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TIME TO CELEBRATE !!



The Birthday Cake



Elise meets her great-granddaughter

Elise Grice celebrated her 90th birthday in grand style, with her three sons and their families and other family and friends from Memphis and the Mississippi Delta. A very special guest was Elise's new great-granddaughter, Grace Ryan.



More photos with the birthday girl



Happy Birthday Elise - from family, friends and everyone at Mary Galloway

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.

Spotlight On Our Residents

Polly Rowe

by Beverly Williams



Polly in her favorite chair

Polly Rowe, like several of our ladies, has long time connections to The Mary Galloway Home, having filled in as the resident liaison on weekends before becoming a resident. When the time came to move from her home, she said she “wouldn’t have gone anywhere else.”



Polly and her family

Polly was born in Whiteville, Tennessee, in Hardeman County. Her family lived in the country and her father was a rural mail carrier, while her mother stayed at home raising their six children. Polly is now the only one of her siblings still living; she says she was the “toughest one.” She had two sisters and three brothers. Polly was a tomboy, playing outside, riding horses and following along behind her brothers.

She went to school in town and after graduating from high school, she married Horace Wood. Polly was only eighteen and Horace was ten years older and in the Air Force. They moved to Ogden, Utah, where he was stationed and later to Oakland, California, where Polly got a job on the air base. After he was discharged, they came back to Tennessee and lived in Memphis. He worked at the airport and later for Ford Motor, while Polly stayed home with their three children, Susan, Rick and Ross.

When Horace died of cancer, Polly was left with their three children, the youngest only twelve years old. She decided to go to nursing school and become an R.N., but decided that there was only enough time to get her

L.P.N. She worked several places, including filling in on weekends at Mary Galloway. After five years of being widowed, she married Gene Rowe. She says that she wasn’t anxious to get married again, but “it was so lonely.” Polly and Gene had eighteen years together before he died.

Polly’s son, Rick, was a diabetic and died several years ago. Her daughter, Susan, lives in Birmingham. Her other son, Ross, lives in Memphis.



Polly and her great-grandson



Polly's Dog, Lucy

Polly has two grandsons, one of whom is a doctor and lives in Minneapolis, and also a great-grandson.

When she had a broken hip from a fall, Polly realized it was time to make a move. It was a difficult decision, but she had been thinking about Mary Galloway and knew it was the only place for her. Her spacious apartment is filled with mementoes and pictures of her family and her beloved dog, Lucy. She spends her time reading and socializing with the other Mary Galloway ladies.

Polly is a very kind and caring person and was always popular with the ladies when she worked at Mary Galloway. Jean de Frank, former Board president, whose mother was at Mary Galloway during that time, says “Polly was so good to Mother.” This delightful blue-eyed lady is still a treasure for The Mary Galloway Home.

Happy Birthday!

August

Peggy Rye (9)
Madge Hudson (21)

September

Helen Carey (29)

October

Blanche Miller (12)

November

Martha Walter (14)
Mardell Marberry (17)

From Our Archives

Then - July 1964



Wallace Johnston and Kay, "The Woman Behind Him"

Now - July 2014



Wallace & Carolyn Johnston with Gloria & Dr. John Hodges at Trezevant Episcopal Home Board Member Reception (published in RSVP Magazine July 2014 edition)

The Mary Galloway Home has a long tradition of service going back to the early years of its founding, when it was known as The Home for Aged Women. The late Mrs. Wallace Johnston was a passionate promoter of the Home and active member of the Board, serving in several capacities. Many years later, her daughter-in-law, Carolyn Johnston, continues this tradition. Carolyn has been a tireless Board member for years and serves as the current president.

July 16, 1964
Woman Behind The Man—The Commercial Appeal
Kay Johnston Has Poise, Charm

Behind nearly every successful man is a woman. This is the first in a series of stories about The Woman Behind The Man.

By ALICE DEWEESE

THE STORY OF KAY JOHNSTON—the woman behind Wallace Johnston—is best told by her husband. "My bride," he says of his wife of 14 years, "is bashful. Few people know how smart she is."

Kay is a tall, slender attractive woman with great brown eyes and an unruffled manner which bespeaks poise rather than shyness.

She is a charming hostess, a gay companion for her husband and children, Wally, 12, and Kate, 10, and is a leader in cultural and civic affairs.

