krewe of Ulysses. Mickey has wonderful

pictures of elaborate floats and Mardi Gras parties.

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, Mickey and Bob had to abandon their apartment. They briefly moved to a hotel, then fled to Mississippi where their daughter, Penny, lives. From there they came to Memphis to be with Faith, another daughter, not intending to remain for good. But when Bob became ill and died, Mickey was unable to return to New Orleans. She came to Mary Galloway in February of 2010.

Mickey misses Bob and her home in New Orleans, but she is happy to be at Mary Galloway, where she says “the people are all so nice.”

This interesting and pretty lady with the soft Louisiana accent is a welcome addition to the Mary Galloway family.

Our Own Little Garden Spot

We are most appreciative and deeply indebted to the River Oaks Garden Club for their work on the patio area outside our dining room. Thanks to their contributions of time, effort, landscaping materials and seating, the patio has become a lovely garden spot for our ladies. They can now enjoy this pleasant setting to read, have coffee and visit with friends, as well as take part in the care and nurturing of the plants around them. It is a joy to all to have this lovely area available.



Birthdays

June

Jeanne Thomason (6)
Frances Stanley (25)

July

Jamie Downen (26)

August

Dorothy Bauman (3)
Charolette Edwards (4)
Mabel Norton (14)
Hilda Dickerson (30)

September

Inez Waterman (11)
Martha Farmer (17)
Mickey Whitmore (22)



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Marilou Berkenstock with Mabel Norton



Janet Staunton with Dorothy Bauman



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