PEOPLE ARE DRAWN to Kay, not only because of her charm and kindness, but because she has an honest, unspoiled interest in people, events and facts.

Wallace, to whom Kay was married when she was 33 and he was a bachelor of 44, is apt to say fondly "I planned to retire when I was 55, but I fell in love with an old maid Main Street merchant and she changed all my plans."

When the two met, Kay was president of Rhodes-Jennings Furniture Co., a firm founded by her father.

AN OBVIOUSLY HAPPY MAN who loves to tease his wife, Wallace is the Johnston who heads the appliance company by that name and is a past president of the National Appliance and Television Dealers of America and of the Memphis Rotary Club.

He and Wallace E. Johnson, who is president of a realty company and of Holiday Inns of America, Inc., are widely known and often mistakenly identified.

Mischievous Wallace says "I'm the Wallace who weighs a ton, and not the Wallace who made the mun."

He prizes his wife, in his own words, "because she's fun and we think along the same lines. I waited 44 years to find her."

HE GRINS AT KAY and says "I found out when our engagement was announced which one of us is important."

The story said "Miss Rhodes is a graduate of three colleges" (Stephens at Columbia, Mo., Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and Weber at Babson Park, Fla.) "and Mr. Johnston attended two" (University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and then Southwestern, which he left in his senior year).

"How would you like to have a wife who is president of seven corporations (real estate and investments) and of a furniture store in Atlanta?" queries Wallace, who obviously is proud of his wife's status.

KAY CHANGES THE SUBJECT when her husband happens to reveal his pride in her business acumen.

She seems most interested in family activities. She runs the handsome two-story brick home which her parents built on Kenilworth in 1923 on an efficient but flexible schedule for the happiness of her husband and children.

The family meals are planned for the preferences of Wallace, a gourmet, from recipes in her collection of 500 cookbooks.

KAY IS TREASURER of the Mary Galloway Home; a leader of a circle of The King's Daughters; a member of the YWCA camp committee, the Maternal Welfare League and two garden clubs.

The picture of Kay as a charming wife, mother and clubwoman is correct.

But so is the seldom-seen picture of Kay, the woman behind Wallace, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with her husband in the business world.

TOMORROW: Mrs. Kemmons Wilson.

Activities



Martha Walter and Millie Todd



Martha Walter



Elise Grice



Madge Hudson, Jo Ann McIlvain, Helen Carey and Helen McKee enjoy Bingo



Elise Grice and Polly Rowe enjoy cupcakes on 4th of July

Sweets From The Sweet

Helen McKee shares her recipe for the “World’s Best Oatmeal Cookies”

1 stick of butter

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 egg

1/4 cup oil

1/2 cup oats

1/2 cup crushed corn flakes

1/2 cup shredded coconut

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1-3/4 cups all purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Combine flour and baking soda in separate bowl. Cream together butter and sugar. Add egg, mixing well. Add oats, corn flakes, coconut and vanilla, mixing well. Add flour mixture. Form cookie dough into balls and flatten with fork after putting on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 minutes at 325 degrees

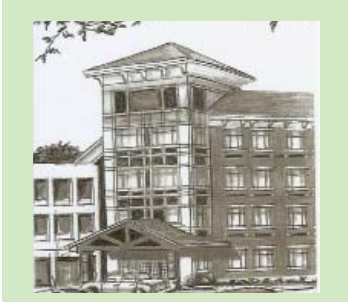
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Faye Marsh

1927-2014

Jewell Hansbro

1922-2014



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Mary Galloway Welcomes



Peggy Rye

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Peggy, a native Memphian, moved to Mary Galloway in June of this year. She has one sister, two sons, one daughter and four grandchildren. She worked as receptionist at her late husband's barber shop for sixteen years. She enjoys fishing and interior decorating and is a fan of the University of Memphis basketball team.

Alice Lee Lietch

Alice came to Mary Galloway the first of August. She was born in Rosemark, Tennessee, where she spent most of her life, living in her family's house and sleeping in the same room where she was born. Alice has one son and two grandsons. She was involved in Stage Set at Theater Memphis, Rosemark Garden Club, Rosemark Civic Club and Rosemark Presbyterian Church, and worked at the Officers Club at the Navy Base in Millington. She enjoys cooking and gardening.



Alice Lee Lietch



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